

rather a scarce bird in the countries where I found it. Its food consists principally of small caterpillars and winged insects."

Prof. Cook, in "The Birds of Michigan," records this species as a rare migrant, but otherwise relates that it is a summer resident of that State, and has been found to nest as far north as Mackinaw Island. Prof. Davie, in his work on the nests and eggs of North American birds, gives the observations of many persons in regard to the nesting of this species. It is known to breed in various localities east of the Alleghanies, from the latitude of Massachusetts southwards. It is also known to nest in Ohio, but more commonly in Virginia. Dr. Coues found it nesting in great numbers within a small area near Washington, in the month of May. The nests were only a few feet from the ground and were placed preferably in hickory and dogwood bushes. It has also been found nesting in New York State in the latter part of May and first half of June. The nest is a very pretty, deep, cup-shaped fabric, composed of vegetable fibres and fine grass, closely matted and lined with hair. The set of eggs is usually four, rarely five; their colour is whitish, with a greenish tinge, and the markings resemble specks of chestnut and burnt umber, and are usually in the form of wreaths about the larger end.

THE HUDSONIAN CURLEW IN MIDDLESEX CO., ONT.

A Hudsonian Curlew (*Numenius hudsonicus*) was shot near Strathroy, Ont., on September 15th last by a sportsman from that town. The specimen fell into the hands of Mr. L. H. Smith, but was so much decomposed that it was buried. Urged by a telegram, however, he exhumed and skinned it. The specimen was exhibited at the September meeting of the Ornithological Section of the Entomological Society of Ontario at London. Mr. Smith apologized for the condition of the skin, but, considering the circumstances, it was thought by the members of the section that Mr. Smith's efforts deserved commendation rather than that an apology should be received.

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