

The reports from the use of these boxes are very encouraging. One friend near Hamilton put up several Flicker boxes and had every one of them occupied. He also had Bluebirds and Wrens in the smaller sizes. Another lot of boxes which were put in place on an island in the Rideau Lakes were a source of actual competition among the Tree Swallows, there being more pairs than there were nests, and considering the fact that these birds are almost extinct in south-western Ontario, where they were formerly tolerably common, it would seem an excellent policy to encourage them in the Ottawa district while you have them there.

The last importation of these Berlepsch Nesting Boxes cost 43 cents for the Wren size, 55 cents for the Bluebird size and \$1.29 for each of the two sizes for Flickers and Screech Owls. It is expected that the cost this year will be just about the same. I shall be glad to reserve for members of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club any number that they may request and would suggest that in shipping to Ottawa I might make a single shipment to some central point, as otherwise the expense for freight on shipments of one or two boxes would be unreasonably high.

The birds which most readily use these nests are Wrens, Bluebirds, Tree Swallows and Flickers, all of which are not only worthy of protection and encouragement but are also delightful neighbours.

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#### BOOK NOTICE.

BIRDS OF ONTARIO IN RELATION TO AGRICULTURE.—By Charles W. Nash: Ontario Department of Agriculture; Bulletin 218; 5th edition, 124 pages, 48 illustrations.

A copy of the new edition of this publication recently came to hand. The importance of a study of our insectivorous birds cannot be overestimated. The service they render to the agriculturist, or horticulturist, in feeding upon injurious insects, destroying field mice, etc., and in devouring weed seeds, is of the utmost value. The author has, for many years, studied specially the feeding habits of our birds, and the results of such work is invaluable. Much original information, therefore, appears in the bulletin; the illustrations are from his own drawings. In the discussion of the different species, descriptive notes are given of the adult, the young, and the nesting habits. The fact that it has been found necessary to print five editions of this bulletin speaks volumes for its usefulness.

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