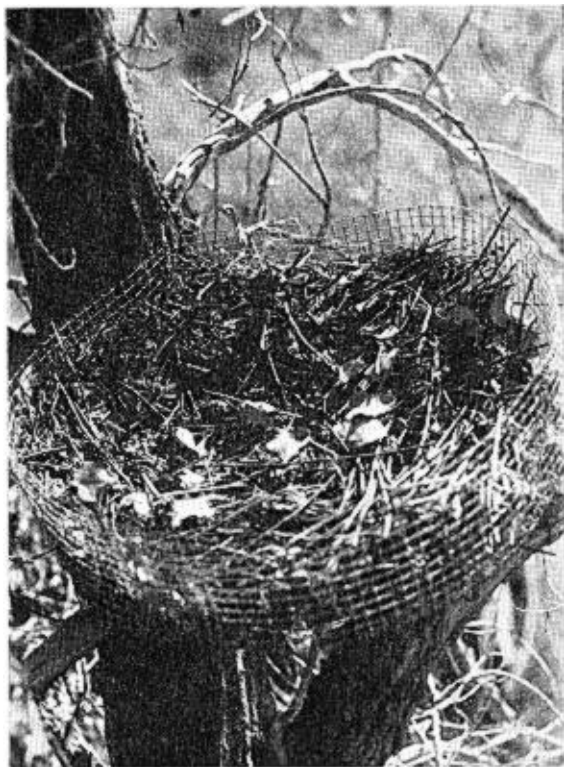


**An Unusual Nest of the Great Horned Owl.**—A pair of Great Horned Owls (*Bubo virginianus*) was found nesting in an abandoned Crow's nest in a low cottonwood tree on the Valentine National Wildlife Refuge, Nebraska, in the spring of 1936. This nest was used by Great Horned Owls each spring during 1937, 1938, and 1939. It was almost completely worn out by the time the young owls left the nest in 1939. In fact, the two young were forced to rely for a perch, to a great extent, on the branches which supported the nest.

An artificial nest was substituted on the remains of the old nest in March 1940. This was constructed of  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch hardware cloth. It was circular, 18 inches in diameter with sides 5 inches high, as illustrated in the accompanying photograph.



Nesting material from an abandoned Crow's nest was placed inside the screen retainer. The nest was not used that spring. It is possible that another had been selected prior to the time the artificial one was substituted, but we were unable to discover any in the vicinity.

The man-made nest was used in 1941, and two eggs were laid during March. Two young owls were hatched and reared in this nest.—WARD M. SHARP, *Fish and Wildlife Service, Valentine National Wildlife Refuge, Valentine, Nebraska.*