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NEST SHARING BY ROBIN AND CATBIRD: AN ADDENDUM

In the last issue of *The Kingbird* (July 1961:81-82) I reported a nest shared by a pair of robins and a pair of catbirds at Loudonville, Albany County, New York. Unfortunately, the end of the nesting cycle coincided with my long-planned vacation, so I was unable to be on hand to witness personally the final stages. Through the kindness of Mr. Edgar Pitkin, however, I have secured the following information.

The three young birds present on June 22 (Figure 1) were all successfully fledged. The single catbird left first, followed a day or two later by the two young robins. Mr. Pitkin examined the nest and found that it contained no mud whatever. Since the catbird did most of the carrying of nesting materials, and the robin did most of the actual building, the nest had the shape of a robin nest with the materials of a catbird nest.

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Three not of a kind: the two birds facing left are robins, the smaller bird facing almost directly into the camera is a catbird.