

Elizabeth Clarkson's Journals



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Journal 1: February 6, 1933 to March 31, 1933

Monday, February 6th, 1933

Today a Hermit Thrush came to the garden and sat on the birdbath for fully ten minutes so that Eddie and I could watch him. He was in the garden several times today. It is very cold and there have been a great number of birds at the birdbath and feeding trays. I counted twenty slate colored Juncos at one time. There were also Cedar Waxwings, Song Sparrows, White Throated Sparrows, Cardinals, Bluebirds, Golden Crowned Kinglets, Myrtle Warblers, Carolina Chickadees, a Tufted Titmouse, a Robin and a Mocking Bird. There were so many birds that I believe it will snow tonight.

Tuesday, February 7th

It has rained all day today and I have not been out but from the window. I have seen my old standbys, the Mockingbird, Robin, Carolina Chickadees, Carolina Wren, Slate colored Juncos, White Throated Sparrows, Song Sparrows, Myrtle Warblers, a flock of Cedar Waxwings, and Cardinal. The Mocking bird eats the berries on the Ligustrum Japonica just outside the dining room window all day long. I have seen the Bluebirds eating berries from the Ammor River Privet hedge, several times.

Wednesday, February 8th

I have been in bed today but the few times I went to the window I saw the Cardinals, a Robin, a Carolina Wren, Myrtle Warblers, White Throated Sparrows and two Cedar Waxwings. The Waxwings were eating berries from the privet hedge. I'm so delighted to have something that the fruit eating birds can eat of this time of year. The pair of Robins came earlier in January and immediately after their arrival they started up their yearly feud with the Mockingbird and I have not seen the female since that day though the male is here always. This morning early he was on top of the telephone post at the garage singing in the rain. I do hope he will find a mate and build in my garden again this year. The little Wrens are the only birds which have cheered in the entire winter with their happy song. Other birds have sung, but not consistently like the Wrens. I can scarcely ever look out without seeing a little Myrtle Warbler at the suet in one or more places. They make a great deal of noisy "chipping" for such tiny birds but it is an entirely welcome sound.

Thursday, February 9th

I have been in bed today again, but it is not such a bad place to be when the temperature has been below freezing all day. The low reading for today was 12 degrees above zero this morning at eight. That is the lowest temperature for Charlotte since January 2, 1928. Today I saw a Mocking bird eating suet in the little maple tree beneath my window. He had just been eating the Ligustrum berries and I suppose he wanted a change of diet. I had never heard that a Mockingbird would eat suet. I saw a Junco eating suet today, also for the first time, though I knew they liked it. The Cardinals and white throated sparrows were on the feeding trays when I looked out. I saw Myrtle warblers and Chickadees at the suet also. I saw a new visitor in the pine outside the window that I couldn't identify as his movements were so fast but I think it was a Ruby Crowned Kinglet. I do hope he'll be back tomorrow so that I can see him better. Florence called me to the window to see some little sparrows in the grass on the front lawn. I could not see them well enough to find out what they were but could see that they were nothing I was familiar with. Miles dug up part of the upper lot this morning and when I looked out a pair of Phoebes were having a fine time. They would perch on a high clod of dirt and then dive down into a furrow and get a worm in the most approved flycatcher fashion. I had never seen them perched on the ground before, though, and they were amusing. One of them chased a Myrtle warbler away from the suet, for no apparent reason, as he did not touch the suet himself. While it is so cold we empty the birdbath after dark and then refill it early in the morning with warm water. When we leave the water in all night it's frozen so hard to the bath that it takes several bucketfuls of hot water to thaw it out. The birds certainly appreciate it as they go to it immediately. Yesterday Eddie showed a farm to a prospect and saw about forty doves in a field. I haven't seen one since dove season so I was envious. They came to the garden for water before hunting began.

Friday, February 10th

It has been very cold again today with a low reading of 21 this morning at seven and high reading of 31 at three this afternoon. It has been sleeting most of the afternoon and evening and the ground is covered. So, of course, there have been worlds of birds in the garden to feed and drink. There were six cardinals off and on all day and the females would chase each other, then the males would chase each other, then the males would chase the females. It seems very early for them to start their courting but I can't account for their behavior otherwise. There have been innumerable white-throated sparrows, Juncos, Song Sparrows, Myrtle Warblers, a few chickadees, and some more of the little sparrows I can't identify. The Mockingbird, of course was at the Ligustrum berries with only a few minutes in between feedings when he would go to the big pool to get water. It was not frozen around the edges and most of the birds drank from it instead of out of the birdbath. I decided that the reason was that even though I filled it with warm water three times today, an icy crust would form around the sloping edges and it was hard for them to get a safe foothold. I even saw the cardinal fly down on the ice in the center of the pool and drink from a hole in the ice. Tonight an interesting thing happened. I was watching the hedge through the field glasses to see what kind of bird would emerge, as the hedge had been moving, and two robins flew out and crossed the garden and went into the cedar by the gate. The two more came out and did the same thing. They kept this up by ones and twos and threes until the cedar tree was full and they could only land on the outside limbs of it, so they began going into the hedge right at its side. It's the first time there have ever been so many together at any time of year in my garden. There were at least fifteen or twenty if not two dozen. I was very much thrilled and so was Florence.

Saturday, February 11th

After the sleet and rain yesterday afternoon the temperature dropped and the rain froze as it fell so we looked out on a glistening world this morning. It was beautiful but everything was covered with such a heavy coat of ice that the birds could get nothing to eat until it began to thaw about noon. I went out before breakfast and put warm water in both of the birdbaths and broke the film of ice on the big pool. Then poured hot water over all the suet to get the coating of ice off. I also put out breadcrumbs again and tiny pieces of chopped apple on the trays and ground. The cardinals (6 at one time), Juncos, white throated sparrows, a few song sparrows, Myrtle Warblers visited the tray and ground all day. I saw a Tufted Titmouse at the suet today for the first time. There were six Cedar Waxwings eating Ligustrum berries at the dining room window when the mockingbird came back to feed and he was apoplectic with rage. He sailed into them like a young torpedo and sent them flying. Not content with that he continued to chase until both were almost exhausted. Then he came back to eat. But at intervals all day long he would chase the Waxwings whenever he would see them. He really is a "terrible tempered Mr. Bong". I saw two more new birds which I had never seen before but couldn't identify them as I was holding the bluebird box in the oak tree while Eddie was putting it up. One of the birds looked like a white-breasted nuthatch and was going up the trunk of a pine after the fashion of a nuthatch. The other was a tiny little bird who was so inquisitive about our business that he came in the Oak over our heads and popped all about looking down at us. I was on the verge of dropping the Bluebird house to look at him when he left. We put up two bluebird houses today. One on the East side of the garage and one on the East side of the trunk of the oak tree. I saw the Hermit Thrush fly out of the Ligustrum today but I do not know whether he eats the berries or not.

Sunday, February 12th

The cardinals, mockingbird, juncos, white-throated sparrows, song sparrows, Myrtle warblers and cedar waxwings and robins were my visitors today.

Monday, February 13th

The doctor has put me to bed again for a few days but I can still see a few birds when I look out the windows. I have seen the cardinals, juncos, white-throated sparrows, myrtle warblers and the robin and have heard the mockingbird fussing in the Ligustrum under my window. Some other bird was evidently being "given notice" to leave his berries alone. I'm afraid the berries on my Ligustrums will not last until spring as he consumes so many a day that the bushes are about stripped. I think I shall get some from someone else's bushes and tie on my bush before they give entirely out. The myrtle warblers are such adorable little pigs. They seem to eat almost anything I put on the trays to say nothing of

the mainstay of their diet which is suet. I saw them eating whole wheat bread crumbs a few days ago and today bites of orange and some grain (must have been weevils in the grain). I have never heard of their eating grain before, or orange either for that matter. I was amused by them as usual. There are a great many of them and can't look out of the window without seeing at least one, but I never tire of watching their quick little movements, nor of hearing their saucy little "chip" like a miniature cardinal but rendered with more vivacity and sprit. Ms. Ginter says that the bluebirds have been fighting with the sparrows over her nesting boxes. I have not mentioned the English sparrows in my lists of bird guests because they are uninvited (though that bothers them not at all). Where I have one songbird, I have at least fifteen English sparrows. This is the most discouraging thing, as they try to boss the whole bird family on account of their superior numbers. If they were no more numerous than the song sparrow or white throated sparrow, the other birds could manage them but their numbers give them courage and "impudence" and they are the bone of my existence.

Tuesday, February 14th

Eddie brought me red roses and six teacups and saucers and a Valentine for my Valentine's today. This has been a happy day in spite of the fact that I have not been up yet. I identified the little sparrows that come almost every day to the lawn to feed. They are field sparrows and it gives me such a thrill to know them. I have also seen the cardinals, mockingbird, robin, juncos, white-throated sparrows, and myrtle warblers from my window. Another happy discovery was the song of the Towhee. I only knew his call notes.

Wednesday, February 15th

Still in bed but have seen eleven varieties of birds from my window. There were a flock of cedar waxwings early this morning. There is a Flicker singing on my telegraph pole. It is an unvaried song but he sings with gusto and I enjoyed it. Afterwards I heard him trying his vocal powers from the top of all the telegraph poles within sight. There were blue Jays and the ever present and ever welcome cardinals and they sang a few times. I heard the wren but did not see him. There were Song Sparrows and White Throated Sparrows, Juncos and Myrtle Warblers, the Chickadees, the Mocking Bird and the Phoebe. I saw the Mockingbird eating suet again today. There is a flycatcher that I can't identify. He has been coming to my oak tree and singing about once a day for some time but I can't tell which one he is.

Thursday, February 16th

The cardinals, Song Sparrows, White throated Sparrows, Juncos, Myrtle Warblers, Blue Jays, Robin, Mockingbird, and Phoebe were here today. The Cardinals chase each other now and then and sing but I think it is still too early for them to mate. The Robin is still by himself, though he sits on top of the telephone pole and sings beautifully to attract a mate. I have not seen the Wrens for several days although I have heard them every day. They do not venture close to the house, I'm afraid on account of the English Sparrows. Oh, if I could only get rid of them. They are in the midst of nest building activities. I see them carrying feathers, etc. constantly. The last time I saw a wren close to the house, he was in the large dogwood by the kitchen singing merrily and an English Sparrow ran him away.

Friday, February 17th

Today there were Cardinals, Song Sparrows, White-throated Sparrows, Myrtle Warblers, Chickadees, Cedar Waxwings, the Mockingbird and the Robin in my garden. I had not seen the Mockingbird until about noon when a flock of Cedar Waxwings came to the garden. In a few minutes the Mockingbird dived into the midst of them and they separated into small groups, each group lighting in a different place in the hedge. As soon as he had chased away one group, he came back and sailed into another group until the entire flock had vanished. I think it must be because he knows they like his Ligustrum berries. The Waxwings are such gentle, refined birds that they offer no resistance whatever to his attacks but run for their lives.

Saturday, February 18th

This morning I heard a Flicker singing loudly from the top of my telephone pole and in a few minutes three other Flickers gathered. The males were courting a female and it was the most amusing sight. The males spread their tails and boxed first in one direction and then in another before the popular lady and she made the funniest, softest little noise that sounded like they were saying "talky, talky, talky, talky, talky" rather fast and over and over. I watched them

through my field glasses for fully half an hour. They were so much in earnest and their movements were mechanical and awkward. It was fascinating to watch them. While they were noisily making love, twelve Blue Jays came and "lit" in the same tree, above them, as though attracted by the commotion and it did not take them long to drown out the sounds with their own piercing voices. However, the Flickers paid no attention to them and were still at their antics long after the Blue Jays went screaming on their way. A little later in the morning a flock of about 25 Cedar Waxwings came to the yard. They have been such daily visitors lately that I have grown very much attached to them and their gentle ways. The Cardinals, Song Sparrows, White throated sparrows, Juncos, Myrtle Warblers, Chickadees and the Robin were also here.

Sunday, February 19th

Eddie and I took a walk this morning to the end of the street and saw a great many bluebirds, field sparrows, juncos, myrtle warblers, a few robins, field sparrows, chickadees and one pine warbler. It was the first time I had definitely identified one though. I'm sure I have seen them in my own yard. It was feeding on the ground when I first saw it through the glasses and then it flew to a small pine and began searching for insects. I'm afraid I won't have any bluebirds to next in my yard as there are so many English sparrows and they drive them away the minute they come. There were myrtle warblers, cedar waxwings, cardinals, juncos, white-throated sparrows, song sparrows, one field sparrow and the robin that I saw in my garden today.

Monday, February 20th

Today the robin was on the telephone pole singing in the rain. The cardinal and wren were also singing and the rain did not seem to dampen their spirits. The white-throated sparrows, song sparrows, field sparrows, cedar waxwings, myrtle warblers and the mockingbird were also with us.

Tuesday, February 21st

I heard a mocking bird singing today for the first time since last fall and it thrilled me so. Our mockingbird hasn't had the urge so far this year. The robin, cardinals, song sparrows, white throated sparrows, myrtle warblers, field sparrows and cedar waxwings were in view the few times I looked out in the garden. Eddie and I watched a flock of cedar waxwings in the little maple below our window at lunchtime today. They were so close and we enjoyed their beautiful coloring for a long time. Before they finally left. The attraction for them was in the Ligustrum berries. They came at a time the mockingbird happened to be "off guard".

Wednesday, February 22nd

Miles and I planted grass seed today over the garden grass which was mostly dead. I thoroughly enjoyed the birds as I was outdoors most of the day. There were several flocks of cedar waxwings and each time the mockingbird dispersed the crowd of them. Twice after successful campaigns today he perched in the very tip of a pine tree to survey his kingdom and he had such a proud air about him. Before I was up this morning there were seven bluebirds on the wires and eating berries off of my hedge and having a lovely time. Then two came back late this afternoon. The white-throated sparrows were much in evidence especially late this afternoon also the song sparrows but the field sparrows were scarce. The cardinals and myrtle warblers and juncos were here, and also the robin and a tufted titmouse. I hear the mourning doves for the first time since hunting season.

Thursday, February 23rd

Miles and I worked in the garden again today and finished planting grass seed. Yesterday I planted Pink and white petunias, azuratum blue ball, sweet alyssum, and yellow aquilegia in my hot bed. We began pruning the roses today, fertilized the hedge and the flowering trees in my borders. I had my mind and my eyes focused on the earth today and saw few birds but the cardinals, white throated sparrows, song sparrows, cedar waxwings, myrtle warblers, the mocking bird and robins were here, and also the juncos. Florence went into the garage today and there were five little myrtle warblers in there. I can't imagine what the attraction was. Oh yes, I also saw one field sparrow. I hear the bluebirds singing almost every day but I could not see them today.

Friday, February 24th

This morning the flicker awakened me with his drumming as he has for the last three mornings at exactly five minutes to seven. He seems very methodical in his daily routine as if is the same time to the minute every morning. Later, about nine thirty he came back and drummed on the roof between songs. About the same time there was a meadowlark in the tiptop of the water oak singing beautifully. At first I did not see his mate but then I found her and in a few moments they were courting each other, he singing tenderly and she coquetting with him. I watched them all over the neighborhood. Then I had another thrill, that of finding a white crowned sparrow in the garden. He was eating seeds under the feeding trays. The cardinals, myrtle warblers, white throated sparrows, song sparrows were here as usual.

Saturday, February 25th

We had a tragedy among our birds today. A beautiful bobwhite flew up from the back of our lot and in the high wind he flew full force into the side of the house. He died in my hands and it nearly broke my heart. I gave him a few drops of weak ammonia water but I knew at the time that it was useless. The blow had been too great. I cried over him as though he had been a loved pet. He was such a lovely thing to die. The robins, cardinals, flicker, mockingbird, myrtle warblers, cedar waxwings, song sparrows, white-throated sparrows came as usual.

Sunday February 26th

Eddie and I walked to the end of the street this morning before church and saw comparatively few birds. There were a few song sparrows, juncos, field sparrows, robins and myrtle warblers and also bluebirds. I was rather envious of the bluebirds in one of the yards and when I came home I found some in mine. I'm afraid they won't be able to next in our garden on account of the English sparrows. There were robins, cardinals, song sparrows, myrtle warblers, a mockingbird, and a flicker when I looked out, but I did not look out very much today. I saw a mourning dove fly over the garden today.

Monday, February 27th

The mockingbird chased the bluebirds away twice today. There was a phoebe, the cardinals, myrtle warblers, robins and field sparrows in the garden today. I'm sure my song sparrows and white-throated sparrows were here too but I did not have time to look. We went to the Garden Club tonight and heard a wonderful lecture on The Historic Gardens of Virginia given by a Mrs. Lloyd of Albermarle County, Virginia.

Tuesday, February 28th

I saw a pair of bluebirds looking at Mrs. Ginter's bluebird house this morning. There was a pair of starlings inspecting our eaves at the same time. A blue jay was on the tray but he found nothing to his liking as there was only grain. A mockingbird chased some bird out of the yard but I couldn't tell what kind it was. There have been three robins in the garden every day for several days but this morning the pair were by themselves and inspecting all of the pines, presumably for a next. The white-throated sparrows and song sparrows were in the garden and I heard a song sparrow singing in the garden several times today. The first time I've heard one this year and the first I believe I've ever heard in my garden. I saw a Phoebe and a flicker, also a field sparrow, and, of course, the cardinals and myrtle warblers and a chickadee and a field sparrow.

Wednesday, March 1st

The robins, cardinals, song sparrows, white-throated sparrows, field sparrows, myrtle warblers, bluebirds, chickadees, juncos and blue jays have been in my garden today as well as the cedar waxwings. The mockingbird was in the garden also and he flew over into Mrs. Ginter's Ligustrum and began to sing! It was a thrilling moment as this is the first time he has sung this year and it wasn't a loud stirring song given from the roof top like the usual nesting song, but was a low beautiful song given from the depths of the shrubbery. I could hardly believe it because the mockingbird is not one to "hide its light under a bushel" as it were.

Thursday, March 2nd

This morning as I walk through the woods to the car a covey of quail flew up not ten feet from the path and gave me such a thrill. There were cardinals, myrtle warblers, song sparrows, white-throated sparrows, robins, juncos, a mockingbird and a Phoebe. My sweet alyssum is up in my hot bed and the aguratum is germinating but has no leaves yet.

Friday, March 3rd

I did not have time to look at the birds much today but there were cardinals, song sparrows, white throated sparrows, myrtle warblers, robins and the mockingbird and a flicker.

Saturday, March 4th

Today I relined my fur coat so I had little time to look at the birds but the usual visitors were here when I looked out, the cardinals, myrtle warblers, robins, song sparrows, white throated sparrows and juncos and cedar waxwings. Today was inauguration day and Roosevelt and John Garner, my fellow townsmen were sworn in as President and Vice President. We put up a wren box and bluebird box today.

Sunday, March 5th

The robins, cardinals, field sparrows, song sparrows, white-throated sparrows, myrtle warblers, and a flicker were here today. When Eddie and Pudgy and Kino and I came back from a walk in the woods a flicker was singing and drumming on our tin gutter and having a fine time.

Monday, March 6th

I have scarcely looked out today but the cardinals, myrtle warblers, song sparrows, field sparrows, flicker and mockingbird were much in evidence. The flicker sang and rapped on our gutters all morning and the mockingbird drank from the little pool on the terrace several times.

Tuesday, March 7th

I am in bed today and have seen only the myrtle Warbler and a few Starlings.

Wednesday, March 8th

Only the Myrtle Warbler was eating suet under my window in the maple tree when I looked out today as I am still in bed.

Thursday, March 9th

This morning before eight o'clock I had heard the Flicker drumming on the roof, had hear the Blue Jays, Robins, Mourning Dove, Mockingbird and when I was in the bathroom a Blue Jay flew to the tip of a pine outside the window just so I could see him. About nine o'clock I got up to let Florence remake my bed and had the thrill of the year. A pair of Bluebirds flew to the big dogwood and I hoped they would see the box we put up Saturday and they did! The female came over to the little maple right by it and fluttered her little wings and sort of talked about it and she finally coaxed the male to go in. Then he came out and they flew out of sight for a minute or two and then came back and she went in and inspected it. They came back at twelve o'clock and Florence called me to get up and look. They did the same thing again. He went in and looked at it and then she went in. I was simply thrilled to death. Of course, they were merely inspecting it but they might happen to like it and if they did I'd be too excited to live, almost. While at the window I saw a Song Sparrow, Myrtle Warbler, Mockingbird, Robin and Flicker. I heard the Cardinals singing, also the field Sparrows, Song Sparrow and Robins. The Bluebirds came back again at one o'clock and ran a female English Sparrow away from the box twice. Then a dozen English Sparrows gathered around and the Bluebirds went away. At ten minutes to six this afternoon the female Bluebirds was in the little maple again but did not go in the box. In a few minutes the male came and he went into the box and stayed a little while, then came out, looked all around, went back in and stayed several minutes and then came back out and ran an innocent Chickadee away from the suet. Twice today I have seen a Song Sparrow eating suet. I had never seen them at it before. A Cedar Waxwing came to eat Ligustrum berries under my window late this afternoon and the Mockingbird ran him away. I saw a Cardinal late this afternoon. This has been a perfectly fascinating day even though it was spent in bed. I've seen almost as many birds from my bed, which is pushed

up to the window, as I would have seen had I been outdoors. The nice part, too, is that they don't see me and go about their affairs in a perfectly unselfconscious way. The Bluebirds alone were enough to repay me for having to be in bed. I also saw a Field Sparrow.

Friday, March 10th

This morning the male Bluebird came to the box under my window twice but she did not come with him and after I got up I found them looking at the house on the east side of the garage. I saw them there six times going in and looking at it but not building. A pair of Chickadees came to eat suet in the maple under my window and stayed to look at the Bluebird house. It evidently did not suit them, however, because they soon left and did not come back. I have seen the little Song Sparrows eating suet off and on all day. It is funny that they just discovered it yesterday. They seem very fond of it. I have seen comparatively few birds today even though I got up for a while and went outdoors. Of course, there were Song Sparrows, White Throated Sparrows, Myrtle Warblers and Cardinals, also Bluebirds, Chickadees and Field Sparrows.

Saturday March 11th

I have not been out of bed today but have seen the Cardinals, Bluebirds, Myrtle Warblers, Robins, Mockingbird, Cedar Waxwing, Juncos, and Song Sparrows from my window.

Sunday March 12th

My birthday! Twenty ninth! It has been such a happy one in spite of being in bed. Eddie sent me lovely flowers, Talisman roses, orangy/pink snapdragons, Gerbera, Stock, and fern. He gave me "House Beautiful" for three years, half a dozen lovely green custard cups like the ones I have, and a perfectly marvelous 3 3/4 gallon compressed air sprayer for my garden. All were things I'd rather have than anything else. I have seen few birds from my window but I saw an exquisite golden crowned Kinglet in one of the little pines and I also saw the Cardinals, Myrtle Warblers and Song Sparrows, Robins and Juncos. Eddie saw the Bluebirds inspecting the house on the oak tree today so I'm afraid they really are just "lookers" and not "renters".

Monday, March 13th

Still in bed. Have seen the Cardinals, Song Sparrows, White Throated Sparrows, Field Sparrows, and Myrtle Warblers, robins, Mockingbird. The Song Sparrows stay at the suet as much as the Myrtle Warblers.

Tuesday, March 14th

Have seen the Cardinals, Robins, Song Sparrows, White Throated Sparrows, Juncos, but only one Myrtle Warbler. I can't understand it because they haven't gone north, I'm almost sure. I hope they will come tomorrow as I miss them. This is the first day since before Christmas that they have not been in the yard constantly.

Wednesday, March 15th

This morning five little Goldfinches came to the garden and I was so delighted to see them. The Bluebirds have been going in and out of the house under my window all afternoon but are not building. The other pair of Bluebirds was going in and out of Mrs. Ginter's house on the garage. I wish they would make up their minds. There have been Cardinals, Bluebirds, Song Sparrows, White Throated Sparrows, Field Sparrows, Juncos, Goldfinches, Myrtle Warblers, Blue Jays, Robins, and the Mockingbird. The Bluebirds were eating berries from Mrs. Ginter's hedge and the Mockingbird chased them away. The Mockingbird has been singing on our roof a number of times today. I noticed yesterday that the Judas trees are beginning to show color.

Thursday, March 16th

The Bluebirds were at the box again this morning. However, I'm sure they won't build in it because our two dogs have to be let out right beneath it and they bark at passers-by and romp and play right there. A pair of Blue Jays began building in a crotch in the water oak this morning. It is the same crotch they built in last spring. I took the old nest down after they were through raising their brood of four. I scared them unintentionally and they have not been back so far. The Cardinals, Bluebirds, Blue Jays, Myrtle Warblers, Song Sparrows, Field Sparrows, White Throated Sparrows,

Juncos, Robins, the Mockingbird, the Flicker, and a Field Lark have been in the garden today. The Bluebirds were taking a bath while I was in the garden this afternoon and so was the Robin.

Friday, March 17th

The Bluebirds began building in the house under my window this afternoon about four o'clock. Florence called me to look out the window and sure enough the pair had finally made up their minds to build. But at five o'clock the dogs rushed madly out barking at the top of their lungs and the birds left and have not been near the box this evening since. They were so amusing. She would collect several pieces of straw or fine grass and then go in and arrange it and then sometimes he would go in to inspect the job. He did not help, however. He followed here when she went to get the straw and when she came back he had the most protecting manner. Once he ran three English Sparrows away from the little maple. They were the most adorable pair. I do hope they'll decide to finish their nest and use it. I think the other pair of Bluebirds is building over at Mrs. Ginter's. A Blue Jay came to the birdbath today but they did not continue their nest they started yesterday. The Mockingbird as well as the Robins had baths in the birdbath today while I was watching. The Cardinals, Robins, Myrtle Warblers, Song Sparrows, Field Sparrows, White Throated Sparrows, Juncos, Chickadees, Bluebirds, Blue Jays, the Mockingbird, the Flicker and the Field Lark have been in the yard again today. I finished pruning all but about a dozen roses today. It is very late to prune them but it must be done and I'm having to prune them entirely to the ground on account of Brown Canker, etc. Florence called me late this afternoon to show me a Brown Thrasher in the woods behind the house.

Saturday, March 18th

The Bluebirds began their building at 8:30 this morning again and built off and on all day until about 5:00 o'clock. The Robins, Cardinals, Bluebirds, Blue Jays, Myrtle Warblers, Song Sparrows, White Throated Sparrows, Field Sparrows, Chickadees, Tufted Titmice, Brown Thrasher, Mockingbird, Flicker and meadowlark have been here today. I finished pruning my roses and used my new compressed air sprayer for the first time to spray them with Bordeaux mixture.

Sunday, March 19th

Today the Tufted Titmice and the Bluebirds were both looking at the house in the oak tree. The Bluebirds put more straw in their nest this morning but have not worked this afternoon. They seem not at all hurried. We put up two Wren or Chickadee boxes this afternoon at the back of the lower lot. There seem to be a good many chickadees around but I never see a Wren in the yard anymore, though I hear them often. There were Cardinals, Bluebirds, Blue Jays, Robins, Myrtle Warblers, Song Sparrows, White Throated Sparrows, Field Sparrows and the Mockingbird in the garden today. I saw a Mourning Dove just outside of the lot at the back.

Monday March 20th

The Bluebirds built again this morning and once today Florence saw her go in without any straw and stay a long time while he waited outside. We were wondering if she laid an egg. Once today she went in and brought out a feather so the Sparrows must have been trying to take it though we have not seen one go in. A pair of Robins have been quietly inspecting the possible nesting sites in all the little pines on the next lot today and they would stay in a spot they thought desirable for a long time. One particular crotch they came back to three times today. I have seen few birds today but the cardinals, Myrtle Warblers, Song Sparrows, field Sparrows, Bluebirds and Blue Jays were with us as well as the Mockingbird. Others were here I'm sure but I did not look out often enough to see them all. The Brown Thrasher took a bath in the birdbath this afternoon.

Tuesday, March 21st

The Bluebirds built a little this morning but did not come back but once or twice the rest of the day and I saw them trying to get in the Wren box (we put up Sunday) this afternoon. First he would try and then she would try. Of course, they couldn't get in. The Cardinals, Myrtle Warblers, Robins, Song Sparrows, White Throated Sparrows, Chickadees, Flickers, Bluebirds, Blue Jays, Juncos, Wrens, and Mockingbird were guests today.

Wednesday, March 22nd

The Bluebirds have been at the box all day today. Only once did I see them carry anything in but they have been there all day. The Flickers have been courting all day in the garden. The Mockingbird sings at the top of his lungs but has not mated as yet. The Cardinals, Bluebirds, Blue Jays, Myrtle Warblers, Juncos, Song Sparrows, White Throated Sparrows, Chickadees, Wrens, Flickers, Robins and the Mockingbird have been in the garden today. I also saw a Starling getting straw (I thought) for its nest, off of our lot.

Thursday, March 23rd

The Bluebirds started singing just outside our bedroom window at dawn this morning. They went in and out of the nest all morning but only took in straw a few times and he brought one out twice and threw them away. The Robins, Bluebirds, Cardinals and Myrtle Warblers and the Mockingbird have been much in evidence today but I have scarcely looked out of a window so I don't know how many others were here.

Friday, March 24th

Today I discovered a pair of Carolina Wrens building on the ground under a few limbs which had been cut off last fall. It is on my upper lot. I was very much excited over the discovery. The Bluebirds are still carrying straw into the box. The Cardinals, Bluebirds, Blue Jays, Robins, Myrtle Warblers, Song Sparrows, White Throated Sparrows, Mockingbird, Brown Thrasher, Carolina Wrens were in the garden today.

Saturday March 25th

The usual Cardinals, Bluebirds, Blue Jays, Robins, Myrtle Warblers, Song Sparrows, White Throated Sparrows, Wrens, Chickadees, Mockingbird and Brown Thrasher were in the garden today.

Sunday March 26th

The Brown Thrasher was singing beautifully today from the tiptop of the trees. I discovered where a pair of Mockingbirds is building a nest in a Cedar in Mr. Buston's backyard. The Bluebirds carried in a few straws again this morning. The Cardinals, Bluebirds, Blue Jays, Robins, Mockingbird, Song Sparrows, White Throated Sparrows, Wrens, Myrtle Warblers, Flickers, and the Brown Thrasher.

Monday, March 27th

The little Wrens are still building and I can't tell whether the Bluebirds have finished or not. They don't stay at the nest very much. The Cardinals must be building somewhere as they don't stay at the feeding trays as much as usual. I saw a little Chickadee looking in the Bluebird house that is already occupied today but it finally decided not to go in. The Cardinals, Chickadees, Myrtle Warblers, Bluebirds, Blue Jays, Robins, Mockingbirds, Flickers, Wrens, Song Sparrows, White Throated Sparrows, Field Sparrows, Juncos and the Brown Thrasher were in the garden today.

Tuesday, March 28th

I saw the pair of Brown Thrashers in the yard together for the first time today. I have not seen the little Wrens building today and I believe Oliver and his dog went too close to the nest yesterday. I am so sorry. The Cardinals, Bluebirds, Blue Jays, Myrtle Warblers, Song Sparrows, White Throated Sparrows, Wrens, Brown Thrashers, Mockingbirds and Robins were in the garden today.

Wednesday, March 29th

The Wrens came back late this afternoon and went into the place where they were building and I hope they will continue. The Bluebirds must be laying now as she goes in and stays quite a while and then they go off together. I spread fertilizer (8-4-4) over the front yard and around the shrubbery today and then wet it down. I also fertilized the roses. Most of them I used Vigor on but when that ran out I used 8-4-4 for the last few. I finished planting tuberose today and also the Narcissus bulbs which had been left in the attic and forgotten. The Cardinals, Bluebirds, Blue Jays, Robins, Mockingbirds, Brown Thrashers, Myrtle Warblers, Chickadees, Wrens, and one Goldfinch were in the garden today.

Thursday, March 30th

The Bluebirds, Blue Jays, Cardinals, Robins, Chickadees, Field Sparrows, White Throated Sparrows, Mockingbirds, Myrtle Warblers, Brown Thrashers and Cedar Waxwings came today. I had not seen a flock of Waxwings for some time. I saw a pair of chickadees looking at one of the houses but they seemed afraid to go into it. I planted on package each of salmon, white and yellow zinnias today in the cold frame. I am having to water on account of the drought.

Friday, March 31st

I think the little Bluebird has begun to brood over the eggs now. There was a little Field Sparrow in the garden today but I did not see a Song Sparrow and that is unusual. The Cardinals, White Throated Sparrows, Robins, Mockingbirds, Brown Thrashers, Bluebirds, Blue Jays, Chickadees and Myrtle Warblers were in the garden today.

Bird Lists

Birds I have seen in my garden:

Mockingbird
Cardinal
Brown Thrasher
Catbird
Robin
Hummingbird
Mourning Dove
Meadow Lark
Towhee
Carolina Chickadee
Carolina Wren
Bluebird
Blue Jay
Cedar Waxwings
Flicker
Woodthrush
American Goldfinch
Blue Winged Warbler
Wood Pewee
Yellowbilled Cuckoo
Phoebe
Song Sparrow
Slate Colored Junco
Downy Woodpecker
Golden Crowned Kinglet
Myrtle Warbler
Hermit Thrush
Tufted Titmouse
White Throated Sparrow
Field Sparrow
Loggerhead Shrike
Veery
Whip Poor Will
Nighthawk – flying low over garden
Purple Grackle
Ruby Crowned Kinglet
Starling
Bob White
Maryland Yellow Throat
Black and White Warbler
Crow
Cape May Warbler
White Eyed Vireo
Orchard Oriole
Black Poll Warbler

House Wren
Kingbird
Green Heron
Blue Gray Gnatcatcher
Red Headed Woodpecker
Porula Warbler
Yellow Warbler
Prairie Warbler
Chipping Sparrow
Yellow Throated Vireo
Purple Finch
Acadian Flycatcher
Oven Bird
Great Crested Flycatcher
Palm Warbler
Yellow Throated Warbler
Hooded Warbler
Solitary Vireo (blue headed)
Red Breasted Nuthatch
Brown Creeper
Hairy Woodpecker
Sharp Shinned Hawk
Red Eyed Vireo
Magnolia Warbler
Restart (female May 14, 1939)
Coopers Hawk
Kentucky Warbler
Summer Tanager
Chuck-Will's-Widow (female April 16, 1940)
White Breasted Nuthatch

Seen by Dr. Francis Craigbill in my garden May 7th, 1940:

Yellow Breasted Chat
Scarlet Tanager
Olive Backed Thrush

Chimney Swifts (circling around chimney)
Male Barn Swallow (flying low over garden)
Purple Martins (flying over Martin box)
Screech Owl
Canadian Warbler
Blackburnian Warbler – October 15, 1940
Fox Sparrow – March 21, 1941
Black Billed Cuckoo
Black Throated Blue Warbler – October 19th, 1941
Brown Headed Nuthatch (nested 1939 in fence post)
Pine Siskin
Worm Eating Warbler (April 17, 1942)
Yellow Palm Warbler

Louisiana Water Thrush
Kingfisher

Birds I have recognized elsewhere:

Carolina Junco (at little Switzerland)
Chestnut-sided Warbler (at little Switzerland)
Chipping Sparrow (at little Switzerland)
Downy Woodpecker (at little Switzerland)
Hairy Woodpecker (at end of street)
Crow (at end of street)
Pine Warbler (on vacant lot near end of street)
Yellow Warbler (on creek at end of street)

In the woods behind house, down on the little "branch":

Red Eyed Vireo
White Eyed Vireo
Yellow Breasted Chat

Black Poll Warbler (in woods back of house down on "branch")
Red Headed Woodpecker (in Hamilton Jones's yard)
Rough Winged Swallow (on telephone wire on Selwyn Avenue)
Scarlet Tanager (in my lot at little Switzerland)

At Lakewood:

Solitary Sandpiper
Killdeer
Belted Kingfisher

At end of street:

Blue Gray Gnatcatcher
Indigo Bunting

White Breasted Nuthatch (at little Switzerland)

Redstart (at end of street)

Bobolink (at the Morrison farm)

Cowbird (at the Morrison farm)

In Texas and near Uvalde:

Inca Dove
Purple Finch
Texas Beswick Wren
Black Crested Titmouse
Texan Cardinal
Verdin
Vesper Sparrow
Blue Grosbeak
White Winged Dove
House Finch
Painted Bunting
Harris Hawk
Sparrow Hawk
White Crowned Sparrow
Golden Cheeked Warbler
Black Throated Sparrow
Road Runner

Ground Dove
Brown Pelicans (crossing over Bay St. Louis, La)
Willetts
Little Blue heron
Caspian Tern (or Royal Tern)
Barn Owl
American Coot
Osprey

Birds I have seen eating my Ligustrum japonica berries:

Mockingbird
Cedar Waxwings
Myrtle warblers
Bluebirds
Purple Finches

Birds I have seen eating my black walnuts:

Bluebirds
Mockingbirds
Myrtle Warblers
Carolina Wrens
Cardinals
Pine Warblers
Tufted Titmice
Catbirds
Chickadees
Brown Thrashers

Birds have seen eating my Mulberries:

Cedar waxwings
Robins
Catbirds
Mockingbirds
Brown Thrashers
Wood Thrushes

Birds I have seen eating my Amoor River Privet berries:

Bluebirds
Cedar Waxwings
Robins
Mockingbirds
Purple Finches
White Throated Sparrows

Birds I have seen eating my grain:

Cardinals
Blue Jays
Brown Thrashers
Towhees
Song Sparrow

White Throated Sparrow
Slate Colored Junco
Crow
English Sparrows
Field Sparrows
Mourning Doves
Red Winged Blackbird
Cowbird

Birds I have seen eating my peanut butter:

Myrtle Warblers
Cardinals
Song Sparrows
English Sparrows
Catbirds
Brown Thrashers
Starlings
Grackles
Carolina Wren
Bluebird
Wood Thrush
Robins
Mockingbird
Towhee
Pine Warbler

Birds I have seen eating my apple:

Mockingbirds
Hermit Thrush
Cardinal
Catbirds
Brown Thrashers
Bluebird

Birds I have seen eating my suet:

Carolina Chickadees
Carolina Wrens
Myrtle Warblers
Tufted Titmouse
Mockingbirds
English Sparrows
Slate Colored Juncos
Song Sparrows
Catbirds (& feeding it to young)
Blue Jays
Maryland Yellow Throats (& feeding it to young)
White Throated Sparrows
Cape May Warbler
Wood Thrush (& feeding it to young)
Robin (& feeding it to young)

Brown Thrasher
Cardinal (a baby eating it)
Starlings
Hermit Thrush
Bluebird
Downy Woodpecker
Red Breasted Nuthatch
Oven Bird
Pine Warbler

Birds I have seen eating my wild cherries:

Catbirds
Brown Thrashers
Mockingbirds
Robins
Wood Thrush
Starlings
Purple Grackle
Flickers
Blue Jays
Cardinals
Bluebirds

Birds I have seen eating my American cheese:

Wood Thrush
Cardinals
Catbirds
Brown Thrashers
Robins
Bluebirds
Pine Warbler
Mockingbirds
Field Sparrows
Carolina Wrens

(The above also seen feeding it to their babies)

Myrtle Warblers
Oven Bird (during migration)
Towhees
Starlings
English Sparrows
Chipping Sparrows
White Throated Sparrows

Journal 2: April 1st, 1933 to May 31st, 1933

April 1st, 1933

My lilacs are beginning to open and it is a thrilling event. I was so busy that I saw few birds today but the Cardinals, Bluebirds, Robins, Mockingbirds and Brown Thrashers as well as Chickadees and Myrtle Warblers were with us.

April 2nd, 1933

Eddie and I went for a walk in the woods behind our house this morning and for a walk on Emmett's farm this afternoon and we found a lot of wild Muscari or grape hyacinths. The Cardinals, Bluebirds, Myrtle Warblers, Robins, Chickadees, Mockingbirds, Brown Thrashers were in the garden today and I suppose a great many others that I did not see.

April 3rd, 1933

Today Florence saw a Brown Thrasher and a Robin bathing together in the birdbath. The Cardinals, Myrtle Warblers, Robins, Mockingbirds, Brown Thrashers, Bluebirds, Blue Jays and Chickadees have been here today.

April 4, 1933

The Cardinals, Bluebirds, Blue Jays, Myrtle Warblers, Robins, Mockingbirds, Brown Thrashers, Wrens were with us today.

April 5th

I saw a Robin taking straw to the pine where the Mockingbirds nested last year. The Bluebirds are brooding diligently and they should hatch out about the fifteenth I think. The Cardinals, Bluebirds, Blue Jays, Myrtle Warblers, Mockingbirds, Brown Thrashers, Chickadees, Flickers, wrens were here today.

Friday, April 7th

There was much excitement today because of my discovery of a Maryland Yellow Throat hopping around the ground and inquiring into what I was doing at the hot beds. It was the first I had ever seen and I watched him for fully half an hour. I had the field glasses but I could have recognized him without them because he stayed within fifteen feet of me the entire time. He was not as restless and hard to see as most of the warblers and he was mostly on the ground or in low bushes and during the half hour he did not get more than eight feet off of the ground. He was such a lovely little thing. There were the usual Cardinals, Bluebirds, Blue Jays, Robins, flickers, Myrtle Warblers, Mockingbirds, Brown Thrashers, White Throated Sparrows and the Starlings and the Maryland Yellow Throat.

