

sitory." A rollicking recitative. He has also a disagreeable cat call, *Leey—Leey*.

**Nest:** *Position*.—Hidden in bushy woodland thickets or in brier or vine along the roadside, only a few feet above the ground. *Materials*.—twigs, leaves, bark, rootlets, bits of twine or rag. *Eggs*.—four or five, dark bluish green.

**Flight:** An alert, steady flight.

**Food:** Insects, grasshoppers and moths; beetles, caterpillars, flies, spiders; fruits, tame and wild, mulberries especially, where they are found.

**HABITS:** Likes the vicinity of houses. Makes use gladly of bathing dish or drinking pan. Very neat and trim looking—but sometimes puffs and ruffles his feathers, hangs his head and droops his tail. Very friendly to each other. If a nest is disturbed, all the cat birds in the neighbourhood raise a clamour of mews and cat calls. If the parent birds are killed the little ones are fed by kind neighbours until able to fly. The catbird is a mocking bird, imitating the robin so that one can scarcely distinguish their calls. In fact, he will imitate many (perhaps all) of his bird neighbours and even attempt a squeaking door or the cry of some barn yard fowl. He is one of the most friendly and interesting of our common birds.