

An immature female American Redstart (*Setophaga ruticilla*) was collected at the same place, also, on October 3, 1948. The bird was first observed flying from a flax field into a tamarisk tree. This is the first record for the American Redstart in Imperial Valley. The specimen is no. 677 in our collection.—EUGENE E. CARDIFF and BRUCE E. CARDIFF, *Bloomington, California, October 20, 1948.*

**An Unusual Mourning Dove Nest.**—On June 2, 1948, I found a nest of the Mourning Dove (*Zenaidura macroura*) at Pine Hill Cemetery, Scott County, Iowa, which consisted of a remodelled Bronzed Grackle (*Quiscalus quiscula*) nest. The grackles had raised their young and left several weeks before. Their nest had been partly upset by the wind and the dove had added a few sticks to the side of the overturned structure and molded a cup with its breast. The nest was five feet from the ground in a fir tree and it contained four eggs in what I thought to be about the same stage of incubation. On June 23, 1948, I again visited the nest and found it contained two nestlings about ready to leave the nest plus two eggs in an advanced stage of incubation. This seems to indicate that two females had used the nest instead of one. On the ground directly below the nest I found a well incubated egg which evidently had been on the ground for some time, as it was stained by the grass. I can not account for this fifth egg, as it was not in the nest on June 2, unless it had been deposited after my first visit and was incubated with the others. When the first two eggs hatched and the nestlings grew and became active in the nest, the egg must have been shoved out of the already over-crowded nest. The egg that was found on the ground must have been laid by a third female as it was abnormal in shape, tapering down to a distinct point on one end.—JAMES HODGES, *Davenport, Iowa, July 5, 1948.*

**The Saw-whet Owl in Los Angeles County, California.**—On the morning of April 4, 1948, a Saw-whet Owl (*Aegolius acadicus acadicus*) was found dead on the Angeles Forest Highway 1½ miles southwest of the Big Tujunga Canyon Narrows, at an elevation of about 3000 feet, Los Angeles County, California, by Jack H. Van Nordheim and the writer. The bird had evidently been feeding on a deer mouse (*Peromyscus maniculatus*) as remains of this mammal as well as those of the bird were smashed on the road. The San Gabriel Mountains in this vicinity are cut with deep rocky gorges; the mountain summits are scattered with pines, and the slopes are covered with chaparral. The Saw-whet Owl has been recorded from various scattered localities in southern California, but to my knowledge it has not previously been noted in Los Angeles County. The skin is now no. 1846 in the collection of the Allan Hancock Foundation, University of Southern California.—JACK C. COUFFER, *University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California, August 30, 1948.*