Saturday, April 8th

Before breakfast this morning I looked out of my window and discovered a Robin building in a pine about 25 feet from my window in full view. I knew they were contemplating it but I did not know they had started. What little I can see of it looks as though it was far advanced in the building but I cannot tell. She seems to be carrying broomstraw. I have seen him go in but have not seen him take anything. She fought with another female and also chased a pair of Blue Jays off the lot. Then just outside the window I saw a Black and white Warbler in the little maple. The maple is not in leaf yet (though the buds have begun to look very green and have begun to swell) so I got an excellent view of her. I think it was a female but, of course, I can't be sure. It was the first I'd ever seen and was a big thrill.

Sunday, April 9th (Palm Sunday)

Eddie and I walked in the woods today and the dogwoods were in full bloom. We found a beautiful old "Hog Plum" tree with some small ones under it and I'm going to transplant several. I saw an olive backed Thrush in the woods and lots of others that I see always. Then I saw the bird whose voice has been intriguing me for days but I could not see him distinctly enough to identify him. The Cardinals, Bluebirds, Blue Jays, Robins, Myrtle Warblers, Mockingbirds, Brown Thrashers, Field Sparrows, and the Maryland Yellow Throat were in the garden today.

Monday, April 10th

The Cardinals, Bluebirds, Blue Jays, Robins, Myrtle Warblers, Mockingbirds and Brown Thrashers and the little Maryland Yellow throat were in the garden when I went out to fill the bird baths and feeding trays and to feed the fish. The Music Club met here tonight and the program was splendid. The house looked lovely and there were about sixty here.

Tuesday, April 11th

I stayed in bed most of today and saw very few birds but the cardinals, Robins, Bluebirds, Blue Jays, Myrtle Warblers, Chickadees, Mockingbirds, Brown Thrashers, Maryland Yellow-Throat and the Carolina Wrens were here.

Wednesday, April 12th

I had lunch with Mary Jane Croyton today. The Cardinals, Bluebirds, Robins, Myrtle Warblers, Mockingbirds, Brown Thrashers, Wrens, and the bird that I cannot identify were in the garden. A White Throated Sparrow was here also, the first I had seen in some time.

Thursday, April 13th

The Cardinals, Bluebirds, Blue Jays, Robins, Myrtle Warblers, Chickadees, Wrens, Mockingbirds, Brown Thrashers, Maryland Yellow Throat were here today. The brown Thrasher was on the tray for the first time this year though he stays in the garden a great deal and they take their baths here regularly.

Friday, April 14th

The little Maryland Yellow Throat stays in the garden practically all the time now and sings the livelong day. I hope they'll decide to build here. A pair of Blue Jays are hanging around one of my pines a great deal but have not begun to build. Two female Robins have been following one male all day and the females fight each other over him. The Cardinals, Bluebirds, Blue Jays, Robins, Brown Thrashers, Mockingbirds, Myrtle Warblers, Chickadees, Wrens were our visitors.

Saturday, April 15th

The Cardinals, Bluebirds, Blue Jays, Brown Thrashers, Mockingbirds, Robins, Wrens, Myrtle Warblers and Maryland Yellow-Throat were here today. While I was working in my rose garden today a pair of Brown Thrashers, a pair of Cardinals and a Wren were in the water oak right over me and the cardinal and the Wren were both singing at the top of their voices. It was so funny because they were singing so loudly and at the same time as though to drown out each other's song.

Sunday, April 16th (Easter)

I think the Bluebirds must have begun hatching today because the male and female went back and forth but not often so I'm sure they couldn't all have hatched. Eddie made a tray and put it under the nest with mashed hard boiled egg about three o'clock this afternoon but we did not see them touch it though they went back and forth to the nest as usual. A female hummingbird came to the garden this afternoon about six o'clock. Mrs. Ginter and I were sitting on the terrace having tea when she said "Oh, look at the Hummingbird!" It was at my Iris. Eddie and I made an artificial flower tonight and are going to put honey in it. I'm afraid the tiny bottle we have in it is too small for even the Hummingbird's use, but we'll try it. We were very much thrilled over it. The Cardinals, Bluebirds, Blue Jays, Robins, Mockingbirds, brown Thrashers, Myrtle Warblers, Wrens, Goldfinch and the little Hummingbird were here. The Blue Jays have found my Robin's nest and I'm worried for them. The Robin happened to be on the nest when the Jay came to it and a big fight ensued with the male Robin coming to her assistance. The Blue Jays are so perfectly lovely in appearance that it seems a shame for them to be so incorrigible.

Monday, April 17th

The Cardinals, Bluebirds, Blue Jays, Brown Thrashers, Mockingbirds, Robins, Myrtle Warblers, a Maryland Yellow-Throat and a Field Lark were our visitors. I saw the Maryland Yellow Throat eating my suet today for the first time. I found a Cardinal feather in the "Mustard patch" today. I suppose one must have lost it when I saw a pair of males

fighting today. It is the most brilliant thing and seems much more brilliant than it looks on the bird. The Brown Thrashers were on the feeding tray today. They don't often go to it but they bathe in the garden every day.

Tuesday, April 18th

There were Cardinals, Bluebirds, Blue Jays, Brown Thrashers, Mockingbirds, Robins, Myrtle Warblers, Wrens, Field Sparrows, a Maryland Yellow Throat, a Starling in the garden today. I have heard the Wood Thrush singing in the woods behind our house for several days. The pale blue Iris, Clara Butt Tulips, blue Phlox, yellow Siberian Wallflower, pink and white clove pinks, pale pin verbena, and white Pyrethrum are in bloom. The garden looks lovely. The first bud in the climbing American Beauty was open today.

Wednesday, April 19th

Early this morning, before breakfast, Florence called me to look out on the wire and it was a pair of Catbirds that had come back. There was much rejoicing because we had been looking for them. Last year they built in our hedge and raised two sets of babies successfully and they were well-fed, happy babies, too because their parents raised them mostly on hardboiled egg which we kept at the nest all the time. I know that they are the same pair as well as if they were banded because as soon as they came they went to all their old haunts and bathed in the bird bath and fed on the trays and were just as tame as they could be. They came up on the terrace just like they did last year and within half an hour they began looking for a nesting sight in the hedge. They seemed as glad to be back as we were to have them, and when we went out in the garden they came near and sang. It is simply thrilling to have them back and I do hope they'll build and spend the summer like they did last year. I believe they will unless something unforeseen happens. Today there were Cardinals, Bluebirds, Blue Jays, Robins, Brown Thrashers, Mockingbirds, Myrtle Warblers, White Throated Sparrows, Field Sparrows, Maryland Yellow Throats, Catbirds, Goldfinches, Wrens in the garden.

Thursday, April 20th

I had another thrill today in the visit of a pair of Wood Thrush. I stood very still and they came within fifteen feet of me and stayed in the garden about half an hour. I also saw a Meadow Lark in my garden. A Brown Thrasher tried to kill a baby English Sparrow that was on the ground and that I had been watching. Its parents were frantic and I scared the Brown Thrasher away. Much as I dislike the English Sparrows, I couldn't bare to see him tortured in front of his helpless parents. The Cardinals, Bluebirds, Blue Jays, Brown Thrashers, Mockingbirds, Robins, Myrtle Warblers, White Throated Sparrows, Field Sparrows, Catbirds, Wrens, Goldfinches, Wood Thrush, Meadow Lark, Maryland Yellow Throats were here today. We are worried about the Bluebirds. I have not seen him today and have only seen her once. She came out of the box the only time I have seen her today.

Friday, April 21st

We are distressed to death over the disappearance of the father Bluebird. He is so beautiful and we are worried for the welfare of his babies. It was very cold today and she could not find enough for them. We put mashed egg yolk out and, also, Eddie dug earthworms but she would not sue them and struggled to find insects for her babies. She is pitifully overworked with four babies. While Eddie was digging for the worms, the Mockingbird and Robin flew down right beside him looking in the freshly dug places for worms. Our unusual visitors today were the Wood Thrush and a Crow. There were also Cardinals, Bluebird, Blue Jays, Robins, Myrtle Warblers, Mockingbirds, Brown Thrasher, Chickadees, Starlings, White Throated Sparrows, Field Sparrows Meadow Larks, Catbirds, Maryland Yellow Throat, Wood Thrush and Crow. The Starlings are beginning to come too freely to the garden. Peggy and John have a lovely boy, John Garland Pollard III, born this afternoon at 6:30. I went out tonight to pick her some Clove Pinks by flashlight but will have to finish in the morning.

Saturday, April 22nd

When I went out in the garden to finish picking the Clove Pinks early this morning the pair of Wood Thrush were out there in my flower beds again and I have come to the conclusion that they like it because I have leaf mold spread all over my beds. I have also seen them in the weeping willow over the birdbath. They must know where it is though I have never caught them at it. Florence and Eddie both saw them this morning and one of them came within ten feet of the

house. I was so excited over having a Wood Thrush literally at my back door. I have not seen the Hummingbird since Sunday, the first time I had seen it this year. The Cardinals, Bluebird, Blue Jays, Robins, Myrtle Warblers, White Throated Sparrows, Field Sparrows, Mockingbirds, Brown Thrashers, Maryland Yellow-Throat, Wood Thrush, Chickadees, Black and White Warbler, Meadow Lark, Starlings, Catbirds.

Sunday, April 23rd

The Wood Thrush has been in the garden off and on all day today and while about ten of us were having tea on the terrace this afternoon it was within twenty feet of us in the flowerbeds and we could see him plainly. I was delighted that someone else could see him in garden because it is so unusual for a Wood Thrush to stay in our garden. We took a long walk in the woods this morning and we saw a Yellow Warbler, the first I had ever seen. He was down near the creek at the end of the street. We found a nest with one egg, a Cardinal's I think. Of course, we didn't touch the nest nor anything near it so we're going to watch developments. We also found a Flicker's nest and a number of old nests. The Wood Thrushes seem very plentiful in these woods. The Cardinals, Bluebird, Blue Jays, Robins, Myrtle Warblers, Mockingbirds, Brown Thrashers, Catbirds, Wood Thrush, Maryland Yellow-Throat, Starlings, White Throated Sparrows, Hummingbird were here today. The Catbirds are very fond of the suet. They found the hardboiled egg I put out for the Bluebird and enjoyed it but the little Bluebird would not touch it.

Monday, April 24th

The Mockingbird sang almost all night last night and it was not moonlight either. When we went to bed at eleven he was singing and every time we were awake during the night he was singing. I wanted so much to get up and take down his song because it was a chance of a lifetime. He was a finished musician, his notes clear as crystal and it was the most remarkable performance I have ever heard. I listened to him from three o'clock until four in the pitch darkness and his song was exquisitely lovely. There is as much difference in the songs of individual birds even of the same species as there is between Colatura Sopranos, for instance and this was a marvelous singer. I had another thrill early this morning in the visit of a Cap May Warbler. It was eating suet on the Maple close to my dining room window. The Wood Thrush awakened me at 6:30 this morning by singing under my window. It was a beautiful way to be awakened, though a little early. I have not been outside but once today but have seen the Cardinals, Bluebird, Blue Jays, Robins, Myrtle Warblers, Brown Thrashers, Catbirds, Starlings, White Throated Sparrows, and Wood Thrush. I have heard the Chickadees and Maryland Yellow Throat in the garden but have not seen them.

Tuesday, April 25th

The Cardinals, Bluebirds, Blue Jays, Robins, Myrtle Warblers, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Mockingbirds, Wrens, Maryland Yellow Throats, Starlings, White Throated Sparrows, Wood Thrush, Chickadees, were here today. We fed the little Bluebird 125 tiny grub worms which she gave to her babies. We put them on the screen wire under the box and she would take in from 5 to ten at a time and feed them to her babies. She also fed them hard-boiled egg.

Wednesday, April 26th

The Cardinals, Bluebirds, Blue Jays, Robins, Myrtle Warblers, Brown Thrashers, Mockingbirds, Catbirds, Wrens, Maryland Yellow-Throats, Chickadees, Starlings, White Throated Sparrows, Wood Thrush were in the garden. We have been feeding the Bluebird grubs from the manure pile again today.

Thursday, April 27th

This is our sixth wedding anniversary and a very happy one. Eddie gave me a book of Water and Game Birds and Birds of Prey, also the April Geographic which has a fine article on Woodpeckers. He also gave me some money to get more cups with, but the cups were gone. I have had Cardinals, Bluebirds, Blue Jays, Robins, Myrtle Warblers, Wrens, Chickadees, Maryland Yellow Throats, Starlings, Brown Thrashers, Mockingbirds, Catbirds, Wood Thrush, White Throated Sparrows, and a female Downy Woodpecker in the garden today. I put 91 grubs in the tray and watched the mother Bluebird feed them to her four babies in less than two minutes.

Friday, April 28th

This morning the Bluebirds were gone and I'm afraid a cat got them though it is time for them to leave the nest. Of course, I'm not sure but I found scratches up the post and also a few hairs on the little maple tree beside it and I found two or three feathers. I am simply sick over it. I have not seen the mother Bluebird today. I had a nice thing happen though' today. I found the little Carolina Wrens nest with little babies in it. It is adorable with its little opening on the side. I watched them build it but thought they had deserted it and was afraid to look. They looked as though' they were very new but I couldn't count them as the nest opened at the side. The Cardinals, Bluebirds, Blue Jays, Robins, Myrtle Warblers, Wrens, Chickadees, Maryland Yellow Throats, Mockingbirds, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Woodthrush, Starlings, White Throated Sparrows were in the garden.

Saturday, April 29th

I had Miles cut green brier and pile around the Wrens' nest to protect it from cats as it is right on the ground. We also cut the lower limbs from the pine where the Robin is nesting and tied the briers all around the truck to keep the cats down. Mrs. Ginter has seen cats in our yard. I have seen the cardinals, Myrtle Warblers, Bluebirds, Blue Jays, Robins, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Mockingbirds, Wrens, Chickadees, Maryland Yellow Throats, Wood Thrush, Starlings, White Throated Sparrows in the garden. I saw the catbirds taking straw to the Cedar by the gate leading from the garden to the driveway. I don't dare to hope Mrs. Ginter says a pair is building the shrubbery under her kitchen window.

Sunday, April 30th

We went to early Communion this morning and then to the woods. I recognized three birds which I had never known before, a White Eyed Vireo, a Red Eyed Vireo and a Yellow Breasted Chat. The Cardinal had not laid any more eggs. There was only one, still. All of the usual birds were in the garden, though, I didn't see but one Myrtle Warbler and they are usually plentiful. I also had one new visitor, I think it was a Black Throated Green Warbler but I am not entirely certain.

Monday, May 1st

Tragedy stalked into our garden today and we have been very unhappy over the happenings. I hear the little Wren giving her alarm notes and I went to see but could not find anything and I went off and watched and for fifteen minutes she cried and I went back but could not see anything. Then Eddie came and he examined the bush closely and found a Black Snake. We killed it and cut it open and found that it had eaten four of her babies. Oh, we were heartbroken. I went to the nest and there was only one blessed baby left. I had Florence watch the nest with the field glasses and the little mother finally got enough courage to venture in and feed it but the poor little thing sat there for forty minutes with the worm in her mouth before she finally took it in. She has been feeding it about every half hour all afternoon. We are distressed for fear the snake's mother will come and get this last baby. It has no feathers, just a little down on its head. I saw the White Eyed Vireo in my garden today, also a Loggerhead Shrike and a pair of Crested Flycatchers but I do not know whether they were the great Crested Flycatchers or not. The Cardinals, Bluebirds, Blue Jays, Robins, Wrens, Maryland Yellow Throats, Mockingbirds, Brown Thrashers, Catbirds, White Throated Sparrows, Starlings, Wood Thrush, Chickadees, White Eyed Vireo, Loggerhead Shrike, and the Flycatchers were here. Tonight as we sat in the garden we heard a Whip-Poor-Will and then he flew over the garden quite low, only a couple of feet above the hedge. I was so thrilled. He had a wide wing spread. There have been Swallows flying over the garden for the last few days. I cannot tell what kind. I have an idea that they are not Swallows, but Chimney Swifts. They make such a screeching noise. Every day has something happy in it to help and today it was Florence's discovery of where the Maryland Yellow-Throats are building. The nest is an exquisite tiny affair of grasses nestled right down in a clump of Iris. The Iris is in full bloom, pale blue and it is an exquisite contrast to the lovely little birds. It is not more than twenty feet from the kitchen door and we pass within a few feet of it many times a day. I had been seeing them around there every day but had not seen anything in their mouths. I hope the babies can be reared there in safety. If there is any possible way to protect them, we will.

Tuesday, May 2nd

I watched for the little mother Wren this morning and she never did come so I went to the nest and found her last baby dead. Something had gnawed it in three places. Probably a field mouse or it is possible that the snake could have done it before I caught him, but I don't think so because I looked at it and it did not seem to be injured after we killed the snake. It is such a shame because the little mother was so brave. She really was an example of wonderful courage because she was desperately afraid and in spite of it she carried food to her last baby. The Cardinals, Bluebirds, Blue Jays, Robins, Catbirds, Crown Thrashers, Mockingbirds, Goldfinches, Maryland Yellow Throats, Wrens, Starlings, Chickadees, Wood Thrush, White Throated Sparrows, and the White Eyed Vireo were in the garden as well as the bird I haven't been able to identify so far. We had a rain and hailstorm with high wind tonight and I went out after the hail had subsided but it was still raining gently to see if the Robins had come to grieve. They were alright and the mother was riding the storm. I was contented then to go to bed.

Wednesday, May 3rd (Eddie's 33rd Birthday)

There were Cardinals, White Throated Sparrows, Robins, Blue Birds, Brown Thrashers, Catbirds, Mocking Birds, Wrens, Chickadees, Maryland Yellow-Throats, Field Sparrows, Starlings, Goldfinches, Blue Jays, White Eyed Vireo, and Wood Thrush in the garden today. It was Eddie's birthday and Ben and Jane, Mrs. Blair and the Baby had dinner with us. I played over the radio tonight and also accompanied Amelia Burns for the garden club program.

Thursday, May 4th

The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Mocking Birds, Wrens, Maryland Yellow Throats, Field Sparrows, Chickadees, Myrtle Warblers, Starlings, Goldfinches and Woodthrush were in the garden and I found a Field Sparrows nest!! on the lot next to ours. It is a lovely little thing of grass and I think they must not have quite finished it, though' it looks finished. I watched them until they went to it. I wish birds did not build so near the ground. This is practically on the ground.

Friday, May 5th

It rained today but I saw a few birds, the Cardinals, Blue Jays, Blue Birds, Robins, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Mockingbirds, Wrens, Chickadees, Maryland Yellow Throats, Field Sparrows, Starlings and Goldfinches in the garden. I also saw a bird which I cannot identify. It was yellowish green all over except wings and tail which were grayish, and its head was slightly grayish toward the forehead. It was about the size of an English Sparrow apparently but with a longer tail and built more like a Scarlet Tanager. I thought it might perhaps be a female but I can't tell.

Saturday, May 6th

While we were having breakfast in bed this morning we saw an Orchard Oriole in one of our pines and we were thrilled to death. The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Catbirds, Mockingbirds, Brown Thrashers, Wrens, Chickadees, Maryland Yellow Throats, Field Sparrows, Starlings, Woodthrush and Orchard Oriole were in the garden today. We took a Blue Bird box out of the oak and put it out in the open in Eddie's potato patch tonight.

Sunday, May 7th

We went to the woods early this morning and enjoyed watching the birds. Evidently the Cardinal deserted her nest because for three Sundays there has been just one egg and no bird near. We discovered a Brown Thrasher on its nest. Eddie accidentally frightened a Wood Thrush from its nest about thirty feet back of our fence in the woods. He did not know her nest was there and just happened to walk within a few feet of it on his way to the woods. I hope she will go back to it. The pair have been in the garden all afternoon and he gets on the wire and sings beautifully. I saw a Black Poll Warbler today for the first time and several other birds that I did not definitely identify. The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Catbirds, Mocking Birds, Brown Thrashers, Wood Thrush, Field Sparrows, Chickadees, Starlings were in the garden today. Eddie discovered sticks poking out of a bird box that Emmett built me and we hope the Carolina Wren is responsible as I saw her there several days ago.

Monday, May 8th

Florence saw a pair of Blue Birds on the box, which we put up Saturday night, when she came to work this morning and sure enough they began building this afternoon about four o'clock. She worked until real late. A House Wren (the first I had ever seen) came this afternoon and immediately began building in the house under our bedroom window, the one in which the Blue Birds had the four babies this spring. He would take in some sticks and then sing as though he was exceedingly pleased with the results of his labor. I also had another thrill in the visit of a Black Poll Warbler. Florence discovered an egg in the Maryland Yellow-Throats nest this morning. I saw where a pair of Brown Thrashers has a nest on the lot next to ours just about a foot and a half off of the ground. I do hope the little Field Sparrows and all the birds which build close to the ground will have better luck than the little Carolina Wrens. The Field Sparrows had two eggs in their nest today. The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Catbirds, Mocking Birds, Brown Thrashers, Woodthrush, Chickadees, Maryland Yellow-Throats, House Wren, Black Poll Warbler, Field Sparrows, Starlings were in the garden. Billing Ginter and the children down the street robbed a Robin's nest this afternoon and tried to burn the babies. One was dead, the other nearly dead and one seemed alright. I put it back in the nest and finally the mother came back to the two living ones.

Tuesday, May 9th

I saw a Kingbird in the garden this morning, the first I had ever seen. It was on the wire over the terrace. There were several Black Poll Warblers in the garden again today in the young pine trees, on their way to their Northern nesting grounds. The Woodthrush seems very much at home in the garden. The Blue Jays go to the feeding trays more than I like. There were two eggs in the Maryland Yellow-Throats' nest today. There were three eggs in the Field Sparrow's nest this morning. There were Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Mocking Birds, Field Sparrows, House Wrens, Woodthrush, Chickadees, Maryland Yellow-Throats, Starlings, Black Poll Warblers, Kingbird. The little Wren is building industriously and I hope he'll find a mate. The little female Blue Bird is building her nest but the male only came near her two or three times today. I don't know where he was but he was not in the yard.

Wednesday, May 10th

The little Field Sparrow is sitting and so is the Maryland Yellow-Throat. The Robins look as though they are about ready to leave the nest. The little female Blue Bird sits on the wire over the garden or works at her nest all by herself and he has only been here three times today. The Wren has been having such a hard time with the English Sparrows that we cut a smaller hold in a piece of a cigar box and I painted it dark green with watercolors to match the color of the box. We put it over the opening with thumbtacks and it seemed to suit the Wren's taste exactly because he went right on with his building. The Sparrows tried and tried to get in and finally it fell off but we tack it back on more securely and it works beautifully. The nest is full of twigs up to the opening in front but a little depression is left at the rear. The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jay, Robins, Wood Thrush, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Mocking Birds, Field Sparrows, Maryland Yellow-Throats, Chickadees, House Wren, Starlings were in the garden today. I played over WBF again tonight.

Thursday, May 11th

The Woodthrush was on her nest this morning and we were delighted. Her nest seems to have some dead Iris leaves in it and I'm sure she must have gotten them out of my borders because they run thru them all of the time and I never know when I'm going to startle one. The Chimney swifts have been circling over our Chimney for several days and they knocked a little soot down into the living room today. I hope they like my chimney. The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Wood Thrush, Maryland Yellow Throats, House Wren, Catbirds, Brown Thrasher, Mocking Bird, Field Sparrows, Starlings and Chimney Swifts (of course the Chimney Swifts did not build in the garden, but in the chimney).

Friday, May 12th

The Robins left the nest, one at a time today about an hour or so apart. The first one that left the nest finally got on a lower branch of a pine about thirty feet from the nest and stayed there until a quarter of six this afternoon. One went into Mrs. Ginter's lilac bush and stayed and she put a pan with hardboiled egg near it and the mother Robin fed it the egg. I put some near the first one and watched the mother use it. The storm knocked the nest with one baby out of the

pine in the Frothingham's yard, the nest that was robbed before. The nest was flattened and wet and the baby on the damp ground. I took a stepladder and lined the nest with cotton and then with pine needles to keep the dampness away from the baby bird and tied the nest securely back in place and put the baby in it. Finally the mother came back to it. Poor thing, she has had her share of trials with her babies. Some one or something has robbed the Field Sparrow's nest and I am simply sick about it. It seems such a shame that so few birds are successful in their rearing of babies. The nest was in perfect condition so I'm afraid some one stole the eggs or a snake got them. The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Wood Thrush, Catbirds, Mocking Birds, Brown Thrashers, Field Sparrows, Chickadees, Orchard Oriole, House Wren, Starlings, Maryland Yellow Throats were in the garden today.

Saturday, May 13th

The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Wood Thrush, Catbirds, Mocking Birds, Brown Thrashers, Orchard Oriole, White Eyed Vireo, Maryland Yellow Throats, Chickadees, House Wren, Starlings were in the garden today. The little female Blue Bird is by herself all the time and sits on the wire so forlornly. The Catbirds began building yesterday in the Cedar by the back gate. I'm glad they have, at last, decided to settle down. The little House Wren sings merrily all day long but has no mate so far.

Sunday, May 14th (Mother's Day)

Eddie and I walked in the woods today and I found a Black and White Warbler's nest with four babies. Eddie found a Wood Thrush's nest with three eggs. We watched until she came back to sit on it to see. He also found a White Eyed Vireo's nest with babies in it and we found a Yellow Breasted Chat Bird's nest. It had nothing in it but was newly completed. The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Wood Thrush, Chickadees, Maryland Yellow-Throats, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Mocking Birds, House Wren, Starlings, were here today.

Monday, May 15th

Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Wood Thrush, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Mocking Birds, Chickadees, Maryland Yellow-Throats, Field Sparrows, Starlings, House Wren were our guests. The English Sparrows were fighting my House Wren today. Every night lately the Mocking Bird and the Yellow Breasted Chat Bird have been singing. The Catbirds are still building. The Maryland Yellow Throats are sitting and the Blue Bird must be laying from her actions and the House Wren seems to be about through with his nest but still no wife. The little female Blue Bird is by herself all of the time except for a few times a day when he pays us a visit. He seems to come from down the street and I can see him in the air a long time before he arrives. I'm sure he's bigamous.

Tuesday, May 16th

The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Wood Thrush, Catbirds, Mocking Birds, Brown Thrashers, Chickadees, Maryland Yellow Throats, Field Sparrows, Starlings, and Orchard Oriole were here today but my House Wren was not here and we missed his cherry little bubbling song. I hope he hasn't deserted us. One of the baby Robins was on the feeding tray today. Of course he didn't know what it was because he can't feed himself.

Wednesday, May 17th

We went to the Flower Show tonight but it was not as good as last year. I saw the Robin feeding his baby suet today and I was thrilled as this is the first time I've ever seem him near the suet. I suppose the big fat hungry baby has taxed his "worm-finding" ability until he's willing to feed it almost anything. I was awakened about five o'clock this morning by the little House Wren back at his nest and singing at the top of his voice. We were so delighte4d but he has found no mate. He stayed around his nest most of the day and sang. The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Catbirds, Mocking Birds, Brown Thrashers, Robins, Wood Thrush, House Wren, Chickadees, Field Sparrows, Starling, Maryland Yellow Throats were in the garden today.

Thursday, May 18th

I saw the Robin feeding its baby suet again today. I saw the Wood Thrush eating suet the other day for the first time and I was surprised as I had never heard that he did. The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Wood Thrush, Orchard

Oriole, catbirds, Mockingbirds, Brown Thrashers, House Wren, Maryland Yellow-Throats, Chickadees, Starlings, Goldfinches were in the garden today.

Friday, May 19th

Miles and I worked in the garden today and my eyes were so glued to the earth that I didn't watch my birds very much. However, I saw the usual Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Wood Thrush, Orchard Oriole, Starlings, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Mocking Birds, House Wren, Maryland Yellow-Throats, Chickadees, and Goldfinches.

Saturday, May 20th

There was a pair of Humming Birds in the garden this afternoon, the first I have seen for sometime. Including today we have trapped 106 English Sparrows since we borrowed the trap about three weeks ago. However, we have not decreased the numbers enough to be even slightly apparent. The Maryland Yellow Throat is still sitting. Our House Wren is building over at Oliver's now. I think he's trying to fill up all of the boxes in the neighborhood to save them so that no one else will occupy them until he finds a mate. The Blue Birds seems to be sitting but I can't tell because I'm afraid she will leave the nest if I look. The Wood Thrush is sitting also and I think the Catbirds are laying, though I haven't looked. The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Wood Thrush, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Mocking Birds, House Wren, Orchard Oriole, Maryland Yellow-Throats, Chickadees, Field Sparrows, Humming Birds, Starlings were here today. I saw the baby Robin looking for a worm in the grass this afternoon but his parents are still feeding him.

Sunday, May 21st (Peggy and John's Anniversary)

We went to the woods this morning and I brought home the little Black and White Warbler's nest which we discovered last Sunday and also the little White Eyed Vireo's nest. Both had left the nest this Sunday and we saw the mother Warbler feeding her babies not far from the nest. The Yellow Breasted Chat Bird's nest had nothing in it again today and we did not look at the Wood Thrush's nest again. Eddie found a Field Sparrow's nest with babies in it. We found a Wren's nest open at the side but vacant. The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Wood Thrush, Catbirds, Mocking Birds, Brown Thrashers, Chickadees, Maryland Yellow-Throats, House Wren, Field Sparrows, Starlings, were here today.

Monday, May 22nd

Quite sick all day.

Tuesday, May 23rd

Still in bed, but have been to the window a few times and have seen the Cardinals, Robins, Catbirds, and Maryland Yellowthroats. Florence heard the Maryland Yellow-Throat fussing and went to see what was the matter and found that the babies had hatched but could find nothing disturbing them. They must have just hatched today. I do hope they can rear their babies successfully. Eddie saw the Humming Birds in the garden yesterday and today. My Madonna Lily is in full bloom and is lovely. The poppies and larkspur are also in full bloom as are the Primroses. The pinks are over. Mrs. Ginter's Catbirds hatched today and she watched one of them come out of the egg. The mother and father sat in the side of the nest and watched their babies hatch. She told Eddie over the fence and she was so thrilled.

Wednesday, May 24th

The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Wood Thrush, House Wren, Chickadees, Maryland Yellow-Throats, Humming Birds, Catbirds, Mocking Birds, Brown Thrashers, Field Sparrows, Starlings were here today. The Robin has been singing gloriously and since his baby has begun to feed itself, I believe he's ready to nest again. The little Maryland Yellow-Throat was brooding her babies today when I looked in.

Thursday, May 25th

When Florence brought up my breakfast this morning she greeted me with the news that our Robins were building across the street in Mrs. Mayhew's park strip in a Carolina Poplar. I'm simply distressed about it because some child will rob the nest more than likely and if they don't the dogs or cats will get the babies on leaving the nest. The dogs have given us more trouble this year than the cats and have killed a great many baby birds to my knowledge. I saw a Brown Thrasher lying on its side in a damp place near the kitchen door and Florence and I watched it for about ten minutes.

We thought it was dead but its mate was walking around it and we didn't want to scare it away so we waited and finally it got up, shook itself, and walked away nonchalantly. We were both amused and relieved. The little baby Maryland Yellowthroats are the tiniest creatures imaginable. The little mother Blue Bird is suffering terribly from the extreme heat. This is the worst drought we've had at this time of year since we've been married. The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Wood Thrush, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Mocking Birds, Field Sparrows, Maryland Yellowthroats, House Wren, Humming Birds, Starlings, Chickadees were here today.

Friday, May 26th

The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Wood Thrush, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Mocking Birds, House Wren, Field Sparrows, Maryland Yellowthroats, Humming Birds, Starlings have been here in the garden. Eddie and I went up the road behind us to see the field Sparrow's nest we found about two weeks ago with one egg in it. It had been robbed. The poor little Field Sparrows are such beautifully little things and such sweet singers to be so persecuted. Miles said he was strawberry picking yesterday and saw another colored fellow rob a Mocking Bird's nest of four babies. He said the mother Mocking Bird followed them crying helplessly and frantically for over a mile. Still no rain and the ground is parched and cracking open. The Humming Birds go all over the garden many times a day and go to the very piece of larkspur where the bottle is tied but do not taste the sweetened water in the bottle. They sit on the wire or in the dead dogwood tree and rest for several minutes at a time and then start out with renewed vigor, as near perpetual motion as it is possible for a bird to be. I love to watch them poised in the air, seemingly motionless with the halo of wings around them and then see them dart to another flower nearby and poise in the same way before each one in turn.

Saturday, May 27th

The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Wood Thrush, Maryland Yellowthroats, Field Sparrows, Starlings, Goldfinches, Humming Birds, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Mocking Birds, House Wren were in the yard.

Sunday, May 28th

Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Wood Thrush, Catbirds, Mocking Birds, Brown Thrashers, Maryland Yellowthroats, Field Sparrows, House Wren, Humming Birds, Starlings and Goldfinches were our visitors. A family of Brown Thrashers has been in the garden all day. The young are learning to feed themselves but the parents are still feeding them some. The Catbirds are incubating. The baby Maryland Yellowthroats are growing and when I look in they lift up their little weak necks and open their mouths. They haven't their eyes open yet. It rained yesterday but we need more desperately. I haven't seen the little Blue Bird on her nest today. Something must be the matter. We cleaned out the box which had the House Wren's "dummy" nest in it today. He had filled every box in the neighborhood and has found no mate so far. There are two pairs of Blue Birds inspecting the nesting boxes in the neighborhood so I thought we might get one pair of them.

Monday, May 29th

It seems that all of my bird families end in tragedy. The dear little female Blue Bird has had one more woe added to her already long list. We did not see her at her nest all day yesterday nor early this morning though we saw her in the garden. I knew that she had eggs in the box because she had been sitting faithfully thru all this terribly hot weather. The poor little thing suffered so in the heat that it hurt me to watch her and I couldn't believe she had suddenly decided to desert her eggs so Eddie went to the box with the stepladder to look. He didn't need the stepladder because there at the foot of the pole lay three lovely blue eggs broken open at one end and ready to hatch. Then we opened the nest and there was one egg pushed way down into the straw that the marauder hadn't gotten. Eddie and Florence and I are broken-hearted over it. It would not have been quite so bad if she had not had so many awful things happen to her before. First she lost her husband when the other babies were three days old. Then something got her babies. Then she built this nest without help or protection from a male and the bigamous male came to her once or twice a day. Then the awful drought and heat came while she was incubating and was so dreadful for her. Now this. It just doesn't seem fair. The House Wren did the work. He came back while I was watching and we ran him away twice. The male Blue Bird came after we had removed the nest and went in the box five or six times today. I saw a pair of Blue Birds looking at the box where we cleaned out the House Wren's nest this afternoon. The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Wood

Thrush, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Mocking Birds, Field Sparrows, Maryland Yellow-Throats, House Wren, Goldfinches, Humming Birds, and Starlings were here today.

Tuesday, May 30th

The Brown Thrashers which raised their nestlings by the Frothingham's yard have come to our garden and stay all of the time. The mother feeds the family on the feeding trays and they are so cute. They are quite as big as the parents and able to feed themselves but they love to be fed. The only difference between the young and the old that I can see is that the old have the iris of the eye yellow while the young have not. I believe the Wood Thrush must have hatched but I can't catch her away from the nest so that I can go and see. The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Mocking Birds, Brown Thrashers, catbirds, Robins, Wood Thrush, Maryland Yellow-Throats, House Wren, Goldfinches, Humming Birds, Starlings and Field Sparrows were in the garden today.

Wednesday, May 31st

I still can't get a glimpse of the Wood Thrush babies. She is either on the side of the nest of brooding them every time I go out. The little Maryland Yellow-Throats are growing and thriving. I supposed they'll leave the nest in a day or two. The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Wood Thrush, Mocking Birds, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Maryland Yellow-Throats, House Wren, Humming Birds, Goldfinches, Starlings were in the garden. The House Wren has still found no mate.

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Thursday, June 1st, 1933

The Maryland Yellow-Throats are well feathered and the parents have been fussing all day so I'm almost sure they'll leave the nest tomorrow. They are ten days old today and are adorable babies. The Wood Thrush was on the nest again today both times that I looked. The babies should have hatched about the 28th of May if she laid four eggs and began sitting immediately as is usually the case. I can't wait to see them as I have never seen any Wood Thrush Babies. The cardinals, Blue Jays, Blue Birds, Robins, Wood Thrush, Catbirds, Mocking Birds, Brown Thrashers, House Wren, Humming Birds, Maryland Yellow-Throats, Starlings, and Goldfinches were in the garden today.

Friday, June 2nd

The little Maryland Yellow-Throats left the nest this morning and I never heard such fussing. All morning and practically all day they kept it up. I saw them carrying suet to the babies this afternoon. I saw the Wood Thrush babies today and they have long pin feathers. There were not but three. They must have hatched about May 27th as I saw her on the nest for the first time Thursday, May 11th, though the nest was apparently complete the Sunday before. The Catbirds, have three tiny babies, probably born yesterday or the day before. The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Wood Thrush, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Mocking Birds, House Wren, Maryland Yellow-Throat, Goldfinches, Humming Birds and Starlings were in the garden today.

Saturday, June 3rd

The Cardinals bring their babies to the tray to feed them now and they are the cutest things, and quite noisy. Late this afternoon the father brought a baby and was feeding him when another male Cardinal swooped down upon the tray and made him leave. He sat in the wire nearby and watched his baby. The baby, innocent lamb that he was, sidled right up to the strange male and begged as appealingly as he did his own father. The old Cardinal put his head down and stiffened out his neck every time the baby would come too near. When the strange male had had enough he left and the father flew down and finished giving the baby his supper. It was a most amusing procedure. The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Wood Thrush, Catbirds, Mocking Bird, Brown Thrashers, House Wren, Goldfinches, Maryland Yellow-Throat, Humming Birds, Starlings and Tufted Titmouse were in the yard. I saw a Tufted Titmouse eating suet and his crest was so flat that I could scarcely recognize him.

Sunday, June 4th

I have been sick today and have been out very little to watch the birds but the Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Wood Thrush, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Mocking Birds, House Wren, Goldfinches, Humming Birds, Chickadees (for the first time in some time), Tufted Titmouse, Maryland Yellow-Throats, and Starlings. A baby Flicker was about to get into the pen with Mrs. Ginter's crows and she put it in a cage and hung it where the mother could find it. As soon as the mother came she let it out and there was a happy reunion.

Monday, June 5th

The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Wood Thrush, Brown Thrashers, Catbirds, Mocking Birds, House Wren, Goldfinches, Humming Birds, Chickadees, Tufted Titmouse, Maryland Yellow-Throats and Starlings were in the garden today. I saw the Wood Thrush carrying suet to its babies today. We put hardboiled egg out for the Catbirds on the gate right at their nest and they used it all up. We found a Blue Jay's nest right behind the yard in a tall cedar yesterday.

Tuesday, June 6th

The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Wood Thrush, Catbirds, Mocking Birds, Brown Thrashers, Maryland Yellow-Throats, House Wren, Chickadees, goldfinches, Humming Birds, Tufted Titmouse were in the garden today. A pair of Crows awakened me this morning at five o'clock in the woods behind the lot and I rushed out to see what they were up to and sure enough my suspicions were justified because one of them flew out with a baby bird in his mouth. I looked at the Wood Thrush babies and they were alright so I don't know what kind of bird it was.

Wednesday, June 7th

The Crows were in the woods again this morning and I went out to see if all of my birds were alright and they were. The baby Cardinals come to the tray constantly and are adorable. The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Wood Thrush, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Maryland Yellow-Throats, Chickadees, Goldfinches, Carolina Wren, Tufted Titmouse, Humming Birds and Starlings have been in the garden today. The Orchard Oriole is in the garden every day, I'm sure, because I hear him all around but do not see him. When I was in the kitchen today the little Carolina Wren burst into song right outside the door and really startled us. It was so loud and so sudden but it was gone even before I reached the door. The Catbirds enjoy the egg every day and feed their babies on it constantly. We are worried about the Blue Jays nesting so close and are afraid they'll get some of the baby birds.

Thursday, June 8th

I heard the birds fussing this morning about 9:30 and Florence and I ran to look in the woods. The Wood Thrush babies were not in the nest and we found one dead under it. It was cold but the birds were still fussing so I knew it was not over that. I went all thru the woods saying "seat" but couldn't find anything, and finally I found a black and white cat crouched to spring and I was within 15 feet of her before she ran. She was within 10 feet of the brown Thrasher's nest and there were no babies in the nest. Of course, they may have left the nest. I saw a Brown Thrasher without a tail taking a bath under the sprinkler in the garden and it may have been one of the babies. However, I thought it was an old one that had lost its tail. I heard baby voices all around yesterday but not this morning. The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Catbirds, brown Thrashers, Mocking Birds, Maryland Yellow-Throats, Goldfinches Humming Birds, Tufted Titmouse, and Starlings were in the garden. I'm sure the Carolina Wren, House Wren.

Friday, June 9th

The Cardinals, Blue Jays, Robins, Wood Thrush, Catbirds, Mocking Bird, Brown Thrashers, Goldfinches, Maryland Yellow-Throats, Chickadees, Tufted Titmouse, Humming Birds and Starlings were in the garden today. We transplanted Zinnias, lifted Narcissus bulbs, and Miles spread leaves today.

Saturday, June 10th

The Cardinals bring their babies daily to the tray and feed them. I see the Maryland Yellow-Throats every day but have never seen their babies since the day they left the nest, but I have seen the parents carrying food and suet. A Crow swooped down on the feeding tray and would have hurt the baby Cardinal if I hadn't run quickly. Miles and I were stooping over, working in the beds and he didn't see us. We were as surprised as he was when he saw us. That is the first time I've ever seen one come to the feeding tray. The Cardinals, Blue Jays, Robins, Wood Thrush, Catbirds, Mocking Birds, Brown Thrashers, Maryland Yellow-Throats, Goldfinches, Humming Birds, Tufted Titmouse, Starlings, Crow and Orchard Oriole were in the garden today. I hear the House Wren, Carolina Wren, and White Eyed Vireo in the garden every day but do not see them.

