

Robins Nesting in Monrovia, California.—About June 25, it was reported to us by neighbors in Monrovia, Los Angeles County, that a pair of Robins (*Planesticus migratorius propinquus*) was nesting in their yard. We investigated and found that the adults, accompanied by four speckled-breasted youngsters, had been seen frequently by the owner of the property. They fed on a lawn near a grove of trees. Previously, the parents had been observed carrying food away from the yard, although the nest was not located. We were able to see the parents digging for worms on the lawn, but in the limited time available for observation, the young birds did not appear. As the description given us of the young birds is correct and the older birds were positively identified, there seems little cause to doubt that the young were raised in this vicinity.—IRENE WILSON and BERRY CAMPBELL, *Monrovia, California, August 18, 1931.*

American Egret in Colorado.—While making motion films for the Chicago Academy of Sciences and the Colorado Museum of Natural History, on the property of the Mile High Gun Club, near Denver, we saw an American Egret (*Casmerodius albus egretta*) feeding along the shores of one of the lakes. A Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula brewsteri*) and several Treganza Herons (*Ardea herodias treganzai*) were within a few feet, giving us an excellent opportunity to compare the sizes of the different birds. So far as we know, this is the first record for Colorado.—ALFRED M. BAILEY and R. J. NIEDRACH, *August 1, 1931.*

Cowbirds in the Sacramento Valley.—In studying the bird life of the marshes at Marysville, since October, 1930, I at first had no thought of the Cowbird, for some reason thinking that it did not inhabit this area. A surprise was experienced therefore when on November 7, 1930, while collecting blackbirds for food-habit studies I fired into a flock of Red-wings, and upon picking up the kill found two Cowbirds. A few days later I collected another. I sent a skin to Dr. Joseph Grinnell and inquired about the matter. Under date of January 19, 1931, I received a letter from Dr. Grinnell stating that the skin sent him was *Molothrus ater artemisiae*, the Nevada Cowbird, and recommended that I report the find.

The following records of Cowbirds taken or observed during the period between November 7, 1930, and June 1, 1931, are now presented:

November 7, 1930, 7 miles northeast of Marysville. Adult female killed when I shot into a flock of *Agelaius phoeniceus californicus* and *A. p. nevadensis* feeding in rice stubble. An adult male was wounded at the same shot, but as I stooped to pick it up it flew away.

November 15, 1930, 6 miles northeast of Marysville. Adult female shot from flock of blackbirds of mixed species feeding in rice stubble.

December 10, 1930, 9 miles northeast of Marysville. Adult male shot from flock of blackbirds feeding in rice stubble; this was the specimen sent to Dr. Grinnell. Another male was collected in an adjacent field.

January 30, 1931, 8 miles northeast of Marysville. Two adult males shot from flocks of blackbirds in the rice stubble.

February 25, 1931, Spaulding Ranch, 8 miles south of Willows. Four males and three females were seen to leave a group of blackbirds feeding in the rice stubble and fly into a large pear tree immediately over my head where I watched them for a time and listened to their calls.

March 28, 1931, 5 miles east of Woodland, on Conoway Ranch. One adult male was seen perched on the brace wire of a power pole.

April 2, 1931, Conoway Ranch, Woodland. Heard and saw Cowbirds several times, but I was unable to estimate their numbers.

April 3, 1931, Conoway Ranch, Woodland. Collected one male and heard several others.

April 8, 1931, 5 miles northeast of Marysville. One male observed perched on a tall cat-tail stalk.

April 10, 1931, 4 to 8 miles northeast of Marysville. Five Cowbirds were seen in three different parts of the rice area, all in company with *Agelaius tricolor*.

April 12, 1931, 7 miles northeast of Marysville. One adult female collected in a rice field where it was feeding on seed rice.