

**Troglodytes ædon, House Wren, Breeding in a Sand Bank.**—Of all the quaint places this familiar little busybody could choose in which to lay its eggs and rear its young, one might imagine a sand bank, the common home of Bank Swallows and Kingfishers, to be the most singular and unusual. The fact that a House Wren might be found thus breeding may not be surprising to all observing ornithologists, but it certainly must be to most of them. On August 1, 1888, while Dr. B. H. Warren, State Ornithologist of Pennsylvania, and I were driving up one of the ravines leading from the beautiful Bay at Erie, Pennsylvania, the Doctor's keen eye caught sight of a House Wren as it darted into a Kingfisher's hole in the almost perpendicular bank about ten feet from the roadway. By the aid of a fence rail and easy digging the young, already able to fly, were caught in the hand, and the nest secured. I had already been interested in observing a pair of Wrens that had taken possession of a Blue-bird's nest in the hollow limb of an apple tree in the dooryard of my summer house, but the taking for its own domicile this home of our large Kingfisher cast completely into the shade all I had known of the bird's housekeeping achievements, in which tin pails, kettles, skulls, and the like had figured.—GEO. B. SENNETT, *New York City*.

**Saxicola œnanthe in Louisiana.**—I have in my collection a mounted specimen of *Saxicola œnanthe*, a male in winter plumage, or a young male, which was shot within the limits of the City on September 12, 1888. Several others were seen on the same day, but only this one was procured. The bird is entirely out of its range.—GUSTAVE KOHN, *New Orleans, La.*

**Summer Birds at Bridgewater and Moultonboro', New Hampshire.**—In connection with Mr. Faxon's list of birds observed at Holderness, New Hampshire (See *Auk*, Vol. V, p. 149), the following observations of my own made at Bridgewater and Moultonboro', N. H., may be of interest, as they seem to give quite different results. Bridgewater is about six miles to the southwest of Holderness, and Moultonboro' about twelve miles to the east-southeast.

*Birds observed at Bridgewater, N. H., July 12—Sept. 4, 1883.*

- Ardea herodias.**—One or two seen.
- Ardea virescens.**—Not common.
- Actitis macularia.**—Not common.
- Bonasa umbellus.**—Common.
- Circus hudsonius.**—Not common.
- Haliaeetus leucocephalus.**—One seen.
- Coccyzus erythrophthalmus.**—Common.
- Ceryle alcyon.**—Not common.
- Dryobates villosus.**—Quite common.
- Dryobates pubescens.**—Quite common.
- Sphyrapicus varius.**—Seen several times.
- Colaptes auratus.**—Quite common.