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Here is a proposed timetable of operations for *The Kingbird*. What do you think of it?

<i>Regional Report Coverage</i>	<i>Deadline to Kingbird</i>	<i>Approx. Publ. Date</i>	<i>Issue Number</i>
Dec., Jan., Feb., March	April 15	May 15	No. 1—May Issue
April, May	June 15	July 15	No. 2—July Issue
June, July	Sept. 15	Oct. 15	No. 3—Oct. Issue
Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov.	Dec. 15	Jan. 15	No. 4—Jan. Issue

STATE BOOK COMMITTEE REPORT

The *State Bird Book Sub-Committee*, under chairmanship of Dr. Gordon M. Meade, would like to have each club conduct at least one breeding bird census in their area following the suggestions outlined in *Audubon Field Notes*, April 1950, Vol. IV, No. 2, page 185.

The purpose of the request is to introduce more people to the techniques of such a census and to start the gathering of data on breeding birds of New York.

The committee has been working on various criteria for validating records and wishes to publish at this time the criteria which will be used to evaluate breeding records.

This classification, in diminishing order of acceptability, applies to evidence of breeding.

Acceptable

1. Pair of birds seen, with nest discovered, and young flying or ready to fly. (evidence of success and location)
2. Nest and flying young discovered. (evidence of location but not complete success)
3. Young fledged, just on wing, not capable of prolonged flight. (evidence of success but not exact location)
4. Nest with young unquestionably identified. (evidence of location and incomplete success)
5. Nest with eggs unquestionably identified. (evidence of location and incomplete success)
6. Occupied nest, or nest with incubating bird and evidence of actual incubation. (evidence of location and incomplete success)
7. Identifiable nest of the year with evidence of breeding use. (evidence of attempt, known location)
8. Identifiable dead nestlings — no nest or parent birds found. (evidence of failure, general location)

9. Parent birds repeatedly seen carrying food, in restricted areas. (incomplete evidence of success, general location)

10. Identifiable eggs or eggshells, (no nest). (evidence of attempt, unknown location)

Unacceptable

11. Parent or parent birds building nest: (evidence of attempt, known location)

12. Pair in courtship activity during breeding season. (presumed attempt)

13. Pair present during normal breeding season. (possibility of breeding)

14. Singing male on territory. (possibility)

15. Single bird present during nesting season.

