

nest-building and incubation, have become obsolete. — MRS. JEAN E. CARTH, Morse's Pond Grove, Wellesley, Mass.

Nuptial Dance of the Purple Finch (*Carpodacus purpureus purpureus*). — I agree with Mr. A. W. Higgins that the nuptial dance of this species is indeed a beautiful sight, as well as a most spirited one. As observed by me on June 11, 1925, the dance took place on the ground in front of a trap not ten feet away. The performance was somewhat different from that described by Mr. Higgins in that the male danced side-wise in semicircles about the female, back and forth, while standing very erect (perhaps twenty degrees from vertically) with the wings fully extended and vibrating rapidly, the crown feathers erect, and all the time singing most ecstatically. At one time his ecstasy was so intense that he was carried into the air, where he hovered directly above the female, singing as before. She seemed little interested, though she watched him all the time. The performance lasted nearly a minute, the male dancing within eight inches of the female and continually facing her, while her position remained the same. — CHARLES L. WHITTLE.

Return Records of Native Wild Birds. — Two Tree Sparrows, banded in January and February, 1923, returned in December, 1924, and again in December, 1925. These stayed all winter during the three seasons.

Five Tree Sparrows, banded during the winter of 1923-1924, were with me again during the season of 1924-1925.

Slate-colored Junco, No. 61464, banded December 12th, 1922, came back April 9th, 1925 after over 27 months' absence.

Catbird, No. 69450, banded May 31st, 1923, was recaptured June 21st, 1925, after two years' absence.

The only Cowbird, a female, banded in 1923 (June 29th), returned June 8th, 1924, and returned again April 25th, 1925; evidently this is her summer home.

One Song Sparrow, banded in 1923, and four marked in 1924, are noted again this season, and I expect more as one came in yesterday, July 3rd, 1925.

Brown Thrasher, No. 259183, banded June 7th, 1924, returned June 17th, 1925.

Two Robin returns were especially interesting. No. 112418, banded June 29th, 1923, had a small running sore on one side of its head below the eye. This bird was recaptured March 31st, 1925, in perfect health, and has repeated three times since.

Robin, No. 259181, banded June 5th, 1924, came back March 27th, 1925, and when he repeated March 29th his tail was missing, having been lost since he returned. He stayed around the yard and repeated several times, and on April 16th his new tail was one and one-half inches long, and on May 30th it was fully grown.

Bronzed Grackle, No. 218749, banded August 5th, 1923, at my station in Rochester, New York, was taken eighteen miles west of Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada, on May 16th, 1925, by W. Wellington Hunsberry, reported as shot. This is the first of my birds reported from outside of Rochester, and it shows that all banded birds do not return to the home station. However, Ontario may have been his home station and he wandered to Rochester after the nesting period was over. — STATION OF R. E. HORSEY, 440 Highland Ave., Rochester, N. Y. (P. O. Address,