

A Fleeting Look at Feathered Friends

As we write "Nature Now" it is our hope that from time to time there will be "something for everybody." This week's column is especially for those who follow the doings of our avian friends.

The facts here summarized are gleaned from the "Black Pine Warbler" which is the official publication of the Michigan Audubon Society. A lead article on "Cardinal High in Southern Michigan" contains observations indicating that this bird nests at an average height of six feet in a variety of trees and shrubs, that the female does most of the incubating and that the high mortality of young in the nest is largely due to the domestic cat.

A NUMBER OF unusual birds have been seen by observers throughout the state. The cattle egret, an immigrant from foreign shores, was observed in Livingston and Van Buren Counties as well as in the Shawassaw National Wildlife Refuge south of Saginaw.

Michigan's fourth record and the first spring appearance of the American avocet was reported May 18 through 26 from North Cape, Monroe County. The first summer sighting of the water pipit occurred on July 18 from the shores of Otsego Lake. Heretofore this species was seen only during migration.

On November 26, 1962, a dead black-throated grey warbler was found in a yard in Northville. There was only one previous record for this species whose usual range extends along our Pacific Coast.

A YELLOW BREASTED chat was observed on May 20 in Dickerson County, a first record for this species in the Upper Peninsula. Summer observations of birds nesting outside their usual range included three clay-colored sparrows near Avoca in St. Clair County and a Baltimore oriole near Marquette.

Also seen at Marquette was a fine siskin feeding a cowbird fledgling. The once Southern mockingbird has moved north and nests were seen in widely scattered areas.

iversity of Michigan states an opinion that the common snipe nests more frequently in Southern Michigan than the records indicate. He has seen these birds each year since 1961, during class field trips at Mud Lake in Washtenaw County and a nest was discovered in May, 1961 on a tussock of sedges and grasses in a marsh near Detroit.

FIGURES FOR the 1961 autumn migration show a total of 812 dead birds picked up at the 1295 foot high television tower near Cadillac. Twenty-three of these were wood warblers.

Of the total number killed, fifty four per cent were found to be: blackpoll warbler, ovenbird, mag-nolia warbler and Swainson's thrush. The spring 1962 mortality at Cadillac included only 74 birds and bank swallows.

St. Dunstan's Guild is set to ring up the curtain on the Broadway and motion picture hit, "Critic's Choice." First performance will be Oct. 18 at the Cranbrook Pavilion, Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, with three additional shows Oct. 19, 25, and 26.

THE CAST is directed by Mrs. Fred Hendricks, Jr. and her assistant, Mrs. Otis Thompson. The production is by Mrs. Larry Avison. The set was designed by Mrs. Charles Himehob and the set construction crew was headed by Jim Kickler. Maury Smith is the stage manager assisted by George Ross.

Lighting and sound are under the supervision of Bill Holman. Costumes are by Mrs. Fred Bahr and properties by Mrs. Martin Strandbergh. Mrs. Earl Weston is in charge of the make-up group.

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ACROSS	46 Market
1 Snake lake	48 Seeds
2 Number ten	49 again
10 Wild hog	52 War god
14 Ear part	53 Deteriorate
15 Picture	55 Wand
16 Irish	56 Duches
17 Warning	57 Latin
18 A paramour	58 Smooth
19 Abbot	59 Work
20 Explode	units
22 Hoop	60 Tolerate
24 Carry	61 Post
25 Slender	
26 Containing	DOWN
27 Two lines	12 Flower
30 Sheeplike	13 Tall
31 Copy	14 masses
32 Occupation	21 Not any
38 Not brief	23 Parasites
39 Absorbed	25 Ties
(post.)	26 Alone
37 Bird	27 Bard of----
38 Number	28 Talk of
39 Weights	3 feeling
40 Hames	7 Careers
41 Cratings	8 Life-time
42 Postpones	9 Abandoned
43 Shortest	10 Condu-
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