

It contained six eggs, measuring 1 1-16' long by $\frac{3}{8}$ ' in diameter, of a dull, dirty-white ground color, very thickly blotched and spotted with brownish-purple.

The female bird was very much excited by my intrusion of her domains, and flew continually around me while I was examining the nest. I saw nothing of the male.

Quiscalus quiscula æneus (Bronzed Grackle).—A very abundant species, it does not associate with other blackbirds but keeps aloof by itself. It breeds abundantly either in the rushes surrounding the small lakes or in thick willow swamps. I found one colony in possession of a long, dense, swampy patch of willows; this was in the latter part of May of 1893, and every nest contained some eggs. There was between thirty and forty nests, which were large bulky affairs, some rebuilt on old foundations two or three seasons, composed of dead grass and weeds, deeply hollowed and lined with finer grass and other soft materials. These were placed securely in thick bushes, from five to fifteen feet from the ground, some standing in water, others on dryer ground.

I visited all their nests and found eggs in all, some with the set not yet completed and some partly incubated; five or six eggs in a set. I was much struck by the great difference in size and color exhibited in the eggs. The prevailing ground-color was dark bluish-green, thickly spotted and blotched with brown and indistinct lilac markings, but they varied from this to a light blue with a few brown scratches or spots.

Though I collected quite a number, I did not make any measurements, as the mice destroyed them all; but there was much disparity in shape and size, some being small and nearly oval, others much larger and more pyriform in shape.

The birds were exceedingly vociferous and bold, the female allowing me to almost touch her before she left the nest and then moving only two or three yards away, and scolding incessantly; the males kept at a safer distance but were every bit as loud in their outcry.

Colymbus holboëllii (Holboëllii Grebe).—A common summer resident at Prince Albert, and breeds abundantly in the lakes and sloughs.