

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO.—The nest was found on May 31, 1893, by looking in the tree where I had found nests in 1891 and 1892. This nest was not two feet from the 1892 site. It was about twenty feet up in a large sugar maple by the road side, and overhanging a barnyard. Some cedar bean poles in a garden across the way had supplied bark for the body of the nest, and the "ornaments" were, as always, green moss and plenty of white spider's egg cases, picked from tree trunks and the nearest fences. The nest contained at the time three eggs, and the birds objected strongly to my handling them. On June 5, the bird was sitting, and again on the 10th and 11th. They are very reluctant to leave the nest, more and more so, I think, as time passes. I have twice touched a female with my fingers before she would leave a nest of freshly hatched young; this in the pleasantest of June weather too! On June 17, the young were out—four or five days old, having pin-feathers on the back 1-16 inch long. Supposing them to have been four days old, this makes the period of incubation twelve days. Such "estimates" as this are always unsatisfactory, but may serve to emphasize the need of more industrious field work in such matters.

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HENSLow's SPARROW, *Ammodramus henslowii*.—I secured an adult female one mile south of Berwyn on October 23, 1896, under somewhat peculiar circumstances. A large black and white cat was seen along the fence of a pasture field, with something in her mouth. Through coaxing I rescued the yet living bird from her jaws, without injury to the feathers. It proved to be an old bird in excellent plumage, with the exception of the primaries and secondaries, which were scarcely three-fourths grown. This, together with its extreme fatness, rendered it an easy victim to tabby. Its stomach was filled with a species of wingless *Diptera*. This is my first personal record of this bird in the state, although I have found it along the coast of New Jersey, where it is less uncommon.

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LATE DATE FOR PRAIRIE WARBLER, *Dendroica discolor*.—A single individual of this species was observed feeding in a pasture field, and on the bank above a road-side on October 24th, '96, an unusually late date. I succeeded in approaching within four feet and examining it for fully half a minute before it took alarm and flew to a young tree, where it was joined by another of its kind.

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