

hemlock branch arched over the top of the nest, shading and concealing it from above. The outside diameter of the nest was about 4 inches. The cup was nearly round with a diameter of 1 3/4 inches (4.5 cm). It was 1 3/8 inches deep. The base of the nest was hemlock twigs. It was lined with dried grasses and other plant material. It also contained strips of grape vine bark and a few fine hairs. The inside edge was trimmed with soft (brown) fur and some type of synthetic fiber. The nest was collected and donated to the Buffalo Museum of Natural Sciences.

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Sandhill Crane Summers in Chemung County: An adult Sandhill Crane (*Grus canadensis*) spent the summer in the Town of Big Flats in Chemung County. The area is east of Corning and west of Elmira next to Route 17, the Southern Tier Expressway. The bird was first observed from 23 through 27 April 1990. It did not appear injured, for it flew on many occasions. It was not seen again until 15 June, and we assumed that it had migrated. It was seen by many and photographed during the summer, and remained until at least 2 Oct. It fed mostly in a pasture with cows. It could be seen regularly before 9 AM and after 6 PM. It also was seen in the heart of the adjacent wetland in tall vegetation. Since the area is in the midst of many square miles of farm land and the land owner was very protective of his property and would not allow access to the area, many observers believe that the bird never left the county after its first appearance on 23 April but that it probably visited the many farms in the area or stayed hidden in the wetland's vegetation.

The area that the bird frequented has changed drastically over the past five years. It had been pasture used by dairy cattle with an area that collected water. The water was drained through a sluice pipe underneath a railroad bed to a wetland. This wetland included the Corning Glass Pond where Wood Duck, Mallard, Common Moorhen, Virginia Rail and Sora nested every year. Beaver moved into the area and dammed the sluice pipe, creating a large wetland of about 25-30 acres. Area sportsmen erected Wood Duck boxes in the wetland. As a result of this new habitat, the area has had more Wood Duck, Common Moorhen and Pied-billed Grebe young produced as well as Canada Geese. The area has also attracted migrating birds such as Northern Pintail, Green-winged Teal, Blue-winged Teal, American Wigeon, Northern Shoveler, Great Egret, many shorebirds including Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs, Pectoral, Least, Solitary and Semipalmated Sandpipers.

After reviewing available literature, we believe that it is most exceptional for a Sandhill Crane to spend the summer season in New York State. We would appreciate hearing from anyone who has evidence of previous prolonged stays of Sandhill Crane in New York State.

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[Recognizable photographs of this bird, most unsuitable for publication, have been placed on file with the New York State Avian Records Committee - The Editor.]