

parent Towhees soon came to the rescue and by their actions put identification beyond a shadow of question. This was also in Cochituate village, Wayland, Mass.

Mr. Brewster regards this double experience as especially noteworthy in eastern Massachusetts. He believes that a few instances of bush-nesting by Towhees are on record as occurring in central Massachusetts. Personally, through a lifetime of bird experience (off and on) in eastern Massachusetts, I have never met with nor heard of a case of bush or tree-building by the Towhee there. With us of eastern Massachusetts the Towhee has ever been the closest kind of a ground-builder, so far as I know.— FLETCHER OSGOOD, *Chelsea, Mass.*

**The Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*) Breeding near Springfield, Mass.**— In the July number of 'The Auk,' I reported the capture of a Rough-winged Swallow at Longmeadow near Springfield. Afterwards, not far from the place where this one was taken, three more were observed, and a pair of these were found to be breeding. The site of the nest was located in a ravine two hundred feet long, washed out a few years ago from a bluff twenty feet above the flood plain of the Connecticut River. This pair were successful in raising their young. I noticed that they flew low and did not pause in their flight, as do the Barn Swallows; they often came to feed their young through the woods adjacent to a portion of the ravine, flying not more than ten feet from the ground.— ROBERT O. MORRIS, *Springfield, Mass.*

**The Water-Thrush (*Seiurus noveboracensis*) Nesting in Rhode Island.**— In April of the present year I was searching through a swamp in Washington County for Red-shouldered Hawks' nests and came upon some uprooted trees in a small area which was very wet and swampy. In looking over one of these stumps I found a last year's nest which from its location gave me a suggestion that a Water-Thrush might have nested there.

On May 20, in company with Mr. John H. Flanagan, I again visited the swamp and upon approaching the spot where I found the old nest I heard a Water-Thrush singing. A search through the swamp was begun for its nest and after examining nearly every stump, I found it with the female sitting closely. We approached within two feet of the nest, thoroughly examining her, and were fully satisfied that it was the Water-Thrush (*Seiurus noveboracensis*). The bird would not leave when we struck the root and only left when I almost touched her with my hand, and flew into a tree within ten feet of us, and all the time we were there she was close by in clear view uttering a sharp chirp and kept her tail in motion like a Spotted Sandpiper's.

There were five eggs, incubated but three or four days. The nest was placed in a cavity in the roots about a foot above the water, which was