

with light reddish dots, the third egg having undershell scrawls and streaks. The nest, which is before me, is built externally with dead ferns, vegetable and vine stalks, skeleton leaves, and lined with black rootlets, a little moss, and horse hair. The same locality was visited on June 23rd, 1909, and I apparently ran across the same pair of birds again. After searching amongst the undergrowth for fifteen or twenty minutes the nest was located, about one foot up, in a raspberry bush and just over the tips of some ferns and other plants. The nest was constructed upon the same lines as the preceding one and the four fresh eggs were similarly marked. On July 17th, 1909, in some deep, mixed woods, another nest of this species, containing three newly hatched young and one addled egg, was found. This warbler, unlike the others, had chosen a very open wet spot, wherein grew rank grass and water-cress, and built her home about three inches up from the ground in the centre of a skunk cabbage. The remarks on the composition of the other two nests would apply to this one also, but it was quite a frail affair, the bird evidently depending upon the thickness of the leaves of the plant as a backing and as a possible protection from storms. It is hard to say why this bit of swampy ground was selected as a site for the nest, as there were many other more suitable places in the immediate vicinity.

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OBITUARY.

On Sunday morning, April 9th, the death occurred at Hamilton, Ont., of Miss Ruby B. McQuesten, after a long and trying illness, which she bore with great patience and cheerfulness. For many years during her residence in Ottawa, Miss McQuesten was a valued member of the Council of the Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club. She was a regular attendant at our lectures and field excursions and did much to interest the young ladies, under her charge, at the Ottawa Ladies' College, in the work of the Club. Her gentle, kindly disposition endeared her to all with whom she was associated. At a recent meeting of the Council of the Club, a special committee was appointed to extend to Mrs. McQuesten and her family, in their sad bereavement, the sincere sympathy of the members of the Council, and also that of all the Field-Naturalists who had the pleasure of her acquaintance.