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Report
on
Hermit Thrush Nest.

July 9 - Nest found.

July 10 - Nellie + I made our first observation.
Nest - sunken in the ground beneath
blueberry bushes.
made of grasses - fine needles,
plant fibers and surrounded
by moss.

Eggs - 2 greenish-blue
mother bird was on the nest at the time
of our arrival. We approached the
nest within 5 feet before the bird
flew off.

The bird had an olive-brown head & back
and reddish brown tail.

The sides of the breast was heavily ^{marked} ~~streaked~~
with black spots - The bird no noise
while we were at the nest.

July 11 -

mother bird flew off as we approached.
a third egg was found in the nest.
She returned to the nest within 15
to 20 minutes unseen -

In going to look at the nest again
she flew off. ~~In~~ Nellie watched
again for 15 min. but didn't see

the bird enter the nest

Again we approach the nest and the bird flew off.

July 15- I observed the nest again

The mother-bird flew off and I found the same number of eggs.

July 17-

Nellie observed from within 5 ft. by being covered with brush but the bird would not go to the nest while she was there. It remained in the bushes

chirping until she went away. I then watched from 10 ft. and finally saw the bird enter the nest by hopping over and crawling under the bushes about 5 minutes after Nellie left.

July 23- As we approached the nest the bird was hopping about but apparently making no fuss.

As we reached the nest a snake's head appeared and it quickly turned & crawled back.

One egg was missing and another

was lying on the ground in front
of the nest where the snake had been
and was wet and sticky.

I placed the egg back in the nest with
the remaining one.

July 25th mother-bird was gone and
the two eggs wet from the rain.

July 26 - mother-bird still missing
so eggs were brought in.