Sunday, June 11th

The usual Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Wood Thrush, Catbirds, Mocking Birds, Brown Thrashers, Goldfinches, Maryland Yellow-Throats, Humming Birds, Tufted Titmouse and Starlings were in the garden. The Catbirds must be about ready to leave the nest because the parents fuss continually when we are in the part of the garden.

Monday, June 12th

The Cardinals, Blue Jays, Robins, Wood Thrush, Brown Thrashers, Catbirds, Mocking Birds, Maryland Yellow-Throats, Humming Birds, Tufted Titmouse and Starlings were here. The Catbirds are still in the nest. A Blue Jay brought his baby to the tray today and then made him eat for himself. He was a beauty but I hate for them to stay around so much on account of the other birds.

Tuesday, June 13th

The Catbirds left the nest today and I hated to see them go. It is hard enough for them to live to the age of leaving the nest and there are so many enemies waiting to prey on the helpless little things. Everyday I have to run the cats away. They do not come right in my yard but in the woods behind and on the lot about our upper lot. It keeps Florence and me going back and forth all day long to see what the birds are fussing about. The cardinals, Blue Jays, Robins, Wood Thrush, Catbirds, Mocking Birds, Brown Thrashers, Maryland Yellow-Throats, House Wren, Chickadees, Tufted Titmouse, Goldfinches, Humming Birds and Starlings were in the garden.

Wednesday, June 14th

I watched a female Orchard Oriole in the garden this afternoon and she was lovely. Another pair of Catbirds are building in the hedge near the kitchen door. Our Catbirds are trying to run them away, but the poor things are so busy trying to satisfy their babies that they don't have time to really run them away. I feel rather sorry for our Catbirds because this other pair has usurped their place as soon as the babies are out of the nest. I imagine they would have rebuilt here in the garden like the pair did last year. The Blue Jays stay on the tray a great deal and their babies are so noisy. The Cardinals, Blue Jays, Robins, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Mocking Birds, Tufted Titmouse, House Wren, Maryland Yellow-Throats, Chickadees, Goldfinches and Starlings were in the garden.

Thursday, June 15th (D.B.B born)

Jack and Mary B's baby came this morning at 1:15 a.m., a boy, and named David Blake Barnhill. I was as thrilled as if it had been my own. I scarcely looked out today but saw the usual birds when I did. Eddie left for Tommie's wedding this afternoon and we were so rushed getting him off.

Friday, June 16th

I sewed on mother's dress all day and didn't see my birds.

Saturday, June 17th (Tommie's Wedding)

I had a letter and a special delivery letter from Eddie today and they arrived safely. The Cardinals, Blue Jays, Robins, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Mocking Bird, Tufted Titmouse, Field Sparrow, House Wren, Maryland Yellow-Throat, Goldfinches, Flicker and Starling were in the garden when I looked out. I know there are many others in the garden every day but I do not have time to watch closely lately and have not even been in the garden for the last two days and have not looked out very much during the days.

Sunday, June 18th (Jerry's baby born – This was Ann Shannonhouse Glover)

The Cardinals, Blue Jays, Robins, Wood Thrush, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Flickers, Tufted Titmouse, House Wren, Maryland Yellow throats, Goldfinches and Starlings were in the garden.

Monday, June 19th

The Cardinals, Blue Jays, Robins, Wood Thrush, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Tufted Titmouse, House Wren, Maryland Yellow Throats, Goldfinches, and Starlings were here. The Catbirds have stopped building near the kitchen door and I think our pair is building over by the garage in the hedge. The Blue Jays bring their babies, all three of them, to the feeding tray and feed them grain.

Tuesday, June 20th

The Catbirds, Cardinals, Blue Jays, Robins, Brown Thrashers, Flickers, House Wren, Maryland Yellow-Throats, Tufted Titmouse, Chickadees, Goldfinches, and Starlings were in the garden today when I looked out.

Wednesday, June 21st

I saw the catbirds feeding their three babies by the back gate this evening, the first time I had seen them all together since they left the nest. The Cardinals bring their young to the tray daily, as do the Blue Jays. The usual birds were here.

Thursday, June 22nd

I saw a Humming Bird in the garden for the first time in several weeks, I believe. The Cardinals, Blue Jays, Robins, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Mocking Birds, Flickers, House Wren, Maryland Yellow-Throats, Chickadees, Goldfinches, Tufted Titmouse and Starlings. We have been watering the garden for the last few days and the birds have certainly enjoyed it.

Friday, June 23rd

The usual birds were in the garden today.

Saturday, June 24th

The Cardinals, Blue Jays, Robins, Brown Thrashers, Catbirds, Flickers, House Wrens, Maryland Yellow-Throats, Tufted Titmouse, Goldfinches and Starlings were here as was also a Bob White. He was calling so loud that when I talked to Eddie over the telephone, he could hear him over the telephone.

Sunday, June 25th

All of our usual birds were here today. The wild cherries are ripe and the birds are enjoying them.

Monday, June 26th

I saw one of the baby Maryland Yellow-Throats today. It is full size but its bill is still yellow. The Cardinals, Blue Jay, Robins, catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Flickers, House Wren, Maryland Yellow-Throats, Tufted Titmouse, Goldfinches and Starlings were here today.

Tuesday, June 27th

The Flickers come to drink out of the large pool every day but I never see them at the birdbath. All of our usual birds were here. It is ten minutes after eight and a Robin is still singing

Wednesday, June 28th

The Cardinals, Blue Jays, Robins, Brown Thrashers, Catbirds, Maryland Yellow-Throats, House Wren, Goldfinches, Starlings and either a Crow or a Grackle. It had yellow Irises to its eyes otherwise it looked like a crow to me.

Thursday, June 29th

Humming Birds, the Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Maryland Yellow Throats, House Wren, Goldfinches, Starlings and I think Fish Crows. The Blue Birds were looking at one of our nesting boxes today. Eddie found a Brown Thrasher nest with babies in it on our upper lot. The Catbirds are sitting.

Friday, June 30th

The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Maryland Yellow-Throats, House Wren, Goldfinches, Starlings, Pewee, Crows. A Robin began building a nest in one of our maples on the driveway. I put two buckets of water in a hole nearby and muddied it up and before we got ten feet away she was down using the mud. She was so cute and friendly and unafraid. All of us watched her and enjoyed it.

Saturday, July 1st

We are at Little Switzerland and I found a Pewee's nest this afternoon. She is sitting. It is in the grove by the house. Eddie found an unoccupied Red Eyed Vireo's nest in a little hickory right by the path about twenty feet from the house. It was in full sight from all directions. There is a Robin's nest in an oak just behind the house with babies in it. I hear a Brown Thrasher, Robins, Red Eyed Vireo, Pewee, bobwhite, Catbird, and Towhee singing close by the house.

Sunday, July 2nd (Mother C's birthday)

There are Song Sparrows and Chipping Sparrows feeding young that have left the nest. The Brown Thrasher's mate must be sitting as I don't see her around and he sings from the same perch all day long. The Catbirds also seem to be sitting. I saw some kind of small Flycatchers which I could not identify today, as well as all the birds I saw yesterday.

Monday, July 3rd

I saw no new birds today, but the usual ones were around.

Tuesday, July 4th

We had a big thrill in the discovery of a Scarlet Tanager this morning on our lot over on Bland's knob. He was alone and we watched him close by for a long time.

Wednesday, July 5th

We came back to Charlotte this noon and Florence told us as soon as we got in the house that the Blue Birds were building in the house on the upper lot. The Wren is also building another nest on that lot. Poor fellow, he hasn't been able to find a mate yet and has worked himself to death building six nests to my knowledge. The Brown Thrasher's babies are alright and the Catbirds are still sitting. The Cardinals and Maryland Yellow-Throats, Goldfinches, Robins and either Fish Crows or Grackles, I never have been able to decide which they are.

Thursday, July 6th

The Robin must have laid this morning because she sat on the nest for a while and then flew off. This afternoon about six o'clock, I was at the hall window with my field glasses. I was watching a pair of Cardinals. They were mating and I thought it entirely too late. While I was watching, a large bird flew over and sat on the telephone wires at the back of the lot. Then it flew to the top of the hedge and stretched its neck about and then flew to the pool. I thought he wanted a drink but he didn't as he immediately began to creep stealthily around the pool and finally when a goldfish came within a foot of him, he shot out his neck and into the pool he went and made a meal of the luckless goldfish. It was a Green Heron!! That was the most unusual surprise visit I've had, I believe. He was simply fascinating to watch. There were Cardinals, Blue Birds, House Wren, Robins, catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Maryland Yellow-Throats, Humming Birds, Goldfinches, Starlings, a Flicker and Grackles (I do not know what kind of Grackles) and the Green Heron!

Friday, July 7th

The Grackles and Starlings seem entirely too much at home in the garden to suit me. They are here practically all day. Florence discovered the Woodthrush's second nest this afternoon. We have heard them singing every day just behind the garden and the nest is about fifteen or twenty feet behind the garden and it looks as though it might be fifteen feet from the ground. She was on the nest at five o'clock but we went back when we heard the Grackle and heard the Woodthrush fuss and she was not on the nest. She was not on the nest any more this afternoon but I hope the Grackle didn't bother them. The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Robins, Wood Thrush, House Wren, Maryland Yellow-Throats, Field Sparrows, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Goldfinches, Flickers, Starlings, Grackles, Pewee, Tufted Titmice. The Titmice were eating suet. The Robbing began sitting today. The Catbirds hatched today, but I did not look closely enough to see how many there were.

Saturday, July 8th

We went to early communion this morning and then came back and had breakfast and went to Lakewood to look for birds. We got in a boat and we saw three birds that I had never seen before, a Sandpiper, a Killdeer, and a Belted Kingfisher. I was very much thrilled. The Wood Thrush was not on the nest again this morning when I heard them fussing. The Cardinals, Blue Jays, Blue Birds, Robins, Wood Thrush, Maryland Yellow-Throats, Field Sparrows, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Goldfinches, Chickadees, Flickers, Starlings, Grackles, Hummingbirds were in the garden today. Today is the first time I've noticed the Chickadees in the garden in some time.

Monday, July 10th

The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Maryland Yellow-Throats, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, mockingbirds, Goldfinches, Starlings, Grackles, were in the garden. I'm sure the Woodthrush, Flickers, and a number of others were here but I did not see them. A pair of Mockingbirds act as though they were thinking of building on the back of our upper lot. The Woodthrush is sitting, the Robins also, and the catbird babies are thriving. I cannot tell whether the little Blue Bird is laying or not and I'm afraid to look in the nesting box.

Tuesday, July 11th

The Cardinals, Blue Jays, Blue Birds, Robins, Wood Thrush, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Mocking Birds, Goldfinches, Maryland Yellow-Throats, Humming Bird, Starlings, Grackles, female Orchard Oriole, Flickers, Chickadees and Carolina Wren were here. I saw a baby cardinal take a few bites of suet today much to my surprise. That is the first time I had ever seen one eat it. A young Mocking Bird chased a Cardinal, and English Sparrow, and was chased by a Catbird, all within an hour, in the garden today. I also saw a Robin chasing him. The Mocking Birds are the most pugnacious birds I have. I have not seen the baby Brown Thrashers since they left the nest so I don't know whether they escaped their various enemies or not but I hope so. The Robin and Wood Thrush are sitting and the Catbird babies are growing fast. I will be sorry to see all of the birds stop nesting.

Wednesday, July 12th

Cardinals, Blue Jays, Blue Birds, Robins, Wood Thrush, catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Mocking Birds, Maryland Yellow-Throats, Humming Birds, Chickadees, Goldfinches, Starlings, Grackles, flickers, were in the garden. Florence saw the Catbirds hovering over the ground at the foot of the hedge where their nest is and she went to see and it was one of their babies that had fallen from the nest. It hasn't its eyes open yet and it was chilled from the damp ground. She put it back in the nest and it seemed to be alright later this afternoon. The mocking birds chased Cardinals, English Sparrows, Catbirds, and Robins today, again. I hear their babies around.

Thursday, July 13th

The Mocking Birds have been feeding their babies in the garden all day. The parents chase other birds between feeding trips. The Cardinals, Blue Jays, Blue Birds, Robins, Wood Thrush, Catbirds, Mocking Birds, Brown Thrashers, Maryland Yellow-Throats, House Wren, Field Sparrows, Chickadees, Goldfinches, Humming Birds, Starlings, Grackles, Flickers and a female Orchard Oriole.

Friday, July 14th

The usual birds were in the garden and the Mocking birds had their babies here feeding them again.

Saturday, July 15th

I fixed a shade for the Bluebird house today and Florence and I put it up when she left the nest. In a few minutes she came back and stopped on the feeding tray to inspect the new contraption. She did not seem to mind and in a few minutes went on in to sit on the eggs. There are four lovely blue eggs. She has not been sitting but about five minutes at a time on account of the extreme heat and I hope the eggs aren't ruined. The usual birds were here. The Doves and Swallows fly over the garden constantly.

Sunday, July 16th

I was in bed today but saw the usual birds from the windows.

Monday, July 17th

The little Blue Bird is staying on the nest now, thanks to the shade I fixed for her and I hope the eggs are not already ruined.

Tuesday, July 18th

The Catbirds left the nest today and I saw the parent feeding one in the border near the terrace. A Brown Thrasher pecked at the baby when the baby opened its mouth to it to be fed and the Catbird parent fought the Brown Thrasher for being so discourteous to her baby.

Wednesday, July 19th

This afternoon there were three baby Carolina Wrens on the kitchen terrace steps and the mother came there to feed them. I was so happy to know that they had been able to raise at least three babies to that size this year. The Cardinals, Blue Jays, Blue Birds, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Robins, Mocking Birds, Carolina Wrens, House Wren, Goldfinches, Chickadees, Field Sparrows, Humming Birds, Starlings, Grackles, and Flicker were in the garden.

Thursday, July 20th

There was a female Pine Warbler in the pine today, also a Downy, and a White-Eyed Vireo. The other birds were here as usual. I saw the Robin carrying worms to her nest this afternoon so her babies have arrived. The little blue Bird is sitting but the male has not been here when I've looked out today and he usually sits on the wire all day long. I'm worried about him.

Friday, July 21st

The little male Blue Bird is back today and I'm glad to see him. This afternoon there were four young Blue Birds on the wire besides our male. There were two birds in the garden today which I did not recognize and I could not see them close enough to definitely identify them though I thought one of them was a Vesper Sparrow. The Wood Thrush was on her nest tonight but I'm sure her babies have hatched. The nest is too high for us to see into even from the top of the stepladder. Cardinals, Blue Jays, Blue Birds, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Tufted Titmice, Chickadees, Goldfinches, House Wren, Starlings, Humming Bird, Robins, and Flickers were here today.

Saturday, July 22nd

The usual birds were in the garden.

Sunday July 23rd

Eddie and I went down to the end of the street today and I recognized two birds that I had never seen before, that is, to be sure what they were, a Blue Gray Gnatcatcher was in the garden Friday but I could not tell what it was then. I was very much thrilled as I got excellent views of both of them and recognized the Indigo Bunting's song as well. The usual birds were in our own garden and the four little Blue Birds were back this afternoon.

Monday, July 24th

There were five Blue Birds (including our own male) and seven Cardinals on the wire late this afternoon and it was a beautiful sight. There were no other birds on the wire and the red and blue were so striking against the sky. The Cardinals, Blue Jays, Blue Birds, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Mocking Bird, House Wren, Goldfinches, Robins, Starling, Tufted Titmice, Chickadees. The Blue Jays have been feeding their babies around for days and the babies are very noisy.

Tuesday, July 25th

The Blue Bird is still sitting. I do hope the eggs will hatch. The Robin was on her nest tonight. It is about time for the babies to leave the nest. The usual birds were here.

Wednesday, July 26th

Mother and Father Clarkson came today and tonight we had dinner on the terrace and I have hardly seen so many birds in the garden when we've had company. There were five Blue Birds in the garden all evening, besides the Cardinals, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Mocking Birds, etc.

Thursday, July 27th

The Blue Birds hatched either yesterday or today and we are delighted. The Robins are still in the nest as are the Wood Thrush.

Friday, July 28th

The Brown Thrashers have been feeding their babies in the garden, as well as the Blue Jays and a family of Robins.

Saturday, July 29th

We put up the hammock securely today and trimmed the dead out of the water oak. The Brown Thrashers fussed at us all morning so their babies must have been near.

Sunday, July 30th

We put out fresh suet today and brought in the old because it was molded. Immediately afterward I saw a Maryland Yellow-Throat enjoying it as well as a Catbird. The same little "unidentified" Flycatcher was in the garden late this afternoon.

Monday, July 31st

There are hundreds of English Sparrows to one of every other bird now in the garden and I'm afraid we will have to start trapping again.

Tuesday, August 1st

The Robins in the Maple left the nest today and they were adorable babies. One of them left the Maple before eight o'clock. The other got on the limb close to the nest and stayed several hours. Then he got back in the nest and stayed several more hours. Then he got out again and I thought surely he would leave the tree but after an hour or so he got back into the nest and there he spent the night. The other baby we got into the fenced in part of the lower lot and he stayed all day.

Wednesday, August 2nd

The other Robin left the nest about eight this morning and was reunited with his brother about two hours later. They both stayed near the house all day. The Cardinals, Blue Jays, Blue Birds, Brown Thrashers, Catbirds, Mocking Birds, Maryland Yellow-Throats, Tufted Titmice, Chickadees, Goldfinches, Field Sparrows, Carolina Wrens, Starlings, Flickers, Robins were in the garden today.

Friday, August 11th

The Blue Birds left the nest this morning about fifteen minutes apart, the last one leaving at about a quarter of eight. About eight fifteen, one of the babies flew to our bedroom windowsill and stayed a long time so that I called Eddie and Florence to see him. They could fly so much better than the Robins could when they left. They have been on the lower lot all day.

Saturday, August 12th

I saw a Parula Warbler for the first time today. It was on the wire outside the back guestroom. The Robin is still feeding one of her babies but I have not seen both of them.

Tuesday, August 15th

The baby Blue Birds have been here every day. The mother Robin is taking on of the babies to the suet and feeding him all the time. I suppose it won't be long until he'll be eating the suet himself. There have been no unusual birds in the garden, but all of the usual ones.

Sunday, August 20th

We are at Little Switzerland and today I saw a White Breasted Nuthatch for the first time. It was in the trees at the side of the cottage. I have not seen many birds since I've been up here.

Sunday, September 10th

Today we found a little Flying Squirrel nesting in one of our boxes. He took his baby away after we disturbed him.

Tuesday, September 12th

This morning Eddie and I went down to the end of the street and we saw a female Redstart. It was the first I had ever seen and I was very much thrilled. I have had no unusual birds in the garden lately except one bird which I decided was either a Yellow-Throated Warbler or a Blackburnian Warbler in winter plumage. The Cardinals, Blue Jays, Blue Birds, Brown Thrashers, Catbirds, Mocking Birds, Goldfinches, Field Sparrows are daily visitors in the garden and the Robins, Pewees, Chickadees, Starlings, Flickers, Downy Woodpeckers, Tufted Titmice are very frequent visitors. The Blue Jays, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Chickadees, Tufted Titmice eat my suet daily. The Chickadees, Goldfinches, Field Sparrows

and Cardinals eat the seed from the sunflowers and the Cardinals, Brown Thrashers and Blue Jays eat the cracked chick feed constantly.

Sunday, September 17th

This afternoon we went out to the Morrison's and saw the most remarkable sight. First we saw a great many Bobolinks?? Together in a field. Then we drove on farther and saw a cloud of birds rise from the ground in such enormous numbers that we couldn't believe our eyes. The twillering noise sounded like the ocean. They would swirl from one position to another as though blown by a whirlwind. Every few minutes another small flock would join the noisy company. They were feeding on the ground but constantly changing their positions by the flurries into the air. I am still not sure whether the main flock was composed of Starlings or Red-winged Blackbirds in winter plumage. There was a good sprinkling of cowbirds among them. It was a tremendously inspiring sight and my first sight of the maneuvers attending a migration. Finally they rose from the ground in a close formation about three or four hundred feet wide by about twenty-five or thirty feet high and made off in a perfectly straight direction.

Monday, September 18th

This morning I saw a Prairie Warbler in the Lombardy Poplar outside the guestroom window. It was the first I had ever seen and I was very much thrilled. The English Sparrows come in such droves that the other birds are being crowded out. The Cardinals, Blue Jays, Blue Birds, Mocking Bird, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers are here every day and eat suet and grain and pokeberries.

Monday, October 16th

The four Blue Birds have been playing at housekeeping in the box in which they were born. They carry in mouthfuls of straw and pine needles. The Mocking Bird takes great pleasure in running them away when he catches them at it.

Tuesday, October 17th

I saw a chipping Sparrow in my garden for the first time today.

Wednesday, October 18th

The Mocking Bird sang last night beautifully. He sings from early dawn until late in the evening every day and is the only bird singing.

Friday, October 20th

I heard a little Song Sparrow today so I know the winter birds will all soon be back. The Cardinals, Mocking Birds, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Chickadees have been here right along. The Brown Thrashers have been in the garden almost every day but I have not seen one for several days now. The Flickers and Downies are frequent visitors as are the Pine Warblers.

Saturday, October 21st

We were thrilled this morning by the return of the Myrtle Warblers. There were two on the wire early with five Blue Birds, a Mocking Bird and a Cardinal. When the Blue Birds would play about the Chickadee box, the Mocking Bird would chase them away.

Sunday, October 29th

Today two White Throated Sparrows were in the garden. I kept hearing them and finally found them in the Weeping Willow. They were welcome little guests.

Monday, October 30th

The Goldfinches, Mocking Birds are here every day and I hear the Tufted Titmice, Song Sparrows, etc. but have not been watching as intently as usual.

Thursday, November 9th

I saw a flock of Slate colored Juncos this morning and it was a welcome sight. They were feeding among the weeds in the road as ??? and I went to walk. The Loggerhead Shrike is feeling too much at home around here now and I have

found several grasshoppers stuck on thorns on the little locust tree, one of them was still alive. The Mocking Bird is enjoying the Cedar berries now. The birds have not been eating the suet lately and I don't understand why because they have eaten it constantly up to about the second week in October. They have eaten as much all summer as they do in the winter!

Saturday, November 11th (Armistice Day)

The Myrtle Warblers were eating suet today. The Song Sparrows, Cardinals, Mocking Bird, Myrtle Warblers, Shrike, Goldfinches, Tufted Titmice, Chickadees are here every day.

Saturday, December 23rd, 1933

I arrived here in Uvalde, Texas last night and today I'm enjoying the birds. I have already seen Inca Doves which I had never seen before, that is not since I've been interested in birds. There are Cardinals, Mocking Birds, Inca Doves and several other species that I haven't identified here in the yard.

December 30th, 1933

Eddie and I drove out a few miles on the Del Rio road and saw hundreds of Meadow Larks and a number of hawks which we couldn't see closely enough to identify. We discovered some Texas Cardinals, and Verdius which we had never seen before.

January 1st, 1934

A Cardinal sang today just a short unfinished song but it gave me a thrill. This morning when we got up a little Texas Screech Owl was just outside our bedroom window and when Lily brought up our breakfast she informed us that it was excellent luck to have one come to you on New Years. It slept there in the Ligustrum all day.

January 4th, 1934

Eddie and I drove out to the Leona Bridge and parked on the "fill" today and here is the list of birds we saw: Texas Bewick Wren, Black Crested Titmouse, Texan Cardinal, Cardinals, Inca Dove, Mexican Ground Dove, Golden Cheeked Warbler, White Crowned Sparrow, White Throated Sparrow, Flicker, Mocking Bird, Downy Woodpecker, Song Sparrow, Texan Woodpecker, Myrtle Warbler and several which we couldn't identify. We did not even get out of the car and saw all of these from where we were sitting.

January 5th, 1934

We drove out the Batesville Road today and saw a Harris Hawk, and watched a Sparrow Hawk catch a field mouse. We saw a great many Vesper Sparrows and Mourning Doves and Meadow Larks. We saw a Shrike murder a Vesper Sparrow on a thorn and jumped out of the car but it was too late. Oh, how we hated that Shrike. Eddie called me to look out the bathroom window today and there were several beautiful red House Finches eating berries from the Ligustrum. We saw a Road Runner and some Black Throated Sparrows on the way to Chalk Bluff the other day.

February 4, 1934

Three little Inca Doves roosted just outside my window last night and they were adorable. Mother and I watched them for half an hour trying to get comfortable for the night.

February 7th, 1934

Eddie writes that Sunday, February 4th he saw a great many Robins in my garden and counted about twenty. There were about twenty which stopped in my garden on the 10th of February last year so it might be the same flock in their migration. The little owl still spends every day just outside my window in the Ligustrums.

March 1st, Thursday (on train)

I am on the train and have just left home. I hate to say goodbye to Texas. The little owl was still on his limb, and the Cardinals, house finches, Mocking Birds were eating Ligustrum berries and the Black crested Titmice, Texas Bewick Wren were also there.

Friday, March 2nd, 1934 (on train)

I have seen a great many ducks and gulls which were too far from the train to identify by the thrill of thrills came when we were crossing over Bay St. Louis: I saw brown pelicans circling low over the water and diving for fish, quite close to the train. I had always wanted to see them and it was a wonderful sight to watch. They have such a magnificent wingspread and the slow flapping of their wings is very graceful in spite of the ungainly body. That alone was worth the price of the ticket from Texas to North Carolina.

Saturday, March 3rd, 1934 (back in N.C.)

I arrived in Charlotte this morning and Eddie met me. It is wonderful to be back. The little Blue Birds were at the box on the upper lot today. Eddie says they have looked at it off and on all winter. The little Carolina Wrens were in the garden singing but I did not see them. I saw Robins, cardinals, Song Sparrows, White Throated Sparrows, Blue Birds, Myrtle Warblers, and of course, the welcome Starlings and English Sparrows.

Sunday, March 4th, 1934

This afternoon when Eddie and I were in the garden we saw two enormous flocks of Robins flying high and due north. There were Chickadees, Tufted Titmice, Cardinals, Blue Birds, Robins, Song Sparrows, White Throated Sparrows, Myrtle Warblers in the garden as well as Starlings. I also heard the Carolina Wrens.

Monday, March 5th, 1934

There was a flock of Cedar Waxwings here today and Cardinals, Blue Birds, Robins, Chickadees, Tufted Titmice, Song Sparrows, White Throated Sparrows, Myrtle Warblers, Starlings. The Cardinals sing at the top of their voices, believe one pair is going to build over at the Ginter's.

Tuesday, March 6th, 1934

Another flock of cedar Waxwings were here, also Cardinals, Blue Birds, Robins, Chickadees, Song Sparrows, White Throated Sparrows, Myrtle Warblers, Mocking Bird, Starlings.

Wednesday, March 7th, 1934

This morning as Eddie and I were leaving the house the little female Blue Bird flew to the top of its house and a Robin flew down and fought it and got it down and slightly injured its wing. It can fly alright but its wing sticks out some. The Robins seem to have decided on that lot as their territory because they stay there most of the time. There was a pair of dear little Field Sparrows in the front yard this morning. Also, Cardinals, Blue Birds, Robins, Chickadees, Juncos, Myrtle Warblers, Song Sparrows, White Throated Sparrows, Starlings.

Thursday, March 8th, 1934

While we were having breakfast in bed I heard a familiar voice that I couldn't place and I ran to the window to find a Towhee singing from the tip of the Dogwood by the kitchen. I was thrilled to see him. Then he flew over under the feeding tray but never did get on it. The little field Sparrows are singing beautifully.

Friday, March 9th, 1934

Cardinals, Blue Birds, Song Sparrows, White Throated Sparrows, Field Sparrows, Chickadees, Tufted Titmice, Juncos, Robins, Pine Warblers, Myrtle Warblers were in the garden. The Blue Birds spend most of their time at the box on the upper lot but are not building yet. Today a pair of Chickadees was trying to take the sticks out of the house on the upper lot. I had failed to clean it out after the House Wren filled it up last summer so we cleaned it out tonight. I hope it won't scare them away.

Saturday, March 10th, 1934

Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Chickadees, Juncos, Song Sparrows, White Throated Sparrows, Field Sparrows, Myrtle Warblers were in the garden. I didn't see the Chickadees at the box today. I'm afraid we scared them away by cleaning the box. It has been very cold all day and is snowing now. I hope it won't get any colder. The weeping willow has begun to come out. I saw forsythia in bloom in Eastover yesterday also Christmas honeysuckle. My lilacs were

showing tiny buds. I do hope this won't kill them. I got a good pair of pruning shears today because I lost mine and I guess it's a good thing I haven't pruned my roses if it is going to very cold.

Sunday, March 11th, 1934

The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Chickadees, Song Sparrows, White Throated Sparrows, Field Sparrows, Carolina Wrens, Myrtle Warblers, were in the garden. The snow was mostly melted by noon but the day was quite cold. I haven't seen the Chickadees at the box today, but the Bluebirds were at theirs. The Cardinal was beautiful on the white snow of the feeding tray eating grain early this morning.

Monday, March 12th, 1934 (My 30th Birthday)

The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Chickadees, Tufted Titmice, Song Sparrows, White Throated Sparrows, Myrtle warblers, Cedar Waxwings, Carolina Wrens, Starlings, Juncos were here. The Carolina Wren started into the Blue Bird box on the lower lot, but when he was half way in, the female Blue Bird ran him off. This was my thirtieth birthday and a very happy one. Eddie sent me flowers, perfume, candy, 2 yrs. of Good Housekeeping, a book and some paint. One lone Cedar Waxwing came today and sat in the maple by the Blue Bird box. He was looking for food but the Ligustrum berries have already been eaten. Tonight we went to hear a lecture on The Restoration of Colonial Williamsburg.

Tuesday, March 13th, 1934

The Cardinals, bluebirds, Blue Jays, Robins, Chickadees, Song Sparrows, White Throated Sparrows, Carolina Wrens, Cedar Waxwings, Myrtle Warblers, Juncos & Starling were here. There were 2 Cedar Waxwings on the Maple (with the suet box) in the driveway when Florence came to work.

Wednesday, March 14th, 1934 (Cama's Birthday)

Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Chickadees, Carolina Wrens, Song Sparrows, White throated Sparrows, Myrtle Warblers, Starlings were in the garden. This was Cama's birthday and we had Cama and Francis and children over for dinner tonight and went to a workshop meeting.

Thursday, March 15th, 1934

Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Chickadees, Carolina Wrens, Song Sparrows, White Throated Sparrows, Towhees, Field Sparrows, Myrtle Warblers, Starlings, Cedar Waxwings were here.

Friday, March 16th, 1934

Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Chickadees, Carolina Wrens, Song Sparrows, White Throated Sparrows, Field Sparrows, Towhees, Myrtle Warblers, Cedar Waxwings, Mockingbird, Starlings were here.

Saturday, March 17th, 1934

The same birds were here.

Sunday, March 18th, 1934

The Blue Birds started building this morning in the box on the upper lot and we are thrilled to death. The Brown Thrasher came back today and Eddie saw him first about where Florence saw him last year on this same date, March 18th! We went to early Communion then came back and had breakfast and right after breakfast discovered the Blue Birds building. They started last year on March 17th at 4:00 in the afternoon, so they may have started yesterday afternoon although I didn't see them. Then we went into the woods to look for small Hag Plum trees to transplant and while in the woods we saw a Hermit Thrush feeding on Sumac berries. Then down near the creek we saw a great many Purple Finches. They were evidently migrating. There were five gold finches and three Purple Finches feeding in a tall tree that I didn't know the name of. It had some kind of indistinct flower on it. There were Cardinals, Bluebirds, Blue Jays, Robins, Chickadees, Song Sparrows, White Throated Sparrows, Field Sparrows, (Chipping Sparrow, I didn't have field glasses but am almost sure that was what it was), Towhees, Myrtle Warblers, Mockingbird, Starlings, Grackles. The Starlings are staying around here too much to suit me. Ben and Jane and Florence and Eddie and I went to the Withers

farm and got a mimosa tree and several tiny holly trees. The Ben and Jane at supper with us. Florence saw the Grackles back today.

Monday, March 19th, 1934

The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Chickadees, White Throated Sparrows, Song Sparrows, Field Sparrows, Myrtle Warblers, Brown Thrasher, Starlings were here. I went to hear Father Placid talk on St. Francis of Assisi this afternoon.

Tuesday, March 20th, 1934

The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Brown Thrasher, Mockingbird, Towhee, Song Sparrows, White Throated Sparrows, Field Sparrows, Juncos, Chickadees, Myrtle Warblers, Starlings.

Wednesday, March 21st, 1934

The same birds were here today. The Blue Birds were working at their nest today although I did not see them working yesterday or the day before. I went to hear a Franciscan Monk, Father Sylvester, speak on St. Francis today. I saw enormous flocks of Robins and Grackles going to roost at the Duke estate today.

Thursday, March 22nd, 1934

The same birds were here.

April 28th, 1934

I have been sick but will fill in as much as I remember accurately. It is April 28th today. I think the Maryland Yellowthroat came back on Sunday, April 8th.

April 11th

Towhees were building in hedge by pink dogwood but did not complete nest.

April 13th

Discovered Brown Thrasher's nest in hedge in rose garden next to lattice. It was completed but I don't know whether there were eggs or not as she was there.

April 16th

Heard Woodthrush singing. I think Blue Birds hatched today.

April 19th

Heard Catbirds all morning and had Florence looking everywhere and finally saw him alone. Eddie saw Hummingbird a few days ago. Catbirds also came back last year on April 19th.

April 25th

Saw pair of Catbirds together. Hadn't seen but male before.

April 26th

Woodthrush sang just outside my window this morning early and I saw him. Female Towhee fed on feeding tray not 20 feet from me today.

April 27th – (Our 7th anniversary)

Catbirds looking for nesting site. Brown Thrasher eating again on tray. Have been hearing Cardinal, Woodthrush, Carolina Wren, Robin, Catbirds, White Throated Sparrow, Brown Thrasher, Mocking bird, Flicker, Starling, Crow, Field Sparrow, Blue birds, Mourning Doves every morning between 5 and 6. Eddie sent me beautiful pink roses, pink snapdragons and blue lupines. The bouquet was beautiful. He also gave me Chapman's "Handbook of Birds of Eastern North America" that I've been wanting a long time, and the money to get me a hammock or whatever I wanted. He is still the most wonderful sweetheart in the world and each of the seven years has been happier than the last.

April 28th

The Orchard Oriole came back today in full adult plumage. He had on second year plumage last summer. The female Cardinal was carrying food today and thought the Robins were but am not sure so they both must have hatched. The Woodthrush stays outside my window.

April 29th

The Woodthrush stays on this lot beneath my window a great deal. I definitely saw the Robins carry food to their babies today. The White Throats and Myrtle Warblers are still here.

April 30th

The House Wrens began building in the box below my window this morning.

Journal 4: May 1, 1934 to March 30, 1936

Tuesday, May 1st, 1934

The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Brown Thrashers, Catbirds, Towhees, Myrtle Warbler, House Wrens, Chickadees, Starlings, Orchard Oriole were here and I heard the Carolina Wren, Tufted Titmouse, Flicker, Woodthrush in the garden but did not see them as I was only up for a half hour. Mr. Ginter's Chickadees have hatched in his fence post and are evidently several days old because when he taps lightly on it they make a faint little noise. The Robins were fussing at the Blue Jays and chased them down into the woods. I hope they hadn't gotten any of the babies. It is about time for the Blue Birds to leave the nest. The House Wrens have been building industriously today. The Brown Thrasher is sitting. Last night at 10:30 the Carolina Wren was crying and Eddie dressed and went out to see but couldn't find her. It was a year ago today that the Black snake ate her babies. I hope nothing happened to her offspring this time. The Towhees come to the tray for grain almost every day. The Orchard Oriole that was here today was in second year plumage.

May 2nd

Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Towhees, House Wrens, Orchard Oriole, Chickadees, White Throated Sparrows, Myrtle Warblers, Starlings were here and I heard Tufted Titmice, Carolina Wren. The Water oak is almost in full leaf. Lily of the Valley is in bloom. My tulips and Iris are about at the height. Blue Phlox is in full bloom and Sweet William is beginning. Pink Wegeias in bloom across the street and is lovely. Wrens have stopped building.

Thursday, May 3rd (Eddie's Birthday)

Eddie is 34 today and I wish I could have known him on all his birthdays. I have not been out today but have heard all the usual birds. The House Wrens have deserted us and gone across the street.

Friday, May 4th

Have not been out today but have heard from my bed Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Woodthrush, House Wrens, Carolina Wrens, Orchard Oriole, Myrtle Warblers, Flickers, Brown Thrashers, Mockingbird, Catbirds, Starlings, Field Sparrow, Mourning Dove, Meadow Lark, Crows, Chickadees, Tufted Titmice, Towhees. The little male House Wren comes to his box now and then and runs all intruders away. He allows no competitors.

Saturday, May 5th

Still in bed but have heard the same birds. Blue Birds still in nest also Robins, Brown Thrasher sitting. Florence walked up on a Bob White in the garden right at the terrace and he flew into the wire gate but did not hurt himself and flew over the hedge and past the chimney. I'm afraid the Catbirds are building in the plum thicket and if they are they will certainly come to grief because the children play in there as soon as school is out the end of this month.

Sunday, May 6th

Have heard the usual birds.

Monday, May 7th

The Sparrows have taken possession of Wren house under my window but have laid no eggs yet. A Black snake crawled leisurely along the ground under it this morning and Florence was too afraid of it to try to kill it. How I itched to get the hoe on it as I know it will get some of my birds. Mr. Ginter's Chickadees have left the nest.

Tuesday, May 8th

Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, House Wren, Mockingbirds, Orchard Oriole, Field Sparrow, Tufted Titmice, Chickadees were here and I heard the Carolina Wren in the garden as well as the Towhee and Starlings. A little Chipmunk stays on the feeding tray a good deal and the Sparrows eat along beside him.

Wednesday, May 9th

Tommie and Frank were here this afternoon. I heard the usual birds.

Thursday, May 10th (Flower Show)

I did not get to go as I'm still in bed. Three of the Blue Birds left the nest between three and four o'clock this afternoon but one little fellow stayed in the nest. He kept looking out and complaining about being left by himself until quite late. He was afraid, I know. One of the babies lit on the wire by the telephone post and one of his brothers came and snuggled up against him so adorably. The made the most appealing picture. Yesterday the funniest thing happened. A Baby English Sparrow was sitting on top of the Blue Bird box under the shade of the board I put up to keep it cool and when the Father Blue Bird came back with an enormous worm he coaxed for it and tried to take it anyway but the Blue Bird ran him off and when he went to give it to his babies the little Sparrow came back for it. The Blue Bird put him in his place immediately.

Friday, May 11th

The Robin is feeding its babies outside of the nest. The other baby Blue Bird left the nest this morning. One was on the windowsill, one on the kitchen terrace. One flew to the roof and walked right up to the peak then flew toward the Lombardy poplar but missed it and went on to the edge of the woods. The parents are having a time keeping them together. Baby Blue Birds fly well but they don't gage distances very well. While I was looking out of the bathroom window one of them flew to light on the sill but missed by about a foot and kept fluttering there below it and finally went back to the pine. The loathsome ticks are with us again as I found out today by finding one on me after lying out under the oak on my lot.

Saturday, May 12th

The usual birds were here. Miles was in jail today but Eddie got him out and they have been working in the garden together all afternoon and have accomplished a great deal.

Sunday, May 13th

Eddie and I lay out under the oak tree all morning and it was such a beautiful day. The same birds were here.

Monday, May 14th

Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Brown Thrashers, Catbirds, House Wrens, Goldfinches, Grackles, Woodthrush, Starlings, Orchard Oriole were here. I saw two of the Robins' babies today and thought I heard another. I did not see the Blue Bird babies today. While Miles was spraying the roses only a few feet from the Brown Thrasher's nest they went right ahead feeding their babies but while one was gone the other would stand sentinel on the side of the nest until the other returned.

Tuesday, May 15th

Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Orchard Oriole, House Wrens, Woodthrush, Towhees, Mockingbird, Starlings were here today. It rained and I couldn't go out but Florence discovered a new nest on an oak limb that hangs over the ground. She said it seemed to be mostly straw and there was nothing in it because she got the stepladder and looked.

Wednesday, May 16th

The man cut the hedge today and it looks better but is a bum job.

Thursday, May 17th

I looked at the Brown Thrasher's nest today and it was empty. I'm distressed because I know the man who clipped the hedge scared them from the nest too soon because I don't believe they were ready to leave. The nest Florence found looks like a Woodthrush nest but there is no bird in sight. It is a this year's nest alright but I didn't look into it.

Friday, May 18th

Miles and I stayed in the garden today. Mrs. Powell sent me a plant of lavender (or Vitex?) which I've been wanting and also four Breath of Spring plants and Mrs. Withers sent me two Cape Jasmine rooted cuttings. I'm simply delighted with all of them. Miles finished transplanting zinnias to my borders. He planted more for cutting last Saturday and they were up Tuesday. There are so many Starlings that something will have to be done about it. They are funny and amusing and the young are such loud-mouthed babies. One family of three babies I've been watching for several days. The babies are quite as large and able bodied as the father but he feeds them; parental loyalty to duty. Two of the babies walk around the ground and hunt for themselves while the father isn't looking but the moment he comes they are "all infant" again and tell him loudly how hungry and helpless they are. The third baby is a spoiled child and makes no attempt whatever to fend for himself. He follows the father around constantly and waits for him to feed him. Just after he has been fed he looks around at his brothers complacently as much as to say "you see, all you have to do is beg and be persevering about it and you won't have to hunt food; it will be dropped into your mouth". All three of them get on the limb where the suet is under my window and raise bedlam while the father feeds suet to each in turn. They are such clumsy, clownish things that I would enjoy them if there weren't so many of them that they will soon be running off the other birds.

