

Chimney Swift, *Chactura pelagica*, placed about six feet below the roof, on boards of the side of the barn. The nest was made in the usual manner, and had at the time, four fresh eggs.

I found one Golden-winged Warbler, *Helminthophila chrysoptera*, among our visitors this spring. This fellow is so occasional in his visits to Wisconsin that it is a privilege to meet him.

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HOODED WARBLER.—A hard and continuous down-pouring of rain had driven me homeward from a little collecting tour on the South Valley Hills, near mid-day of the 11th of May, 1898. Crossing a typical Pennsylvania ravine, with its small and clear stream at the bottom and steep hillsides covered by medium oak and chestnut with the usual laurel underbrush, I heard an unfamiliar voice in a spicewood thicket and observed a pair of birds feeding close to the ground. In the semi-gloom I fired twice before securing one of them. This was my first capture. The species probably formerly nested in our midst, and Dr. Warren is the authority for a breeding record in Chester county in recent years, although it is now regarded as a rare migrant in eastern Pennsylvania, while quite common in New Jersey.

Upon dissection I thought I had secured a male minus the hood and with testes much swollen. I felt sorry I had prevented a possible breeding record. Since then I have become convinced that I had mistaken the supra-renal capsules which occur just where the testes are found in the male bird and that my specimen is really a female. Mr. William Palmer whose article in the *Auk* has proven beyond reasonable doubt that the male attains its hood the first season, has written that my bird is doubtless a female in its second summer.

Now all of this is common-place enough, but I wonder how many collectors have hoodless Hooded Warblers in their cabinets improperly sexed? Doubtless not a few, as Baird, Cones and others of our foremost authorities have made this mistake.

FRANK L. BURNS, *Berwyn, Penn.*

NORTH GREENFIELD, WIS.—There seems to be an unusual scarcity of birds here, tho I have not been able to be out in the field much. The usual flocks of Nighthawks and Whippoorwills went thru in August. Bluebirds seem to be common. A few Bob-whites are reported now. There is a close season for a few years, and sportsmen have been "planting" them in this vicinity and out thru the state. They were practically extinct here a few years ago.

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