

books and have seen no reference to its building a nest such as I have described.—OWEN BRYANT, *Cambridge, Mass.*

Dates of Nesting of Bermuda Birds.—As little has been published in regard to nesting habits of Bermuda birds the following observations may prove interesting. I was not there to find birds' eggs and only an insignificant part of my time was spent at it, so the data are few.

ENGLISH SPARROW (*Passer domesticus*). June 27, 1903. Flatts. Two nests with young; 1 nest with 5 eggs, incubated; 2 nests with 4 eggs, incubated.

CAT BIRD (*Galeoscoptes carolinensis*). June 28, 1903. Hungary Bay. One nest with 3 eggs, incubated.

July 8, 1903. Flatts. One nest with three fresh eggs. All the nests I found were in bushes 3-10 feet from ground. (Nests the same as in New England.)

YELLOW-BILLED TROPIC BIRD (*Phaethon flavirostris*). June 30, 1903, Castle Island. One nest with fresh egg; several nests with downy young, about 6 in. long.

June 10. Harrington Sound. One nest with incubated egg; several nests with half grown young. All were in holes in rock. One was a mere depression in a flat rock; others 2 to 4 feet deep.

CARDINAL BIRD. (*Cardinalis cardinalis*). July 8. Flatts. One nest with three eggs, nearly hatched. In the top of a rather small cedar tree about 20 feet up. It was high enough to be quite conspicuous. The bird called my attention to it by squeaking.

EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH (*Carduelis carduelis*). June 29. Trunk Island. Saw one of the old birds fly on to the nest, which was empty but apparently finished.

July 6. The same nest contained 4 fresh eggs. It was in a cedar tree, about 25 feet up, on a horizontal branch 6 or 7 feet from the trunk. It was made mostly of yellow down and looked very much like the nest of our Yellow-bird.—OWEN BRYANT, *Cambridge, Mass.*

Unusual Records near Boston, Mass.—During the last winter and spring a number of uncommon birds have come under our notice, and although none of them are rare, they may be worthy of record.

Larus philadelphia. One was seen flying over the Charles River near the Harvard Bridge, May 14, 1904.

Sula bassana. A single bird was observed April 8, 1904, off Lynn Beach.

Mareca americana. One spent April 17, 1904, on the Chestnut Hill Reservoir, Brighton, in company with two Black Ducks.

Aythya marila. A flock estimated to number about six hundred wintered about Moon Island. We have not found them wintering at any other point in Boston Bay.