Saturday, May 19th

The usual birds were here, but the thrill of the day was that the Woodthrush has been on her nest practically all day. James Carson was walking in the garden with Eddie this morning and saw all the bird nests new and old. He has an unusually keen eye for finding them. He inherited from his grandfather an original edition of Audubon.

Sunday, May 20th

We stayed under the oak tree practically all day and saw a great many interesting things. We watched the Woodthrush on her nest from the hammock and cot and she turned her eggs so lovingly. He came to the nest a few times. We saw the Brown Thrasher feeding its baby quite close to us. When the mother would give her alarm call the baby would "freeze" into one position and not even move his head. He was shaped like a little duck with no tail to balance him and was adorably awkward in getting from limb to limb. Eddie killed a black snake in the tree over us, just a few feet from where he killed the one which was eating the baby Carolina Wrens last year. Father came this afternoon but will have to go back in the morning as they telephoned him that Judge Adams had died.

Monday, May 21st

I was in the garden with Miles most of the morning and saw the usual birds but no new ones. A male Blue Bird has been staying at the box on the upper lot for two days.

Tuesday, May 22nd

Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Robins, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Woodthrush, Mockingbird, House Wren were here. The male Bluebird was at his box again today running off all sparrows that came too close. I saw the Brown Thrasher and the Robin feeding their young. The cardinals were here but are not such frequent visitors at the trays and last year they even brought their babies to the tray. The Woodthrush was not on her nest this morning when I went out nor this afternoon when Eddie looked. The Catbirds are hanging around the kitchen door again as though they wanted to build. The Robin sings continually so they'll probably be building again soon.

Wednesday, May 23rd

The female Blue Bird came today and they started building in the same box on the upper lot. Three of the babies were with them and would get on the box and be in the way. Every little while they would beg so hard that the mother would stop carrying straw and go find a worm and feed them. They are well able to feed themselves because I saw them finding food for themselves in between times. Something got all of my Woodthrush's eggs and I am broken hearted over it.

Friday, June 1st

I discovered the Catbird sitting in the Cedar tree where she built last year, and we were thrilled.

June 10th

The Brown Thrashers are building back in the hedge in the rose garden. The Blue Birds have been sitting peculiarly for several days. Eddie looked in their box but could see nothing wrong and there were three lovely eggs.

June 11th

Something has thrown the Blue Bird eggs out of the nest and we can't decide whether the Blue Birds did it themselves or whether the Wren did it as he did last year. I cleaned out the Wren's nest on the lower lot as he had deserted it in hopes the Blue Birds would use it so he may have retaliated that way.

June 14th

The Blue Birds are building back in the same nest and I hope they will be successful this time.

June 22nd

The Chickadees were in my garden today for the first time in at least six weeks and I was delighted. The Gold finches come every day to feed on the cornflower seed. The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Brown Thrashers, Robins, Cat Birds, House Wrens, Mocking Birds, Orchard Orioles, Starlings, Woodthrushes, Goldfinches are here daily and the Towhees, Carolina Wrens and a few other varieties are occasional visitors.

July 20th, Friday

The House Wrens left the small box on the upper lot last week and I was glad to see them go because they have driven off our Blue Birds. The Blue Birds built in the box on the upper lot four times this year and only succeeded in rearing one brood. The first brood had four lovely babies. The second eggs were thrown out of the nest. The third time something happened to them and the fourth time the Wren threw the eggs out again. It broke our hearts because the little things gave up then and they did love this box so much. The Brown Thrashers left the nest from the second sitting too young but two have survived. I think they coaxed them out of the nest because the Blue Jays had discovered the nest. The Catbirds raised successfully in the Cedar by the back gate. The Cardinals bring their babies to the tray constantly to feed them. The Towhee comes to the tray almost daily. We spent week before last at the beach at Pawley's Island and I saw Willets for the first time, also a little Blue Heron, White Kernes, Pelicans, Terns of different species and Caspian Terns.

Oct. 1st, 1934

The little female Downy has been enlarging the hole in the Wren box on the upper lot for several days, I suppose for winter quarters. I hope she will use it as she is an adorable visitor and I love her little metallic voice.

Tuesday, October 23rd

I saw the first Myrtle Warblers of the season this morning and also the first Song Sparrow. I have heard both for several days but had not seen them. I saw the 1st Myrtle Warblers last year October 21st and the first Song Sparrows October 20th. The Blue Birds play about the box on the upper lot every day and have been doing for about a month. I hope they will stay all winter. The Cardinals only come late in the evening now. We visited the "Robin Roost" at the Due estate the other day and there was a sea of voices both of the Robins and purple Grackles which have the same roosting grounds in common with the Robins. The mockingbird sings daily, and beautifully, and so does the Carolina Wren.

Friday, November 9th, 1934

I saw the first Slate colored Juncos of the season today. I have seen Ruby crowned Kinglets for some time. The Cardinals come only once or twice a day usually late in the evening. The Cardinals, Mockingbird (who is still eating my pokeberries), Blue Birds, Chickadees, Song Sparrows, Field Sparrows, Goldfinches, Carolina Wrens, are here every day and occasionally Flickers, Blue Jays, Myrtle Warblers, Golden Crowned Kinglets, Ruby Crowned Kinglets, Tufted Titmice. The Slate Colored Juncos, I saw last year for the first time on this same date.

December 25, 1934 (Christmas Day)

I heard the Mockingbird singing today.

January 1, 1935, Sunday

As we drove out of the driveway late this afternoon we heard the little Downy Woodpecker and saw him fly to the Wren box which he worked on last fall. He went in and did not come back out so I supposed he was going in to spend the night. We had thought he had deserted us but evidently not.

Wednesday, January 9, 1935

The weather is warm as a summer day and the Blue Birds seem more excited over their box than they have all winter, though they have been going in and out of it all winter long. They flutter their wings and talk about it and peer in, then fly to a weeping cherry nearby. They are never far away from it. The Song Sparrow was singing beautifully yesterday and the Cardinal was singing beautifully today. There were Cardinals, Blue Birds, Brown Thrasher, Mocking Bird, Towhee, Song Sparrow, White Throated Sparrows, Field Sparrow, Myrtle Warblers, Downy Woodpecker, Slate Colored Junco, Carolina Wren.

Friday, February 8th, 1935

A Hermit Thrush came to the birdbath under the weeping Willow today, the first I have seen this year. The Robin began to sing a few days ago and so did the Towhee. The Cardinal has been singing for a month.

Tuesday, March 12th, 1935

Eddie looked in the Blue Bird box today and it is half full of straw. I saw the Blue Bird carrying in the first straw Sunday, March 3rd. That is two weeks early. The Chickadees have been carrying chips out of a rotten fence post in the garden and the Downy Woodpecker gave some assistance. The Tufted Titmice and the Brown headed Nuthatches have also investigated it.

Sunday, March 24th

We saw the Robin carrying straw to the pine tree about 25 feet from my window where he started building April 8th 1933. This is the earliest I have ever had one build in my garden. I discovered a Cardinal's nest in the hedge behind the bench and have been watching it for a week but have never seen them go to it. I hope it is not deserted. The birds are 2 weeks early in their building this year in my garden. The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Brown Thrashers, Mocking birds, Chickadees, Tufted Titmice, Myrtle Warblers, Song Sparrows, White Throated Sparrows, Field Sparrows, Chipping Sparrows, Slate colored Juncos, Flickers, Downy Woodpeckers, Robins, and cedar Waxwings are in the garden every day. There have been flock after flock of Cedar Waxwings every day for at least three weeks on their way north. They stop at my Ligustrum berries and birdbath daily. There have been more this spring than I have ever seen and I don't remember seeing any last fall on their journey south.

Friday, April 26th, 1935

We returned from Washington last night and this morning we heard the Catbirds and Woodthrushs so I don't know what day they came back as we've been away a week. Something seems to have happened to the Robin's babies as I haven't seen them carrying any food and I have seen them mating again.

Sunday, August 25th, 1935

Today, Eddie discovered baby House Wrens in the wren box on the upper lot. This is very late for them and we were very much surprised. We saw a yellow-throated Vireo yesterday in the garden. The Cardinals are regular visitors at our feeding tray. Last night there were seven while we were having dinner on the terrace. I have not seen a Blue Bird in my garden since I came back from Texas and I miss them so. This is the longest they have been away since I've been watching the birds in my garden. The Cardinals, Peewees, Carolina Wrens, House Wrens, Blue Jays, Robins, Chickadees, Brown Thrashers, are in the garden constantly and I hear the Woodthrush every day give his fussing note and a number of other birds such as Flickers and Downies are in the garden almost every day.

January 16th, 1936 – Thursday

Today after lunch Eddie saw a Purple finch eating Ligustrum berries just outside my bedroom window. It was the first I had ever seen in my garden and was a thrilling surprise. He stayed there eating berries for about half an hour and was within a few feet of me. He turned from side to side, of course, displaying his beautiful plumage from every angle. There was no female around, just the one adult male and he was a beauty. The Cardinals, white Throated Sparrows, Towhees, Tufted Titmice, Juncos, Myrtle Warblers, Chickadees, Carolina Wren, Mocking bird, Song Sparrows, were in the garden every day before we went away for Christmas but I have not seen my Wrens nor my Mockingbird since I came back. While I was gone there was an extremely cold spell with deep snow and I'm afraid they couldn't find enough to eat.

Tuesday, January 28th, 1936

12 or fifteen Robins stopped in the weeping willow over the birdbath this morning, the first I've seen since last fall.

Wednesday, January 29th, 1936

I heard the Cardinal singing this morning for the first time this year.

Thursday, January 30th, 1936

A Hermit Thrush was in the garden today. I imagine he had been eating suet in the maple near the dining room window because he was near it when I first saw him.

Monday, February 2nd, 1936

When I awakened this morning a female Cardinal was eating grain on my windowsill and two male Cardinals were singing in the distance. Friday I put a little feeding tray just outside my bedroom window and put suet, grain, apple and orange out. That afternoon the Myrtle Warblers found it. Saturday morning the Song sparrows found it. Saturday afternoon the White Throats found it and yesterday the Cardinals found it. Now it is in constant use. A heavy snow has been on the ground since Wednesday and I've had a hard time keeping food on my trays. The Mockingbird eats his weight in apple every few hours.

Friday, February 7th, 1936

Today I saw a Hermit Thrush eating my apple for the first time. He eats my suet daily but this is the first time I had seen him at the apple. I heard the Towhee singing his lovely song just outside the living room today. The Cardinals, Myrtle Warblers, Song Sparrows, White Throated Sparrows are on my windowsill eating constantly. I have seen three males and two females.

Sunday, February 9th, 1936

I have been in bed today and the cardinals, Song Sparrows, White-throated Sparrows, Myrtle Warblers have entertained me on my windowsill. The Myrtle Warbler and Starlings have eaten the suet and the Myrtle Warblers have also eaten the peanut butter. The Cardinals, Song Sparrows, WhiteThroats and Blue Jays have eaten the grain and the Mocking Bird has eaten the apple. My bed is against the window and if I am very quiet they go on eating and keep bobbing their heads up to see what I'm doing. If I make a sudden move they are off in a flash but soon come back to the serious business of filling their stomachs for this is a snow covered world and even the limbs are ice coated. A feeding station is a real joy in weather like this. We have had our sixth snow of the season and the birds have suffered greatly this winter. I heard a Blue Bird today but could not see him. The Towhee roosts in a shrub on the west side of my kitchen steps and we have unwittingly frightened him out so many times that he is very cautious when he goes to bed and goes thru the same performance every evening when he comes home. He flies to the hedge about fifteen feet from the shrub giving his call note all the time and coming toward the shrub safely hidden within the hedge. As he nears the shrub he stops making a sound and where the hedge is only two or three feet from the shrub he hops to the ground and goes hastily and inconspicuously across the ground to the shrub, enters it at the bottom and climbs up inside to the very top and roosts just under the top layer of leaves. Several White Throated Sparrows roost in the same shrub. Near dusk, dozens of White Throats come home to my hedge to roost and the air is full of their metallic chipping until they quiet down for

the night. If you watch you can see them coming from all directions where they have been at their daytime feeding grounds to spend the night in a common roost. A few stay with me all day and simply live on the trays. I have heard a Robin nearly every day but do not see him. I am anxious about the Blue Birds this year. I have so many English Sparrows that it will be hard for them to find and keep a box.

Wednesday, February 26th, 1936

I saw a Brown Thrasher near the upper lot today when I went to see what the birds were fussing about. I never could find out. The little male Blue Bird gave his worried little call for several days and his mate has disappeared. Poor little things, my Blue Birds have rather a hard time. Eddie planted his sweet peas this afternoon and I planted my hotbed yesterday.

Friday, February 28th, 1936

The little male Blue Bird came to my windowsill this morning to see what the other birds were eating but he didn't eat anything. He took a bite of suet from the maple outside the dining room window and the Mocking Bird sailed down on him and ran him away. The Carolina Wren had been eating suet there and the Blue Bird ran him away. I have not seen the female Blue Bird for days. I do hope he'll find a mate and stay with me as it would almost spoil the spring if the Blue Birds didn't nest in my boxes. We both look for their wistful little voice and that beautiful flash of blue.

March 1st, 1936

The Blue Bird has had a female with him today and yesterday and we are delighted. The Brown Thrasher was on the suet outside the dining room window today. The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Brown Thrasher, Mocking Bird, Robins, White Throated Sparrows, Song Sparrows, Myrtle Warblers, Towhee, and Chickadees were in the garden today besides, of course, Starlings and English Sparrows. I heard a Mourning Dove singing today and it gave me a thrill. I hope he'll nest close by as I've missed their voices every since hunting season began last fall.

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March 30, 1940

We were all paced this morning to go to Natamuskeet Lake and were to leave at 7 a.m. but thunder and lightning and rain began about 5 a.m. so we did not go. It is just as well as the weeping cherries are in full bloom and we can enjoy a quiet weekend at home in the garden. In the hotbed my petunias and ageratum are up. Last Sunday, Easter, my garden was beautiful, every daffodil was in bloom and also the little blue French Roman Hyacinths. When we came out of Easter church service it was snowing and continued all day. That night the temperature was 23 and Monday night it was 22 so it laid my daffodils and hyacinths low and nipped all daylily foliage but didn't really do as much damage generally as might be expected. The pair of Blue Birds began nesting earlier than usual this year. She began to build the 2nd of March in the old box on upper lot and she is sitting now. They come constantly to my window-feeding tray to eat bits of American cheese and occasional black walnuts and peanut butter. They have come every day during the winter, as have the Mocking Bird, Myrtle Warblers, Carolina Wrens and White Throated Sparrows. I have seen cardinals, Blue Birds, Mocking Birds, Carolina Wrens, Myrtle Warblers, Pine Warblers, White Throated Sparrows, Song Sparrows, Robins, Brown Thrashers, Chickadees, Blue Jays, Starlings and several others which I could not see well enough without my field glasses to identify. We went to see Mickey Rooney in Young Tom Edison tonight and it was splendid.

March 31st, Sunday

We spent most of the day in the garden as the weather is delightful. Catherine and Bill Hopkins came over this morning and we sat under the oak tree until lunchtime. This afternoon we spent in the hammock. Tonight Ben and Jane had dinner with us. The usual Cardinals, Bluebirds, Carolina Wrens, Myrtle Warblers, White Throated Sparrows, Song Sparrows, Robins, Brown Thrashers, Chickadees, Blue Jays, Starlings and, of course, English Sparrows, were in the garden. There was a bird which I could not identify with certainty because I did not see the male but it appeared to be a female Blue Grosbeak. I do hope it was and that I'll see them around. Yesterday I watched the female Cardinal building in the hedge near the Judas tree on the upper side. We have had the hedge cut back so severely that there is very little protection for them but she seems to have picked a very good place. I hear the doves every day, I think in my woods and I saw them flying over the garden today.

April 1st, Monday

I haven't walked in the garden today. As soon as I got up I went to the Institute on International Affairs with Jerry Shaunahouse and we had lunch there and stayed for the afternoon session. Miss Harriet Elliot and Miss Shane were the speakers. Then I came home and went to bed exhausted and had dinner in bed.

April 2nd, Tuesday

Went to Van Wyck, S.C. with Eddie this morning and as we waited for the ferry a pair of Blue Birds entertained us with their courting and a hawk screamed up the river and then we saw him sailing majestically around the tops of the trees. I heard a Chipping Sparrow today by the side door where they stay every year. This is the first time this year. He must have come back the night before. While I was playing today a little White Throated Sparrow by the side door sang at the top of his voice. When I played softly he sang softly and when I played louder he sang louder. Tonight we had dinner at Queens and I talked about birds.

April 3rd, Wednesday

Last night the table looked so lovely at Queens. They had made place cards with Blue Birds on them and had an enormous bunch of violets in the center of the table. It was really lovely. Last night from one o'clock to two o'clock the Mockingbird sang beautifully and I looked out on pitch darkness, not a sign of moon or stars. He just felt in the mood and didn't need the inspiration of a romantic moon.

April 4th, Thursday

The little female Blue Bird started carrying cheese to the box today so I know the babies have hatched though I am in bed and cannot go out to see. Yesterday afternoon when I came in I thought the male and female were acting as though the babies were hatching. He was sitting nearby fluttering his wings and acting like a human father during the process. The female always looks a little worried and ??? as though waiting to do something for them. She could, but never loses her head and gets excited like he does. The Mocking Bird sang from two to five this morning.

April 10th, 1940, Wednesday

Have been in bed for a week but the usual birds are on my window sill every day and the Mockingbird sings every night. Today a pine Warbler enjoyed the feeding tray immensely. I hope he comes often as he was on it a number of times today and was such an attractive visitor. He ate suet, cheese, peanut butter and black walnut and seemed entirely at home. The Carolina Wrens started carrying cheese to their babies about the 6th or 7th. This morning the little female Blue Bird was getting cheese to take to her babies and Tommy was on the window sill trying to flirt with her so her husband sailed into her and knocked her about six inches down the tray and she turned around and fluffed out her little feathers and opened her mouth and he pecked her on the head and then flew at Tommy in a rage. They pecked at each other through the screen. Rosetta was cleaning my room and also watched them and said "Well, Mrs. Clarkson! Aren't all males alike though?" Tommy, my Blue Bird, has enjoyed my stay in bed immensely. He plays with me constantly and when I have the shades pulled down he still stays and sits on the lampshades, etc. and just gets furious if I have him put out of my room for a little while. I seldom do, anyway, but he sits in the hall window and chatters and begs until he is let back in the room. He is so accustomed to human companionship that he wants to be in sight of us every minute. He will sit as quietly or be preening himself and making no sound at all and if I speak to him he answers me and sometimes waves his wing at me like he does in greeting a female Blue Bird. This evening Eddie went by Aunt Marion's to get me a flower catalogue and said her garden was simply lovely in full bloom. I have white hyacinths in bloom, spirea prunifolia, creeping phlox, pear tree and the Judas trees and thousands of violets but the weeping cherries and Crab Apples (*atrocaerulea*) are over. The dogwoods are beginning to open up. It is a very green world that I look out upon from my window.

April 16, Tuesday

Today has been most exciting. First the Blue Birds left the nest and we thought something had happened to them because we could neither see nor hear them and the parents fussed for two solid hours and did not feed them but after lunch she began to carry cheese from the window sill to them. However, we haven't seen them yet. Then Sylvia, the Russian Wolf Hound, flushed a Chuck Will's Widow from the leaves near the oak tree and we watched it where it settled for about ten minutes within 8 feet of it. Eddie got the camera and I took a picture of it but I'm sure it wasn't good as it was too shady. All of the birds fussed the entire morning and we couldn't find anything except the Chuck Will's Widow. We did try to kill a snake but it got away. Rosetta was about to knock the Chuck Will's Widow out of the tree with a stick of wood when I stopped her. She thought it was an owl. The House Wren came back today. I heard him early this morning when I first awakened just chattering away. When I came back this afternoon I found that another old friend was back, a male Hummingbird and he was one of the old ones because he went to the feeders and sat on the back of the chairs on the terrace and was perfectly at home. I'm looking for my Catbird any day now. I went over to Concord this afternoon and made a talk on birds to two book clubs at Mrs. Bernard Fetzer's. She has a lovely garden and is such a sweet person. She gave me a little herb, a variety of Thyme that smells exactly like lemon verbena. I have the regular lemon Thyme but mine does not have the distinct lemon fragrance like the one she gave me. Just before dinner Eddie and I looked at the Chuck Will's Widow again. He was still on the same lower limb of the pine with his big eyes closed to narrow slits.

April 17th, Wednesday

This morning the Woodthrush came and was singing behind the herb garden early, about a quarter of six. The white-eyed vireo is back and the Maryland Yellowthroat and the Summer Tanager and I saw and heard a Purple Martin above the garden. I do hope they'll take my Martin house. I was working in my herb garden this afternoon when Mrs. Van

Every came and also when Marguerite Myers and Catherine Hopkins came. I planted dill, coriander, anise, caraway, basil, and summer savory.

April 19th, Friday

The Catbirds came back today, the sixth year that they have returned on the 19th of April. I rushed out to give them cheese and sure enough they were old friends because they came and ate it when I threw it to them. My herbs from the Indiana Botanic Gardens came today. There were With Hazel, Anise scented Golden Rod, Catsfoot, Sweet fern, American Dittany Butter and Eggs, Florentine Iris from which ??? root powder is made, Wild Sweet Cicely (the root tastes like anise), Boneset, Ginseng and Golden Seal. It rained off and on all afternoon and Clarence and I got soaked several times. Mrs. Albert Clark came over and I gave her some herb plants. Mr. Prunty brought my new Electrolux cleaner this morning and showed us all its uses. It is the most remarkable thing I've ever seen and I am so thrilled with it. It solves almost all housecleaning problems. The delicious Benne seed cookies which Mrs. Ginter sent from Charleston came today. Tommy, the Blue Bird, is in such a playful mood that I can hardly write. He pecks at the pen point as it moves along and perches on my hand and is generally helpful. The Fiskolor Stix to make colored flames in the open fireplace came this morning and we sat in the living room tonight and read and enjoyed the open fire. The colors from one "stix" lasted a full hour and are so much more practical than the homemade attempts at colored flames like I tried at Christmas. The pink tulips are in bloom and pink dogwood, white dogwood, white narcissus, and candytuft. The little creeping phlox on the upper path is still rather pretty. The white hyacinths are sending a second spike of bloom.

April 20th, Saturday

It is very cold today. There were lots of Goldfinches in the garden. Oh, I'm so thrilled with my herbs and I want to stay in the herb garden all the time.

April 22nd, Monday

The Orchard Oriole and the female Hummingbirds came today. We planted 25 tuberoses and a Buddleia, variety "Charming".

April 23rd, Tuesday

I planted Tarragon, Valerian, Applemint, Curly mint and Mertensia from Wayside Gardens today. We did not have time to plant 6 climbing American Beauty roses from the same place. We also planted Lemon, Nutmeg, Oak Leaf, Lady Plymouth, Skeleton Leafed, New Apple Scented, Cutleaf Rose (Dr. Livingston), Geraniums and Lemon verbena, Star Jasmine and Plumbago from Good & Reese. I like to buy a few things each year from them because Mother has been buying from them since they were established in 1888. The Catbirds, Robins, Cardinals, and White Throated Sparrows came to the herb garden when I call and get the cheese. The Catbirds are building and so are the House Wrens and, I think, the Wood Thrush. Yesterday afternoon we discovered a place where we could buy annual plants very inexpensively just across the creek on Park Road from a Mr. Pendle. We bought white petunias, marigolds, tomato plants, eggplants for one cent a piece and forget-me-nots for two cents a piece, nice healthy plants, and we planted most of them today. The little female Blue Bird works terribly back and forth taking cheese to her hungry babies.

April 24th, Wednesday

I heard the Red Eyed Vireo for the first time (today) this year. My rare "Dittany of Crete" came today and also my Wooly Betony from the Weathered Oak Herb Farm and I planted them carefully in the herb garden. They are beautiful little things. The little female Blue Bird is building again between feeds of her babies. She's building in the birdhouse next to the rose path this time.

April 26th, Friday

We came over to Henderson, N.C. this morning to State Bird Club meeting and I told them about Tommy this afternoon. We brought Sarah ??? and Miss Slaton over. We had brunch under a big oak. The way over Eddie dug me up a small fragrant square stemmed plant that I didn't know.

April 27th, Saturday

Today is our 13th wedding anniversary and would have been Mother and Dad's 53rd anniversary. Eddie gave me the most beautiful Mother of Pearl opera glasses and two books by Mrs. Rosetta E. Clarkson, "Magic Gardens" and "Witches Gardens".

April 29th, Monday

I heard the Great Crested Flycatcher today for the first time this year. His voice is so insistent that I'm sure he has just come. You couldn't miss him. The Cardinals chased a Blue Jay desperately today. If he had any of their babies he did not get all as they went in and fed the others afterwards. My beautiful Iris is in bloom, Pallida Dalwatica. It is so fragrant and my favorite.

May 3rd, Friday

The baby Cardinals left the nest today and so did Mrs. Ginter's Carolina Wrens. The White Throats and Myrtle Warblers left last night all but a few. Today we planted Camphor plants, Woolly Mint, Heyssap, St. John's Wort, Artemisia Frigida, Prinula Vulgaris, Micromeria, and Creeping Mint.

May 7th, Tuesday

The Diocesan Convention is being held at St. Peters and Dr. Craighill of Rocky Mount came to stay with us last night. Mr. Henry of Chapel Hill is here tonight also. Early this morning, about five o'clock Dr. Craighill got up and went out into the garden and stayed out until time to go to the meeting at church at 9:30. He had breakfast under the oak tree. He saw several birds I had not seen in my garden, a Scarlet Tanager, an Olive Backed Thrush, and for the first time this year (for my garden) a Yellow Breasted Chat and an Oven bird.

May 8th, Wednesday

This morning I got up at six and walked out in the garden with Dr. Craighill and then down to the creek. We saw an Acadian Flycatcher, a male Redstart in first year breeding plumage and we saw four young Carolina Wrens in a nest that I think was a Cardinal's nest and the Mother was feeding them. They all hopped out of the nest and evidently had only been spending the night there. I saw the Ovenbird this afternoon and he took cheese when I threw it to him. Dr. Craighill, Mr. Henry, Eddie and I had breakfast under the oak tree. The Carolina Wren came up to my feet while we were eating and took the cheese to feed her babies. The baby rabbits are adorable. They came up to my feet this evening entirely unafraid. All four of the baby Blue Birds are coming to my windowsill for cheese. The Field Sparrows ate the cheese today.

May 9th, Thursday

This morning I saw a black and white warbler behind the herb garden. Cardinals, Blue Birds, House Wrens, Carolina Wrens, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Wood Thrush, White Throated Sparrows, Robins, Purple Grackles, Starlings, Red Eyed Vireos, Blue Jays, Black and White Warbler.

June 3rd, Monday

Today I discovered a Mourning Dove's nest above my hammock in the pine where I can lie and watch it. It is sitting and its beautiful pointed tail sticks out over its nest like a beacon.

June 4th, Tuesday

The second set of Blue Bird babies left the nest today and there were five.

June 7th, Friday

The second set of Brown Thrashers left the nest today and the first set of Catbirds.

June 15th, Saturday

I saw a male Towhee in the thicket behind one of Eddie's houses on Dellwood Avenue. Yesterday Paris fell into the hands of the Barbarians.

June 17th, Monday

I believe the little female Blue Bird began to sit on her third nest of eggs today, though I'm not entirely sure. The babies come to my windowsill constantly for bits of cheese and the parents are having to feed them very little though they beg appealingly.

June 18th, Tuesday

The Catbirds showed Clarence a black snake today and he killed it.

June 27th, Thursday

The same little female Blue Bird began to build today again in the box by the rose path, the same box she raised the last five. She had begun to sit in the other box but something took every egg and, as none are to be found anywhere and as the box is on a 6 foot iron pole, I can only conclude that someone is collecting eggs from my boxes, especially since the same thing happened to the wren box. There are a number of collectors in Charlotte. The Cardinal began sitting on her third set of eggs June 24th, I believe, though it might have been a day or so earlier. I hear the Towhee every day and the Yellow Breasted Chat and see or hear the Great Crested Flycatcher and the Flicker. The Mourning Doves got out of the nest yesterday afternoon but one stayed on the limb a foot from the nest and one stayed on the side of the nest and the mother sat on the nest. They are beautiful little short-tailed things. I suppose they will get away from the nest today. The Brown Thrasher is sitting again for the third time this year. His nest in the grapevine over the fence next to Mrs. Ginter's. The Cardinals, Blue Birds, Blue Jays, Brown Thrashers, Mocking Birds, Catbirds, Goldfinches, Chipping Sparrows, Orchard Orioles, Robins, Carolina Wrens, House Wrens, Flickers, Mourning Doves, Wood Thrush, Vireos, Starlings, Great Crested Flycatcher are in the garden every day and occasionally Bob White. Yesterday afternoon Tommy ate 47 flies without stopping and he had just eaten three grasshoppers. Five minutes later he ate 7 more flies and looked for more. This morning he ate 55 flies on a stretch and had just eaten four bugs. His capacity is unlimited. He is a happy healthy little bird and enjoys life immensely. The afternoon out at Mr. Barringer's farm we saw several Snowy Egrets.

July 9th, Tuesday

There has been a baby Towhee around the garden for about a week. I saw a Dove on the feeding tray near the hammock and also one at the pool drinking. This morning a Flicker was going in and out of the Martin house so I put a Flicker house about half way up the pole hoping the Flicker would take it.

July 11th, Thursday

We watched a beautiful Black and White Warbler this morning in the oak tree near the fence by the herb garden. Eddie said "He is so stylish that he reminds me of a beautiful dress in Vogue".

July 12th, Friday

A beautiful Mourning Dove comes to our pool every morning to drink and this morning he flew up on the garage and watched the birds on the feeding tray near the terrace. Finally he came down and ate under the tray and stayed there until Howard came down the driveway and scared him.

July 14th, Sunday

Tommy lost his first primary this afternoon beginning his molting season. He has been preening all day long

July 15th, Monday

The baby Blue Birds have hatched. I don't know whether they hatched yesterday or the day before but they are feeding them today.

August 1st, Thursday

The Blue Birds left the nest today and the parents are in a continual state of excitement. There were three babies this time making twelve babies altogether from the one pair of Blue Birds. She is a wonderful little mother.

August 5th, Monday

Today Mrs. Steger called me to come see a white headed robin but it was at lunch and I could not go. This afternoon there was a young Orchard Oriole on the wire over the garden and there was a pugnacious Peewee that tried to run off every bird in the garden. He chased a Catbird, and English Sparrow and actually hit a Hummingbird and may have injured it. He was certainly either in a very bad humor or very full of mischief.

October 21st, Monday

My White Throated Sparrows came in Friday night and Saturday. Morning the 19th one began to sing outside my window at 6:17. It gave me a thrill that lasted all day. The Myrtle Warblers and a Hermit Thrush who acts a though he might be the one who wintered with me last year came in with them and I also saw a female Scarlet Tanager in the garden. The Ruby Crowned Kinglets came Monday the 1rth, I think and I saw a Blackburnian Warbler in the garden Tuesday the 15th, the first record for my garden. The Catbirds left Thursday night the 9th and the Woodthrush the 10th. When I returned from Texas September 7th there wasn't an old male Hummingbird here and the last lone bird left the last week in September. I'm not sure when the Brown Thrasher left. I was rather hoping he'd stay all winter as he did last year but I haven't seen him for five or six days. The Mockingbird sings at the top of his lungs in the daytime and also on these moonlight nights. He sounds more like Spring than October. We returned from Chicago last week and the weather was as delightful there as here. I see the Blue Birds every day on my window-feeding tray. The Slate Bird Club will meet here Friday Oct. 25.

January 12, 1941

Today we went to see Miles and on the way saw a beautiful Great Blue Heron standing on some rock in the creek.

Jan. 20th, 1941, Monday

Today I rode in the car with Eddie about two blocks from home and while I waited for him I saw a flock of crows which I estimated contained about 300 individuals. I counted 100 and then estimated the rest by size and length of the flock which was three to three and half times as long and just as compact as the part I accurately counted and all in sight in the air at the same time. When I came home I sat on the stepladder on the upper lot for about half an hour and without moving saw fifteen Juncos in a flock feeding nearby, perhaps ten White Throated Sparrows, one Ruby Crowned Kinglet, 3 golden Crowned Kinglets, one Brown creeper, one Downy, one Field Sparrow, 2 Blue Birds, one Mocking Bird, 2 Carolina Wrens, four Chickadees, five Tufted Titmice 3 Cardinals, 5 Myrtle Warblers, 1 Towhee. Clear, sunny day, no wind, temp around 65.

Feb. 15th, Saturday

The Brown Thrasher came back to the garden yesterday. I don't know whether he has been south or not because last year he stayed all winter. The Starlings are back in the garden now for three or four days after a relief of several months from them. There have been large flocks during the winter nearby but none in the garden.

Feb. 28th, 1940, Friday

Mr. Barringer saw an Indigo Bunting today.

March 2nd 1941, Sunday

Today I saw a Song Sparrow on the birdbath under the Weeping Willow, the first I have seen this winter and I was glad to see him. The Hermit Thrush was very much in evidence as were the Towhees, Robins, White Throats, Juncos, Tufted Titmice, Cardinals, Mocking Birds, Blue Birds, Myrtle Warblers, Starlings, Blue Jays, Carolina Wrens, and Pine Warbler.

March 5th, 1941, Wednesday

I saw a large flock of Cedar Waxwings today eating the hedge berries. Tonight we showed the slides of North Carolina Birds which Eddie and I gave to the N.C. Academy of Science in memory of my Mother. They are for use in high school science departments and may be used by Clubs when the dates don't conflict with a school date.

March 9, 1941, Sunday

I had a big thrill this morning when I heard my first Mourning Dove of the season. It was not in my garden but was farther away. I do hope we'll have doves in the garden again all summer like we did last year.

March 10th, Monday

The Blue Birds are building in Tommy's box on the upper lot and we are thrilled. It never ceases to thrill me when the Blue Birds begin building. That's the beginning of spring to me. The Tufted Titmice have built in the box in the herb garden and I think the Carolina Wrens have built or are building in Miles' little house.

March 11th, Tuesday

Today the little Pine Warbler ate out of Mrs. Ginter's hand for the first time. She stooped down and held her hand to the ground and he came and took the cheese twice.

March 15, Saturday

The little Blue Bird is still building and I saw her carry in two chicken feathers today. My Blue Birds seldom use any feathers at all and if I had not seen her take them in myself, I would have thought it was put in her nest by an English Sparrow, when I examined it. The little Pine Warbler almost ate out of my hand today and the Robins and Cardinals took the cheese when I threw it to them. I saw the little Field Sparrow in Eddie's vegetable garden and rang in the house for some cheese and sure enough he is one of the ones we fed all last summer because he came for the cheese. Tommy is pecking at the pen as I write and I can hardly write. Then he rides on the pen so I can't see what I'm writing. The doves are in the woods now and we scared them this afternoon.

March 16, Sunday

When Rosetta came this morning she went first to fill the dove tray and she scared the doves out of the same pine tree that they built in last summer over my hammock. An enormous drove of Robins stopped in our oak and surrounding trees to eat the hedge berries before breakfast but were scattered by a hawk. Tommy just will not let me write this. Yesterday afternoon Eddie planted three pints of onions, one each of three different varieties. Last night we went to see "Dream of a Clown", a womanless comedy put on by the leading men of Charlotte for the benefit of Bundles of Britain. It was a hilarious evening. Jonquils are in full bloom now and a few early white hyacinths are in bloom. The thrill of the day was having the little male Pine Warbler eat cheese from my hand. The female Pine Warbler ate cheese from Eddie's hand.

March 23, Sunday

Friday, the 21st, I saw a Fox Sparrow eating on the dove tray out by the water oak and he has been coming there for food ever since. Late yesterday afternoon I went to the Herb Garden to feed the birds and I was so tired that I saw to Eddie "I'm just too tired to call them" and with that I sat down on the iron grape bench. He said "You aren't too tired to come here, are you?" and by the tone of his voice I knew he had discovered a bird's nest. He was in the white rose garden and the wooden base which holds the little birdbath and statue of St. Francis of Assisi has rotted on the inside and is hollow in places. There was a small place broken through the side and there was a Carolina Wren's nest with five eggs. I never saw a more beautiful sight and it seemed that they must have known that St. Francis would protect them.

March 27th, Thursday

I think the Carolina Wren began sitting on her eggs Monday the 24th or Tuesday the 25th. As well as I can tell there are five eggs. My birds come when I call them to get cheese in the herb garden now and I see my doves in the woods almost every day near the dove feeding tray. Tuesday the 25th we put up the birdhouses in the woods, that Eddie gave me for my birthday. They are called Sure Nest. The weeping willow is dripping with pale green fronds and the Jonquils and French Roman hyacinths are at their height.

March 30th, Sunday

Yesterday I saw my first Chipping Sparrow in the garden and today I saw one at Miles's. I killed a Blue Jay and several English Sparrows today and I was so distressed to have to do it. The little wren is sitting tight on her eggs. The

Mocking Bird, Brown Thrasher, Towhees, Cardinals, Tufted Titmice, Chickadees, Ruby Crowned Kinglets, Pine Warblers, Myrtle Warblers, Fox Sparrows, White Throated Sparrows, Mourning Doves, Field Sparrows, Chipping Sparrow, Robins, Cedar Waxwings, starlings, Blue Jays, Carolina Wrens, Blue Birds, Hermit Thrush, Flicker.

March 31st, Monday

Today a purple finch in first breeding plumage was singing in a pine near the herb garden and stopping to eat the buds off Eddie's cherry tree. There is one flower open on the weeping cherries but all the buds are swelling fast. My Spirea Prunifolia is beginning to open and my French Roman hyacinths are at their height. The very tiny sweet scented Narcissus are blooming and also the next size Eddie's lavender sweet peas are up and his poppies are beginning to come up. I divided my lungwort (*Pulmonaria Saccharata*) yesterday and made about 13 or 14 tiny plants out of 2 large ones. I also made 7 *Mertensia* plants out of 2 plants and three *Primula vulgaris* out of one plant. The little male and female Field Sparrows come to the window tray and also male and female Tufted Titmice, Cardinals, Pine Warblers, Mocking birds, Robins, White Throats, Carolina Wrens, etc. Saturday, the 29th, Eddie planted his carrots and beets.

April 7th, Monday

Mrs. Ginter saw a Black and White Warbler today. The right side of my face has been entirely paralyzed since Thursday April 3rd.

April 9, Wednesday

Eli brought me some chickens this morning and when Eddie showed him the Wren's nest she was off and he said "Why, there are babies!" We are so thrilled. There is a Cardinal's nest in the hedge by the lower pergola.

April 11th, Friday

I think the Blue Birds have hatched though I'm not sure as I am still sick in bed. Dorothy Knox and the news photographer took pictures of the Wren's nest under the statue of St. Francis this afternoon. The Weeping Cherries are just past their prime and the Judas trees are at their height. The Spirea Prunifolia is white with blooms and the flowering almonds are opening up fast. The yellow trumpet daffodils are about over with the exception of Emperor but there are lovely white short cupped narcissus in bloom on the upper lot and the blue creeping phlox is opening up. The violets along every path are divine. Eddie's carrots are up and, I think, some of his other vegetables.

April 12th, Saturday

I have felt much better today and have been out in the sun a great deal. The Woodthrush is back today and I saw a male Humming Bird this afternoon so I put out my feeders on the terrace. The Brown Thrasher is carrying sticks in the hedge and the Cardinal is sitting in the hedge. The beautiful azalea Mrs. Ginter gave Mother is in bloom. There were a number of gold finches in the garden. Today I saw in the garden, Mockingbirds, Blue Birds, Tufted Titmice, Field Sparrows, Chipping Sparrows, White Throated Sparrows, Carolina Wrens, Robins, Brown Thrashers, cardinals, Wood Thrush, Humming Bird, Myrtle Warblers, Towhees, Doves, Blue Jays, cedar Waxwings, Chickadees, Downy Woodpecker, Flicker, Starlings, Goldfinches. I have not seen the Pine Warblers for almost a week. I hope they haven't left us.

April 14th, Monday

Last night a cat got all five of my beautiful little Carolina Wren babies and the adorable little mother who built so beautifully and so confidently under the shadow of St. Francis. Even the gentle presence of St. Francis in a quiet garden could not protect them from a person who lets his cat run unrestrained. Yesterday the Woodthrush came for cheese in the herb garden just as though he had never been away from me for the winter. The House Wren came back today. The Tufted Titmice are building down below the Ginter's somewhere and yesterday I watched her stealing the soft lining from a gray squirrel's nest to put in her own nest. Today Dad sent me some blue bonnet blooms and some roses of all his varieties including yellow and white Banksias and Mother's Golden Gate roses came in beautiful shape.

April 16, Wednesday

Today the Maryland Yellowthroat is back and so is the Yellow Warbler and I also saw some kind of vireo I thought by his actions but could not see well enough to identify. I also heard a Black Poll Warbler. I saw the Pine Warbler yesterday

eating cheese in the herb garden. The Prices have a Carolina Wrens nest with babies in their large hanging electric lantern on the front of the house. It swings on a long chain from the two-story roof of the porch. I see flocks of Cedar Waxwings every day. All of the oak trees are in bloom. My Judas trees are at their height and the pink and white Dogwoods are opening. The weeping Cherries are almost entirely gone and the Atrosanguinea Crabs are past their prime but still beautiful. The Azalea Mrs. Ginter gave mother several years ago is in full bloom and is a beautiful mass of pink blooms, Coral Bells, I think. The two pink Azalea on the front of the house are almost at their height, a large flowered pink variety.

