

appeared near Fairbury, Jefferson County, making their headquarters about a slaughter house and refuse dump two miles from town, and were still there on November 12, on the authority of Mrs. H. F. Hole of Fairbury. No doubt there are other records from other localities in southeastern Nebraska that have not come to our attention, but the above is sufficient to indicate a movement of magpies into southeastern Nebraska greater than has taken place for at least the past twenty-five years, during the present fall.—Myron H. Swenk and Ralph W. Dawson, Lincoln, Nebraska.

BIRD COLLECTIONS OF THE MILWAUKEE MUSEUM

Many bird lovers and ornithologists of the middle west are perhaps unaware that the Public Museum of the city of Milwaukee has one of the finest exhibition collections of birds to be seen in this country.

The excellence of the Taxidermy and attractive installation, particularly of the North American collection, is largely due to the efforts of Mr. George Shrosbree, for twenty-two years Chief Taxidermist of the institution. All specimens in the systematic collections are on limbs, twigs, artificial rockwork, etc., attached directly to the backs of cases, doing away with the unsightly rows of polished stands and bases.

The North American systematic collection contains about 1370 specimens, representing 720 species and sub-species. Over forty small groups of Wisconsin birds with nestlings are shown and two especially attractive large groups. A unique feature of the collection is the large number of very young, unfledged nestlings shown. There are a number of other birds groups, both foreign and North American. The foreign systematic collection contains about 1300 mounted specimens.

"Milwaukee Region" collections containing 210 species of birds that regularly visit the locality, is especially interesting to local students. A bird's position in the case indicates whether it is north of, south of, or in the area, the specimens being changed frequently during the migrations.

The oologist will be delighted with the fine R. F. Goss collection of North American bird eggs containing, among many other rarities, the eggs of the Trumpeter Swan.

A beautifully prepared Pigeon Exhibit shows thirty-four of the more striking domestic breeds and the Rock Pigeon from which they were derived. Bird skeletons, a synoptic collection, and the study skins are there for those who desire to use them.

Plans have been made for, and considerable preliminary work already done on a series of large North American bird groups to be constructed in the near future.

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