

Chipping Sparrow's Nest

6/29 Nest found: 2 chippy eggs, 1 cowbird egg

6/30 Another chippy egg laid

7/10 Hatched: 1 cowbird, 1 chipping sparrow

7/11 Another chipping sparrow hatched

7/12 Cowbird removed

7/20 Birds flew from nest

1 chipping sparrow egg failed to hatch--not found after birds flew away

Notable points:

1. Protective coloring
2. Mother bird's uniform position on nest
3. Effective watch for intruders
4. Birds' heads under in mist
5. Eyes open, pin feathers respectable in 7 days
6. Period of incubation not determined as it is uncertain which egg failed to hatch. About 12 days
7. Evidence of the bird's sense of number as she stopped laying when there were 4 eggs, the usual "set", though one was not her own.