April 18th, Friday

I watched a male Cape May Warbler this morning for half an hour in a pine not 15 feet from where I saw one eating suet in the maple near my dining room window on April 24th, 1933. He leisurely went over every limb singing constantly between tidbits and stopping every now and then to sit and preen his beautiful plumage, fluff out his feathers, and give himself a "shake, shake, shake". I also discovered a Robin's nest in the pine just behind St. Therese. The Judas tree is still in full bloom next to the pink dogwood in the main garden and the pink dogwood is almost entirely open. They do not blend. Yesterday we drove by the old Alexander place on Clement Ave. and it is a paradise in full bloom of pink and white dogwood, Wisteria, purple and white iris, Judas trees. Our Wisteria is beautiful now out by the herb garden. The Orchard Oriole is here and I heard a White Eyed Vireo and a Red Eyes Vireo. The Wild Cherries are in full bloom. I saw the first female Humming Bird late this afternoon.

April 19th, Sat.

This morning when Rosetta brought our breakfast up she said "I've seen someone you haven't seen" and we jumped out of bed because we knew it was the Catbirds and looked out the window and sure enough, there they were for the seventh year back on April 19th. John found a dead male Towhee on the upper lot this morning and we are so distressed because he sang constantly and the pair were nesting we thought. The Blue Birds have been acting in a peculiar manner this afternoon and I do hope nothing is wrong. Eddie got rid of the sparrows and Starlings tonight. The Cape May Warbler is still here and in the same trees all day.

April 20th, Sunday

We saw the Cape May Warbler again today with another male and they stayed all day in and out of the oak tree where I was lying. They don't seem at all frightened but look at us and stop and preen themselves and go on about their business with no apparent fear. The dove came to the feeding tray while I was sitting nearby in the herb garden. We found a brown Thrashers egg near her nest, evidently eaten by something and she is injured, all fluffed out and flops along the ground as though she has a broken leg. I can't imagine what fought with her. She is still sitting on the eggs because I saw her go in to the nest. The Blue Birds are feeding their young so evidently are alright. The Catbirds came for cheese in the herb garden today as of old. Yesterday when Rosetta first saw them they were the Deutsia, Pride of Rochester, outside the kitchen window where they had a nest last year.

April 21st, Monday

When I first awakened this morning the Catbird was on the tray by my bed. I looked out and saw a Cedar Waxwing on the tray. Before I got up there were Tufted Titmice, Field Sparrow. There were quite a number of Cape May Warblers today.

May 5th, Monday

The Baby Towhees left the nest May 4th. The nest was in the hedge on the outside of the white rose garden about ten feet from the garage. The four baby Blue Birds left the nest April 26th, the day after Tommy's birthday. The baby Cardinals left the nest in the hedge near the pergola Saturday May 3rd. The Brown Thrashers hatched Saturday, May 3, I think, but am not entirely sure. The Chipping Sparrows started building Monday, April 28th on a pine limb hanging over the lower path. I saw them mating yesterday and again today just before she went to sit on the nest so I imagine she is laying though the nest is about 15 feet up and too high to look into. The Catbird in the dogwood on the lower lot began sitting Tuesday, April 29th just ten days after arriving. The Catbirds always arrive mated and begin looking for a nesting

site the first day they arrive. My Red Eyed Vireo was in the oak today where she built last year. I hope she'll repeat her success. Two nests of my Robins are about ready to leave the nest and a third is sitting. There is another Catbird's nest in a cedar on the upper lot just above the White Rose Garden and possibly another in the cedar by the side door but too high for me to get a good look at it. The White Throated Sparrows that roost in my hedge left about May 1st but I saw one male May 4th and Friday, Mary 2nd. I saw a bird flopping out of the flowerbed in the most amazing manner and flop across the grass into the pool. I ran and grabbed it out of the water and found that a large green frog had grabbed it and hopped with it into the pool and still had it. I flung the frog into the flowerbed and put the bird on the grass and found it was female White Throat or an immature male. It was choking so I tried to shake some of the water out and found the frog had broken both its legs. Mrs. Ginter and Eddie and I set them with quills and I put ??? on them as they were compound fractures and bleeding. He has been getting along fine but is not so well today. I have been feeding him water through a medicine dropper and also cream through a medicine dropper to keep him nourished.

May 16th, Friday

One set of Catbirds hatched Tuesday, May 13th. The Brown Thrashers left the nest today. One set of baby Robins has been large enough to feed themselves cheese and peanut butter on my windowsill for several days. We removed the quill from one of the White Throated Sparrow's legs Monday and it was apparently beautifully healed but the next morning it was broken again in the same place. Rosetta saw one of the baby Towhees this morning when the male fed it cheese. The little Field Sparrows have been feeding their babies cheese and peanut butter from my windowsill for some time now. Saturday, May 10th, I had to shoot two Blue Jays, I'm sorry to say. Monday, I saw a Chipmunk eating a bird near his hole and went over and found five or six carcasses around his hole. We tried to get rid of some of them with Carbon Disulphide but there are so many around I think we met with little success. The Woodthrush started coming to the tray on the windowsill a few days ago. Sunday, May 11, Eddie saw a Scarlet Tanager in the garden. Monday, May 12, I saw a Black Poll warbler and several Ovenbirds have been around for about a week. The Tufted Titmice are carrying black walnut meat broken up finely to their babies and have been since Monday. The Sweet Syringa is in full bloom and the Harrison's Yellow rose is too. The pink and red Radiance, Fran Karl Druski, Cecile Brunner are also in fall bloom. The Climbing American Beauty is about over. Mother's little Golden Gate is also in full bloom. My Dittany, (gas plant), Sage, Coriander, Nepeta Musine, Chives, Clove pinks, Hesperis Matronalis are in full bloom in the herb garden.

August 14th, 1941, Thursday

Today I saw a Parula Warbler in my woods and I'm sure I've seen his female often lately.

November 1st, Saturday

The Catbirds were last seen on October 17th and only lacked 2 days of staying with us six months. When we returned from Wharton Grove, Virginia on Sept. 6th most of my Hummingbirds were gone but the last ones were seen the first week in October. The first White Throated Sparrows came to my garden on the 12th of October although Rosetta thought she might have seen one two days earlier. I saw a Black Throated Blue Warbler in my woods Oct. 19th. I saw the first Myrtle Warbler in the garden Oct. 30th. The first Juncos came the third week in October. On Oct 30th the lower lot had lots of Red Breasted Nuthatches, though I think they've been here before that day, I've never seen so many. I had on a dark brown rough coat and they kept flying within a foot or two of me and trying to light on me because they thought I was a tree trunk, I suppose. The garden is still lovely with pink, white, and yellow daisy Chrysanthemums, annual ageratum and we have had no frost so far so we have plenty of roses, tomatoes, etc. The Willow Oak has not even begun to turn a fall color but the dogwoods have, and sumacs are glorious and the hickories are beginning to turn. The Vitex and Butterfly Bush still have a few blooms and the morning glories are lovely. The Carolina Poplars shed their leaves long ago but the Lombardies still have theirs and so have all the Oaks, Hickories, tulip poplars, mimosas, Locusts. The Maples are beginning to shed but not badly. I've never known more glorious fall weather. It has been so beautiful that I've wanted to hang on to every single day because each day seems as though there could never be another so lovely. The rye grass is beautiful.

Jan. 1st, 1942, Thursday

The Carolina Wren sang beautifully today to greet the New Year. The birds enjoyed their New Year's dinner on my feeding trays. The one at my windowsill has been in use constantly by Chickadees, Tufted Titmice, Pine Warblers, Carolina Wrens, Cardinals, Mocking Birds, and Myrtle Warblers. The Red Breasted Nuthatches, Downy Woodpeckers, Ruby and Golden Crowned Kinglets, Juncos and White Throats have been numerous. There is a Towhee, a Hermit Thrush, and perhaps others always around but I have only observed from the window. The Sharp-shinned Hawk is here and still coming to the feeding tray for his birds. Tommy is in a most affectionate mood. Right at this moment a Carolina Wren and a Chickadee are on my windowsill. The Carolina Wren is eating Black Walnut and drinking water and the Chickadee is eating sunflower seed. Now the Wren is eating cheese and the Chickadee is eating Black Walnuts.

Jan. 6th, Tuesday

The Tufted Titmouse is singing today.

Jan. 10th, 1942, Sat.

The Cardinal is bowing and scraping before the female this morning and trying his best to impress her with his courtship. It snowed again last night and he looks so pretty in the snow on top of the brick wall and on the limbs. A Sharp Shinned Hawk has been playing havoc with my birds and I can never get out in time to get a shot at him.

Jan. 13th, Tuesday

The White Breasted Nuthatches are carrying bits of pine bark (it looks like pine bark and they get it off the limbs), into the birdhouse by the path behind St. Francis.

Feb. 26th, Thursday

Mr. Barringer called to say he saw a Woodthrush in his yard because it was so unusual.

Feb. 28th, 1942, Sat.

Tommy fed me his grub for the first time this spring. He doesn't feel well today. In some way he hurt his right foot or leg.

Journal 6: March 12, 1942 to March 31, 1944

March 12, 1942, Thursday

This is my 38th birthday and my big present is 225 feet of brick wall along the side next to Dr. Litaker. Then Eddie also gave me the wonderful Butterfly book by Holland, a deal little piece of costume jewelry (heart shaped pin of pearls) and the most beautiful flowers and birthday cake. I had three telegrams and Rosetta gave me some lovely little finger bowl mats, Mother C a handkerchief, Nash Bilmore a yellow linen handkerchief. Nash brought her 3 lovely children over and Jane Moore brought Miss Muffet in a yellow coat and hat, a yellow rubber toy and a yellow flower in her hand. She looked adorable, like a jonquil. A pair of Brown Thrashers came to the garden day before yesterday, (Tuesday the 10th) the first I had seen in the garden since early December though Eddie saw some up the street 3 days before that. The Robins are very tame now and come to get the cheese whenever I call them.

March 13, Friday

The Brown Thrashers are my very own! I know because they flew down and took the cheese this morning like old timers. There are quite a few Pine Siskins around. I saw 4 in my birdbath this morning taking a bath together.

March 14, Saturday

The Cardinals are building in the hedge near between the pergola and the Cedar next to the White Rose Garden.

March 15th, Sunday

The Wrens are mating today and they have finished their nest, I think, as I saw her on my window sill with some of Pudgy's hair to line it day before yesterday. She first tried to eat the cheese with the hair in her mouth and then put it down when she saw she couldn't. So while she was eating a Robin came to the tray and scared her off and she never did come back for the hair so I opened the window and brought it in to examine.

April 1st, Wed.

I saw the first Chipping Sparrow over on Hillside.

April 4th, Friday

A male Cardinal killed another male Cardinal near the kitchen steps today. I really think perhaps the one had flown against the house in the high wind and was stunned and then the other attacked it but am not sure as when we saw it one other male was attacking it viciously.

April 8th, Wed.

I heard the first Maryland Yellowthroat today over on Wales Ave and saw the first pair of Purple Grackles in my Garden and Mr. Carpenter said that a House Wren began this morning to fill up his bird box with sticks. It was the first day he had seen it. The Flicker is sitting in the Martin House, I think. One pair of Brown Thrashers are in the hedge. Two Robin nests are in pines. It is about time for the wrens to hatch, I believe, and also the Chickadees and I haven't seen the Pine Warbler for several days. I saw the Chipping Sparrows carrying straw yesterday.

April 9, Thursday

The Towhees are building in the hedge behind the garage in the White Rose Garden almost exactly where they built last year. I saw the first White Eyed Vireo this morning and he was a "lovely". I have to make a short talk on birds at the Myers Park school this morning for "Be kind to animals week". There are a great many Goldfinches and Pine Siskins in the tips of my trees and they have been feeding on the buds for several days so that my garden is a perfect sea of voices.

April 13, Monday

This is little Peggy's birthday. Tonight we were eating dinner on the terrace and the male Hummingbird came to the terrace and sat in the Magnolia and then ate out of the feeder Aunt Maggie made and thoroughly enjoyed himself within a few feet of us just as though he had never been away. While we were eating the Mourning Dove came to the oak tree

and sang and sang and we were so thrilled with his company. I do hope he'll nest in my garden again this year. Yesterday I'm afraid something happened to frighten away the Chickadees from their nest (and we are worried about them). The first Maryland Yellow Throat came to my garden Friday, April 10th though I had heard one elsewhere several days before. The Flicker is nesting in the ventilation part of my Martin House. The Myrtle Warblers, White Throats, Carolina Wrens, Chickadees, Tufted Titmice, Towhees, Cardinals, Doves, Mocking Birds, Brown Thrashers, Robins, Chipping Sparrows, Ruby Crowned Kinglets, Flickers, Downy Woodpeckers, Maryland Yellowthroats, Blue Jays, Starlings were in the garden today and we saw Swallows yesterday but am not sure whether they are Martins or Swallows.

April 14th, Tuesday

The Woodthrush greeted me with his song this morning and then I heard the House Wren and looked and found he had removed all the Chickadee's eggs and pulled out the nest so laboriously and so beautifully built. I had to kill two beautiful Blue Jays today and Eddie had to kill one yesterday. They have been breaking up our other bird nests and were taking the place. The Cardinals, Blue Jays, Brown Thrashers, Wood Thrush, Carolina Wrens, House Wren, White Throated Sparrows, Gold finches, Pine Siskins, Towhees, Robins, Myrtle Warblers, Ruby Crowned Kinglet, Mocking Birds, Downy Woodpeckers, Starlings, Flickers, Chickadees, Tufted Titmice, Hummingbird were in the garden today and perhaps others because I was not out much.

April 15, Wednesday

The Woodthrush came to the herb garden to get the cheese this morning like old times. I saw the first Blue Gray Gnatcatcher in the garden this morning. The Myrtle Warblers are singing. The dogwood is in full bloom both pink and white. The Wisteria is past its prime but still lovely and Japanese rose flowering cherries are in bloom, Kwanzan Cherry is in full bloom and also Naden but Rosea half buds and half open. The first shoots are beginning to come on the Crepe Myrtles. My new pecans have not put out though I see signs on one. I notice the buds on one of my persimmons are swelling. Aunt Carrie's Karrias by my herb garden are in full bloom. All of the peonies which I planted are up several inches. The paper white Narcissus are opening up. I haven't seen but one Chickadee and I'm afraid something happened to the other though I hope not. The Blue Jays, Cardinals, Brown Thrashers, Wood Thrush, Carolina Wrens, House Wrens, Towhees, Myrtle Warblers, White-Throated Sparrows, Ruby Crowned kinglets, Blue Gray Gnatcatchers, Starlings, Flickers, Downy Woodpeckers, Mocking Birds, Robins, Goldfinches, Pine Siskins, Chickadees, Tufted Titmice, Hummingbirds were in the garden today.

April 17, Friday

Saw Worm Eating Warbler in garden today, the first I have ever seen in my own garden. Wood Thrush is building in the same spot in cherry on lower lot that it built in last year.

April 18, Saturday

The Catbirds were here this morning and Mrs. Ginter said she saw one late yesterday evening. Tommy, my tame Blue Bird, is sitting on my arm as I write this. The first Red Eyed Vireo was here this morning. I saw one bird in a pine on the upper lot which I could not identify.

April 19th, Sunday

I saw the first Yellow Throated Vireo and the first Prairie Warbler today and I think the catbird is building already though I'm not sure. There were Cardinals, Blue Jays, Mocking Birds, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Wood Thrush, Carolina Wrens, House Wrens, Chickadees, Tufted Titmice, Cedar Waxwings, Robins, White Throated Sparrows, Starlings, Ruby crowned Kinglets, Hummingbirds, Goldfinches, Pine Siskins, Towhees, Prairie Warbler, Yellow Throated Vireo, Myrtle Warblers, Red Breasted Nuthatch in the garden today. We had two soldiers from La. To dinner today and they stayed for supper. Cama and Francis and the children also came and we had hamburgers. Mr. & Mrs. Connor Sherrill came by this afternoon and Francis brought Mr. Abbot, Reynolds Cuthbertson and Mr. Edwards by to see the garden.

April 23rd, Thursday

Cardinal left nest.

April 24th, Friday

Sylvia discovered a rabbit's nest in the raspberry patch with four baby rabbits.

April 26th, Sunday

All of my Catbirds are back and tame. One that was here last summer and has a scar under his chin comes constantly to windowsill feeder for cheese and apple.

April 27, Monday

My 15th wedding anniversary. Eddie gave me an antique snuff box to keep my cheese for the birds, a projector for slides, a screen for slides, a pint of French Crème de Menthe. Jim and Charlotte Carson, Francis and Cama, Jane Thomas, and Mother Clarkson had dinner with us. Cape May Warbler, Yellow Warblers were in garden today for first time this year.

April 28, Tuesday

Cape May Warblers here again and thought I heard Summer Tanager but did not see him. Female Hummingbird came today. Red Breasted Nuthatches are still here.

April 29, Wednesday

Great Crested Flycatcher, Black and White Warbler and Cape May in garden today. That is first day for G.C.F. and B & W. W.

April 30, Thursday

Saw Cape May Warbler again today also Great Crested Flycatcher. Pine Siskins, White Throats, Myrtle Warblers, Ruby Crowned Kinglets still here. Jim Carson saw first Summer Tanager on 26th, heard first Whip-poor-will on 25. Mr. Barringer heard first Whip-poor-will on 23rd and first Summer Tanager and Green Heron on 28th.

May 1st, Friday

Today I saw a Hooded Warbler in my garden for the first time. I also saw the Cape May Warbler again and saw a beautiful male Scarlet Tanager and he sang and sang. A flock of Cedar Waxwings was in the garden.

May 2nd, Saturday

Peggy and Frank are with us while Cama and Francis are in the mountains. The baby rabbits left the nest today but are all within a few feet of the nest. The Hooded Warbler was in the garden again today. The Cardinals, Blue Jays, Brown Thrashers, Mocking Birds, Catbirds, Wood Thrush, Robins, Pine Siskins, White Eyed Vireo, Great Crested Flycatcher, Starlings, Hummingbirds, Goldfinches, White Throated Sparrows, Cedar Waxwings, Myrtle Warblers, Ruby Crowned Kinglet, Downy Woodpecker, Carolina Wrens, House Wrens, Tufted Titmice, Chickadees, Towhees were in the garden.

May 3rd, Sunday

This is Eddie's 42nd birthday and I hope it will be a happy one. The Brown Thrashers are leaving the nest and I have just seen two of the baby rabbits near the nest. Last night we had to get up twice in the night to run off the cats and in spite of all we could do they got our baby robins out of the nest and maybe the mother too as I have not seen her this morning.

May 4th, Monday

The Robins whose babies the cat got is building again on the upper lot. All day today there has been a male Redstart in the garden, the first I've seen this year.

May 5th, Tuesday

The Yellow Warbler was in the garden today and the Great Crested Flycatcher has been very “full of words” today. Tonight we went to Ann Roddey’s graduating voice recital at Queens and she has the most amazing amount of charm of any little girl I’ve seen in many a day. She is just like her Aunt Lib Dowd.

May 6, Wednesday

Today I saw the first Oven Bird in the woods walking primly around.

May 7, Thursday

Today I saw the first Black Poll Warbler, Parula Warbler, Indigo Bunting and Orchard Oriole of the year in the garden. I am having Beal Hober, the artist who is to sing with the Symphony Orchestra to tea and a few of the Patrons, Donors, and Board Members in to meet her. Tonight Jackie Houston brought an Indigo Bunting with a broken wing for me to doctor.

May 8, Friday

I saw a Cedar Waxwing, Black Poll Warbler and female Redstart in the garden this morning before I left for Greensboro to make a talk at the State Bird Club meeting. Dr. Pearson and the two Brinleys also made talks.

May 9th, Saturday

There were Black Poll Warblers, a Parula, a Redstart and two I could not identify besides a Yellow Warbler.

May 12, Tuesday

Today I saw a Louisiana Water Thrush in the garden, the first I’ve ever seen in the garden and it was the thrill of the day for me.

May 15, Friday

I have seen Black Polls every day and Parulas almost every day and Redstarts every day.

May 17, Sunday

Today I saw a Magnolia Warbler in the garden and the year old male Redstart sang around the oak tree all day and has been here for some time. I believe it may stay since Charles Sellers says he found a nest outside town. There is a Chipping Sparrow nest in the tip of the pine where the latest Robin’s nest is built. I have 6 Robin’s nests in pines alone. I hear the Pine Warbler every day but do not see him.

May 22, Friday

The male Redstart (one year) is singing every day in and around the oak. Today I saw the mother and father Carolina Wrens with seven babies with tails about a half inch long. I think this must be the second day out of the nest because they are very small. She comes to me for cheese to feed her babies. The Brown Thrasher began laying either today or yesterday in the Syringa bush.

May 23rd, Saturday

The other Brown Thrasher is building in the honeysuckle on a pine limb not 18 inches from where the cat got the Robin babies. A Robin is also building in the tip of a Maple outside Eddie’s window. The Redstart is still here and also the Yellow Warbler. The Madonna lilies are blooming.

May 25, Monday

Rosetta returned from her vacation this morning. Yesterday I had to bring a baby Towhee in to raise. He has sprouts 1/8” long for tail feathers.

May 28, Thursday

I had to open the Towhee’s mouth every time I fed him the first 3 days but now he is opening his mouth.

August 25, Tuesday

I went to bed right after the last was written and am just now getting out some. Tommy (Blue Bird) began his molt on Tuesday, July 14th and now is down to two tail feathers with the rest about an inch long. His head is molting with new pinfeathers from the upper mandible back about ¼ inch. His wing feathers and breast are about back to normal. I took in a young Towhee to raise just before I got sick. It was very young with tail feathers scarcely breaking the sheaths. He is an adorable pet now, a young male just beginning to get his adult plumage. The Blue Gray Gnatcatchers were in the garden all of July and the one year Redstart was also in the garden in July so I imagine he nested close by. The Hummingbirds are as tame as usual and we have had about six pair of old ones and their offspring. We have had a pair of Quail so tame that they come to the kitchen door to be fed every day and the female was especially lovable. She would come to our very feet to be fed cheese. I have not seen her since August 15, Saturday, but on Monday, August 17th, I saw six of her babies, about a couple of days old, come up my driveway and go into the upper garden. I have not seen or heard them or the parents since and I'm afraid someone has taken advantage of the mother's tameness. The young Towhees come to the kitchen steps to be fed every day as do the Brown Thrashers, Cardinals, Catbirds, etc.

Sept 30th, Wednesday

The Hummingbirds left en masse Saturday night, Sept 5th and I was disappointed Sunday morning to find only one. She stayed until Thursday, Sept. 10th and then left. Tommy is through with his molt but some of his head feathers still show the little white capsules that haven't been scratched off. The Towhee's head feathers show the same and his tail feathers haven't quite all grown their full length. Sunday Sept. 13th the little male Redstart (that I have seen in the garden all summer) hopped around the trees at the terrace and watched us eating lunch out there as though he wanted something. He seemed unusually tame and acted as though he really wanted to fly down on us. Friday, Sept. 25th, I saw a male hooded warbler and two Ovenbirds in my woods when Tommy Tinkle and I were getting the gourd nesting box for his parakeets. It has been unseasonably cold this week and it may send some of my birds away early but I hope not. Every morning I enjoy them on my feeding tray and hope they'll have a safe trip and come back to me next Spring. Of course, I'm looking forward to my winter boarders, too. Florence has been here in Rosetta's place since Tuesday, Sept. 8th. Aunt Alice died Friday, Sept 11th of cardiac asthma. I am teaching nature study at the Country day School two afternoons a week and am taking a course at Queens three days a week.

Oct. 3rd, Saturday

I saw a Black and White Warbler "hitching" up and down a hickory, a haw and a dogwood not ten feet from me this afternoon. There are a great many little sparrows that I have not identified in the upper garden.

Oct. 7th, Wednesday

There is a Redstart in the Maple outside my bedroom window, female, darting in and out among the leaves and showing the beautiful yellow in its tail. The Catbirds are still here and I saw a Woodthrush yesterday though Mrs. Ginter did not see one yesterday or the day before so perhaps most of them have gone.

Oct. 10th, Saturday

The White Throats came last night, the Catbirds are still here and I saw a Cape May Warbler and a Redstart. They both seemed fairly tame and took a bath in the spray of the sprinkler not ten feet from me. I think the immature male Redstart is the one who has been here all summer because it has shown unusual tameness all summer, flying towards me at various times. This afternoon after his bath he came over to the rosebush about 3 feet from me and from George, the colored boy, and preened himself and picked aphids and cocked his head saucily at me. He is distinctly friendly.

Oct. 11th, Sunday

The Towhee has developed an amazing variety of songs. He seems to imitate Tommy and also the Mockingbird besides his regular "Towhee" sound but he has not sung the typical Towhee song so far though his song is prettier and, of course, infinitely more varied. He has also developed a distinct "courting attitude" which he uses for Eddie's special benefit. He picks up a piece of paper, drags his wings and tail, fluffs himself to unbelievable proportions, throws his head back so that his bill points straight up into the air and struts back and forth making interesting noises and then

hops on Eddie and chatters still fluffed out and then does it again. It is one of the cutest performances I've ever watched in a bird. Tommy now tolerates him but doesn't love him. Today I saw a Cape May Warbler (and also yesterday) a Redstart, a Ruby Crowned kinglet, A golden Crowned Kinglet, White Throated Sparrows, Field Sparrows, Chipping Sparrows, one Catbird (who looks as though he were not well), Brown Thrashers, Mockingbirds, Flickers, Blue Jays, Purple Grackles, starlings, Tufted Titmice, Chickadees, Cardinals, Towhees, Robins, White Breasted Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, Downy Woodpecker.

Oct. 13, Tuesday

The Catbird is still here. Mrs. White pansies from Pitzonda Pansy Farm came this morning and it is raining but we got them set out.

Oct. 21, Wed.

Saw Catbird today.

Oct. 26

Tommy does not look well but has good appetite. Have not seen catbird since 21st. Brown Thrasher still here.

Nov. 3, Tuesday

Yesterday and today the Pine Warbler was on the tray by my window. I hope it is my old one. The Ruby Crowned Kinglet kept trying to come to it today but he would light on the plate glass top and did not seem to know how to get under it. The Brown Thrasher still comes to it.

Nov. 29, Sunday

We saw the first Myrtle Warbler in the garden Wednesday, Nov. 18, although that may not have been their first day. Today I saw the first Hermit Thrush. The garden was full of birds, Hermit Thrush, Golden Crowned Kinglets, Ruby Crowned Kinglets, Chickadees, Titmice, Downy Woodpecker, Myrtle Warbler, Mockingbirds, Blue Jays, Cardinals, Carolina Wrens, White Throated Sparrows and about 20 Goldfinches. Tommy has been so lovable today and both he and Towhee performed beautifully when Mr. And Mrs. Templeton came this afternoon. The Weeping Willows has not lost the majority of its leaves yet though night before last the cold turned them brown. The willow oak is about half bare. There are a few violets and a few violas in bloom. There is a chill rain gently falling. The Doves flew up from the feeding tray under the oak yesterday when Eddie went to fill it.

Dec 6, 1942, Sunday

Have been in bed today and my window feeding tray by the bed has been full of birds all day, Mocking bird, Brown Thrasher, Cardinal, Chickadees, Tufted Titmice, Myrtle Warbler and Pine Warbler, Carolina Wren.

Dec. 20, 1942, Sunday

The brown Thrasher comes to my window sill feeding tray every day as does the Mocking Birds, Titmice, Chickadees, Carolina Wrens, Myrtle Warblers and Pine Warblers. Today when Eddie was in the garden he saw the Towhee, and I see from the window Cardinals, Cedar Waxwings, White Throats, Juncos, Kinglets, both Golden Crowned and Ruby Crowned, Blue Jays, a Starling. I shot at a Cooper's Hawk in the garden a few days ago and the Crows fly over almost every day.

Jan. 1st, 1943, Friday

Eddie brought in a small branch of Japanese Quince in bloom today and there are snowdrops in bloom, white violas, white pansies, a few violets, and one small white bloom on a Spirea. The Towhee, Brown Thrasher, Mockingbird, Chickadee, Tufted Titmice, Carolina Wrens, Ruby Crowned Kinglets, Flickers, Downies, White Throated Sparrows, Cardinals, Myrtle Warblers, Pine Warblers, Cedar Waxwings, Blue Jays are in the garden every day. The Doves, Robins, Starlings, Hermit Thrush and Golden Crowned Kinglets are in the garden almost everyday and tonight I heard a Screech owl in the garden.

Jan. 9th, 1943, Sat.

We had a great tragedy in the family this morning. The Towhee had been playing so adorably with us and had been singing so happily all morning long. Then when I was talking on the telephone I heard him make a noise and heard great fluttering in the water which I thought was his usual splashing in the bath. In a few minutes I went in and he was stretched out on his back apparently dead beside his bath bowl. Only his head was wet. Tommy was in there and he may have attacked him while he was at his bath. I brought him in and held him in my hands in the heating pad for an hour until he was stiff and cold and I knew there was no chance of reviving him. I had seen him, not ten minutes before. There was not a mark on his beautiful body save a bruise behind his left ear. It is strange how fragile birds seem at times and then again what tenacity of life they have. Towhee was a most beautiful and happy pet, and, save for his young babyhood, the least trouble of any pet I've ever had. Every morning when he first heard us stirring he called to us excitedly and then when we opened his door he was so full of fun and played so cute that we just loved his company. He never knew fear of human beings and was a joy to show to strangers and children because he took them into his circle of friends with confident charm. If only I could write a story of him that would do him justice so that those who did not have the privilege of playing with him could enjoy his antics, too. My beautiful doves come every day and eat in the driveway by the side door and are so lovely.

Jan 25th, 1943, Monday

A Robin was singing under its breath today and the Pine Warbler is singing beautifully. The Mocking Bird, Chickadee, Tufted Titmice, Myrtle Warbler come to the windowsill constantly and the Robins and Pine Warbler occasionally.

Feb. 1, 1943, Monday

The Doves come to get grain in the driveway to the side door and they sang today for the first time. The Carolina Wren sings constantly and the Tufted Titmice have just begun to sing. I have not seen my Brown Thrasher lately and I hope nothing has happened to him.

Feb. 9th, 1943, Tuesday

I have a bowl of yellow jonquils on the table out of the garden and took Mrs. Ginter a bunch yesterday. I have a small bunch of white violas on the Pembroke table and gave Florence a few last night and also took Jamie some last night. We are invited to the Connor Sherrill's tonight to their father's 83rd birthday celebration.

Feb. 13, Saturday, 1943

Mr. Shaw, the terrapin, is 1 1/16" x 1 1/8" carapace now. He began eating again about a week ago.

Feb 16, '43, Tuesday

Bobby Shaw called me Sunday the 14th and said he saw twelve Hooded Mergansers on his pond on the 13th and 4 female American Mergansers. He also saw the American Mergansers on the 14th.

Feb 20, '43, Saturday

Eddie went out to sell a farm today and saw Chipping Sparrows, Juncos, Blue Birds, and Loggerhead Shrikes. In the garden there were Cardinals, Mockingbirds, a Brown Thrasher, Juncos, Chickadees, Titmice, Doves, Carolina Wrens, White Throats, Myrtle Warblers, Pine Warblers, Robins, etc.

Feb 22, Monday

Tommy started singing very loud early this morning and he has begun his lovable spring ways again. I can see the difference in his attitude.

Feb. 24, Wednesday

Today was a lovely, warm, Spring-like day and I was amazed to see five chipping sparrows back in my yard. There were also Song Sparrows singing in the garden, Field Sparrows, White Throated Sparrows, an immature male Purple Finch, Myrtle Warblers, Pine Warblers, about 8 pairs of Cardinals, two pairs of Blue Jays, Mockingbirds, I think 2 pairs of

Brown Thrashers but am not sure of the number, Doves, Robins, Towhees, Downy Woodpecker, Cedar Waxwings, Starlings, Carolina Wren, Chickadees and Tufted Titmice and a Turkey Vulture flying over. The Field Sparrow is singing.

Feb. 25, Thursday

Today was chilly and slightly cloudy but when we went to Sharon School this morning we saw Cardinals, Mockingbirds, Brown Thrashers, White Throats, Doves, Blue Jays, Starlings, Meadow Larks, Blue Birds, Robins, Juncos, Chipping Sparrows, Song Sparrows, Field Sparrows, Crows, Chickadees, Carolina Wrens, Flickers, Black Vultures. A pair of Black Vultures was in a field near the road and then sat on a fence post. This afternoon I went to Queens College to see the Elisha Mitchell Journal containing the Seaman list of Birds of Durham. Sarah Nooe got the Queens Library to borrow it from the Chapel Hill Library for me. Then Sarah and I went to the Sharon School to get Eddie's and my ration books no 2 and incidentally to see what birds we could see. We saw very few and I locked my keys in the car and Eddie had to come all the way out and unlock it. Then I came home and saw more birds in my own garden than we saw on the trip; a flock of 25 Cedar Waxwings, Towhees, White Throats, Song sparrows, Field Sparrows, Chipping Sparrows, Myrtle Warblers, Cardinals, Doves, Juncos, Blue Jays, Robins, Mockingbirds, Pine Warbler, Carolina Wrens, Chickadees, Starlings, Brown Thrasher, Downy Woodpecker.

Friday, Feb. 26, 1943

Today was cloudy and cold but there were a great many birds in the garden. About forty Cedar Waxwings, Carolina Wrens, Starlings, Pine Warblers, Towhees, about 20 Juncos and about fifteen Field Sparrows, Song Sparrows, White Throated Sparrows, Golden Crowned Kinglet, Brown Thrashers, Mockingbird, Cardinals, Blue Jays, Robins, Myrtle Warblers, Doves, Chickadees, Tufted Titmice, Downy Woodpeckers, and 3 purple Grackles flying over. But I did not see a Chipping Sparrow today though there must have been some when I was not outside. The Brown Thrasher, Robin, Cardinal, White Throated Sparrows and Myrtle Warblers came for the cheese when I threw it. The Weeping Willow is coming out again and the Japanese Quince has blooms on it again. The tiny peach tree buds are swelling. Eddie's good plum is almost ready to open. The wild plums are opening and so are the Spirea prunifolia and flowering almond, that is, the buds are showing pink. All the early Jonquils along the upper path are in full bloom and a few of the King Alfred Jonquils in the main garden. There are tiny leaves on the Atrosanquina Crab Apples with clusters of tiny flower buds inside them. The winter honeysuckle is still blooming some and smells delicious. The buds on the weeping cherries are swelling. I noticed a bloom on the pale lavender creeping phlox in front of the house yesterday. The French Roman hyacinths in front of the house are in full bloom as are the short-cupped yellow narcissus there. Wednesday, Fe. 24, we planted two little roses from Mother's Golden Gate that Dad had rooted and sent. The Cardinals are singing constantly as are the Brown Thrashers. The Robins and Mockingbirds are singing some but not as much as the first two. The Carolina Wrens sing a great deal.

Saturday, Feb 27, 1943

Today was very cold with a biting wind and I saw few different species but a great many cedar Waxwings. At one time I counted 75 around the large pool drinking while the Judas tree, Lombardy, Locust, Mimosa, Weeping Willow, Willow Oak, and all the large hedge plants were filled to capacity. Eddie estimated there were at least two hundred and fifty and I think that a conservative estimate. Other than the Waxwings, I saw only Mockingbirds, Brown Thrashers, Robins, Cardinals, Blue Jays, Doves, Starlings, White Throats, Song Sparrows, Field Sparrows, Juncos, Carolina Wrens, Myrtle Warblers, Tufted Titmice. Charles McMarry, George's brother, dug up Eddie's vegetable garden today, about 30 x 50 feet, I think. I began getting the weeds out of the brick paths in his small vegetable garden. While Eddie and I were looking over his vegetable garden and Charles was digging about noon, Eddie said "What is that, an owl sticking its head out of the Flicker Box?" I looked and sure enough that is what it was. Thursday I saw some nesting material sticking out of the box and Friday I heard something move in the box as I passed but I thought the starlings had probably taken it away from the Flickers as they do every year. I had missed my Flickers for a couple of weeks now and was distressed over it.

Feb. 28th, Sunday

Mother had lunch with us today and supper tonight. Cama and Francis and the children also had supper with us and afterwards we played Ghost hide-and-peek or Sardines. It was cold and damp today and I saw few birds. The usual ones were here, I suppose, but I did not see them. I saw no Field Sparrows or Chipping Sparrows at all.

March 1st, 1943, Monday

It is drizzling slightly but not quite so cold as it has been. I went to my circle meeting at Mrs. Sanger's today and Cama made a wonderful talk on the observance of Lent. Saturday, I forgot to put in my notes that I found a Robin with its head eaten off in the tool house. I suspect the owl but, of course, don't know. This afternoon Tommy tried to feed me a grub for the first time this spring.

April 12, Monday

A male Hummingbird came back the 9th but so far he is the only one. It was one of our old ones because he flew almost to me and then lit on a limb by me and when I ran in the house and brought his feeder and put it on the terrace chair he came immediately. A male Catbird came back the 10th, came to the tray, looked in the dish where I keep his favorite food, cheese, (it was empty) and then went to the peanut butter and filled up. Both of these birds are about a week early and the others haven't come. My first pair of House Wrens is back today and I saw and heard the first White Eyed Vireo on the 10th. A week or so ago I found a grown Carolina Wren drowned in the wall fountain pool. One set left the nest Tuesday, the 6th but all disappeared (one drowned in the big pool) and the pair started building again Thursday in the honeysuckle vine on the fence near the kitchen. They worked hard and fast until Saturday night but then one of them fussed so that I was afraid something had happened to one of them and I have not seen them since. I've seen one but not both.

April 13, Tuesday

Today was little Peggy's birthday, her eighth. Sarah Nooe saw the first Woodthrush today and heard the first Red Eyed Vireo. My second male Hummingbird returned today and the first one that came has been trying to keep him away from the feeders on the terrace.

April 15, Thursday

Mrs. Bachman saw a Cape May warbler and a Black and White Warbler on the 10th and a Blue Gray Gnatcatcher on the 6th. One woman reported baby Robins in a nest yesterday. I haven't seen a Woodthrush yet though Mrs. Bachman saw one today. She saw the first Catbird on the 9th. We are having unseasonably cold weather. Last night there was a great deal of ice and a heavy frost. On March 29th fifty feet of our brick wall fell into the Ginter's driveway. We are replacing it and finishing the wall along that side. The little wild rabbit comes late in the evening and early in the morning to eat out of our hands. I went with Cama and 18 little girls to see "Bambi" this afternoon. It was Peggy's birthday party.

June 10, Thursday

The last Towhee's nest was 9'7" from top rim to ground and the first was 6'7" from top rim to ground. I believe the lowest I've ever found was about 5 ft. 9 inches to 6 ft.

July 25, Sunday

Sarah Nooe is spending the weekend with me and we sorted mealworms this morning into different sizes. Tommy began his molt, July 5th, by losing one nape feather. On July 10th at 10:15 p.m. he was preening himself and lost 2 head feathers. On July 20th he lost a right wing primary and on Jul 23rd a left wing primary to match. On July 24th he lost the next right wing primary and on July 25 he lost the next left wing primary. On July 27 he lost 16 feathers, 13 breast and 3 head (?), and on July 28th he lost 30 feathers: 10 breast, 5 belly, 12 head (?), 3 nape.

Sept 29, Wednesday

Eddie saw a pair of Hairy Woodpeckers in the garden this morning. I saw the first Cape May Warbler on Sept. 25 of the fall migration.

Oct. 1st, Friday

I saw the first White Throated Sparrow this morning in the driveway eating grain with the English Sparrows.

Oct. 13th, Wednesday

Today my little tame, sick Catbird was run over in the driveway and I am distressed. Most of the Catbirds have gone south but he was not well and came to my windowsill constantly. I had hoped he'd stay all winter. I saw a Chipping Sparrow yesterday in the garden. The Hermit Thrush is back but I'm not sure whether he has been back several days or whether this is his first day as I have not looked for birds lately. Also saw a House Wren but under its tail was white and I felt like it was a Bewick's Wren and I'm still not sure. It did not fan out its tail so that I could see the white in it from the top but underneath was white barred with black and it had practically no barring like the House Wren has. I would have been sure it was a Bewick's if it had had a stripe over the eye but it did not. I shall ask Mrs. Simpson this weekend. I saw the Ruby Crowned Kinglet today for the first time but I think I heard him yesterday. There was an enormous flock of Grackles in the garden and woods all morning. There must have been over a hundred. There were Doves, Robins, Blue Jays, Chickadees, Tufted Titmice, Carolina Wrens, House Wrens, Ruby Crowned Kinglet, White Throats, Cardinals, Catbird (which was killed) Grackles, Starlings, Mocking birds, Hermit Thrush. The Towhee, Flicker, Goldfinches and Chipping Sparrows are in the garden probably as usual but I did not stay out but half an hour. The Magnolia has a few blooms on it. The Korean daisy and aguratum are in full bloom though aguratum is past its prime. Spider Lilies are over. Eleagurem is full of buds though not all open, but the fragrance carries some distance.

Nov 14, 1943, Sunday

There were a great many Pine Siskins in the garden today with the Gold finches. The Sapsucker has been here for several weeks. I saw him first Nov. 5th. We also saw a good many Juncos and the Brown Creeper and all the usual birds. Mrs. Ginter saw a Blackburnian Warbler Oct. 27th.

