

THE NESTING OF THE RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD

From notes supplied by Fred and Alice McCord of Fairville, Chester County, Penna.

Year	Date Found	Nesting Tree	Height in Feet from Ground	Date of Full Clutch	Date of Hatching	Date of Nest Leaving	Remarks
1913	June 22nd	Paulownia	6	June 29th	July 12-13th	July 31-Aug. 1	Still feeding young Aug. 7th
1914	June 14th	Spruce	7				
1914	June 14th	Paulownia	20				
1914	July	Paulownia	7				
1916	June 26th	Peach	6	June 28th	July 12-14th	Aug. 5th	
1918	July 8th	Spruce	7	July 9th	July 22-24th	Aug. 15-16th	
1919	July 3rd	Arborvitae	6	July 7th	July 18-19th	Aug. 8th	
1920	June 28th	Apple	10	July 3rd			
1920	July 19th	Apple	15				
1921	May 29th	Scotch Pine	20				
1921	June 27th	Apple	15				
1921	July 30th	Apple	20				
1922	May 23rd	Pear	9	May 24th	Aug. 6th	Aug. 21-24th	
1922	May 28th	Spruce	7	May 28th	June 7th	July 2nd-5th	
1922	June 21st	Apple	8	June 21st	June 9th	June 23rd	
1922	June 28th	Pear	8	June 21st	July 5th		
1922	Aug. 13th	Paulownia			July 21st	Aug. 31-Sept. 1	
1923	May 5th	Apple	15				
1923	May 25th	Pear	10				
1923	July 22nd	Paulownia	20				
1924	June 11th	Apple	6				
1924	July 28th	Paulownia	15				
1924	Aug. 1st	Paulownia	20			Aug. 20th	
1925	July 15th	Pear					
1926	July 16th	Apple					
1926	July 19th	Apple					
1930	Aug. 7th	Spruce	20			Sept. 6th	Nest being built at date

The above observations, though not complete, furnish rather substantial data relative to the nesting of the Ruby-throated Hummingbird.

The observers mention the trumpet creeper, bergamot, althea and matrimony-vine as being particularly attractive to the birds in the district.

In compiling these notes the following interesting facts are brought forth:

Average height from ground 12 feet
Greatest height from ground 20 feet
Least height from ground 6 feet
Earliest date for full set of eggs May 24th
Latest date for full set of eggs July 22nd
Average date for full set of eggs June 23rd
Average period of incubation 14 days
Average time of young in nest 20 days
Nests constructed of brown plant fibre like that found on stems of cinnamon fern bound together with spider webbing and decorated on outside with lichens and bits of fern.

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