

large white-oak, and I could plainly see that it was occupied. Shying a club up into the tree, a Red-tail left the nest. Quickly making the ascent, I found the nest occupied by three very handsomely marked eggs of this species. The nest apparently being an old one repaired, and lined with bits of moss and grape-vine bark. These eggs presented a very different appearance from those that I had diagnosed as Swainson's.

I might add that the nest occupied by the *Bubos* was, in my judgment, an old Crow's nest. I found no other nests of particular interest in these woods at this time; but subsequently found another nest of the Red-tail from which I obtained two eggs.

I found many Crows' nests in different stages of completion; but not caring much for their eggs, I did not wish to spend time climbing to them, except in one instance, when my attention was attracted by the peculiar material in one nest, which presented much the appearance of a large ball of tow. Prompted by curiosity, I went up to it and found it constructed almost entirely of the fibres of the Indian hemp, which grew profusely near by at the edge of the prairie. The nest contained four fresh eggs which I took.

I now started to return home, having eggs enough to fill both mittens. I found that I had been absent from town two and one-half hours; distance traveled not less than eight miles; one professional visit made; four trees climbed; sets secured, Swainson's 1-3; Red-tail, 1-3; Great Horned Owl, 1-2, and American Crow, 1-4. How is that for rapid collecting?

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A PECULIAR NESTING SITE.

While digging a gas-well in this city, the workmen broke some part of the machinery and had to quit work for a few days. During that time, a pair of Bluebirds built a nest and laid two eggs in the sand pump. After the nest was removed and work commenced again, the birds remained on the derrick for nearly two days.

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