Feb. 17

Saw flock of 17 or 18 Chipping Sparrows today.

Feb. 23 (Ash Wednesday)

Brown Thrasher singing beautifully. First time this spring that he has sung his full song. He came down to get cheese today.

Feb. 28, Monday

The Brown Thrashers began building in the hedge by the pink dogwood yesterday and the Blue Jays the day before. I don't know where the Carolina Wren's nest is built it is near the oak tree I think.

March 6, Monday

Today I talked to Mr. H.C. Rucker the District game warden and he said he heard Canada Geese flying over Feb 27. He said the geese that lit in Mrs. Bohannan's yard had gone. One disappeared about the 3rd week in January and the other then ranged over the county but had not been seen since the first week in February. He said that there were 2 groups of Wild Turkey in the Southwest corner of Mecklenburg and that they had been reported there by both Kistler and Dorst for '39, '40, '41 and the state turned more loose in that section in '41. He said that he caught five or 6 White Crowned Sparrows in his Quail traps. He also said there were a few deer in the County.

March 22, Wednesday

The Robins began to build March 17. Mrs. Hendrix called me on the 17th and said her Bluebirds had begun to build that day just like I said they would. Margaret Efrid called me today and said her Bluebirds were building today but she did not know whether they had begun before or not. This morning when I walked in the garden there were Siskins, Goldfinches, Chickadees, Titmice, Starlings, Cardinals, Robins, Field Sparrows, White Throats, Song Sparrows, Hermit Thrush, Brown Thrasher, Mockingbird, Carolina Wrens, Towhees, Grackles, Doves, Ruby Crowned Kinglets, Myrtle

Warblers, Downys, Flickers, Blue Jays, Chipping Sparrows and last night there was a Screech Owl. Bluebirds flying over. 24 varieties. The weeping Cherries are in full bloom, the Jonquils on the long paths are over and the French Roman Hyacinths also but the white narcissus along the Lion's head fountain path are in full bloom and so are Ant Joes' Jonquils. The White Spirea Prunifolia is in full bloom and so is Yoshino Cherry. The Crabs (astrosanguinea) are about half open. The violets are blooming with short stems. The Jonquils along the drive are blooming and so is the periwinkle under them. The creeping phlox in front of the house is in full bloom and so are the very tiny clustered Jonquils that are so fragrant. The pink flowering almonds are almost open and the Carolina Poplars are blooming. The Japanese Quince on the lower lot is blooming. Boxwood is budding out, Judas trees are in the red stage just before bursting into pink, peaches are blooming and so is our apricot. Plums and pears are about over, forsythia is blooming, trileias are blooming. Hedge is getting very green, Maple buds are getting green and swelling. Sugar maples are beginning to bloom in protected places. I went to Greensboro on the 16th to talk to the Piedmont Bird Club and to the Clara Peck School the next morning. We took the little owl with us as far as Coddle Creek on the road to Greensboro about 15 miles from Charlotte and turned it loose so the Flickers could have their house back. When we returned the Flickers had it back but I have heard a little Screech owl singing every night since in the garden.

March 26, Sunday

Friday I talked to Sharon School and tonight I talked to the Young People's Service League at Christ Church. A little Screech Owl has taken back the Flicker box so today Eddie took him out and put him in a cage to take to the country and let him loose when we go. Tonight we put meat and water in the cage for him and I do hope he'll eat. The weeping cherries and Yoshino were at their very height yesterday and so are the flowering almonds. Frank and Cama Mary and "Frenchy" have been staying with me. Today and yesterday we had worlds of company to see the cherries. Fred Stillwell and Lucy Hill Baxter among others. Tonight Cama Mary and Lucy Barrett and their dates are out under the oak tree. The Yellow-bellied Sapsucker has been very conspicuous the last few days including today with his bright red bib and forehead. The Brown Thrashers have hatched but when I do not know.

March 29, Wednesday

I saw a Phoebe today. Day before yesterday (the 27th) I saw the first White Eyed Vireo and today I saw the first Blue Gray Gnatcatcher. All three in the garden. It has turned very cold and damp and I'm wondering how the Brown Thrasher's babies are faring. She has been brooding them constantly. Today I showed slides to 500 students at A. G. Junior High at 11 this morning and then went right over to Munroe to have lunch and talk to the service men's wives at the U.S.O. I invited them to come over and see my garden and I think they will. I saw the White-eyed Vireo, Robins, Blue Jays, Brown Thrashers, Mockingbirds, cardinals, Carolina Wrens, Titmice, Chickadees, White-throats, Song Sparrows, Doves, Starlings, Grackles, Myrtle Warblers, Goldfinches, Siskins, Flickers, Towhees, Ruby Crowned Kinglet, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Blue-Gray Gnatcatchers and Mrs. Ginter saw the Quail in my garden. I did not see the Field and Chipping Sparrows nor the Pine warbler and Downy but they are usually here. We took the little Screech Owl which had taken the Flicker's box again, with us and let him out in some woods. We caught a rat and put it in with him and he let the rat run all over him and paid not attention to it. Finally we killed the rat and he ate about half of it last night. He would not touch hamburger.

March 31, Friday, 1944

The same night we let the little owl out on the road to Munroe we heard one singing in the garden. We do not know whether the same one comes back or whether it is the male to stay and calls up another mate. This morning I saw the Ruby Crowned Kinglet closer than I've ever seen it and its red crown patch was beautiful. It sang loudly right beside me in the pink flowers at the Weeping Cherry by the rose bed and then hopped into the Climbing Mary Wallace and ate aphids between bursts of song. He was tame and so beautiful. Sometimes his red crown would be large and some times narrow but he did not erect the feathers like they do when excited. He was perfectly contented and not at all ill at ease with me so near. I also saw the Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher at very close range. He was within a few feet of me and I enjoyed his exquisite form and coloring and his "white" eyes and his quick, graceful movements. He was a real joy to watch. A little Siskin seemed so tame that Eddie almost stepped on him twice in the upper path by the vegetable beds. He was not sick either, just entirely fearless. I saw a beautiful pair of purple finches. With the sun on him the male was

breathhtaking. The sun was just right on all my birds and everything seemed thrilling. I cut out a turquoise and a chartreuse dress yesterday. George and Hugh washed the terrace furniture and terrace yesterday afternoon when the sun came out and John began the second hedge cutting of the season. The Judas trees are at their very prettiest but the Weeping Cherries and Crabs are much past their prime. The Waneta plums are in full bloom by the Chickadee box. The violets are beautiful and blooming everywhere. I had the nicest letter yesterday from Dr. Blomquist. The Chickadees have not begun to sit on the eggs yet and I hope the House Wrens will eave the Chickadees alone this time and let them have their babies. It is about time for the Wrens to come. This afternoon the little screech owl was sticking his head out of the Flicker box again and sunning himself. The Flicker came up to the box and the owl popped his head back in but was soon sunning himself again. George climbed up and took him out of the box again and we have him in the cage waiting to take to the country again. The cherries back by the weeping willow are in full bloom.

Journal 7: April 1st, 1944 to February 13th, 1945

April 1st, 1944, Saturday

This morning I saw a Red Breasted Nuthatch in the garden and I watched a Yellow bellied Sapsucker hang on the side of a tree and methodically preen every feather sometimes bending back so far that his breast was at right angles to the tree. Then he would hold on with first one foot and then the other and use the free foot to scratch his head. John is trimming the top of the hedge and yesterday George painted the terrace and he and Hugh washed all the outdoor furniture. There are a great many Pine Siskins and Goldfinches in the garden and the Ruby Crowned Kinglet has been singing more beautifully than I've ever heard him. I will miss him when he goes north.

April 7, Friday

Sarah Nooe saw a Maryland Yellow-Throat in my garden on the 4th. Today I saw a female Cardinal and a Myrtle Warbler drinking sap at the Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker's holes in one of my trees. Then later I saw a Downy at it. The Pine Siskins are so numerous that it is amazing. Sunday morning, April 2, we took the little Screech owl with us as far as we could on the road to see Miles, about 15 miles. We banded him with a green band on his leg before we let him loose. George fixed the wires for the Hummingbird feeders today and we covered the beds with leaves. Yesterday we had about 35 girls from Camp Sutton, soldiers wives, in the garden.

April 8th

First Chimney Swifts today. The first Whippoorwills reported on this date by Mr. Barringer and Bobby Shaw. Phoebe's nests with 4 eggs each also on the 8th.

April 12th, Wednesday

First male Hummingbird today at feeders and flying to us. Yesterday first Catbird and today his mate. Both came for cheese and to the tray. Saw Cardinal building in hedge, nest almost completed today. First nest of Brown Thrashers unsuccessful only one egg hatched and something happened to that. Found them sitting on new eggs on the 9th in Crabapple. Robin sitting on eggs in crab apple, and one building in pine in lower garden. Mrs. Louie Williamson reported a male Scarlet Tanager on the 8th. The Carolina Wrens left nest in box in Mrs. Ginter's garage yesterday and are in my garden. I sent in my records to Dr. Brinkley this afternoon up to date so the next will begin here. Saw a female hooded warbler late this evening, my earliest date. I also saw what I thought was Kingfisher but I'm not sure. Bobby Shaw gave me these records yesterday. June 29, '42: 1 American Egret wading in his pond. July 8, '42, 8 American Egrets, 7 were young. Whippoorwill April 8 first date, 1943 and '44. May 26, '43 Great Blue Heron, June 8, '43 American Egret, June 29, '43, 7 young American Egrets.

April 13, Thursday

Eddie went out last night to clean out the starlings' box on the Martin House pole and found 3 Screech owl eggs in it. I hadn't seen them going in and out for several days and they have been worrying the Flicker. We've been hearing the owl at night so I suppose that is what has happened. A pair of Woodthrush came this morning and I heard them singing before I got up. When I went out they came to get the cheese when I called them so they are old friends. The Catbirds are building in the hedge behind the pink dogwood where the first Brown Thrasher nest was. The Tufted Titmice began building in the birdhouse on the lower side of the herb garden about two weeks ago.

April 17, Monday

Yesterday I saw the first female Hummingbird. She and 3 males were coming to the feeders. Much fighting was going on and one male flew into the big screen door and his bill went all the way through the screen and it took Eddie and me pushing gently to extricate him. I held him in my hand a few minutes until he could recover, then gave him some syrup from a feeder and took him out in the garden and opened my hand and in a few moments he took off. He was a lovely little thing, so tiny, so colorful, and so full of life after he had rested from his experience. There are several catbirds now. I've seen 3 together. We saw an Orchard oriole Sat. 15, and also one Kingfisher. He lit in several trees, the willow oak

and weeping willow and wild cherry to watch the goldfish in the pool but he did not get any because we were on the terrace and he was afraid to dive for them. Friday the 14th, we took down the Flicker box with the Screech owl and his eggs and put it up in the woods at the end of the street. He lay down flat on his eggs so as not to let us see them and was the cutest thing. I hope no one will disturb him. When he finishes with it we'll get our Flicker box back. Friday I saw the Robins carrying peanut butter and worms to their babies but I couldn't see just where. The Chickadees had seven tiny and beautiful eggs in their box yesterday, the 16th. I hope the House Wrens won't get them. The Flicker and starlings are still fighting over the Flicker box and we simply can't get the Starlings. The rabbit we let out comes up to us and eats out of our hands.

April 19, Wednesday

Harriet Osborne is to be married this afternoon at 5:00 and then Maris is having a reception. At noon Jerry is having a luncheon for her. We had a dinner party last night for her. This morning while we were eating breakfast I heard the Yellow Warbler. They usually do come on the 19th. The Red-eyed Vireo came back on the 17th. This morning I saw a White Throated Sparrow carrying a long straw about a foot long. She kept playing with it and arranging it and flew up into a pine with it. She must have been dreaming of the time when she'll be going back to Canada or wherever she intends to nest. I saw one of the baby Carolina Wrens this morning and Monday night we saw the parents putting him to bed in an old Cardinal's nest in a bush covered with green brier up by the little natural swamp. Yesterday we saw a nest of baby cardinals at "Harry's" when we went to get the chairs. I saw a Pine Siskin playing with some of Sylvia's long white hairs. He went around and collected a mouthful as though he were going to line a nest and he even tried to get some of my own hair which I had put out for the birds. I saw the first Robin carrying food to his babies about a week ago. Today one of the baby Carolina Wrens was very cute with his parents and his tail was almost 2/3's grown out. Mrs. Ginter's old male Summer Tanager came back Saturday the 11th.

April 20, Thursday

The Carolina Wrens are building again. I saw her carrying straw and leaves into the honeysuckle on the fence in the lower garden where she built last year. One pair of Woodthrush is building at the back to the left of the herb garden in a low Wild Cherry. Apparently they are using some toilet paper in construction. I saw the Tufted Titmouse carry in a nice fat green worm to his mate in the box in the herb garden. One pair of Brown Thrashers is building in the Van Haute Spirea in front of Miles house. A Robin is sitting on the nest Bobby Shaw and I discovered finished but without eggs on April 11th. I saw a WhiteThroat carrying straw again today.

April 21, Friday

We went down to the creek this morning to see if the owl was alright. It was gone and something had built a nest on top of its nest and had one small egg speckled with Cinnamon. I'm not sure what it is. I heard the first Yellow-Breasted Chat down there this morning. The world is full of Goldfinches and Pine Siskins. The Ruby Crowned Kinglet sings at the top of its voice. I thought I heard an Acadian Flycatcher down by the creek but am not familiar enough with his song to be sure. The Flickers seem to have given up hope of getting their box back from the Starlings and gone away. John is cutting the hedge and I hope the Catbirds and cardinals won't desert their nests in the hedge. The Tufted Titmouse just this minute fed his mate a worm.

April 24, Monday

The Laughman baby fell in the pool late this evening and George pulled him out. The clone pinks are beginning to bloom and the Lilly of the Valley is in full bloom. The pink dogwood and also white is about over. The Crepe Myrtles are coming into leaf and the maples are almost in full leaf. John is cutting the hedge for the 3rd time. Today George painted the pillows for outdoor furniture. I saw baby cardinals out of the nest and baby Robins out of the nest today. The Catbirds are building in the Norway Spruce I think. I saw a female Maryland Yellowthroat near dining room window. The Robins in the Crabapple are feeding their babies. Today Rosetta was sick and Odessa Ivy, Clarence's Mother-in-law came in her place. We received a cable of congratulations from Leck today for our anniversary which is Thursday the 27th. The pale blue iris is in full bloom. The Starlings still have the Flicker box and the Flicker still wants

it. I think the Orchard Orioles are building in the Lombardy Poplar by the garage. I found one of the Dove's nests in a pine near Eddie's bedroom window.

April 25, Tuesday

Today the Great Crested Flycatcher is back and Eli saw one on the 20th. Today, Jamie Price brought over a baby Robin that had fallen out of a nest in a pine in Ronnie Mathew's yard. We tried to put it back but couldn't so when Ronnie came from kindergarten he tried but couldn't. I brought it home, fed it mealworms and put it in the nest of Robins in the crabapple as they have only two babies a little younger than this one. They received it alright and I looked in late this evening and they seem to be alright. I also looked in the Brown Thrasher nest and their babies seem to be doing fine. I saw an Orchard Oriole carrying straw but could not find where they were going. The baby Wren is still doing well and perhaps there are two. Today Jamie gave me 2 blue Spirea. Yesterday the Laughman baby fell in our pool and would have drowned if George had not grabbed him out. This is Tommy Bluebird's birthday.

April 26, Wed.

Eight years ago today we took Tommy in to raise. The Robin I put in with my Robin babies is doing fine. I saw a Black Poll Warbler today. We have been throwing earthworms to the Robins and Brown Thrashers today and they have been feeding them to their babies. This afternoon we planted the 21 lilacs Eddie gave me for my Easter present. I talked at Harding High to 200 students in 7th grade this morning and to the Girl Reserves of Central High this afternoon.

April 27, Thursday

This is our 17th wedding anniversary and a happy one. Garland came in unexpectedly this morning and he and Francis and Cama and Eddie and I had lunch at the Barringer Hotel. Tonight we all had dinner at Cama's. Mother C gave us a guest book and "Life's Extras". Dad gave us \$5.00, Eddie gave me a beautiful Dresden figurine of Europa and the Bull and sent me lovely flowers. Today we looked in the Chickadee house and their adorable babies have hatched and are so tiny you can hardly see them. This is about actual size. They may have hatched yesterday. I haven't seen a Siskin for two or three days, nor a Myrtle Warbler. Most of the Whitethroats have gone in the last 5 or 6 days and the garden is strangely quiet without them late in the evening. I looked in the Chickadee nest about 3 days ago and they had not hatched so they must have hatched in the last 2 days. The Flickers and Starlings are still fighting over their box.

April 28th, Friday

This morning I looked in the Tufted Titmouse box and two of the babies had hatched and two had not yet. They were adorable. The Chickadee babies were fine and I simply can't resist looking at them. This morning I couldn't see them because she sat tight but this afternoon when both parents went off for food I peeked and those seven open mouths looked like little flowers to me. Eddie got in the rabbit pen today and found she had babies in an adorable nest. They haven't their eyes open yet. This morning when the Robin was fussing at me for looking at her babies in the crabapple, all the other birds came to share the excitement and a Yellow-Throated Vireo came to see. I think I know where the Orchard Oriole is building in a pine over the Lion's head fountain but am not sure yet. The Carolina Wren baby is fine. A few Whitethroats are still here.

April 29, Saturday

No, the Orchard Oriole is building in the tip of one of the Carolina Poplars in the parkstrip and it is not a very wise place as it will tip out her babies with a good breeze. I think the Robin babies will be leaving the nest in a day or two in the Crabapple as the Robin shows much excitement about them now. Thirty little girl scouts came out to a wiener roast in the garden today. Garland Pollard came in tonight to spend the weekend. Eddie cleaned out the Flicker box today and I think we are rid of the starlings. I do hope the Flickers will come back to it. The Orchard Oriole was using green blades of Bluegrass around a foot long.

April 30, Sunday

Today someone brought a tiny English Sparrow and left it at our side door for us to nurse. It is cute and eats for itself and is perfectly at home with us. We tried to give it to John and Grimes Thomas when we went over there tonight for

dinner but they were not particularly anxious for it and I don't want to give it to anyone who won't look after it well. Tomorrow is Mason and Jane's 18th wedding anniversary and that is why they had us tonight. Mrs. Grimes was there and a Mrs. & Mrs. Richards or Richardson. She was Virginia Ann Withers whose father taught Eddie Chemistry at State College. Mr. Beep, the sparrow, is sleeping on Chapman's Handbook of Birds of Eastern N.C. He flew into the bookcase of his own accord and got on the American Eagle but when I put him to bed I put him on the handbook because "A guide to Bird Watching" and "Birds of N.C." are taller on each side of the Handbook and keep him from falling off. He rode over on my hand in the car and didn't fly off.

May 1st, Monday

My Praying Mantis eggs started hatching this morning. I started taking typewriting this morning. The Robins in the Crabapple are still in the nest. That last sentence was written this morning and they left the nest this afternoon. The Brown Thrashers were still in the nest this afternoon.

May 2nd, Tuesday

Today the 2 iron gates for the upper paths came that Eddie gave me for my anniversary. He had given me the exquisite Dresden figurine "Europa and the Bull" and I had no idea that he was going to give me anything else so wonderful as the two gates. The Brown Thrashers are still in the nest.

May 4, Thursday

The Yellow Warbler is using the cotton I put out for him on the blackberry briars and taking it over the brick wall up into either the Lucas or Westmoreland back yard. I'm sorry it is not building in our garden where it will be safer.

May 6, Sat.

We saw several White-Throated Sparrows today. The Chickadees are getting feathered, that is, pinfeathered. Today we put in the marble with Wing Haven in the front brick walk.

May 7, Sunday

Today the Chickadees fussed and fussed and we couldn't find anything bothering them but two of their babies were gone and only five in the nest. I saw a White-Throated Sparrow today. The baby Brown Thrashers have left the nest and I'm afraid something has happened to them because the parents are building again. The little cotton boy and Green boy (I think) brought me an injured Dove this afternoon and it died tonight.

May 9, Tuesday

John fertilized my roses yesterday and my shrubs in the beds of the main garden today with Vigoro. The early lemon lilies are beginning to bloom. My pink columbine is blooming. The Sweet Syringa is beautiful but past its prime. The polyanthes in the main garden, Dagmar Spath, are beginning to bloom and the Fran Karl Druschki and Mary Wallace are beginning to bloom. I saw a White-Throat yesterday.

May 15, Monday

Friday morning the 5 chickadees were still in their nest and also the 4 Tufted Titmice but when we came back the Titmice had left the nest (Sunday) and all the Chickadees were gone except one little fellow so I took him in to raise last night about six o'clock. He ate about 15 mealworms before we went to bed (tiny ones) and he started talking this morning at 10 to 7. I tried to feed him but he only wanted a drink of water. I tried 3 times between then and 10 o'clock to feed him and only succeeded in getting 2 ½ small mealworms and a tiny piece of peanut butter down him but about a quarter after ten he ate 7 and at ten o'clock tonight I had fed him his last meal, a large house fly and he had eaten during the day 64 mealworms. Those I measured were approximately 13/16's of an inch long for 3/32's inch in diameter. His tail is ½" long. He is full feathered but can't fly at all. He can hop a couple of inches from one hand to another. His upper eyelid comes down when he just bats his eyes but when he actually closes his eyes he brings the lower one up. He backs instead of going forward. I took him to school with me this morning so I could feed him and while I was typing. Every time the typewriter rang he "rang" too.

May 16, Tuesday

D.D. started his day this morning at 7:45 when I said to Eddie that he had not peeped. When he heard my voice he started calling for food in a typical Chickadee voice. He could not fly at all but we put him in a waste basket so he could jump up and down and strengthen his wings without getting hurt. Finally about 3:30 he had gained enough strength to hop out. While I was holding him this afternoon about 5:30 he flew about 6 ft. and repeated the performance in a few minutes. I was much pleased with his progress. I have decided that the reason he backs around must be because his vent bothers him though his excreta seems normal and healthy, but it may slightly harden in the feathers surrounding the vent. He ate today 50 mealworms of the same and slightly larger size and the "juice" of 10 more which I squeezed out for him because he liked it better and would not accept the whole one. He also ate peanut butter to the amount of about the size of an English pea altogether, and 6 tiny moths. This afternoon I took him to Queens College and had him weighted and at 4:45 he weighed 6.3 grams. Ten mealworms of the size I've been feeding him weigh .7 grams so 64 would be approximately 4.5 grams. This afternoon I held him on my hand on the window sill just inside the screen where the birds were coming to my feeding tray to see his reaction to the other birds. First a Robin came and D.D. fluttered his wings and made his food call. Next a Mockingbird came and he repeated his performance. Then a Catbird and then a female Cardinal came and he did the same. The Starling came and D.D. did not flutter his wings but showed no fear at all. After the Robins had returned 3 times he did not flutter his wings and after that showed no particular interest or fear of any of them and proceeded to preen himself. All of this happened within twenty minutes and within the same twenty minutes (5:30 to 5:50) he learned to fly up on the screen and hang by his feet in a typical Chickadee style. He is still not as strong or as well developed as he should be, I believe, but plenty of food is helping his progress to speed up. Immediately after this I took him to the mirror and held him up to it. He looked into it and put his head down level with his body with bill pointed straight out and stuck his bill right up against the mirror. Then he turned his head to the side. He can see straight ahead or sideways out of one eye as his eyes are placed rather far front. He showed distinct interest in the bird in the mirror for a few moments and then settled himself on my hand to preen. This interest has developed since yesterday as I tried to show him the bird in the mirror several times and he showed no interest at all. I introduced him to Pudgy the dog today to see his reaction and there was no interest. He looked at Pudgy and then looked elsewhere as though he took Pudgy for granted as part of his world. I also introduced him to the piano and held him right at the keys in one hand while I played with the other. I tried middle register, the bass and the treble and could see no interest at all whether I played softly or loudly. Once I thought he showed interest only to find he had discovered an infinitesimal speck. He will take the food without its being put down his throat and pecks at the inside of mealworms which I press out for him and also at tiny dabs of peanut butter. He pecks at specks almost so tiny for the human eye this afternoon. And also while he was in front of the mirror he prepared his feathers by preening and fluttering exactly as Tommy did for a bath. I did not get him some water because it was about 6 o'clock and too late for such an experiment. I fed him his last two moths which, by the way, he had at 9:30 and put him to bed in the waste basket padded with cotton on the bottom and covered with Kleenex. I put a glass pane over the basket leaving enough space on two sides for circulation of air and a towel for darkness but not to cover the air spaces. (The towel weighs 27.4 gr.) Rosetta tried to feed him tiny bit of whole wheat bread this afternoon and he took a little. He developed more rapidly in every way in the hours between 3 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. this evening than he did in the whole preceding 45 hours since we took him in Sunday night to raise.

May 17, Wednesday

D.D. weighed 6.9 gr. Today at 4:45, a gain of .6 gr. in 24 hrs. He called for food at 7:10 a.m. and ate 2 mealworms and a moth and a bit of peanut butter, again a 7:40, the same, again at 8:10, 8:45, 9:30, 10:00, and at 10:30 Rosetta took over and fed the following food. He was fed 37 times from 7:10 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

10:30 - 1 mealworm

10:40 - 3 mealworms

10:50 - 1 small earthworm

10:55 - 1 small earthworm

11:05 - 2 small earthworms

11:10 - 1 small earthworm

11:20 - 5 tiny bits of scrambled egg
 11:25 - 3 tiny bits of scrambled egg
 11:30 - 2 tiny bits of scrambled egg
 11:45 - 3 tiny bits of scrambled egg
 12:00 - 2 tiny bits of scrambled egg
 12:10 - 2 tiny bits of scrambled egg
 12:30 - 3 tiny bits of scrambled egg and 2 mealworms
 12:40 - 2 bits of egg
 12:50 - 2 bits of egg
 1:00 - 2 mealworms
 1:20 - 2 bits of egg
 1:35 - 2 mealworms
 1:45 - 2 bits of egg
 2:00 - 1 earthworm
 2:15 - 1 earthworm and 2 bits of egg
 2:30 - 2 bits of egg
 2:45 - 3 bits of egg
 3:30 - 1 mealworm
 4:00 - 1 mealworm and 4 bits of egg
 4:30 - 1 mealworm
 4:35 - 1 bit of egg
 4:45 - 1 mealworm
 5:15 - He ate 8 tiny mealworms by picking them up off the towel.
 5:35 - Ate one fairly good sized mealworm himself
 6:55 - Ate 2 mealworms for himself
 9:00 - Ate 3 mealworms for himself

The two most evident signs of progress today are his ability to stand up on his legs and his picking up and eating 14 mealworms by himself. He picks at all the wrong places and misses the mealworms more often than he picks it but he finally gets it down and the last one at 9:00 p.m. he held under his foot in true Chickadee style. At 4:00 p.m. he ate the egg himself and stuck his head in the bowl to get it but his neck wasn't long enough to get it so I put it on the bed beside him. He flew about 8 ft. today on a level. His feathers look smoother and better groomed today and I'd say he was ready to leave the nest if he were in the wild. I still haven't seen the Chickadees but heard the grown ones and do not know whether they were taken from the nest or left of their own accord in which case D.D. must have been the runt who did not grow as fast as the others. He took notice today when 6 Starlings were fussing near the house and cocked his head but did not seem really frightened. I brought in the nest this evening. Eddie has been looking at night to see if they used it to sleep in and they do not.

May 18, Thursday

This morning Eddie and I saw the Yellow Warbler carrying the cotton we put out last night and this time she is carrying it towards the front yard but I haven't discovered where. There is a new nest in a maple on the drive and I'm not sure whether it is a Robin's nest or not. Rosetta did not come today and we took D.D. to town with us and while we were driving along Church Street about 11 a.m. he was sitting on my hand and the sun came in on him and he took a sunbath just like a grown bird and repeated the performance several times during the day. This afternoon about 3 p.m. he took a bath in the glass ash tray. I filled it with water and fluttered my fingers in it and he immediately began to flutter his wings and prepare himself for a bath like Tommy used to do. He tried to put his head in the water so I helped him in and he took his bath and got out and preened himself thoroughly. Rosetta took care of him at her house while I went to school this morning. This afternoon he weighed 7.4 grams, a gain of .5 grams for the 24 hours. Mrs. W. B. Simons and 7 little girls of her Junior Audubon Club came out and D.D. sat on each one's hand in turn and they thought he was so cute. He also was much admired at Queens College when he went to be weighed. His first feeding was at 7:50 a.m.

though he had been yelling a long time. I was so sleepy, I just couldn't make myself get up before. For his first meal of the day he ate 4 mealworms himself which I prepared by pinching with the tweezers and put in front of him on the bed, and he also ate peanut butter for himself and seemed to relish it very much. At 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00 and 10:30 and 11:00 I fed him mealworms and peanut butter and scrambled egg and Rosetta fed him 5 mealworms and 6 bits of egg at 11:00.

12:15 - 5 mealworms, 3 bits of egg

12:30 - 2 mealworms, small bits of egg

1:00 - 1 mealworm and egg

1:30 - 2 mealworms and egg

I fed him at 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 7:30, 8:00, 9:00 and put him to bed. He ate about 55 mealworms plus some peanut butter and a good deal of scrambled egg and a few bits of American cheese. One of the little girls had on red fingernail polish and he pecked at it while he was on her finger. He sat on the table on the terrace while we had breakfast this morning and had a little scrambled egg with us. D.D. tried to hold food under his foot today like an adult Chickadee, for the first time.

May 19, Friday

D.D. had his first meal at 7:40 this morning and his last at about 8:00 p.m. He lost .2 of a gram in the last 24 hours but it may be because he has done a lot of lying because he seems perfectly healthy. His last meal tonight he ate 9 mealworms, 5 bits of egg and 14 tiny drops of water. Tonight he is sleeping in the little cabinet in the guest room. He tried several times to light in the rose vines on the ceiling wallpaper and once he sat on the door facing on top. He also sat a lot on the glass lamp shade.

May 21st, Sunday

Today two buds are open on my *Hemerocallis* 'Annis Victoria' and it is very lovely and quite worth the \$3.00 a piece I paid for them.

June 4, Sunday

I sent Dr. Brinley's records to him today so the next ones will start here.

Aug 16, Wednesday

Harvey and Jim Layton and Bud Moon killed a Chuck-Will's Widow yesterday and brought it over to me today. It was a beautiful thing. I showed them some books and played records of the Whip-Poor-Will and Chuck-Will's-Widow for them and gave them the bird list. I have it packed in salt tonight, or rather just the wings and head and tail feathers.

Aug. 22, Tuesday

It is 1:10 a.m. and I think I hear Warblers going over. The Layton and Moon boys report seeing a Canada Warbler on the 18th but I'm not sure that they know a Canada Warbler when they see one.

Sept. 29, Friday

Eddie saw a hummingbird late this evening the first we have seen since our last two left on the 21st. It did not come to the feeders on the terrace but was at the tuberose. We had more this summer than we have ever had and from April 12 to Sept 7 (6 weeks) they used 100 pounds of sugar. The largest crowd, between 45 and 50 left about the 2nd week in August and brought it down to perhaps 25. More left by the 1st of Sept, leaving about a dozen or perhaps 15, and by the end of the first week in September we had only 6 or 7. About the 15th the number dwindled to 3 and then in a few days to 2 and the left the 21st.

Oct 15, 1944, Sunday

Saw the first Tennessee Warbler today in maple outside my window making first record for Mecklenburg County. It was a real thrill as I haven't added a bird for sometime. Saw the last Catbird on the 9th of Oct. The Whitethroats came in force last night and were singing loudly this morning. The Screech owl has taken over the Flicker house on telephone

pole and I saw him sunning himself in it all day yesterday with his head out and all the birds fussed at him. There were 8 male Cardinals giving him “down the country” at one time beside several females, Mockingbirds, Titmice, etc.

October 16th, Monday

We had our first frost last night, not heavy and I really couldn't see any on the grass but the roof of the garage was covered. The little Hummingbird died this morning about 9 o'clock. We had had him about 3 months. The Robinsons down the street brought him with a broken wing and I could not fix it. Today Jim Layton called and said he had seen several Cape May Warblers, a Black-throated, Blue and several Canada Warblers.

Dec 7, Thursday

Today I saw a Brown Creeper in the Cedar outside my bedroom window, a Downy on the suet in the maple on the driveway, Ruby Crowned Kinglets, Pine Warblers, Carolina Wrens, Titmice, Chickadees, White-throats, Cardinals and Mockingbirds on my bedroom windowsill tray. There were Doves in the yard and I heard the Towhees and Myrtle Warblers. The Screech owl is in the Flicker box every day and there is a Cooper's or a Sharp shinned hawk in the yard constantly. I have also seen the Starlings in the yard.

Wed. Jan. 10, 1945

Today the first Robin has been on the window sill eating scrambled egg, that is the first that I have seen lately. The Hermit Thrush has also been on the tray eating the same, also the Brown Thrasher, Mockingbird, Starling, Pine Warblers, Ruby Crowned Kinglets, White-throats, and Carolina Wrens, and the cardinals, Chickadees, Titmice and Brownheaded Nuthatches have been devouring the sunflower seed. All from time to time have enjoyed the peanut butter. On the ground the Doves and Towhees and more Whitethroats to say nothing of the English Sparrows are enjoying the cracked chickfeed. Today Mr. Kiser finished the birdbath with water fountain and my birds and I are going to enjoy it. The Flicker came to the tray for peanut butter lately as did the Downy. The Screech owl comes out every night from his box on the telephone pole and for a long time before he flies out he merely sits there with his head sticking out and the other birds fuss at him loudly. I saw a Yellowbellied Sapsucker on the maple in the driveway a few days ago and I hear Bluebirds almost every day. This morning I heard Goldfinches. The Blue Jays are also in and out of the garden.

Thursday, Feb 8th, 1945

Saw Brownheaded Nuthatches talking in endearing terms this morning and one feeding the other. Pine Warblers, Cardinals, Towhees, White throats, Doves, Robins are singing. Cedar Waxwings, Mockingbirds, Brown Thrasher, Ruby Crowned Kinglet, Golden Crowned Kinglet, Myrtle Warblers, Chickadees, Titmice, Downy, Flicker, Blue Jay, Juncos, Starling, Crow flying over, Hermit Thrush, Yellow bellied Sapsucker.

Tuesday, Feb. 13

Today a Song Sparrow sang constantly for the first time this year and the Mockingbird started singing on the 11th.

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Monday, Oct. 22, 1945

Yesterday I saw a beautiful female Cape May Warbler in the maple next to the garage and it came down so that it was not more than six feet from me about half the time. I also saw Black Polls, Chickadees, Titmice, Cardinals Ruby Crowned Kinglets, White Throated Sparrows, Downy Woodpecker, Blue Jays, Doves Pine warblers, Hermit Thrush, Robins, Carolina Wrens, Grackles, Mockingbirds and, of course, English sparrows and Starlings. The large crop of Hummingbirds had thinned out by Sept. 1st, a gradual process apparently, by the seventh of Sept. there were not more than ten or fifteen at most, by the 21st there were only five or six. ON the 27th there were only 3, on the 28, only two and those two departed that night. The Catbirds departed en masse either Saturday night, Oct. 13, or Sunday night Oct. 14th and the White-throats came in at the same time. On Sat. morning the catbirds were here when we left for Columbia but no Whitethroats (that I saw) and on Monday when we came back there were no Catbirds but the Whitethroats were here. Yesterday was the first day I'd seen the Hermit Thrush or Ruby Crowned Kinglet though they probably were around. There have been large flocks of unwelcome Grackles. On the I saw the first Cowbird I've ever seen in my garden. It sidled up to a Cardinal (male) and sort of put its head down to be snuggled, then the Cardinal moved several times and it kept following it and sidling up to it. Finally the cardinal tenderly pecked it around the face as he does the female Cardinal during the mating season. I cannot account for it but Jim Layton suggested that perhaps the Cardinal had raised it. However, we have no records of nesting Cowbirds here. Today I've seen Brownheaded Nuthatches, Towhees, a Brown Thrasher, downy, Flicker, Robins, Carolina Wrens, cardinals, Doves, Chickadees, Titmice, Starlings, Grackles, Blue Jays, White Throated Sparrows.

Friday, Jan. 18, 1946

This morning a Fox Sparrow was eating grain with the Whitethroats near the terrace. On the 14th and 15h Mrs. Addison Brenizer saw a White Crowned Sparrow I her garden. At the Bird Club on the 15th Mr. Chamberlain says he believes Savannah Sparrows are common as he has them in his garden. Jim Layton and Bud Moon saw 4 Whistling Swans during the holidays near Pineville in Mecklenburg County. A cardinal was singing in the pelting sleet on the 16th and the Carolina Wren was singing loudly on the 26th of Dec. right after Christmas. Mona Lisa lost her tail (entirely) Dec. 31st and now it is about 3 inches long.

Wednesday, Feb. 20, 1946

Last week I saw a Savannah Sparrow with the whitethroats, Fox Sparrows, Cardinals, Towhees and doves near the terrace. Have had 5 Fox Sparrows every day lately, more Myrtle Warblers than usual. My Pine Warblers have not been coming to the tray lately nor my Red-breasted Nuthatches. Mona Lisa, the Dove and Cousin Jane, the Robins are watching me as I write. Mona Lisa has begun in the last week to give her own interpretation of the Dove call in a husky voice. Cousin Jane warbles a beautiful little song all her own.

Thursday, Feb. 28, 1946

The Carolina Wrens began building in Skip Roddey's mailbox on Feb 21 or 22. He did not see them until 22 but there was some material in box. The wrens have been singing since the day after Christmas and for a month now they have been singing loudly and the female has been answering with her "Krrrr" sound. The Cardinals, White Throats, Song Sparrows, Mockingbirds, Towhees, Brown Thrashers, Robins, Doves, Pine Warblers are singing and this morning I saw Pine and Myrtle Warblers, Doves, Towhees, Fox, Song and White-throated Sparrows, Cardinals, Mockingbirds, Carolina Wrens, Titmice, Chickadees, Downies, Flickers, Robins, Goldfinches, Blue Jays. I believe my Brown-headed Nuthatches, Titmice, Pine Warblers are building as well as Blue Jays and Wrens but have not definitely seen them. Jack Derind identified an American Gold-eye the other day and Mr. Chamberlain says the Yellow Crowned Night Heron record of Heywood Bobbit is valid.

Friday, Mar. 1, 1946

I hear a Field Sparrow singing this morning for the first time this year. I've been hearing a bird sing that I can't remember the identity for a couple of weeks.

Wed. Mar. 5, 1946

This morning I heard a Field Sparrow and a Meadowlark in the garden. There were also Chickadees, Flicker, Cardinals, Doves, Robins, Grackles, Mockingbirds, Blue Jays, Downy, Fox Sparrow, White-throats, Golden Crowned Kinglet, Ruby Crowned Kinglet, Myrtle Warbler, Towhee, Pine warbler, Cedar Waxwings, Carolina Wren. Yesterday I saw Fox Sparrow, White Throats and Song Sparrows, Towhees, Robins, Ruby Crowned Kinglet, Cardinals, Doves, Myrtle and Pine warblers, Chickadees, Titmice, Purple Finch, Mockingbird, downy and Flicker, Carolina Wren, Brown headed Nuthatch, Junco, and heard a Bluebird. And in the country saw the first Chipping Sparrow of the year for me, also Turkey Vultures, hawk, shrike, crows, and a pair of warblers we couldn't identify.

Thursday, Mar 7, 1946

White throats, Fox sparrow, Cardinals, Doves, Myrtle warblers, Towhees, Mockingbird, Robins, Song Sparrows, Flickers, Blue Jay, Carolina Wren, Downies, Titmice, Chickadees, Golden crowned kinglet, Ruby Crowned Kinglet, and in the country saw Phoebe, Crow, Chipping Sparrow, Shrike, Starling, Field Sparrow.

Friday, March 8th, 1946

Today a Killdeer flew over the upper garden calling as he went, my first record for the garden and I was very thrilled.

Saturday, March 9, 1946

Today Mr. Hunter and Boy Scouts came out. At Hayes Nursery we saw a Bewick's wren this afternoon (Rus, Eddie and I). In the garden I saw Cardinals, Robins, Mockingbirds, Towhees, Carolina Wrens, Myrtle warblers, Fox, Song, White-throats, English Sparrows, Flickers, Titmice, Grackle, Chickadees, Brown Headed Nuthatch, Blue Jays, Doves, Field Sparrow, and on the road Crows, Bluebirds, Purple Finches, Starlings, Shrikes, Turkey Vulture, Cedar Waxwing, Brown Thrasher (at Mecklenburg Nursery). My bullfrog has been on the side of the pool everyday lately sunning himself and today I saw Bobby Shaw's terrapin sunning himself on the side of the pool for the first time. Since yesterday the Weeping Cherries have opened a great deal as there were only 2 or 3 open blooms yesterday. The Spirea by St. Therese and in the main garden is about half open, the Jap. Quince is past its prime. The pink almond is opening. Hedge is out about 2 inches, a few violets and a few Johnny jump ups are blooming, the early jonquils have been blooming a week, forsythia is in bloom.

Monday, April 1st, 1946

My Fox Sparrows left March 26th, the same day Rus left. I think the males left at least ten days earlier as they were singing beautifully and all of a sudden they disappeared and there were three (apparently) females left. This morning I had a great thrill. At ten minutes to seven my woodthrush was singing at the top of his voice, back two weeks earlier. Saturday I heard a Maryland Yellowthroat (March 30). I'm going to put out my Hummingbird feeders today because they will probably be early too. Saw 1st Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher today, I think I saw 1st House wren; saw Pine Siskin, Ruby Crowned Kinglet, Goldfinches, B.H. Nuthatches, Brown Thrashers, Mockingbirds, Robins, Doves, Blue Jays, Towhees, Starlings, Carolina Wrens, White Throated Sparrows, Field Sparrows, Chipping Sparrows, Cooper's hawk, Grackles.

