

THE D. V. O. C. COLLECTION.

In 1891 several members of the club presented to the Academy of Natural Sciences the nucleus of a collection of the nests and eggs of Pennsylvania and New Jersey birds, to be known as the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club Collection and to be kept separate as a local collection. In ten years this has grown until it occupies five large museum cases, while specimens of nearly all the birds known to occur in these states have been added. The nests are almost all *in situ*, the branches being supported on walnut bases. The woodpeckers, nut-hatches and other similar nests comprise an entire section of tree trunk, while ground nests are carefully mounted in plaster or papier-mache. At present there are represented the nests and eggs of 112 species, all taken within the boundaries of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Of three of these, however, only the eggs are shown and of five only the nests.

The club is very anxious to complete this collection as far as possible and asks the aid of its correspondents and ornithologists in general, in securing specimens of the nests or eggs of any of the following from within the above limits.

Some on the list should be easily obtainable, others are doubtful as breeders within the limits given, while many of the shore birds breed no more on our coasts. Eggs of these latter obtained in New Jersey are doubtless in many collections, and information relating to such will be gladly received. Communications should be addressed to Witmer Stone, Academy Natural Sciences, Logan Square, Phila.

Pied-billed Grebe,	Little Blue Heron,
Loon,	Sora Rail,
Gull-billed Tern,	Little Black Rail,
Roseate Tern,	Coot,
Least Tern,	Avocet,
Black Skimmer,	Black-necked Stilt,
Wood Duck,	Woodcock,
Black Duck,	Wilson's Snipe,
(Any other wild Duck),	Solitary Sandpiper,
American Bittern,	Willet,
White Egret,	Bartramian Sandpiper (Field Plover),
Snowy Heron,	Piping Plover,

Wilson's Plover,	Pine Finch,
Oyster Catcher,	Savanna Sparrow,
Ruffed Grouse,	Henslow's Sparrow,
Wild Turkey,	White-throated Sparrow,
Wild Pigeon,	Dickcissel,
Marsh Hawk,	Blue Grosbeak,
Red-shouldered Hawk,	Summer Tanager,
Broad-winged Hawk,	Cliff Swallow (want eggs only),
Eagle,	Loggerhead Shrike,
Duck Hawk,	Philadelphia Vireo,
Long-eared Owl,	Warbling Vireo,
Short-eared Owl,	Black and White Warbler (want eggs only),
Barred Owl,	Prothonotary Warbler,
Saw Whet Owl,	Golden-winged Warbler,
Black-billed Cuckoo,	Nashville Warbler,
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker,	Myrtle Warbler,
Pileated Woodpecker (want eggs only),	Cerulean Warbler,
Red bellied Woodpecker,	Pine Warbler,
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher,	Mourning Warbler,
Traill's Flycatcher,	Mocking-bird,
Prairie Horned Lark,	Bewick's Wren,
Raven,	Short-billed Marsh Wren,
Bobolink,	Red-bellied Nuthatch (want eggs only),
Bronzed Grackle,	Golden-crowned Kinglet,
Purple Finch,	Gnatcatcher (want eggs only),
American Crossbill,	Wilson's Thrush.