

covering the nest completely on the outside with living blades, so that it is comparatively difficult to find. The nest of the long-bill, placed high in the cat tails, is easily found, in fact the searcher is bewildered by finding three or four nests at one glance, most of which are invariably empty. It would be interesting to know if the authors of this note referred to, took specimens of the bird when the locality was visited before. The Short-billed Wren inhabits a much more restricted region than the other species, and has not, as far as I am aware, been reported as *common* from any other point in Ontario, and as the long-bill is abundant in every suitable locality in Western Ontario, New York State and all adjacent parts south and west, the chances are that the Short-billed Wren if present at Kars at all, is rare. Nevertheless, it is found in its greatest abundance through the States along the Atlantic, and as its numbers gradually diminish the nearer they approach Ontario, it is not impossible that they have been found as stated. I have observed the long-bill species in abundance in the marshes at Toronto, Rondeau, Point Pelee, and Lake St. Clair, and in smaller numbers in little pieces of bulrush marsh through the country, and in all these places they have shown their industry by building several unused nests for every one that is built for breeding purposes, but even then, their numbers are such that the collector has no difficulty in securing all the eggs he may desire. Their song is a medley of unmusical chatter, delivered generally on a short flight into the air, but often while perched on a dead bulrush stalk, and while they are not easily approached if sitting in a conspicuous place, their assurance is such that they will often come fearlessly to within 8 or 10 feet and sing and chatter at the intruder at a great rate, very likely making a big hullabaloo over his approach to the very nest they have decided not to use.

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#### EXCURSIONS.

The next general excursion of the Club will be held on Saturday, 9th August, to Eastman's Springs, on the Canada Atlantic Railway. The train will leave Elgin street station at 2 p.m.

The following low rates have been arranged, which should secure a large attendance :—Members of the Club, 25c ; non-members, 30c ; children, 15c. Tickets must be bought from the Club.

September Excursion by vans to Kirk's Ferry on 6th September.