Wednesday, April 3

Heard the first tree frog today and heard the first bullfrog last night. Heard the first toads tonight. Heard the House wren singing today. Robin sitting on eggs or young in Pine near street in upper garden. Heard the first cricket Monday the 1st. Saw the first little brown bat (ask Rus for date). Saw the first Swamp Sparrow I've ever seen in my garden on April 2.

Friday, April 5

Yesterday I saw the first male Hummingbird, 8 days early.

Sat. April 6

Saw 1st Pine Warbler carrying food. Dove's nest in Pine by strawberry path.

Monday, April 8

Yesterday Frank and I were sitting under the oak and a male Hummingbird came and flew all around the base of the bird bath fountain, drinking as the water ran down the base and then he got on the bath at the side where the water overflows and took a bath just like all other birds take it, splashing and preening and thoroughly enjoying himself. This is the first time I've ever seen a H.B. take a bath in a bird bath. Yesterday afternoon a opossum got on top of the Flicker box and we couldn't get him down so we turned the hose on him and he went inside the Flicker box. Eddie went after Jim Layton and Jim brought the box down, took out the opossum and found a Flicker (dead several weeks) in the bottom, cleaned the box, put it up, took the opossum and let him out behind Kenmore Avenue. This morning the Flickers were on the box and I saw them mate on the wire over it. While sitting in herb garden this morning I saw a Winter Wren, the first record from my garden. This morning I found a Robin building in pine by old asparagus bed in lower garden and yesterday I found one building over woods path back of brick steps. Yesterday Eddie found Cardinals nest in rose and honeysuckle vines on herb garden fence with 3 eggs. Saw Cardinals, Doves, White Throats, Towhees, Pine and Myrtle Warblers, Ruby Crowned Kinglet, B.H. Nuthatches, Chickadees, Titmice, Flickers, Starlings, Grackles, Wood Thrush, Hummingbird, Goldfinches, Purple Finch, Mockingbird, Robins, Carolina Wren, Brown Thrasher, Chimney swifts (flying over).

Tuesday April 16

Two of my own male Hummingbirds came on the 12th and came to feeders while we were eating dinner that night. The Red eyed Vireo came yesterday the 15th and the Yellow Warbler came Sunday the 14th, 5 days early. The Robins in the pine near the front wall hatched yesterday the 15th. The Catbirds came back this morning, 3 days early and I saw an Indigo Bunting today on Kings Drive. Cousin Jane died tonight while we were at the Bird Club, between 8 and 10. She had been sick for several days. She was born just about this time last April. She was an adorable pet. Eddie has gone to take her to Mr. Chamberlain to mount for the Museum. Someone told me they heard a Whip-poor-will Tuesday the 9th. Jim Layton said he heard a Great Crested Flycatcher. The Brown Thrasher is carrying food to young.

Wed. April 17th

A Sharp-shinned hawk caught a female Robin in the garden today. Mrs. Ginter's old female Summer Tanager came back late yesterday afternoon and when she threw cheese up to it, it dashed down and caught it in the air.

Wednesday, May 1st, 1946

Yesterday I saw the first Cerulean Warbler I have ever seen, saw it well, and from all angles while sitting on the herb garden bench. Yesterday I also saw the first Blackpoll I'd seen this year, a female, the first Orchard Oriole of the season, a year old male and the first two Ovenbirds. Today I saw the first Chestnut-sided Warbler I've ever seen in the garden and two more Cerulean Warblers and an Ovenbird. I've either seen or heard Cape May Warblers in the garden every day since Easter Sunday when I saw three, April 21st.

Sunday, May 5, 1946

This morning I saw the first Baltimore Oriole I've ever seen in the garden and he was the most beautiful bird. First I heard his call notes and they reminded me of the beginning of Mozart's D Minor symphony, the first phrase. I also saw a female Parula, a Cape May and many Redstarts, males, females and year old males, an Oven Bird, heard a Chestnut-sided and a Pine. These birds were in the garden: Red-eyed and Yellow-throated Vireos, Parula, cape May, Redstart, Black Poll, Oven Bird, Chestnut-sided, Myrtle Pine Warblers, Baltimore Oriole, Great Crested Flycatcher, Flicker, Downy, Robins, Wood Thrushes, Cardinals, Towhees, Brown Thrashers, Catbirds, Mockingbirds, Blue Jays, Grackles, Starlings, Carolina and House Wrens, Chickadees, Titmice, White throated Sparrows, Crows and Swifts (flying over), Doves, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Goldfinches, Hummingbird, English Sparrows (36).

Friday, Aug. 30th

Today I saw Redstarts, the first this fall in the garden, also a Red-bellied woodpecker and an immature Chestnut-sided Warbler. There are eight Doves on the rocks by the terrace eating. Goldfinches fly over as do Swifts and Turkey Vultures and in the garden I've seen Cardinals, Blue Jays, Summer Tanager (female), Br. H. Nuthatch, Chickadees, Titmice, Catbirds, Mockingbirds, Br. Thrashers, Carolina Wrens, House Wrens, Towhees, Hummingbirds (the larger crowd has thinned out since about the 15th of Aug.), Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Robins, Woodthrush, Red-eyed Vireo, Grackles and English Sparrows.

Saturday, Aug. 31

Redstarts here. Catbirds, brown Thrashers, Mockingbirds, Robins, Towhees, Blue Jays, Doves, Red-eyed Vireo, cardinals, Hummingbirds, Flickers, Downies, Starling, Carolina Wren, Titmice, Parula Warbler (female), Great-crested Flycatcher, Chickadee (19), White-eyed Vireo, Chimney Swifts. I have been watching a Flicker eating the cherries on my pink dogwood and have seen Cardinals, catbirds, Mockingbirds, Brown Thrashers, Towhees, Woodthrush, Robins, and English Sparrows eating them also.

Sunday, Sept. 1, 1946

The pink waterlily, Rose Arey and the white night blooming waterlily, Juno, are beautiful. Rose Arey closes about 4 p.m. but Juno opens up at dusk and stays open until about 11 a.m. The Crepe myrtle behind the bench and the small one by the St. Francis feeder are in full bloom for the second time, but those in the beds are over the first bloom and haven't begun the second. They bloom later than the two large ones. The Vitex was at its very height from the 1st to 7th of July and the crepe Myrtle behind the bench was about half in bloom. It was at its height about the last week of July and 1st week of August. Then I watered it thoroughly and it was in full bloom for Sarah's wedding Aug. 24th. The small crepe myrtles in the beds were at their height the second week in August. For Sarah's wedding the crepe Myrtle was in bloom the azuratum and petunias in the beds and the baptismal lily (*Funkia Subcordata grandiflora*) were blooming. Asuratum and petunias are still blooming but petunias on peony path seem to be going to seed. We have been having very cool weather the last week, the thermometer going to 60 and even down to 53.6, on night we have the furnace on. The roses are blooming well. The hedge plants and ligustrums are loaded with berries and so are the dogwoods. The pink dogwood berries are red and the birds are eating them and the white dogwood berries are beginning to turn. The clematis is in bloom and the Magnolia has two open blooms on it. The Carolina Poplars are half naked as they began to shed about the first week in August. I have only seen 5 hummingbirds this morning but it is only about 11. A Towhee is busily eating pink dogwood berries. Eddie is going to clip the English box edging the upper paths this morning. Our most common bird is I believe the Cardinal in our garden, next the Catbird. There are very few Robins in the garden right now, due, I think, to the fact that they are feeding in large flocks somewhere and patronizing communal roosts at night. A mother was still feeding large young in the garden ten days ago and the Flickers were feeding large young two weeks ago. There are still young Catbirds with yellow on their bills. The young Towhees are changing to the adult plumage and are in all stages of coloring. Mona Lisa's breast is beautiful but tail has not developed fully yet. Now it is 1

p.m. and the Juno waterlily is still wide open.

Now it is 3:10 p.m. and the lilies are still wide open
I saw a Goldfinch and a crow flying over, Cardinals, Towhees, Doves, Woodthrush, Brown Thrasher, Mockingbird, catbird, Carolina Wren, House Wren, Hummingbird, 1 Grackle, 1 Starling, Redstarts, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Robin, Blue Jays, Titmice, Summer Tanager, Flicker.

Monday, Sept. 2nd

There must have been 12 or 15 Hummingbirds last night when John and Nina Wilkes, John and Jane Kennedy, Mar Lee Blackard, Sam Spencer, Clarkson and Kate, little Clarkson and Mary Katherine were here. Catbirds, Mockingbirds, Brown thrashers, Woodthrush, Hummingbirds, Downy, Summer Tanager, Towhees, Cardinals, Blue Jays, Doves, Turkey Vulture (flying at the tree tope level immediately over the main garden while I was lying on terrace), Robin, White-eyed Vireo, Goldfinch, Chimney swifts, Black Vultures, Starling, Carolina Wren (19), Titmice, Great crested Flycatcher, Redstart, Broad Winged Hawk (soaring over). All these I saw from the terrace without going out in the garden.

Tuesday, Sept. 3rd

Chipping Sparrow, Redstart, Towhees, Cardinals, Catbirds, Mockingbirds, Brown Thrashers, Woodthrush, Hummingbird, (all these while eating breakfast), Blue Jay, Pewee, Red-eyed Vireo, Titmice, Goldfinches, Starlings, Doves, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Summer Tanager (always female), Turkey Vulture, Black Vulture, Carolina Wren, House Wren, Flicker, all these were seen from the terrace. Yesterday and today Eddie and John Rhinehart trimmed up the Locust.

Wednesday, Sept. 4th

Doves, Towhees, catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Mocking Birds, Cardinals, Summer Tanager, Hummingbirds, Woodthrush, Blue Jays, Robin, Turkey Vulture, White eyed Vireo, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Red-eyed Vireo, Carolina Wren, House Wren, 3 Nighthawks, Chimney Swifts, all theses from the terrace as I have not been out. Stillwell here for dinner. Baby Cardinals and House Wrens are still being fed by parents. There are two young Hummingbirds with short bills.

Thursday, Sept. 5th

White-eyed Vireo, Cardinal, Doves, Blue Jay, Brown Thrasher, Mockingbirds, Catbird, Hummingbird, Titmice, Towhees, Robins, Carolina Wrens. These were seen from window as I've been in bed.

Saturday, Sept. 7th

Was too sick to notice birds yesterday but this morning Eddie got me to come to the window to see a Black and White Warbler on the trunk of the maple by the side door. I think all my Hummingbirds but 4 left last night. At least that's all I saw as I looked out but it is only 10:35 so there may be more. On my windowsill have been Robins, Catbirds, Cardinals, and Mockingbirds. I saw a Towhee on the rocks and Doves, Chipping Sparrow on the wire. Brown Thrasher, Flicker, Blue Jay (12). All the old male Hummingbirds had disappeared by Sept. 1st and the big crowd began leaving about Aug. 15. By the 1st there were not more than between 15 and 25 at night and fewer during the day. Tonight there were seven but we had only seen 4 all day. Have stayed in bed so haven't seen many birds.

Sunday, Sept. 8th

Today is Leck's and Little Gwendolyn's birthday. White-eyed Vireo, Brown thrasher, Catbirds, Mockingbirds, Cardinals, Hummingbirds, Blue Jays, Carolina Wren, Pewee, Flicker, Chickadee, Dove, Starling, Titmice (14), Woodthrush, Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher, Redstart, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Grackle (19), Chimney Swifts.

Monday, Sept. 9

Towhee, Cardinal, Mockingbird, Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Carolina Wren, Hummingbird, Blue Jay, Titmice, White-eyed Vireo, Woodthrush, Grackle, Chimney swift, Goldfinches (14), Flicker, Robin, Nighthawks.

Wednesday, Sept. 11th

Rained last night and Eddie go up early to dig places for boxwood. He went to Mocksville Monday and got 500 small ones. Last Feb. 16, we both went up and got 400. White-eyed Vireo, Hummingbirds, Cardinal, Towhee, Mockingbird, Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Blue Jays, Dove, Goldfinch, Woodthrush, Robin, Chimney swift, Pewee, Titmice, Carolina Wren, Field Sparrow, Night Hawk (more than 75). Just finished counting 182 Nighthawks from 5 p.m. to 6:45. 41 came over in 15 minutes and lots had passed over before I started counting because I didn't realize so many were coming over.

Friday, Sept. 13

Pine Warbler, Br. Headed Nuthatch, Flicker, Carolina Wren, Redstart, and all the usual birds. Yesterday morning, Thursday the 12th, we woke up and not a Hummingbird was to be seen and we are disappointed. I miss those squeaks and the flash of metallic green in the sun, the white specks (when the bank) in the tails and the hum of wings. Late in the afternoon the one little Hummingbird with something white on its bill came to the feeders but they were empty so he went to the Spider lilies in the upper garden.

Saturday, Sept. 14

Two Yellow-billed Cuckoos, Redstart, Robin, Br. Thrasher, Catbird, Cardinals, Mockingbirds, Starling, White-eyed Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Carolina Wren, Chickadee, Flicker, Downy, Towhee, Doves, Blue Jay, Pewee, Woodthrush, (one)

Hummingbird, Rose-breasted Grosbeak (female, the first record for my garden), Turkey Vulture, Titmouse, Goldfinches (24). Mr. Chamberlain said that the other evening he watched the Nighthawks migrating where he could see the sky for several blocks and from 5:30 to 5:58 he counted 300. To sum up the H.B.'s summer, the largest crowd was in late July and early August. About the 15th they thinned out and by the 1st of Sept. all old males had disappeared. The morning of the 7th there were only 4 left but there were seven late in the evening (four all day). That has continued until the morning of the 12th when there were none. All of the ones which made our summer full of interest and amusement had departed and the single one which has come occasionally seems to be one of those (from other territories) which came a few times during the day. He seems to enjoy the Spider lilies.

Sunday, Sept. 15

Robin, Catbird, Br. Thrasher, Mockingbird, Cardinal, Towhee, Blue Jay, goldfinch, Dove, Carolina Wren, Redstart, Woodthrush, Starling, Black-throated Green Warbler (the very first record for my garden). I was sitting on the terrace glider and it flew across the main garden into the Cedar beside the gate and I got a wonderful view of it. It is about noon and I just saw Hummingbird at the few blooms on the Vitex but it did not come to the feeders. Summer Tanager, Chimney Swifts, Black Vulture. This afternoon I saw a Magnolia Warbler and many Redstarts and many Summer Tanagers, females and this year's birds.

Monday, Sept. 16

This morning they are starting our well. Redstarts, Red-eyed Vireo, Cardinal, Br. Thrasher, catbird, Mockingbird, Blue Jay, Goldfinch, Titmouse, Female Magnolia Warbler again, Robin, Woodthrush, Br. Headed Nuthatch, Dove Summer Tanager, Carolina Wren, Flicker. They started drilling at 11:15, ran out of gas at 12:00 and knocked off for lunch. Down about 12 feet. Much mica in clay. Started again at 1:15. Down 40 feet at 2:15. Soft dirt caving in, will have to put in casing. Stopped for the day at 5:00, down 63 feet.

Wednesday, Sept. 18

Towhee, Catbird, Mockingbird, cardinal, Bro. Thrasher, Blue Jay, Robin, Dove, Redstart, Magnolia Warbler, Woodthrush, Titmouse, Red-eyed Vireo, Black Vulture, Goldfinch, Flicker, White-eyed Vireo, Chickadee, Summer Tanager, Br. Headed Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, Chimney Swift. At 9:30 a.m. they are down 100 feet. Still soft and caving in. Drill a foot and drive pile a foot.

Thursday, Sept. 19

The drillers struck granite at between 115 feet and 122 feet. It is beautiful with lots of Mica in it. Cardinals, Towhees, Carolina Wrens, Catbirds, Br. Thrashers, Mockingbirds, Flicker, Chimney Swifts, Robins, Chickadees, Titmice, Great Crested Flycatcher, Blue Jays. When they left this afternoon they had drilled about 138 feet and are still in granite with Mica in it. Hummingbird sailed by my head while I was eating dinner on terrace.

Saturday, Oct. 5, 1946

Male Black throated Blue warbler in Maple. Hooded Warbler in same Maple. Many Redstarts (immature males and females). Catbirds left Wednesday night, Oct. 2, all except one (I think). Have not seen my Woodthrushes since about a week ago. Redstarts have been here everyday, grackles and starlings every day, mockingbirds, cardinals, Catbird, Towhees, Brown Thrashers, Flicker, Downy, Titmice, Doves, Chickadees, Br. H. Nuthatch, all are here every day. Have not seen Summer Tanager for several days. Saw female Magnolia Warbler today.

Sunday, Oct 6, 1946

Saw a Woodthrush taking bath today under oak.

Thursday, Oct. 10

Saw Black & White Warbler and Olive-backed Thrush this morning and heard its call note first. Lots of Redstarts. Saw adult male Br.-throated Blue Warbler late yesterday afternoon and today saw Ovenbird and Magnolia Warbler Monday the 7th. Magnolia again today, Pine Warblers also. Have not seen Br. Thrasher since Monday. Catbirds are still here.

Thought I saw Red Br. Nuthatch today but am not sure. Saw males and females of Blue throated Blue Warbler this afternoon. Saw Maryland yellow-throat.

Friday, Oct. 11, 1946

Saw a young female Cape May Warbler in Maple today. Saw Brown Thrasher today. Catbird still here. Magnolias.

Sat. Oct. 12th

There is still a bloom on the Magnolia. Have seen Cape Mays, Magnolias and Restarts this morning. Catbirds still here. Ruby Crowned kinglets are back. Saw a Cooper's Hawk fly low over garden and hover for a moment as all birds took cover.

Sunday, Oct. 13

Magnolia Warblers, Cape Mays, Redstarts and the first Orange-Crowned Warbler I've ever seen (incidentally the 1st record for Meck. County).

Monday, Oct. 14

Saw Orange-crested Warbler this morning again. Catbirds are still here. 6 Orange-Crested in same maple at same time.

Tues., Oct. 15

Saw 4 Orange-Crested Warblers in same maple at same time. Catbird still here but looks like it doesn't feel well.

Wed., Oct. 16

Catbirds still here. One of them is sick. White throats arrived in the night and one sang at 8:30 this morning! God Bless them! Saw Golden-crested kinglets for 1st time this year today. The yard has been literally full of Ruby crested kinglets and a great many Orange-crested Warblers. See Grackles everyday. There is a Screech Owl in the Flicker box over the garage and the gray squirrel was in it last week. I saw a flock of some kind of birds today that I thought perhaps were cedar Waxwings but I was not sure. If they were I saw the same kind several days ago. Saw female Cape May today.

Thursday, Oct. 17

1st Myrtle Warbler. Saw two Orange-crested Warblers. Not as many Kinglets today. One female Cape May.

Sat., Oct. 19

Was sick and didn't get out yesterday but saw lots of Kinglets and Orange-crested Warblers from window this morning.

Monday, Oct. 21

Orange-crested Warblers and Ruby-crested Kinglets much in evidence some golden crested also and Myrtles. One Catbird seen today but it has something the matter with one side of its head. Planted hardy Amaryllis today. Took up two clumps Mrs. Davidson gave me and lower one had 14 bulbs while upper one had 20. I had ordered 6 bulbs and planted 5 of them but will take other one to Dad.

Wednesday, Oct. 30

In Texas on way to Chalk Bluff – Mockingbirds, Shrike, Mourning dove, 4 Harris Hawks circling in air, Turkey Vulture, Lark Sparrow, Bewick's Wren, hundreds of Western Meadowlarks frightened up by a small hawk. Sparrow hawk, Pyrrhuloxia (either Cassins or Brewer's Sparrow, couldn't tell which, Red-tailed hawk, Western Grasshopper Sparrow, Desert Sparrows, Killdeer, Belted Kingfisher, Canon Wren, Black Vultures, Texas Kingfisher. I am sitting on the gravel by the Neweces River 'neath Chalk Bluff just where the river narrows below the big upper pool and runs swiftly over the rocks. Just across the narrows from me and about 25' or 30' away is a large pecan and the leaves are literally covered with resting monarch butterflies. They are so thick now that when one alights another has to get off and the air is full and they are in every cottonwood but this one pecan is something to remember a lifetime.

Bluebirds, Quail, - 20 birds on trip. On way home saw Monarchs all the way along highway and about 8 miles this side of Chalk Bluff we saw another enormous flock hanging to leaves and twigs in a low place where there were nothing but hackberry trees. Have seen 1 scissortail and one white-wing (maybe more) but most are gone.

Tues., Nov. 19

Arrived back at Wing Haven this morning. Have seen Ruby-crested and Golden-crested Kinglets, Goldfinches, Carolina Wrens, Juncos, White-throats, Cardinals, Towhees, Myrtle Warblers, Robins, Mockingbirds, Chickadees, Downy, Doves, Red-bellied Woodpecker.

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Monday, Dec. 2, 1946

Today I talked to the Country Day School upper classes on birds which are here now and Mr. Eller showed me his marvelous Bausch & Lomb Baloptican which projects any kind of picture, not only slides. Tonight the Ginters are coming for dinner and it is Mrs. Ginter's birthday so I'm having a surprise birthday cake for her. It is very cold and the bird baths were frozen all day. Mrs. Ginter gave me a bottle of Cointreau. Purple Finches, Goldfinches, Pine Siskins, Mockingbird, Robins, Titmice, Chickadees, White-throats, Towhees, cardinals, Carolina Wrens, Doves, Flicker, Screech Owl, Ruby Crested Kinglet, Blue Jay, Myrtle Warbler, Starling, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (19).

Wednesday, Dec. 4, '46

Today a Cooper's hawk caught a White-throat where the birds feed on the rocks near the terrace and ate him there. I shot at him, missed, and he flew away with the bird but came back several times. When all the birds fussed, the Screech Owl stuck his head out of the Flicker box to see what all the excitement was about. I also saw a crow flying over. Purple Finches, Goldfinches, Pine Siskins, Ruby Crested Kinglet, Towhees, Cardinals, Mockingbirds, Robins, Titmice, Chickadees, White-throats, Doves, Carolina Wrens, Myrtle warblers, Starling (18). Yesterday I counted 16 cardinals in the Vitex.

Saturday, Dec. 7, '46

Cardinals, Towhees, Whitethroats, Titmice, Starlings, Myrtle Warblers, Screech Owl (sticking his head out of Flicker box), Flicker, Goldfinch, Pine Siskin, Ruby Crowned Kinglet, Chickadees, Carolina Wren (13), Mockingbird, Junco, Blue Jay, Purple Finch, Dove, Crow (19) (flying over), Pine Warbler (20).

Sunday, Dec. 8

Purple Finches, Goldfinches, Pine Siskins, Cardinals, Towhees, Robins, Mockingbirds, Carolina Wrens, Myrtle warblers, Pine Warblers, White-throated Sparrow, Blue Jay, Dove, Titmice, Ruby Crested Kinglet, Starling, Junco, Brown Creeper, Hermit Thrush (eating doughnut at fountain bird bath), Starlings, Golden-crested Kinglet, Chickadee (22), Robin, Carolina Wren, White-throat, Pine Warbler, Cardinal, sang today. From 9 to 16 Siskins and Goldfinches in fountain birdbath almost constantly.

Wed., Dec. 11

Today is Dad's 85th birthday. Yesterday John and I planted 100 Clara Butt Tulips, 2 dozen white hyacinths, 2 dozen King Alfred Jonquils, 1 dozen yellow Dutch Iris, 150 yellow crocus and 4 daylilies from Russell – on Tour, Mrs. B.F. Bonner, Jay Russell, Queen of Gonzales. Screech Owl, Br. Headed Nuthatch, Goldfinch, Purple Finch, Pine Siskin, Junco, White-throat, Cardinal, Towhee, Dove, Chickadees, Titmice, Starling, Robin, Mockingbird (15).

Sat., Dec. 14

We are waiting on White violas which were shipped from Pitonka Wednesday the 11th. Planted another dozen King Alfred yesterday and 250 more yellow crocus, dividing them between ends of paths in upper garden. Also planted 1 dozen hyacinths, Queen of the Pinks, and 1 dozen Narcissus, Spring Glory, in main gardens, then sowed pink poppies, Shirley Sweet Briar, pink cornflowers, pink larkspur, Miss California inside beds and Rosamond in back beds. Screech owl, Towhees, Cardinals, Whitethroats, Robins, Titmice, Myrtle Warblers, Ruby Crested Kinglet, Golden-crested Kinglet, Pine Siskins, Goldfinches, Brown Creeper, Chickadees, Turkey Vulture, Black Vulture (15), Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Downy, Doves, Mockingbirds.

Sat., Dec. 21

Pine and Myrtle Warblers, Pine Siskins, Chickadees, Titmice, Towhees, Robins, Flicker, Cardinals, Whitethroats, Ruby Crested Kinglet, Mockingbird, Dove, 13 Pine Siskin, Goldfinch. All these out of my window before noon.

Sunday, Dec. 22

Blue Jay, Cardinal, Screech Owl, Mockingbird, White-throat, Chickadee, Towhee, Titmouse, Dove, Pine Warbler, Myrtle Warbler, Ruby-crested Kinglet, Starling (13), Golden-crested Kinglet, Junco, Carolina Wren (16). Little Roger Moore was christened today and Eddie was a Godfather.

Friday, Dec. 27, '46

Dove (14), Cardinal (20), White-throat (singing), Carolina Wren (2 – singing), Mockingbird (16), Chickadee (9), Blue Jay (5), Towhee (17 – 4 male, 3 female), Titmouse (7), Pine Siskin (28), Goldfinch (14), Myrtle Warbler (11), Red-bellied Woodpecker (1), Ruby crested Kinglet (12), Golden-crested Kinglet (3), Brown Headed Nuthatch (3), Starling (4), Downy (3 – 2 male, 1 female), Junco (13), Bluebird (1 – flying over), Black vulture (2), Purple Finch (5 – 4 male, 1 female), Turkey vulture (1), Field Sparrow (2), Pine Warbler (2 – 1 male, 1 female), Hermit Thrush (1), Flicker (1). Heard a Screech Owl singing before daylight. Today was the Audubon Christmas census. Whitethroats, Wrens, Ruby Crested Kinglets, Golden Crested Kinglets, Starlings, Pine warbler were all singing today and Screech Owl before daylight. 3 Goldfinches and 2 Pine Siskins were taking a bath at the same time in the fountain bath. The Hermit Thrush was on the bath and eating peanut butter and doughnut.

Wednesday, January 1st

Today was the first day I've seen Cedar Waxwings in the garden this winter. It is chilly and damp but there are lots of birds at the feeders. Yesterday I shot twice at a Cooper's hawk and missed. He stays near my feeders where there is good hunting and I surprised him on the feeder by the terrace. The little Red Screech Owl sat with his head out all day (in the Flicker box). Yesterday John transplanted the Azalea and boxwood grown from cuttings. Last night Mason Jr., Betty and Connor, Clarkson, Kate, Clarkson Jr. and Mary Katherine had dinner with us. Today we all three had lunch at Jerry's, cocktails at the Worley's and dinner at the Stillwells'. Olivia Worley's brother Mr. Holcomb was here. He is a radio writer and wrote the script for "Skyscraper" which opened Rockefeller Center.

Thurs., Jan. 2

Will Hon's records, Prairie Horned Larks – 1 on Dec. 19, 7 on Dec. 20, 8 on Jan. 1st, 8 on Jan. 2. I went out this afternoon with him and saw 8, six males and two females.

Sat., Jan 4th

Planted Cornflower "Pinkie", Poppy- Shirley Wild Rose Pink, Larkspur – Exquisite Pink improved and Giant Imperial, White King, all on each side of table and chairs in lower garden. Bought all from Hastings.

Sun. Jan. 5

Saw the Robin today for first time since Dec. 26. Today was John and Nina's anniversary.

Fri., Jan. 31

This morning I heard a Dove singing its full song over and over for the first time this year. The Carolina Wren has been singing constantly for a month. Wed the 29th I saw two male Towhees chasing each other all day over the territory that is the main garden. Wednesday, the 29th, Eddie and I were lying down in my room at 2 p.m. and I jumped up and said to Eddie "that's no buzzard!" and he said "No it has a white head and white tail!". It was an American Eagle soaring against the blue sky and the thrill of our lives! I believe that is the most unusual record in all the 19 ½ years of my garden. Wednesday John set out 2 English box at the bird bath in lower garden and two at the lion's head fountain. Tuesday I saw the first Fox Sparrow this year that I was certain of. Eddie thought he saw one about the 18th and I thought I heard one singing the same day but neither of us was sure. The Mockingbird sang a full song today for the first time as did the Flicker.

Sun. Feb. 2, '47

Today I saw Grackles in the garden for the first time since last Fall. Also so the usual Kinglets, Myrtle and Pine warblers, Cardinals, Blue Jays, Screech Owl, Flicker, Towhees, Doves.

Thurs. Feb. 13

Today Jim Layton took little gray owl out of Flicker box. Saw brown creeper yesterday.

Sunday, Feb. 23

Today five Fox Sparrows were eating with birds on rocks and I also saw one Song Sparrow. Millie has had one for about ten days and had 4 Fox Sparrows the day of the ice and sleet, Feb. 21st. There are worlds of Cedar Waxwings here, sometimes in flocks of over 100 at a time since the sleet last Thursday. The Brown Thrasher came back Tuesday Feb. 18th and sang beautifully that day but I have neither seen nor heard him since the sleet storm so I hope he wasn't hurt. I saw him at the fountain bird bath while watching the Hermit Thrush eating doughnut. The Purple Finches eat in the Magnolia, on my windowsill and on Eddie's windowsill every day as do the Pine and Myrtle Warblers, Ruby Crested Kinglets, cardinals, Robins, Mockingbirds, Carolina Wrens, Titmice, Chickadees, White throats, Starlings. The Blue Jays, Towhees, Doves, Juncos, etc. eat on the rocks, the Flicker eats at my window and in the Magnolia.

Wed., March 26th

I just saw a Fox Sparrow. The Flicker has his box back since we have taken away three little owls. He sings and drums merrily. Eddie saw our unwelcome Purple Grackles carrying nesting material on the 22nd and 23rd.

Mon. March 31

Planted snowball petunia seed today and "Illumination" Zinnias in main garden under hot caps. Didn't see Fox Sparrows today for first time.

Thurs. April 3

Fox Sparrows are still here! Myrtle and Pine Warblers, Flickers, Doves, Fox, Song, White-throated, English, Chipping, Field Sparrows, Cardinals, Blue Jays, Grackles, Starlings, Purple Finches, Chickadees, Brown Thrasher, Robin, Mockingbird, Carolina Wren, Towhees (29). Saw a Towhee carrying nesting materials yesterday to honeysuckle on herb garden fence.

Friday, April 4

Heywood Bobbitt saw Blue-gray Gnatcatcher yesterday and Jim saw flock of Vesper Sparrows today. Also a bird the size of Field Sparrow with a white patch in each wing. It was with the Vesper Sparrows and had a sparrow bill. Fox Sparrows still here.

Easter Sunday, April 6

First Woodthrush sang today but I think it must be a migrant. Saw first bat tonight at dusk. Mr. Shaw, the painted turtle, suns himself every day on the pool.

Monday, April 7

Heard the first treefrog today in the ivy behind the glider on the terrace. Saw first White-eyed vireo, first Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (although Heywood Bobbitt saw one before), first Chimney Swift. Have not seen Fox Sparrows since Saturday the 5th. The Starlings have run off the Flicker.

Sunday, April 13

Today while Eddie was planting White Petunias up the peony path, Yidda and I saw a Prairie Warbler in the dewberry patch. Thursday morning Eddie and I saw a rabbit digging out a nest in the dewberry patch and Friday morning she had lined it with dried materials. We can't tell whether it is finished or not and are afraid to look. The Titmice began building in Millie's box (that is covered with the pocket book for a roof) yesterday. A Robin began building near her today. The Catbirds came back yesterday and I saw a Woodthrush eating peanut butter on the maple in the driveway. There are still lots of Purple Finches and Myrtle Warblers but I haven't seen a Kinglet in two weeks.

Mon., April 13

The Flicker got his house back and the Starling took it back today. The first male Hummingbird came back on the 9th and the second on the 12th.

Tues., April 14

Prairie Warbler, again today. First Yellow Warbler today.

Thurs., April 17

House Wren here for first time this morning and is late, though others reported them on time. Mr. Chapman, the organist, had breakfast on the terrace with us this morning and we went out to wave them goodbye. When we came back a Robin and a Carolina Wren were eating scrambled egg on Erin's tray and the House Wren was going in and out of the house by the kitchen. Most of my Purple Finches left Sunday night. The Grackles have a nest in the tip of a pine ear the little room. Cedar Waxwings are numerous. This has been our best winter in several years for Pin Siskins, Purple Finches and Cedar Waxwings and Myrtle Warblers and of course, Whitethroats.

Sat., April 19

Today we saw the Orchard Oriole for the first time. The Yellow Warbler has been here several days. Pine Siskins and Purple Finches and Yellow-bellied Sapsucker are still here and I saw a Ruby crested Kinglet yesterday on feeding tray for first time in a couple of weeks. Someone brought me a sick male Hummingbird Wed. (Mrs. Bob Wellers and Mrs. Ray David Snow found it.) It can't fly but eats well. Pink dogwood is coming into bloom and Judas is going out. Coral Bell's azalea in full bloom. Weeping cherries were month late this year, in full bloom only two days, April 9th and 10th on account of warm weather and sudden rain. White dogwood in full bloom. Eddie finished setting out white petunias up peony path today. Yates and William clipped hedge and Henry and Charlie planted daylilies down long path today. Clara Butt Tulips in bloom. Spirea prunifolia, flowering almond about over. Grass beautiful and green, needs clipping almost every day. All English box bright green except new ones. Crepe Myrtle has not begun to come out. Willow oak in full bloom, sugar maple leaves have grown, Wisteria almost in full bloom. Went to Betty's party at Rozelle's last night. Betty's garden well advanced.

Tues., April 22

First female Hummingbird appeared today. Carolina wren began feeding babies scrambled egg Sunday. Heard first Red-eyed Vireo. Saw first Cape May today. Rus, Nan Dresen, Barbara Burns had dinner tonight.

Wed., April 23

Pine warbler carrying worms hopped on Eddie's tray on terrace looking for scrambled egg. Siskins, Purple finches still here, also Myrtle Warblers. May Restarts today.

Thurs., April 24

Catbirds building in hedge by Pink dogwood which is almost open. Tulips in full bloom. We have a 1st year male Orchard Oriole, also one in adult plumage. Summer Tanager eats peanut butter in driveway. Summer Tanager, Orchard Orioles, Siskins, Goldfinches, Myrtle Warblers, Pine Warblers, Doves, Towhees, Cardinals, Grackles, Starlings, Blue Jays, Carolina and House Wrens, Mockingbirds, catbirds, Flickers (17), Woodthrush, White-throated Sparrows, Robins, Field Sparrows, Titmice.

Fri., April 25

Wrens left nest.

Wed., April 30

Flickers were mating today. Monday saw Ovenbird, Cape May, heard Pewee. Yesterday John showed me Brown Thrasher's nest in the wild cherry up Peony Path. Peonies have batrylis and I sprayed today with Bordeaux. Also planted Blue Grass and Perennial Rye down lower path. Titmice carrying food today. Red-eyed Vireo and Pine Warbler

took bath while I stood near fountain birdbath. Heard Ovenbird and Cape May. Saw Ruby-crested Kinglet, the first in several weeks.

Thursday, May 1

Indigo Bunting, Ovenbird, Black Billed Cuckoo, Magnolia Warbler, Yellow-breasted Chat, Siskins, Goldfinches, Red-Eyed Vireo, Myrtle Warblers, Whitethroats, Chipping Sparrow, Titmice, cardinals, Summer Tanagers, Blue Jays, Towhees, Mockingbirds, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Woodthrush, House Wren, Carolina Wren, Flicker, Hummingbirds, Chimney Swifts (25), Starlings, Grackles, Doves, Chickadees, Robins, Yellow Warblers. Robin carrying food today.

Friday, May 2

Heard Great-crested Flycatcher for first time today. Indigo Bunting, Magnolia Warbler, Myrtle Warbler (few) Whitethroats, (few) Doves, Towhees, Yellow Warbler, Red-eyed Vireo, Flickers, Chimney swift, House Wren, Carolina Wren, Hummingbird, Cardinals, Blue Jays, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Mockingbirds, Woodthrush (20) Chickadees, Titmice, Grackles, Starlings, Robins, Ovenbird.

Sat., May 3

Eddie's Birthday! Parula, Magnolia, Yellow and Myrtle Warblers, Ovenbird, great crested Flycatcher. The little Hummingbird has learned to flutter his wings when I come and talk to him and he wants to climb on my finger and be taken around the yard. I have 2 feeders for him, one with sugar syrup and one with 1 TB. syrup (half sugar and half water), ½ tsp. Mellin's food, ¼ tsp. Sweetened condensed milk.

Sunday, May 4

It is very dry and we are watering.

Mon., May 5

Black throated Blue Warblers.

Tues., May 6

Grackles carrying food. Cardinals carrying food.

Thurs., May 8

A few Myrtle Warblers and White-throats still here. Black throated Blue Warblers, Chestnut sided Warblers, Maryland Yellow Throats, Ovenbird, yellow Warblers, Ruby Crowned Kinglet.

Sunday, May 11

Yesterday there were Parulas, Black throated Blue Warblers, Black Poll, Ovenbirds, cape Mays, Yellow Warblers, Maryland Yellow Throats. I saw a female Cape May gathering fluff from Weeping willow and apparently a Catbird's feather. Catbirds have nest in honeysuckle within few feet of cardinal's nest and Brown Thrasher's nest.

Tues., June 17

Mona Lisa, the dove, died this morning in my hand and Tiny Tim, the Hummingbird died Sunday morning in my hand.

Wed., Sept. 3, 1947

Saw a Parula Warbler this morning. Some of the Hummingbirds left the night of the 19th and more the night of the 31st of August. WE now have 12 or 15 that come at night and only 5 or 6 in the daytime. We had at least 40 this year and have used about 150 lbs. of sugar.

Tues., Sept. 23, '47

Screech owl singing. Cardinals, Mockingbirds, House Wrens, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Woodthrush, Doves, Towhees, Titmice, Chickadees, Peewee, Flickers, Red-eyed Vireo, Hummingbirds, Grackles, Maryland Yellow-throat, Carolina Wren, Blue Jays, Robins, Redstarts, English Sparrows, Chimney swifts, Brown Headed Nuthatch, White Eyed Vireo, Downy, Magnolia Warbler, Parula Warbler, Starling, Black throated Green warbler, Hooded Warbler (30). All but six

Hummingbirds left on the 8th. Two more disappeared about the tenth, and we have had four ever since. Cold wind from North today bringing swarms of migrants.

Wed., Sept. 24

Rained in sheets without pause all day.

Sat., Sept. 27

A female Cardinal was feeding her baby outside my window this morning. So far I have seen no Hummingbirds today and only two yesterday.

Mon., Sept. 29

No Hummingbirds since the 26th. Cardinal still feeding baby outside my window.

Tues., Sept. 30

Cardinal still feeding baby. Ovenbird walked around me in woods. Flock of Goldfinches in garden.

Wed., Oct. 1st

Cardinal still feeding baby.

Fri., Oct. 3rd

Cardinal still feeding baby. Dove baby at pool, short tail.

Sat., Oct. 4

Cardinal still feeding baby.

Sunday, Jan. 25, 1948

Fox Sparrows came yesterday. Fri. night we heard Howard Cleaves in Asheville. Came home in ice and snow, found Pudgy sick. Better today but back legs very weak. Planning garden bloom for this year. Mockingbird chasing all others out of his territory, same with Cardinals.

Friday, Feb. 20, '48

A pair of Grackles came back this morning to establish a territory here. Eddie telephoned to Texas yesterday for 60 pink Radiance Roses and the man said they would ship today. John dug 29 of the holes today. The State Bird Club field trip to Bull's Island is today and tomorrow. Yellow and lavender crocus in full bloom. Hardy pink amaryllis just poking through top of soil. Grass greening.

Tues., Feb. 24, '48

Heywood Bobbitt saw Pileated Woodpecker at Scout camp Sat, Feb 21st and Jim Layton and Dave Adams saw it 2 weeks ago. Heywood found its nest hole. Mrs. Robert McKay thought she saw Catbird about Feb. 20th. Laurens Wright and another boy brought a wounded Dove Sat. John is still working on holes for roses. Letter from Gorham today saying on account of model price of plaque would be \$172.50. Tonight Irene Castle talks to Humane Society. Reception for her afterwards at Mrs. Goodwin's.

Sunday, Feb. 29, '48

Mr. Shaw, the turtle, is taking a sunbath for the first time this year. Crocus are in full bloom. Roses from Boblink and Atkins came Friday, Feb. 27, and John planted them, 2 climbing American Beauty, 2 Harrison's Yellow, 4 Fran Karl Druscki. 60 pink Radiance from Southern States Nursery at Tyler, Texas came yesterday, Feb. 28th, in good shape. Had Cruickshank?? For lunch Thursday, had Rus and Barbara, Mr. and Mrs. Peterson, Jean Brown, John Conover for wedding breakfast yesterday. Went to their wedding in Rock Hill at 4 p.m. Winter honeysuckle, winter Jessamine bloom. Early Jonquils just beginning.

