

On the outside were small pieces of cocoons and here and there small bits of white spiders' webs, such as are found beneath the bark of trees. Several bits of paper hung from the bottom of the nest. The nest was about five feet from the ground. I left it and on returning shortly after found the bird again on, and although I approached very closely she exhibited no fear, merely eyeing me curiously. Quite a distance further up this same creek another of these Vireos was noted in a sycamore. It was shot and proved to be a male and had some downy building material in its beak.—C. BARLOW, *Santa Clara, Cal.*

NOTES FROM MISSOURI. —When notes on the range of Dickcissel, Grasshopper Sparrow and Henslow's Sparrow were asked for, I said that I had never found the two last named around here, but this spring I have seen three of the Grasshopper Sparrows. I also saw a Baird's Sparrow. This kind is rather rare here, but each spring I have seen a few of them. They seem to pass through just ahead of the common Savanna Sparrows, which pass through here in large numbers. On April 25, I secured a specimen of the Water Thrush (*Seiurus noveboracensis*). Its being here must have been merely accidental, as this place is outside its range as given in the new Checklist, and it is the first one I have seen, although the Louisiana Water Thrush has been quite common.

One morning last November, I noticed a fight between a Screech Owl and five or six Blue Jays. The Owl was not very anxious to escape, apparently, but fought the Jays bravely and at length succeeded in killing one; but the fight was brought to a close by one of the Jays giving the Owl a peck in the head, which stunned it so that they were able to kill it. It was so little injured that I made a good skin out of it.

In BULLETIN 7 it is asked if catching insects in the air is a common habit of the Red-headed Woodpecker. I have often seen them do it, principally in the fall however, and I have never seen them catch more than one at a time.—SIDNEY S. WILSON, *St. Joseph, Mo.*

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## THE WORK OF OUR COMMITTEES.

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The migration period has now passed, and the nesting season is well under way. In a few weeks the Warblers will cease singing and almost entirely disappear. Let us not forget that we are studying the habits of these birds, nor that the notes we have are to be sent to persons who are work-