

Ontario are few and little known, and it is interesting to know of one breeding ground having been found where it is steadily common.

On June 17, 1891, while botanizing in the bed of the drained "Lake Wawanosh," near Sarnia, without a gun, I heard some birds singing which, after careful study, I decided belonged to this species, but I could not positively identify them by reason of the lack of the necessary implements. On May 30, 1892, I visited the same place again, prepared for business, and settled the doubt by the capture of two specimens of this species. There appeared to be a fair sprinkling of the birds, but I could find no trace of a nest, old or new, which led me to guess that they breed on the ground in that locality, contrary to the accepted ideas of their habits. The patches of bulrushes in the basin were few and small, and I am positive contained no nests. The song of this bird, though similar to that of the Long-billed Wren, differs sufficiently for one to distinguish it readily; in fact, when I heard the first song in 1891 I thought it was a Dickcissel, and the resemblance between the songs of the two Wrens, while near enough to establish a relationship, is not close enough to deceive a practical ear. The peculiar part of the affair to me was the entire absence of the Long-billed Wren, and the fact of the birds living away from the bulrushes, in the region of the long marsh grass. I was informed the other day that Mr. Joseph Beck, of Plover Mills, Middlesex County, observed a pair of small Wrens, which he could not identify, in a field of long grass, where they spent the summer; and in the light of their habits at Wawanosh, it seems entirely probable that they may have been of this species, as Mr. Beck is well acquainted with both the House and the Winter Wrens.

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### THIRD SPECIMEN OF *ARDETTA NEOXENA* TAKEN AT TORONTO.

THE first notice we have of this species being found in Ontario is recorded in a note by Mr. W. Cross, in Proc. Orn. Sub-section of Canadian Institute, 1890-91, p. 41, where it is