

Red-shouldered Hawk. 220 stomachs were examined: 3 contained poultry; 12, other birds; 142, mice and other mammals; 59, reptiles, etc.; 109, insects; 7, crawfish; 2, offal; 3, fish; and 14 were empty.

Broad-winged Hawk. 65 stomachs were examined: 2 contained small birds; 28, mice and other mammals; 24, reptiles, etc.; 32, insects, etc.; 4, crawfish; and 7 were empty.

Rough-legged Hawk. 49 stomachs examined: 45 contained mice and other mammals; 1, lizards; 1, insects; and 4 were empty.

Sparrow Hawk. 320 stomachs examined: 1 contained a quail; 53, other birds; 101, mice and other mammals; 11, reptiles, etc.; 244, insects, etc.; and two were empty.

Marsh Hawk. 124 stomachs were examined: 7 contained poultry or game birds; 34, other birds; 79, mice and other mammals; 9, reptiles, etc.; 14, insects; and 8 were empty.

Thus it can be seen that of the 49 stomachs of the Rough-legged Hawk examined by Dr. Fisher, and the 32 examined by me, in 1895, not one contained a trace of any domestic fowl and nearly every one contained mice. Yet many people persist in calling this bird the "Big Hen Hawk" and in treating it as an enemy, when both by law and public opinion it should be protected by every possible means. The statement as to all the other species that I have referred to as beneficial is equally corroborated by my own experience, and shows how well entitled these birds are to consideration at our hands instead of the persecution they usually meet.

INJURIOUS HAWKS.

Description.

DUCK HAWK.

Adult. Upper parts dark bluish slate color; primaries barred with ochraceous; tail and upper coverts barred with blackish and ashy grey and tipped with white; under parts creamy buff barred and spotted with black except on throat and breast. A black patch on each cheek, wings stiff, long, thin and pointed. Bill bluish, notched; the cere yellow. Talons long and black.

Immature. Upper parts fuscous, more or less margined with pale rufous; region below the eye black; ear coverts buffy; under parts cream-buff streaked and spotted with black. Male L 16.00; W 12.25; T 6.50 Female L 19.00 W 14.00 T 7.50.

Nest, on rocky cliffs. Eggs, three or four varying from creamy white heavily marked with cinnamon brown to pale reddish brown more or less marked with shades of same color.