

## FROM FIELD AND STUDY

**Unusual Black Phoebe Nest.**—In La Habra Heights, Los Angeles County, California, on March 26, 1941, a search for a nest of the Black Phoebe (*Sayornis nigricans*) under an old wooden bridge proved successful. Several old nests were found plastered onto vertical sides of the bridge. The occupied mud nest, however, was circular and was fastened onto a length of bailing wire dangling from an overhead support, as shown in the accompanying figure.—RAY QUIGLEY, JR., *Whittier, California, February 28, 1953.*

**Additional Bird Records for the Cariboo Parklands, British Columbia.**—During the field season of 1953, my intensive investigation of the avifauna of the Cariboo Parklands biotic area in British Columbia was continued. Some interesting new distributional records were obtained.

*Dendroica magnolia.* Magnolia Warbler. This is a characteristic nesting species in the subalpine forest area near Quesnel and Indianpoint Lake, British Columbia, but there have been no records of the species either in the summer or in migration through the Cariboo Parklands. On August 17, 1953, a male was taken 25 miles east of Williams Lake; on August 29, two others were observed in Williams Lake, B. C.; on September 9, 1953, another male was taken at 144-Mile House. These occurrences suggest that in 1953 there was an unusual southward movement that brought the species through the Cariboo.

*Dendroica striata.* Black-poll Warbler. A male was taken from a flock of three at Williams Lake on September 9, 1953. Three others were seen at Alkali Lake on September 7, 1953. These are the first records out of the subalpine forest area.

*Riparia riparia.* Bank Swallow. This species is widely distributed in the province but has not previously been taken in the Cariboo Parklands. An immature individual was collected from a mixed flock of swallows at Springhouse on August 29, 1953.

*Empidonax difficilis.* Western Flycatcher. The usual range of this species is in the humid coastal forest but there are scattered records for the Okanagan Valley and one from the subalpine forest area near Bowron Lake (Dickinson, *Bull. Mus. Comp. Zool.*, 1953:166). A juvenal male, taken at Alkali Lake, British Columbia, on September 9, 1953, is the second record of occurrence in the Cariboo Parklands.—LEO JOBIN, *Williams Lake, British Columbia, February 4, 1954.*

**Golden Eagles Attacking Coyote.**—About 3:00 p.m., November 21, 1953, while driving through the Colorado Antelope Refuge northeast of Fort Collins, Colorado, I noticed two dark objects on the brow of a hill. Through 7×35 binoculars the objects were seen to be two Golden Eagles perched approximately 30 feet apart on the ground. Just then a coyote stalked out of a stubble field toward one of the eagles. When the coyote was about 20 feet away, both eagles detected him. They launched from the slope and circled in pursuit of the coyote.

While the eagles made short successive stoops, the coyote ran rapidly down the ridge and to the top of the next hill. Confused, he turned downhill into the valley, where he finally eluded the two eagles by diving into a sinkhole which was quite long and narrow, about 4×5×20 feet. The eagles made two or three more stoops over the sinkhole, but couldn't reach the coyote. Thwarted, the eagles returned to their perches on the same knoll and the coyote remained hidden.—NORTON R. MINER, *Fish and Wildlife Service, Fort Collins, Colorado, January 28, 1954.*

**Bird Records for Nevada.**—On a trip to southern Nevada in October, 1953, I encountered several kinds of birds and some of the observations on them supplement reports on Nevada birds by Linsdale (*Pac. Coast Avif. No. 23, 1936; Condor, 53, 1951:228-249*).

*Aegolius acadicus.* Saw-whet Owl. Specimens have been obtained from five localities in the state. On October 10, 1953, I found but did not preserve the remains of one in a tank at Deadman Spring, 6400 feet, on Sheep Mountain, about 50 miles north of Las Vegas.

*Ixoreus naevius.* Varied Thrush. Reports of this thrush have come to the Fish and Wildlife Service from Claude J. Smith who saw six at Lake Tahoe on March 3, 1939, and from E. C. D. Marriage who saw one at Carson City on January 12, 1948. I saw one on October 10, 1953, at Pine Spring (Hidden Forest), 45 miles north of Las Vegas.