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**THE CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER NESTING AT  
JEFFERSON, ASHTABULA CO., O.**

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On June 26 (1907) Miss Mary I. Hoskins discovered the nest of a pair of Chestnut-sided Warblers in a bit of woodland not more than a mile north-east of town. The locality is an ideal one for warblers. There are perhaps fifteen or twenty acres in the wooded tract. Tall second-growth timber predominates, but here and there are towering parent trees of White Oak, Tulip, Cucumber, Beech, Hickory and Maple. The west side is mostly clear of under-brush, but in some parts of the piece are rank growths well sorted into colonies of Beech, Maple and Oak sprouts. In about the center a small clearing has been made and here the Blackberry, Spice-bush and Red-berried Elder run riot.

In this place a female Chestnut-side was noticed passing thru the brush. A short search resulted in the discovery of the nest placed two feet above the ground among some leafy blackberry stems near the foot of a large beech. The naked cowbirdling in the nest was as large as the two young warblers together, and these were all but smothered by him. He was removed. The mother-warbler remained within a few feet of her home, chirping anxiously and fluttering about with spread wings and tail.

The male also appeared upon the scene but was not so bold and soon retired to the tree-tops.

On July 3rd, I paid the birds a second visit. The young birds had developed considerably. I stationed myself about fifteen feet from the nest, and in five minutes the female bird began feeding the young. Once she shook a lepidopterous larva (more than an inch long) from a curled-up leaf, and after pinching it for a while, took it to the nest.

On another occasion a large *Tipula* was brought. The young were fed, in fact, every three or four minutes, then the mother would brood them for a short time. The male did not appear, but was occasionally heard singing up in the trees around the clearing.

On the fourth of July my folding chair was set six feet from the nest, and there I sat taking notes while the warbler—always the female—flitted about me, sometimes all but alighting upon my shoulder or foot. All the insects that were required were found within ten feet of the nest. I suppose they are so numerous in the woods that in every spot a new supply comes on daily.

The next morning a camera was taken to the chestnut-side's district, with the hope that a family group photo might be made. Nothing doing. The young were gone. Doubtless they were in the vicinity for the old bird flitted about chipping as usual, but I could not find them.

A photo of the nest was made, then I gave my attention to the Hoodeds, the Ceruleans—and the mosquitoes.

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### **Annual Meeting of the Ohio Academy of Science.**

The Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Ohio Academy of Science will be held at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, on November 28, 29 and 30, 1907. All that are interested in the work of this organization are invited to attend the meetings. Members are requested to send subjects, that they wish to present, to the Secretary, Professor L. B. Walton, Gambier, Ohio, not later than November 23rd.

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