

out another a few yards away. The nest looked old and shabby and I held out little hope, but its easy accessibility prompted inspection. When on a level with the nest I was surprised to see a set of five eggs. My friend evidently noted my amazement, but all he said was: "Come down and let me have a look at them." About half an hour later we were returning through the same bush and were successful in catching the female slipping quietly off the empty nest. She was very shy and disappeared, and had evidently left the nest when we first entered the woods. The male was not seen. This bird is an early breeder, as the eggs were about ten days incubated.

On May 22, 1915, I moved cautiously through this woods, as I desired to observe this hawk on the nest. I noted the down of the hawk clinging to the branches of trees and knew that the pair were again in their old haunts. Twenty yards away I saw a new nest, the rim of which was covered with down and feathers. Looking more closely through the thick shrubbery I saw the hawk gliding furtively off the nest. She disappeared amongst the dense growth without making a sound. This nest was similar to the others, both as to height and construction, and the five eggs were marked like the first set. I remained in the locality for some time, but neither the male nor female returned.

On May 23, 1916, I learned that the pair had changed their quarters, but I decided to look for them in some familiar spruce woods a mile off. In four hours I discovered a small nest about thirty-five feet up in a black spruce at the extreme edge of the woods near a path. After throwing several sticks into the tree a sharp-shinned hawk bolted off and disappeared immediately into the woods and did not return while I was around. The male, as usual, was conspicuous by being absent. I had located the same pair once more, as the eggs are very much like those taken in the other woods and the actions of the bird were the same. The only departure was the size of the tree and the height of the nest.

It is strange, and at the same time interesting, that the male has not been seen, and that the female has shown persistent lack in vocal effort in the nesting season.

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