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## Nest of Song Sparrow

- July 8 -- Nest found; with 3 eggs  
July 12 --- 3 eggs hatched  
July 16 -- One young bird disappeared  
July 20 - - One young bird found dead  
in nest; other and parents  
had left nest.

The nest, made of twigs and grasses, lined with finer grass and horsehair, was on the ground 5 feet from a country road. A low raspberry bush almost concealed the nest.

Observations were made daily from July 8 to July 20 inclusive (except class days July 12 and July 19), usually in the forenoon.

The male song sparrow did not assist in the incubation of the eggs nor in feeding the young birds, but was never far from the nest; hopped about on the ground or perched on fence posts or low branches near by. The male was not heard singing at any time an observation was made.

The female was more easily flushed from the nest when the eggs were laid than after.

When the nest was visited, the female was always on except one morning when the observation was made earlier than usual (6:00 A.M.) She was then feeding the young birds; the food seemed to be chiefly tops of grasses.