

could easily be seen. Perhaps this one too had suffered some misfortune at her first nesting place, because this was certainly too late to be her first attempt. I found this bird off her eggs the first time on July 4th at 8 o'clock p.m., but she soon came after I had come near the eggs. The male also flitted around me, noiselessly, like a huge moth. In the greatest heat at mid-day, when the gravel and tarred platform about her exhaled still more heat, this faithful bird was always sitting on her eggs. On July 11th her labors were rewarded by the appearance of two healthy looking young birds, looking like pepper and salt as the one before. To prevent a recurrence of the tragedy aforesaid, I had placed boards along the open under border of the balustrade. The young ones were lively, trying to get away from a person already on the second day. The old one showed correspondingly bad temper. When she was not brooding them, she would always be next to them, always in such a position that her shadow fell over the small birds, which during the hot noonday hours certainly must have been a great protection for them. Whether this was "purposely" or accidentally done, who knows? July 17th, the young showed the first signs of feathers; the male from nearby showed much wrath when the young were approached. On July 22nd one of the young had more feathers than the other; was also livelier, sturdier. By July 26th their downy natal dress was entirely replaced by feathers. The next day the more precocious young one had gone from the platform and the other one almost flew into my face. However, even now, when all dangers seemed to be over, one of the young, and that the stronger one, nearly came to grief. It must have perched low down somewhere, for all at once a neighboring cat was seen carrying it in the mouth. When chased she dropped it and it had luckily not been damaged. The next morning, July 28th, all three were again assembled on the deck of the roof, but at our approach they all flew away. They remained about for a few more days, when they disappeared, most probably on their long migration southward, which is begun early by some of these birds.

Like the first, these two latter ones were also fed at night only, and when we consider how quickly they grew and matured, we can imagine what an enormous amount of food, and this all noxious insect food, must be supplied by the old ones. They are worthy of every protection in our cities and should not be made the target of the air-gun and sling-shot of the boys on the street.