

Yellow-billed Cuckoo's Egg in a Robin's Nest.—On July 2, 1902, while examining various nests in a lot back of my house in Granby, Conn., as was my almost daily habit, I found in a Robin's nest with two eggs, an egg of the Yellow-billed Cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus*). The nest proved to be deserted, although early on the 1st of July, when the Robin's eggs were the sole contents, both birds were about. There is no mistaking the egg; light greenish blue, $1.31 \times .93$, elliptical.—STANLEY W. EDWARDS, *Granby, Conn.*

Breeding of the Alder Flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii alorum*) near Plainfield, New Jersey.—In 'The Auk' for January, 1901, I recorded the probable breeding of the Alder Flycatcher in Ash Swamp near Plainfield, New Jersey.

The question was settled the following summer by finding two nests in that locality. The first, which I found on June 16, contained three eggs, which proved to be the full set. On the 20th I discovered another nest with three eggs, which had increased to four on the 23rd. These two nests were only a few rods apart, both placed in wild rose bushes within three feet of the ground. The sitting birds would slip away at my approach and it was with some difficulty that I at length succeeded in seeing one of them actually on the nest. This nest and eggs I took and they are at present in my collection.

The above dates show the Alder Flycatcher to be one of our latest breeders, ranking in this respect with the Goldfinch and the Cedar Waxwing.

I found this bird at two other localities in July, 1901—a small swampy tract a mile west of Ash Swamp, and Great Swamp, Morris County, New Jersey—in each of which it undoubtedly nests. It seems probable, therefore, that it breeds in suitable localities all through northern New Jersey, and it will be of interest to learn how much, if any, further south its breeding range extends. It is not included in Thurber's 'List of the Birds of Morris County,' and in the recent 'Birds of Princeton' it is given as a transient only.

While studying this little flycatcher in its haunts I recorded the ordinary song note as *kra-teal* or *great deal*. Later I found that Mr. P. B. Peabody had written it *grea' deal*. This is, to my ear, the best representative of the note that I have seen. Sometimes, as stated by Mr. J. A. Farley in his recent article, it is given in almost one syllable as *hrreal*, but I do not think that the apparent length or number of syllables is dependent on the distance of the bird, for I have heard the *grea' deal* when within a few feet of the performer.—W. D. W. MILLER, *Plainfield, N. J.*

Western Evening Grosbeaks Nesting in Mexico.—Out some 200 miles from the city of Chihuahua and close to the Sonora line, I saw different bunches of Western Evening Grosbeaks (*Coccothraustes vesper-*