

NEST RECORD CARD PROGRAM — SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

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The second year's operation of the nest record card program yielded four times as many cards as the first year. This success led to the launching, in January 1965, of a continent-wide program to be run entirely by the Laboratory of Ornithology. This is, therefore, an appropriate time to thank the Onondaga Audubon Society for its financial support of the program during the first critical two years.

The basic idea of the program is the collection of information on the breeding biology of birds. Observers complete a simple card for every active nest found, giving the site, contents of nest at given dates etc. These cards are returned to the Laboratory of Ornithology for analysis. A more detailed account of the program has appeared previously in this journal (Vol. 13 pp 85-88, 1963).

The bulk of the cards received were from New York and Pennsylvania; however some cards were received from areas as far away as Florida and Minnesota. Also some cards were received which refer to previous years; the most notable in this category were a fine batch on Peregrine nests from Dr. Walter Spofford. This species may now be completely gone as a breeding species in the eastern United States. In all, some 5200 cards of 154 species are represented in the collection; those species for which ten or more cards are available are listed in Table 1.

Table 1.

Total number of cards received (1963-64) by species. Those represented by less than ten cards are excluded.

American Egret	10	Common Tern	22	Veery	12
Snowy Egret	14	Black Skimmer	11	Bluebird	359
Little Bl. Heron	12	Rock Dove	10	Cedar Waxwing	61
Green Heron	25	Mourning Dove	105	Starling	72
Black-crowned		Horned Owl	11	Red-eyed Vireo	16
Night Heron	11	Flicker	50	Yellow Warbler	94
Least Bittern	11	Kingbird	33	Chestnut-sided	
Glossy Ibis	15	Phoebe	467	Warbler	16
Canada Goose	10	Alder Flycatcher	26	House Sparrow	30
Mallard	44	Tree Swallow	241	Redwinged Blackbird	895
Black Duck	19	Rough-winged		Baltimore Oriole	39
Wood Duck	27	Swallow	10	Common Grackle	196
Goshawk	14	Barn Swallow	165	Cardinal	44
Red-tailed Hawk	21	Blue Jay	18	Rose-breasted	
Red-shouldered		Black-capped		Grosbeak	12
Hawk	25	Chickadee	21	Indigo Bunting	10
Osprey	10	House Wren	113	Goldfinch	62
Peregrine	57	Long-billed		Towhee	15
Sparrow Hawk	16	Marsh Wren	10	Slate-colored	
Ruffed Grouse	14	Catbird	206	Junco	27
Com'n Gallinule	26	Brown Thrasher	54	Chipping Sparrow	104
Killdeer	21	Robin	507	Field Sparrow	42
Woodcock	14	Wood Thrush	49	Song Sparrow	117

The success of this program is dependent on the co-operation of a large number of observers. It is in reality your program. Table 2 gives a list of contributors who sent in more than five cards. The increasing size of

the program makes complete listing impossible. Mr. Miller of Philadelphia heads the list this year with 489 cards covering a wide variety of species. Miss Bordner of State College, Pa., sent in 401 cards which were almost all of one species — the Poebe — and Mrs. Haller of Avon continued her work on the Red-winged Blackbird. To all contributors we extend our thanks and hope that they will continue to assist us in the future. Also, it is hoped that persons studying the breeding biology of birds will use the data collected by the program to supplement their own field observations.

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Table 2.

List of persons contributing five or more nest record cards.

Ackley, Mrs W. D.	6	Knight, Mr and Mrs T. S.	65
Anderson, H. C.	52	Kopp, A. E.	6
		Krieg, D.	109
Bancroft, R. B.	16	Krieg, J.	90
Baxter, J. R.	5		
Belknap, J. B.	12	Marsi, Mrs H.	81
Bell, Barbara	6	Mason, D.	18
Benedict, Mr and Mrs R. J.	82	McIlroy, Mrs D.	10
Benning, W. E.	8	McMuller, Mrs E. D.	5
Bordner, Miss D. L.	401	Miller, J. C.	489
Bowman, M. C.	31	Moeller, R.	12
Brockner, W. W.	5		
Brooks, Bird Club	323	Newman, Mrs F.	73
Burgess, D. D.	64		
Bush, J. H.	6	O'Hara, R. T.	25
Carter, C.	23	Palmiter, M.	275
Church, G.	8	Patterson, J.	28
		Peakall, D.	6
DeWitt, E.	87	Phelps, S. B.	100
Dirig, R. E.	22		
Ditterline, E.	190	Ranson, Dr & Mrs F.	41
Drouhard, C. P.	15	Rew, Miss F. M.	9
		Robbins, Miss L.	15
Evelien, A.	11	Rosche, R. C.	97
		Rose, R. H.	6
		Rusk, Miss M.	10
Fagel, Mr and Mrs J. E.	5		
Fennell, W. G.	5	Schaeffer, F. S.	6
Finnegan, M. L.	5	Sheffield, Mr and Mrs R.	34
Flanigan, Annette	12	Sherman, Mr and Mrs N.	22
		Sinderson, S. W.	13
Germond, F.	13	Smiley, D.	9
Gerould, C.	18	Smith, G. M.	15
Goldman, H.	29	Smith, M. R.	39
Griffin, J.	5	Spies, C. & Morgan, S.	136
Gustafson, J. A.	9	Starr, Mrs E.	20
		Stocek, R. F.	62
Haller, Mrs J.	240		
Heath, F. & Zuppan, C.	82	Treatfis, C.	10
Hitman, B. A.	24		
Hoke, D.	8	Washburn, Dr. & Mrs N.	26
Hoyt, Dr. S. F.	23	Weske, J.	38
Hyde, D.	8	Williams, E.	21
		Williams, Mrs R.	6
Kendrick, N.	12	Wilson, S.	62
Ketcham, Mrs H. M.	27		
Knight, Mrs J.	8	Zimmer, G. M.	11