

I saw a bird at a small lake in the township of Olden. This year 1904. I saw an unmistakable bird in immature plumage, with down still adhering, rise from a pool by the road-side in dense woods in the township of Kennebec, on 6th July. But as proof of their breeding in this part of Ontario, I will relate my experience this summer near Madoc, in the county of Hastings. I was driving past a road-side pool near a swampy meadow on 24th August, when several sandpipers rose, and alighted on the neighboring fence. I stopped the horse and watched them. They were a brood, four young with the two old ones: were very tame; they would fly down to the muddy pool, then alight on the fence again, would sometimes perch on a stump on the dead branch of a neighboring tree. I could get within eight or ten feet. I thought a photograph would be interesting, so I came another day, but could never get more than two on the fence together. I obtained photographs to that extent, after visiting the location on several afternoons. The last time I saw any of them was the 16th September. This brood was doubtless hatched in the vicinity, and having been undisturbed, will probably locate themselves there another year, if they survive the migration. I have heard from boys, whom I met near by, of a snipe's nest having been found last spring in an apple tree, and was assured by them that the bird flew out, and until they saw this nest they always thought the snipe made its nest on the ground. This had reference to the solitary sandpiper.

But not much dependence can be placed on such a statement, and until I see the nest, and examine any fragments of egg shell there may be in it, I only mention the statement for what it is worth.

Madoc, September, 1904.

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