

22, in 1895; the earliest May 27, in 1898. All the other dates of arrival were in the early part of June.

It lays its eggs on the ground without any special provision for a nest. Often a flat-roofed house in the city is selected, upon which it deposits its two eggs, greenish gray, mottled with some dark colors. It is about nine inches long; above, it is brown mixed with gray and black. Below, from the breast, it is barred with dark and light colors alternately. The large cross bar of white on the throat of the male becomes tawny in the female. A white spot on each wing, also affected by sex as to size and purity of color, may be noticed in its flight on the wings.

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### "Howdy."

"**K**IND o' like to hear 'em say it!—  
'Howdy, howdy?'  
Know who's who right there an' then,  
That's the mortal truth, now, men,—  
Put my trust right *in* him when  
Man sez, 'Howdy!' "

"Yes, sir, sounds like ol' times comin',—  
'Howdy, howdy!'  
Hez the heft, an' makes you feel  
Like yore rely on the deal,  
An' yore friend kin sort o' 'spiel',—  
Sayin', 'Howdy!' "

"Folks all say it in Mizzouree!—  
'Wal, wal, howdy!'  
Hearty, honest, homely, gruff,  
Gently, kindly, yard-wide stuff,—  
Man that sez it's good enuff,—  
'Ol' boy, howdy!' "

"Yes, sir, like to hear 'em say it!  
'Howdy, howdy!'  
Hez a cheery, earnest ring,"  
No put-on, the A-1 thing,  
Gives yore own good-will a swing,  
'N you say, Howdy!' "

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