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Three men are held in the Oak-Land County jail in Pontiac today awaiting examination at 2 p. m. Tuesday on the charge of illegally transporting liquor. The men gave their names as: E. D. Williams, 44, Kalamazoo; Andrew Kruss, 26, 3735 Williams street, Detroit; Gus Kroenke, 56, Holly. The men were arrested Tuesday afternoon when George Scott saw the small coupe in which they were riding turn out of Adams and into Maple avenue. He called the attention of State Trooper W. E. Irish to the car, the rear compartment of which was open. Trooper Irish commanded a car and followed and arrested the men. In searching the car he found 45 gallons of what he says is moonshine liquor. The men were taken to Pontiac and lodged in the jail there overnight.

Yesterday afternoon, on arraignment before Justice Floyd S. Buck the three refused to make any statements and were remanded to the jail in default of \$1500 bail.

FOWL LOVER TELLS OF PETS

Special Feature By Ornithologist Is Started In Eccentric Today

Editor's Note: This is the first of a series of articles being written for the Eccentric by Wilmot H. Wood, 304 Southfield avenue, Westland and bird expert. Mr. Wood has made a life study of birds, and is a member of the State Department and the Association of Wild Life. Another of Mr. Wood's articles will appear in the Eccentric next week.

By WILMOT H. WOOD

"How do you know where to look for the different kinds, the different species of birds? Is a question I am often asked.

Did you ever go to the woods and study the different kinds of life existing in the trees? If you did, you know that there are certain strata in which different insects live. For instance, at the top of the trees are small insects, which are not to be found in the middle strata, and those in the middle which are not further down, and so on, down to the very trunk of the tree.

Then there are swampy places in all large woods, and marsh grass grows in these places. The meadows, too, have their different kind of insect life, on which birds and animals live. To find the different species of birds, you must know their habits and what they live on. Look where their food is, and you are pretty sure to find your birds. Birds almost invariably nest near to where their food is to be found. They are so different from human beings, you see.

The Most Common

The birds that are to be found most commonly about Birmingham are the robin, the Baltimore Oriole, the orchard Oriole, the mourning dove, the house-or "Jennie" wren, the wax wing, the white-throated sparrow, the tree toad, and the song sparrow. These bird friends can be seen at this time of year almost any day about your garden and in your shrubs and fruit trees. I might call your attention to the wax wing or cedar bird. It is called wax wing it has a little piece that looks like red wax. I mention these wax wings at this time because they make very little noise, just a chirping sound when they alight upon a tree, and unless you are looking for them, you may not recognize them. They are to be found in cherry trees, both the tame and wild trees, when the fruit is ripe. They are generally very scarce, although when the wild cherry is ripe, I have seen as many as 50 or 60 in one bush, on a tree.

A Description

That you may recognize this bird more easily, I shall describe one I just received. Apparently it had caught on a telephone wire and broken its neck. It is seven inches in length, has an extent of 11 inches, and its head, neck, breast and the upper parts of its back and wing coverts are a dark fawn color, darkest on the back and brightest on the front. Its head is ornamented with high, pointed, almost upright crest. The line from the nostril over the eyes to the back is velvet black, bordered above with a fining of white, and another line of white passes from the lower mandible. The chin is black, gradually brightening into fawn color, the feathers there lying extremely close. The bill is black, and the upper mandible is nearly triangular at the base, without any notch, short, and rounding at the point, where it is deeply notched. The lower mandible is scalloped at the tip and turned up. The belly is yellow and the vent, white. The legs are a deep slate, except the two secondaries, next to the body whose exterior vane is of a fawn color and interior ones, white, forming two white stripes there, which are very conspicuous. The rump and tail coverts are pale blue, and the tail is the same, gradually deepening into black, and tipped with rich yellow. Nine of the secondary feathers of the wings are ornamental at the tips, with small, red, oblong appendages resembling red seal wax. The only difference in the description of the female is that the plumage is not so bright.

Feed On Fruit

These birds feed mostly on small fruits, although I have noticed them flying out of the top branches of a tree and catching flies or other small insects, like fly-catchers. I have very seldom found insects in their throats and stomachs.

I should also like to mention here the English starling, which is a few years ago and which has grown very numerous throughout the East, and is now making its appearance in this country. The starlings belong to the red wing black bird family, but are very destructive birds. I have one that was shot after it had destroyed three other birds' nests, taking the eggs and tearing the nests to pieces. I am afraid these birds will prove more destructive to our helpful birds than any of the English sparrows ever dared because they can stand our coldest weather, and multiply more abundantly than our native birds. They live in colonies about barns, church steeples and out-houses and in hollow trees. From what I have seen and heard of them, I should think it would be well to keep them off your place if you wish to have our own song birds.

Make Friends Quickly

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