

GENERAL NOTES

A Six-year-old Crested Flycatcher.—Mabel Gillespie, in the *Bulletin* for 1927, Vol. III, pp. 52-54, published the nesting, history of a male Crested Flycatcher from 1923 to 1927. Under date of May 20, 1928, Mrs. Gillespie writes that "Mike is back!" having been first seen this year about May 13th. This bird is now at least six years old.

As to the further history of Crested Flycatcher No. 248735, Mrs. Gillespie writes: "He returned to Glenolden for the sixth successive season on May 11, 1928. Long familiarity with this bird has given an unmistakable individuality to his call, so that he can be distinguished from other Crested Flycatchers in the vicinity; though, of course, the positive identification was made by observing the distinctive manner in which he is banded, which makes possible a positive sight identification. By recognizing his particular call it is possible to follow his movements rather closely through the woodland. On May 19th he came to the old nest shelter, a hollow fence-post fastened horizontally to the side of the house (see cover picture), and brought a female with him. On the 20th and 21st they came again, and the female carefully inspected the cavity, which had been covered with waterproof roofing, and securely reinforced to guard against any such accident as occurred last season. On the 22d another male appeared, and the Flycatcher tried in vain to drive him away. Both males were in evidence on the 24th, but he and the female came to the nest shelter. For three days we heard the male invader, but not Mike, and then on the 28th he came alone in the afternoon to his favorite perches. He came again the next day, and on the 30th he brought nesting-material, but dropped to the ground to fight an English Sparrow before entering the cavity, and then departed. The following evening a survey of the cavity disclosed a small piece of snakeskin."

Notes on the Canada Jay (*Perisoreus canadensis canadensis*).—The first Canada Jay that I saw last season was on November 3, 1927, at a camp in a swamp where a variety of timber was being cut near the east branch of the Fox River in the western part of Luce County, Michigan, seven miles west and three miles south of McMillan. Three birds were seen together on that date. As I was residing there at that time, I had a feeding station already erected ready for the first birds that might come to it.

The trap that I used was the "receiving cage" of Dodson's sparrow-trap, and the baits that seemed to be liked best by this species were bread-crumbs, suet, meat-scraps, and Dodson's suet-cake.

Birds of this species were observed at camp from the date given above until November 23rd, omitting six days. From November 24th until December 20th none was observed, but on December 21st two were seen at camp. From that date up to the time I left camp, March 12, 1928, they were observed on thirty days.

My time for banding being rather limited, only four of this species were captured. The first, No. 586296, banded November 6, 1927, repeated November 11, 1927, the only repeat I secured. This bird had some food in its bill when trapped, which it kept during the process of banding and liberation. When released, it remained in my open hand one and one half minutes, and flew then to a nearby tree. It remained there for a few minutes, and then returned to the feeding station. This bird also had