Thurs., March 4th, '48

Sick with flu. Took Penicillin which had no effect and now am taking sulfa drugs. Song Sparrow singing at top of voice. Heard him first Monday. Haven't seen my old Cardinal with broken bill since Sunday, Feb. 22. Flickers courting Sunday. Have been trying to get their box. Mockingbirds still singing in shrubs and trees. Still haven't gone to rooftops.

Friday, Mar 19, '48

Big bull frog on pool today for first time. Saw bat tonight for first time. Cherries in full bloom. Going to Chapel Hill in morning for State Bird Club. Last Sunday, Mar 14, cherries were not open and Tuesday afternoon they were full open.

Friday, Mar. 26

Black and White Warbler this morning. Heard him yesterday.

Thurs., April 1st

Pruned old Pin Radiance roses about March 9 and 10th and they have buds now the size of sugar peas. White Dogmar Spaeth also have buds. Weeping cherries were showing deep pink buds Sunday, Mar. 14th. By Tues. Mar. 16 late in the evening they were in full bloom. They were at their height and most beautiful the 17, 18, 19 and 20th. Sunday the 21st when Queens opened garden for benefit of Chinese Students they were past prime but still lovely. Dr. Allen came Sunday night and recorded owl. Mon. Cherries were still lovely but slightly fading. Dr. Allen took pictures of them and left Tues. morning. Dogwood is almost open. Old Carol Bells azalea on Ginter path was open and temp. went to 29 Sun. night, Mar. 28th. Next morning heavy killing frost had turned flowers brown. New plants had not opened so were not hurt. Eddie and I gave each other azaleas for Easter, 8 white Mati-pan, 14 salmon Bridesmaid. None were hurt by freeze as buds were not open. Transplanted Hyperian peonies, Korean daisies, Shasta daisies, Persian lilacs, Tues. Mar. 30th. Put fence in hedge Mon. Mar. 29 and finished tying it on 30th. Uncle John started clipping afternoon of 30th, rained yesterday. Kwanzan, Rosea Naden almost in full bloom. Quince, Spirea prunifolia over. Planted white violets Mar. 23. Used Vigoro on small box on peony and strawberry paths Sat. and Sun. 27th and 28th. Freeze nipped new growth on all boxwood. Planted some white petunias Sun. Mar. 28th. Vigoro'd all roses today.

Friday, April 2

White-eyed Vireo came back today. Small Carol bells azaleas in full bloom.

Tues., April 6th

Heard Maryland Yellow-throat near Morehead Pharmacy this morning. Eddie heard one Saturday. Jim Carson's Woodthrush came back on the 4th. Thought I heard a hummingbird dash by my head when I was fertilizing violas near terrace yesterday. Saw Hummingbird moth this morning at azaleas so I put out five feeders in case H.B.s came back early. Saw Robin's nest in pine over place for swimming pool today. Dogwood in full bloom. Planted bleeding heart today. Planted 6 Pride of Summerville, 6 Bridesmaid azaleas today.

Sat., April 10

Woodthrush eating egg on tray early this morning, first time today. Also first time today are House Wren, Red-eyed Vireo. Mrs. Ginter saw Catbird on 8th. Hummingbird back afternoon of the 7th. Two yesterday. Many Goldfinches in yard today. These birds in garden today: Flickers, Doves, Cardinals, White-throats, Red-eyed Vireo, White-eyed Vireo, Goldfinches, Chickadees, Titmice, House Wrens, Carolina Wrens, Brown Thrashers, Woodthrush, Robins, Mockingbirds, Blue Jays, Grackles, Myrtle warblers, Towhees, Owl (owl not on his regular perch), 2 Hummingbirds, Woodthrush. Yesterday a Sharp-shinned hawk caught a dove by the pool. Four doves have died in our yard in last 2 weeks from throat swelling which stops passage of food.

Thursday, April 15

The total of Doves dead from the disease is 5 with one more sick. Catbirds came to my garden Monday the 12th. Tuesday, 13th, there were six male Hummingbirds at the feeders. Another Cardinal is sitting in hedge by kitchen path. Something knocked nest almost out of Cedar and Cardinal fussed all day but female did not sit again even though I tied

it up. Chickadees mating again. I hope Wren hasn't destroyed their nest. Saw small brown bat hanging in hedge tree over walk in upper meadow.

Friday, April 16

Pine warbler with one foot started carrying food today. Mockingbird carrying food for several days. Cardinal carrying food for last three days from Mrs. Ginter's tray. Black and White Warbler today. Planted \$15.75 worth of Caladiums in back bed today. Ben & Jane for dinner tonight. Moved Domatae Hydrangeas into upper peony path.

Sat., April 17

Summer tanager back today and eating on Mrs. Ginter's tray and mine. Chickadees carrying food today.

Wed., April 21

Yesterday squirrels took 3 babies into Flicker box and we took them out. Ten eggs in Flicker box. Male went back in and spent night. Chickadee has only two babies. Don't know what happened to the others.

Sat., April 24

Cap Mays on 22, 23, 24. Blue-headed Vireo on 22. Heard Orchard Oriole for 1st time today. Brown Thrasher babies (3) following parent, tails 3" long. Robin baby flying in pine, tail about 1 1/2" long. Also heard cardinal babies out of nest but did not see them. Carolina Wrens put babies to bed to night in old nest of Cardinal or Woodthrush.

Mon., April 26

Had dinner in Betty Sherrill's garden, Valerian, Siberian Wallflowers, Iris (Dutch, German and Siberian) in bloom, also pinks, Columbine, Bleeding Heart, Foxglove.

Tues., April 27

Our 21st wedding anniversary. First female Hummingbird late this afternoon at feeders.

Wed., April 28

Great crested Flycatcher first time today.

Thurs., April 29

A few White-throats, Myrtles and Ruby-crowned Kinglets still here. Frog caught baby grackle (several days out of nest, tail 2 inches long) a few feet from pool and mother grackle attacked frog but could not keep him from dragging it into pool. I raced out in slip and slippers grabbed fish net and got it out half drowned. It is on the window sill as I write, tame, lovely, and interesting. I took it by to Laura Owens for her class tonight.

Sat., May 8

Myrtle Warbler today. No White-throat today for first time.

Tues., May 18, '48

Sunday, May 16 saw Myrtle Warbler. Thursday, May 13, saw flock of Cedar Waxwings. Flickers about to leave nest. Nine doves have died in yard so far and more sick with some disease. Catbirds started carrying peanut butter to young Thursday the 13th.

Thursday, May 20

Flickers left the nest Tuesday, May 18th. First Annis Victoria Hemorocallis opened Tues. also. Paul spent weekend with us. Went to Berryhill school yesterday and Homer took first bath.

Monday, May 31, 1948

Flickers began singing on their box again yesterday. Bob White in garden today, 15 Hummingbirds tonight, Great crested sitting on eggs. Woodthrush hatched about a week ago. Sprained ankle last Sunday the 23rd.

Tuesday, June 1st

Cuckoo, Great-crested Flycatcher, Pewee, Goldfinch, Cardinal, Towhee, Brown Thrasher, Woodthrush, Summer Tanager, Orchard Oriole, Crow, Black Vulture, Chimney swifts (flying over), catbird, Mockingbird, Blue Jay, Grackle, Starling, Chickadee, Titmouse, Robin, Hummingbird, Carolina Wren, House Wren, Pine Warbler, Dove (26), Screech Owl, White-eyed Vireo. Bob White in garden yesterday.

Thurs., June 3

Yesterday a meadow lark lit in the top of one of my trees behind the weeping willow and sang. A Red-eyed vireo was singing also. Two baby Flickers and parents stay around the Flicker box. Father runs small ones away but they sit next to mother and she is patient with them. While we were eating breakfast on terrace this morning a male Cardinal pecked at an English Sparrows tail and tried to pull it several times. There were two full grown female Flickers contesting over the box for a few days and I felt so sorry for the loser. I do hope she finds a husband. My Regallilies are in bloom now. Annis Victoria hemorocallis is lovely. Dogmar Spaeth and Charmaine roses are about over for the first bloom. Yellow violas beautiful. White petunias along upper path in full bloom. Had tea for Mother yesterday.

Sunday, June 13, '48

Tuesday, June 8th we had tornadic winds at 1 p.m and they were all over by 1:30 but Homer, the Grackle, was out in it and disappeared, whether killed or blown so far he couldn't find his way back I don't know. A Parula Warbler is in and out of the garden almost every day. Tuesday he sang in the crepe Myrtle all day and Wednesday Sarah Nooe saw him and heard him there. There is also a billed Cuckoo in the yard often. Sent Dove to Harry Davis Wednesday night, June 9th and he said it had "superficial laryngeal plug simulating the laryngotrache found in chickens at times. In other words the bird is completely choked to death by growth of this cheese-like plug, and a similar growth is found in a chicken disease, perhaps due to a virus infection." Parula outside my window in Maple this morning.

June 17, Thursday

First tiny bloom open on pink crepe myrtle by terrace. Magnolia always has an open blossom. Vitex beginning to open. White petunias in full bloom on upper path. Hear Parula every day.

Wednesday, June 30, '48

Saw another sick dove today. Nature Museum children came out yesterday. Opened Great crested Flycatcher box today and there were two baby skeletons in it. Don't know whether others survived or not. Will be six weeks Sun. since I hurt my foot and walked without crutch first time yesterday. Lump on front of ankle. Mrs. Pindell from Club Colony brought me Hummingbird last Tues., sick. Today he shows his first tiny red feather on throat. Mockingbird feeding babies again. Carolina wrens courting again.

Thurs., Sept. 16, '48

Yesterday had only 2 Hummingbirds and day before 5. Have had only 6 since Sept. 7. Had about 50 from July 15 to Aug. 15, then they began to leave and on Aug. 20 there were only half as many. That weekend most of my Woodthrush, Catbirds, Robins disappeared. I do not know whether it was due to spray poison being used in the neighborhood or whether they were leaving normally. I have seen only one Hummingbird today, the little, sick one.

Mon., Oct. 11, 1948

No hummingbirds since Sept. 16th. On Sunday, Oct. 3 I saw Orange crowned warbler as many as six at a time in the maples, also Parula, Hooded, Prairie, Black-throated Green and Pine, of course. Also Robin, Towhee, cardinal, Brown Thrasher, Titmice, Chickadees, Carolina wrens, Mockingbird, Catbirds, Flicker, Downy, Dove Goldfinches, Blue Jay, Pewee, starling, Woodthrush, Chimney swifts, scarlet Tanager. 25 species in the garden. Yesterday, Oct. 10, I saw Orange crowned warblers again.

Tues., Oct. 12

Little Mary B's birthday. Saw Orange Crowned warbler again today. Catbirds still here.

Wed., Oct. 13th, '48

Catbird still here. Orange-crowned Warblers, Prairie, Magnolia Warblers.

Sunday, Oct. 17

On the 15th I saw Cape May Warblers in the maple and thought I heard a White-throat "chip" but yesterday was the first day I actually saw them. Yesterday was also the first time I'd seen a Ruby Crowned Kinglet.

Sat., Nov. 20, '48

Fox Sparrow, this morning in driveway my earliest date for one. Pine Siskins this afternoon. Gave records to Mr. Chamberlain to this point.

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Sat., March 26, 1949

As we ate dinner in the garden tonight we saw the first bat.

Mon., Mar. 28th, '49

After dinner in the garden tonight we saw the first Mayfly. Dr. Arthur Allen telephone us this afternoon passing through on his way to Florida and said he and Mr. Kellogg might stop with us on their way back. Mr. Clarence E. Allen (to whom Roger Tory Peterson dedicated his Field Guild) also called us and he will have lunch with us tomorrow.

Wed., Mar. 30, 1949

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Allen and Miss McEvoy had lunch with us in the garden yesterday and we enjoyed them so much. Today Eddie and I saw the first snake, a garter snake. A female Robin has a tick beneath the left ear and it is rather large. She looks sick and sits fluffed up. Tonight at dinner several hundred Robins flew over going Northwest and some stopped in the tips of our trees. We also saw two Chimney Swifts late this evening.

Thurs., Mar. 30, '49

Titmice are nesting in Tommy's box. Two Brown Thrashers building one near Mile's house, one in lower garden. Young English Sparrows fully developed eating on feeding tray. Starling went in Flicker hold and Flicker screamed and pulled himself out with starling hanging on to feathers. Flicker seems injured.

Fri., April 1st

Mr. Barringer heard first Whip-poor-will Sat. night March 26 and first Red-winged Blackbird Wed, Mar. 30. He heard first Vireo Sat., Mar. 26. While we were at dinner tonight the first Hummingbird came to the feeders at 6:15 and gave us the thrill of our lives, the earliest record we have for one. He came about five times and sat on a cedar twig in between drinks.

Sunday, April 3rd

The Hermit Thrush sang in the woods this morning while Miss Sally Sandpiper and her sister were here and I was so thrilled as it was the first real song I'd ever heard. The Downy woodpecker kept diving at the Flicker when the Flicker came in his part of the woods. The Brown Creeper is still here as is the Ruby Crowned Kinglet and lots of Siskins and Purple Finches and, of course, White-Throats. The Hermit Thrush is so tame and wonderful and eats scrambled egg and peanut butter on the terrace all the time. One Cardinal has her nest about finished in the hedge behind the Crepe Myrtle. Two Brown Thrasher's nests are about finished but I believe one has deserted hers. She sings beautifully. Yesterday the little Hummingbird come a number of times but not continuously and sat on the top light wire by the hedge tree all fluffed out. Hope the chilly weather won't make him sick. He came late this evening about 5:30 and from then on about 5 times until about 6:45. Sent Mr. Chamberlain records to this point.

Tues., April 5

The Starlings injured both Flickers this morning, the male so badly that we have not seen him all day. The female though injured is still defending her nest and keeps calling for the male to relieve her so she can feed. The Hummingbird at a couple of feet from me today from the feeders.

Fri., April 8th

The second male Hummingbird turned up at dinner tonight on the terrace feeders and there was much squeaking and chasing of the newcomer by the first arrival. The Starlings have completely run off the Flickers from their hole in the hollow Lombardy Poplar in the hedge. It is such a shame for the Flickers had thoroughly established themselves and she was sitting. Pine Siskins, Purple Finches, Myrtle Warblers and Hermit Thrush still here. Saw White-eyed Vireo for first time today but haven't heard him yet. Robin building on pine limb over drive.

Friday, April 15, '49

The catbirds and House Wrens came back to my garden Wednesday morning, April 13. The Woodthrush came the 14th. A third Hummingbird also came the 14th. There are 3 males, no females yet. The 14th I saw a Red-breasted Nuthatch flying through the fountain of the birdbath and then getting on a limb to shake and preen. He did this time after time. He also dashed out after insects which he caught in the manner of a flycatcher, among others a Mayfly. The Chickadees are going in and out of the log house near the Martin House. The Titmice are still in Tommy's box. Two Brown Thrashers, 2 Robins, and 2 Cardinals are sitting on nests where I can see them but the 2 pairs of Flickers have been run off by the starlings though the Starlings are not using the boxes. Yesterday the 2 male Flickers fought all day long. Pine Siskins, Myrtle Warblers, White throats, Ruby crowned Kinglets are still here but have not seen my Hermit Thrush yesterday or today. We miss him so because he's one of the loveliest visitors we have. Mrs. Ginter says her Chickadees have 4 eggs. The very high wind today broke the top out of my weeping willow again, also the top out of the old Lombardy Poplar by the crepe Myrtle and top out of Carolina Poplar on park strip.

Wed., April 20, '49

Our tame female summer tanager came yesterday and also red-eyed Vireo. A few Purple Finches are still here (saw one yesterday) and pine Siskins, Ruby crowned kinglets, White throats, Red Breasted Nuthatch, Myrtle Warblers. Robins carrying food to young. Saw Red-breasted Nuthatch taking bath by flying through fountain at bird bath and also flycatching small insects in the air. Once he caught a Mayfly which smells terrible. Have discovered that birds will eat corn meal mush mashed with egg and it makes egg go farther. The fourth male Hummingbird came to the feeders late yesterday evening and we saw all four at one time. Have seen no females yet.

Thursday, April 21, '49

Today we saw first Orchard Oriole at lunch.

Mon., April 25

Baltimore Oriole today. Millie saw Purple Finch Friday, 22. Yesterday and day before were garden tours. Someone said they saw Rose-breasted Grosbeak in the garden yesterday. Ovenbird, Saturday, 23.

Wed., April 27, '49

Our 22nd wedding anniversary! Pine Siskins still here. Ovenbird still here. Jim and Jane and Jim and Charlotte are having us to dinner tonight at City Club. First female Hummingbird came while we were at dinner in the garden last night. Saw first baby Robin out of nest Monday and first baby Cardinal out of nest yesterday.

Tues., May 3, '49

Eddie's birthday. Sunday saw Scarlet Tanager, Parula, Redstart, Great crested Flycatcher. Monday saw Black and White Warbler. Today Ovenbird still here, also Myrtle Warbler, Ruby Crowned Kinglets, Whitethroats.

Wed., May 4

Saw Ovenbirds (pair), Ruby Crowned Kinglet, few White throats, cape May, Black throated Blue Warbler, Baltimore Oriole. Brown Thrasher baby out of nest. Young Robin big as parent followed mother to tray. Great crested looking at Flicker hole in dead tree. Heard Pewee on willow drive. Chickadees ready to leave nest.

Fri., May 6

Yesterday I saw a few Whitethroats, Myrtle Warblers, heard a Ruby Crowned Kinglet.

Mon., May 9, '49

Black Polls today. Black and White and Redstarts yesterday. Myrtle Warbler and several Whitethroats on 7th. Flicker babies under Martin house make a lot of noise. Flicker babies have hatched on Pine below dining room. Third pair of Flickers have nest on Pine below weeping willow. Let Fan out Sat., also Sammy. Birds ran Fan away and haven't seen her since.

Tues., May 10

Chestnut sided and Black Poll warblers today.

Thurs., May 12

Maryland Yellow-throat, Black Polls. Sarah thought she heard a Parula. Sammy, the squirrel, comes in every night and sleeps in the foot of the bed. The Carolina Wren and the Mockingbird come into the house every day through Sammy's window.

Fri., May 13

Black throated Blue Warbler, Black Polls, Scarlet Tanager.

Mon., May 16

Cedar waxwings today. Sat. I saw Myrtle Warbler. Black Polls everyday. Great crested flycatcher building in dead poplar in hedge and Starling is taking it away from him.

Tues., May 17

Great crested flycatcher gave up and is building in same box as last year in upper garden. Black Poll today. Sammy built him a nest today and is sleeping outside tonight for the first time.

Sunday, May 29, 1949

Flickers under Martin house left nest Friday. Titmice left nest sat. Brown Thrasher sitting again 3' from old nest near Martin house. Great Crested sitting in same box they used last year. Flickers in box near Weeping Willow have hatched. Flickers still trying to nest in dead poplar in hedge. Something broke up Cardinal's nest over herb garden gate. Woodthrush left nest near St. Francis plaque Sunday and that night nest blew down in storm. Doves nearby left nest Friday and she started sitting again on same nest Saturday. Baby Woodthrush in nest near Akebono camellias seem to be 3 in number.

Monday, March 27, 1950

First White-eyed Vireo seen today. Big crowd of Purple finches left 17th, but still have a few singing beautifully. Mrs. Ginter's Mockingbird has finished building in her Pyracantha where it builds every year. Sarah Nooe's advanced biology class came out today (4 of them) and budded a few cherries. We had dinner on the terrace tonight. Coral Bells and snowbells are almost open in lower garden. Yoshino is almost past its prime. Weeping cherries are coming into bloom. Emperor jonquils are at their height. Put terrace furniture back in place today after having everything painted.

Sunday, April 2

Today I saw our Carolina Wrens carrying food, both egg and peanut butter and Thursday and Friday I saw a Robin carrying food.

Sat., April 8

Carolina Wren babies have tails $\frac{3}{4}$ " long and have been in woods for several days but I think Grackles have gotten them.

Friday, Aug. 25, 1950

Last night there were only about 15 Hummingbirds. Tuesday night I counted 35 but our own big crop have left and I think a good many of those were migrants. The first male came April 9, the first female the 26th. There were 8 males at first. Early in the season there were very few but by the first of July we had a good many and by the middle of July until about the 17th of Aug. we had as many as we've every had. It was a thrilling season. I saw a Parula feeding young in the woods in June.

Thurs., Sept. 7

About 25 Hummingbirds here this evening. It is cold and rainy. Laura brought a baby squirrel (no hair even) yesterday and I'm feeding it.

Sat., Sept. 9

Counted 32 Hummingbirds at feeders last night and there were others, I'm sure, sitting in Cedar tree. Have had cold, wet weather for 3 or 4 days but sun is out this morning and we still have some Hummingbirds. Squirrel is fine and whiskers have grown out. Ears were almost non-existent Wednesday and now stand out from head a little.

Sun., Sept. 17

Tonight I saw only 8 Hummingbirds, but last night there were at least 25 and there have been all the time from 25 to 50. All old males disappeared in Aug. except one which was not well. There could have been more as it was raining and we could not eat outside.

Mon., Sept 18

Tonight I counted 15 Hummingbirds at the feeders and there may have been more. Last Monday, the 11th of Sept., we planted our rye grass and today we cut it. It grew that much in a week.

Tues., Oct. 3, 1950

Last Sunday, Sept. 24, the last two little Hummingbirds came to the feeders. Both looked not well. Sat. there were 8 or 10. Friday the 22nd there were about 15. And the day before between 20 and thirty. Sunday, Oct. 1st I saw an immature Magnolia Warbler and again yesterday, Oct 2, and also on the second I saw a Scarlet Tanager, beautiful and yellow with black wings. The Woodthrush and Catbirds are still here, thank goodness. Dad flew up on Wednesday, Sept. 27. Squirrel has eyes open just a narrow slit today for the first time.

Friday, Oct. 13th

Yesterday I saw the 1st Ruby-Crowned Kinglet. He came within a foot of me to bath in the hose water I was holding. Last night Embryo came out on top of his wastebasket to play for the first time. Tonight he tried to wash his face for the first time.

Sat. Oct. 14, '50

Jane Moore's father died this afternoon and the child will have supper with us tomorrow night.

Monday, Oct. 16

Embryo hid a piece of dog candy in his bed Sunday night, his first attempt at hoarding.

Mon., Nov. 6, 1950

First frost of the season this morning. Yates is cutting the hedge this morning for the last time this year unless we have warm enough weather to make it grow out. Embryo found out tonight for the first time, that he could go down the leg of the chair to comparative freedom and he is gleefully reveling in his newfound world of my bedroom floor. His nest is in a wastebasket of cotton on a chair by a mirror and so far he has been content in and on that chair and nest. My tame Hermit Thrush came Oct. 28.

Tues., Nov. 7, '50

Embryo drank milk out of a dish today for the first time. He also tasted water for the first time today.

Sun., Nov. 12

Embryo still sucks his bottle once or twice a day but otherwise eats pecans (which have been almost entirely shelled for him), apples and likes very little else. His urine did not begin to have an odor until he was about 7 weeks old. At first it had no more odor than water. He began to have an instinct to leave the nest to urinate before it developed an odor. Thursday, Nov. 9, he showed an instinct to hide something for the first time. He put a pecan meat between a magazine and his bed and patted it with his hands though it was by no means out of sight. He bites me in play but seems to understand if I say "no" or "ah!ah!" that he is biting too hard and immediately bites more tenderly as he would his brothers and sister.

Easter Sunday, Mar. 25, 1951

Thursday, Mar. 22nd, the pair of Carolina Wrens who always come in and out the hall window for mealworms we put on the newell post began to sing in the guest room and inspect its nesting possibilities. Friday and Saturday they did likewise so Saturday afternoon I put a small basket on top of the book case I there and today they began to build with feverish haste. We timed them several times for half an hour at a time. From 1 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. they made a trip every 12 to 40 seconds. At 1:16 both left hole in hall window, one returned in 25 seconds, other in 27 seconds. At 1:17 both left, both returned in 17 seconds. At 1:18 both left, both returned in 20 seconds. At 1:19 one left and one returned in 20 seconds. At 1:19 $\frac{1}{4}$ one left and one returned in 20 seconds. At 1:20 both left and returned in 15 seconds. At 1:20 $\frac{3}{4}$ both left and returned in 30 seconds. Left again without our writing down time but returned at 1:22. At 1:22 $\frac{1}{2}$ both left. One returned in 15 second and tried for 5 second to get large amount of material through hole and finally left it outside. Other Wren returned in 25 seconds. At 1:23 $\frac{3}{4}$ both left and returned at 1:24. (Here we missed a few trips but at 1:26 one left and returned in 20 seconds. At 1:27 $\frac{1}{2}$ they left and returned at 1:28). At 1:29 they left and returned at 1:29 $\frac{1}{2}$ and left in 15 seconds. He sang at 1:30 $\frac{1}{4}$ for the first time in $\frac{1}{2}$ hour. They returned at 1:31 $\frac{1}{2}$ and here we stopped for lunch. Both carried material and evidently his material and placement of it suited her because there was no bickering or changing as with House Wrens. Tonight the nest looked completed and the basket including the handle was full. This afternoon I slipped outside to see how they got their material so fast and they just came out of the hall window, dropped to the ground near the kitchen steps, picked up their material and returned via the window. Then they collected green moss from among the grass around the pool on the terrace and flew right back time after time. We could sit in living room and see them getting moss at the pool and then see them come through the hole in the hall window and go into guest room without moving our head, just by raising our eyes. The last trip was 6:45 p.m.

Monday, April 2nd, 1951

On Easter Monday, Mar. 26, the Wrens continued to build but not such fast trips. On Tues. Mar. 27, they left what appeared to be horsehair in the mealworm dish but retrieved it later. That night it seemed that they could not do any more to the nest but Wednesday, Thursday and Friday they brought in just an occasional finishing touch including some of Bradford's hair (our dog). Saturday we did not see them bring in any material and there were no eggs in the nest Friday night but Saturday night she stayed in the nest and Sunday night she stayed in the nest. This morning at 8:30 there were 3 eggs in the nest. Saturday afternoon the Male came in and sang at 6:50 p.m. and sang in the guestroom but we did not know at that time that the female was staying in the nest for the night. She is on her nest tonight.

Tues., April 3rd

There were 4 eggs in the Wren's nest at 7:40 this morning.

Wed., April 4th

Wren had 5 eggs this morning at 7:45. She slept on nest last nigh. In fact she sat so high I could not tell whether both were on it or not but probably not. At 10:15 she was on her nest. Saw Hermit Thrush and Purple Finches still here. At 3:15 the Wren was on her nest.

Thursday, April 5

The Wren stayed on her nest last night and at 7:15 she still had 5 eggs. Right after we looked she returned to the nest. She was off the nest feeding at 3:15 when I looked but at 5:05 when I looked she was sitting tight and also at 7:25 p.m.

Friday, April 6

At 8 a.m. she was on her nest and also tonight at 9:45. Hermit Thrush and a few Purple Finches still here. Lots of Goldfinches, a few Pine Siskins. The first Hummingbird came to the feeders this afternoon while we were sitting on the terrace with Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Forbes. He is the Director of the Princeton Glee Club.

Saturday, April 7

At 12:00 noon the wren was not on the nest. Hermit Thrush, Purple Finches. Tonight at 11:30 she was out.

Sunday, April 8th

The Wren was off the nest at 8:20. Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Allen are with us and we showed them the wren on her nest as they went up to bed. Dr. Allen peeped at her again today. At 4:30 p.m. she was off to feed and also at 6:40 but at 6:45 she came in to spend the night and he sang to her before she went to bed. At 8:40 tonight she had gone to bed.

Monday, April 9th

Wren was off nest at 10:00 a.m. On the nest at 1:30 p.m. and tonight at 10:30.

Tues., April 10th

Wren on nest at 8:a.m. and at 11:05. Woodthrush and House Wren came back today. Wren off nest at 12:10 noon and at 3:25 p.m. Dr. and Mrs. Allen came through bringing us 3 meadow frogs, 1 green frog, several peepers and several cricket frogs and had lunch with us. Cama, Cama Mary, Francis and Jane Moore also came. Wren was on nest at 3:50 p.m. and at 9:30 p.m. Sunday morning we found a partially build rabbit's nest in the herb garden, but it must have been frightened before it finished. The nest was dug and lined but not covered.

Wed., April 11

Wren off nest at 7:30 a.m., on again at 7:55. Hermit Thrush and a few Purple Finches still here. Wren on nest at 8:30 p.m.

Thurs. April 12

Wren off nest at 7:25 a.m., on at 8:30. On tonight at 9:30. Hermit Thrush and a few Purple Finches still here. There were 2 Hummingbirds yesterday and today but I can't tell whether the other is a female or not.

Friday, April 13

Wren on nest at 7:30 a.m. and again tonight at 8:30. Did not see Hermit Thrush today but did see Purple Finches.

Sat. April 14

I looked at Wren's eggs at 7:15 this morning and none had hatched. On nest at 1 p.m. Yesterday the dirt in front of the rabbit's nest was covered with leaves and today the hole was covered so I looked and it is lined with fur and her babies are in it I'm sure. Wren on her nest tonight at 7:40 p.m. Sarah Nooe saw Parula Warbler in garden today Garden Tours today and tomorrow.

Sunday, April 15th

Over 800 people came through garden in 8 hours. Wren on nest at 8:45 a.m., at 3:30 p.m and 9:30 p.m Hermit Thrush and at least one Purple Finch still here.

Monday, April 16

Wren on nest at 7:45 a.m. At 4:40 p.m. one egg has hatched and wren off the nest. On the nest tonight at 9:20. First Yellow throated Vireo today. Saw Purple Finch and Ruby crowned Kinglet and Myrtle warblers and Whitethroats today but did not see Hermit Thrush. Had 3rd grade from Park Road School today, Miss Carter's class with Judy Suttle and Lawrence Shaw.

Tues., April 17th

At 6:30 a.m. she was on nest. At 7:07 a.m. he brought in food, gave it to her and she made little coaxing noises apparently to feed young (I could not see). At 7:20 he brought more food and she made same noise to babies. I looked at her at 7:27 and she was fluffed out like a good mother should be. At 8:45 one more was hatched but not completely dry and one was halfway out of shell. The one that hatched yesterday had the thick natal down on its head fluffed out. I could see one egg had not hatched and could not see the other. Perhaps it was under the other birds. If it was hatched the baby was under the others and I did not touch them. She was on her nest at 10:00 a.m., on her nest at 3:30 p.m. Saw Hooded warbler, Prairie warbler, heard Yellow warbler. 4 male Hummingbirds now.

Wednesday, April 18

At 6:15 and 7:00 a.m. she was on nest. Saw Hooded warbler again today and Prairie Warbler also, Purple Finch, Ruby Crowned Kinglet, but no Hermit Thrush.

Thurs. April 19

Baby Wrens doing fine though I can't count them. Jamie Price brought tiny chipmunk without its eyes open. Dogs dug them out of her new place and killed the others. At first he could not drink but I got it down him drop by drop and then he finally began sucking and holding medicine dropper. Purple Finch, Yellow Warbler.

Friday, April 20

Purple Finch still here. Chipmunk and Wrens fine. Male Wren fussed Wed. for first time at Music Club meeting. It must be that as babies grow they become more alert. He fussed yesterday at Blue Jay at feeder. Catbirds came this morning.

Sunday, April 22

Today Eddie smelled an odor in the hall and when I went in the wren's room I smelled it strongly and when I got up to the nest I knew it was there. I could hardly tell it was dead but when I got it out with a teaspoon its back was putrefying. We are so distressed because we have no idea what caused it. Friday I saw a piece of moss from the nest just beneath the hole in the hall window where they enter and I said to Eddie I hoped one of the birds had not died and they were trying to take it out. I looked yesterday but could not see the birds very well. There were five in the nest including this dead one this morning. There was moss strewn around the outside of the nest as though they had tried futilely to remove the dead one. None of them opened their mouths when I tried to remove the dead one which seems peculiar as their fear complex is not developed yet. Tonight the mother is not on the nest for the first time. She has brooded them every night until tonight. Perhaps they crowd her now as I noticed last night and the night before she had to sit quite high against the top of the nest. Female Hummingbird today.

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Monday, April 23, 1951

At 6:00 a.m. I saw the wren beat up a mealworm and feed young and then a second meal worm. Then at 8 they both came in and tried to feed once. He sang in the room. At 8:45 they had not returned and one appears to be dead and the others scarcely alive but it may be that their fear complex is so well developed. I had a letter from Frank R. Craig, Asst. Poultry Pathologist, School of Agriculture and Forestry, N.C. State College of A & E., Raleigh, N.C. in regard to dove I sent him and he says it is trichomoniasis of the upper digestive tract, a common disease caused by a small parasite and affect pigeons and doves frequently. There is no effective treatment for it. The infection is probably transmitted to the young birds through the feeding from the mother of the regurgitated feed in her crop. Wrens seemed better tonight. Mother is not on nest. Hooded Warbler today and lots of Goldfinches, White-eyed Vireo. 8 or 9 Hummingbirds at feeder. Chipmunk opened eyes today.

Tues., April 24

Wrens seem to be alright. Cardinal in Mary Wallace Rose feeding young. At least 13 Hummingbirds. Wren not on nest tonight. Wrens began to open eyes yesterday.

Wed., April 25

Very few Myrtle Warblers left. Fewer White-throats since the 18th, but still plenty. One baby rabbit out of nest in herb garden. Wrens in fine shape. Heard Red-eyed Vireo for first time today and also I heard a Great Crested Flycatcher.

Thurs., April 26, 1951

The brown ends of the pin feathers on the wrens have broken out from 1/8" to 1/4" and the babies keep their heads to the front of the nest.

Friday, April 27

Our 24th wedding anniversary and a happy one. Saw Chuck-will's-widow in garden today. Birds all fussing at it. Nest with one egg in Sweet Syringa by lion's head fountain. Chipmunk has not wet his bed since opening eyes but gets out of the cotton and goes to one side in the waste basket. Wrens are fine. One looks almost ready to leave nest. Rabbits in nest this morning.

Sat., April 28

Menstruation 11 days overdue. Dr. Bradford says may be good thing (no shot). Chipmunk filled cheek pouches today – one sunflower seed in each filled it. Also 1/2 of one piece of peanut in each side filled it. Rabbits not in nest this morning. Eddie planted Basil, summer savory, sweet marjoram and dill in herb garden and I planted lavage. Mr. Rausch, President of the Camera Club, and Mr. Claude Freeman came out and tried to take pictures of the wrens and I do hope they came out well because the wrens look as though they are ready to leave the nest in a day or two..

Sun., April 29

Chipmunk packed 6 sunflower seeds into pouches this morning. Wrens look ready to leave nest. Two were just outside nest today once when I looked. Parents are so overworked they left 2 of the babies droppings on window sill as they went out and one in mealworm dish, the very first they have left in house. Almost fainted at early service and felt badly all day. 11 hummingbirds tonight but not many in daytime yesterday or today.

Mon., April 30

At 6:30 all wrens were just outside of nest. At 9:00 on floor in guestroom and tried to get on luggage rack. At 11:30 one was in hall. Put luggage rack and foot stool under window and he went back from room to hall several times. Got on rack just under hole once but flew back into room when his parents went to feed other babies. Finally he went back and got in bookcase and sat on "Bunyan's Works". Other three still in nest at 3:00. Did not see 2nd leave nest but 3rd left nest at 6:00 p.m. and one stayed in nest. Three sat together on bed until mother came in for last visit then all

scattered and at dark one was in nest, one on window sill, one behind curtain behind a table and one caught on another curtain behind another table. At 8 we tried to put them together and I picked up one which yelled like a Comanche Indian and when I tried to put him in nest with little one, the little one flew out like a shot and landed on his back. Twice he flew out landing on his back each time as his legs seemed to be paralyzed. At least he did not use them. The last time I put him back he stayed but I put other three in wastebasket on chair. At bedtime the one in the nest had disappeared and we looked until 12:00 but could not find him. Blackpolls today.

Tuesday, May 1

I got up at 6 and watched and looked and finally located him in a waste basket beneath the paper between the radio and back of chair downstairs in living room. Brought basket, bird, paper, and all and put on floor in guest room but removed some paper so she could see him. He was so far down I finally put a wash rag and small towel so he could get up high enough for her to feed him. At 11:30 he finally was able to get on edge of basket and teeter a few moments before going to floor. At 12:30 3 got on luggage rack in hall and then one of them slipped off and sailed downstairs but I called Elsie and he came back up step by step of his own accord. Then he got on luggage rack again then on window sill and almost found exit hole but I walked around through other room so he and the others went back into guest room and cuddled up to the weak one and all four adorable babies sat on the floor together. I cannot see how the weak one is faring from where I sit in the bathroom at 1 p.m. but she did not feed it much in the wastebasket. Once she did not come in for an hour to feed them. At 12:40 she fed them well but I could not see how it was distributed. At 12:55 she came in and looked them over but brought no food and they gave no food call. At 1:33 she fed. At 1:46 she came in with a worm. At 1:54 came in without anything. At 2:02 she ate 3 mealworms and went in to feed. Fed mealworm at 2:35. Fed at 2:49, 2:51, 2:55, 3:01. Stayed in room 5 minutes. Fed at 3:10. Alexander Sprunt here tonight. Told him about scholarship from Uvalde to Audubon Camp in Texas. Wrens still in house. Tiny one lands on his back when he flies and Mr. Sprunt says must have something wrong with its sense of balance. A few White-throats and Myrtle Warblers still here. Orchard Oriole first time today. Saw Cape may. There are many Goldfinches now. Little one was on his back so I put him in wastebasket for the night.

Wed., May 2nd

Up at 6:30. Birds on windowsill in hall but failed to find hole. When I opened window for them they scattered and did not try again but spent the day behind curtain in hall. Black and White Warbler first time today, also Summer Tanager, Cape May again. Cardinal sitting in sweet Syringa.

Thurs., May 3 (Eddie's Birthday)

I opened hall window at 4:40. At 5:10 male began to sing outside guestroom window. First baby answered at 5:16. Male (presumably) came in and fed babies 4 times from mealworm dish, then went out and sang at 5:35. Female came in at 5:37, at mealworm, wiped mouth and preened herself while male sang. Then male came in and fed babies at 5:38. Came in at 5:44 and fed mealworms twice out of dish. Fussed at 5:50, came in and fed mealworms. At 6:15 one was on luggage rack. At 6:20 she fed them and they went back in guest room and snuggled together on rug against ottoman and wastebasket where weak one is. At 5:50 weak one who has right wing drooping got out of basket. At 5:52 parent fed all 4 in hall. At 5:55 both parents fed the four snuggled together in hall. At 7:10 she tried to feed mealworm, all refused but she finally got one to keep it. At 7:31 she looked in then went out and fussed slightly. At 7:43 they started moving around in hall. Female came in at 7:54 and fed all babies mealworms. Male came in while she was feeding, sat on mealworm dish and sang. Female came back at 7:56 and fed babies again. Had hard time getting them to take food. At 8:11 female came in, ate worm while male sang outside. Then both came in and fed babies. At 8:16 parent came in, fussed and ate mealworm. At 7:30 when we went down to eat breakfast all four were in hall snuggled against curtain and did not fly as we passed by them. As we walked around the garden this morning, after breakfast we saw Cape May, Chestnut-sided, Blackpoll and Myrtle Warblers and heard others we could not see. Also the 1st Indigo Bunting and Carolina Wrens (of course), Red Eyed Vireos, Orchard Oriole, Flickers, Chickadee, House Wrens, Cardinals, Blue Jays, Catbirds, Mockingbirds, Brown Thrashers, Robins, Doves, Whitethroats (very scarce now), Hummingbirds, Grackles, Great crested, Woodthrush, starlings, English Sparrows, Chimney swifts. Later I saw Goldfinches, Yellow Warbler, Titmouse, Towhee. At 10:20 wren came in but there were no mealworms and I don't think she fed them. I put

mealworms in dish at 10:30 and by the time I got downstairs she was feeding them. All four babies still clustered in hall. Still in hall at 12:00. Put more mealworms at 1:35 and babies were still in hall. At 4:12 when I put more mealworms they were still in hall. At 6:05 the first little wren flew out the window and landed in the Magnolia. Within 3 minutes the three vigorous ones were out, one fell to the ground but finally got up high. Only the little one who can't fly nor walk was left in the guestroom on his back. I frightened him and he called until dark and finally settled down against the curtain. The Chipmunk is growing fast, still sucks his milk, eats peanuts and sunflower seed and apple. He gets out of his cotton, goes over to the side of the wastebasket to do his business. Embryo has convulsions and falls out of the top of the bookcase and then gets under the bed and won't come out all day. This has happened three or four times in the last few weeks. He seems unusually afraid.

Friday, May 4th

At 6:20 the wren had taken all the mealworms put in last night. At 6:05 the baby left was yelling loudly and then about 6:10 he stopped but I don't know whether or not she fed him. But at 6:40 she fed him after I had put him in the hall. When he tried to fly from the edge of the hall upstairs he just plummeted to the steps below and landed on his back as he always does. At 6:54 he was yelling for food again. At 6:57 both wrens took a worm down to him but I do not think they fed him. I think they were trying to get him to come out which he, of course, could not do. At 7:10 he fell on his back again but finally righted himself. We cleaned hall and guestroom today for first time since Easter. Wren fed little wren. Wrens fed baby all day in hall. Male sang on dead tree for a long time.

Sat., May 5

Baby slept under hall window on floor. At 5:55 male sang, came in and ate but baby did not feed and he ignored it. Then baby began to call slightly. At 6:07 one parent came in and fed baby meal worm. Male singing continually from 5:30 to 2:06. Both came in at 6:10 and one carried out 2 mealworms. 6:12 male came in and sang a few notes. One parent came in at 6:25 but could not see if she carried out worms. At 6:35 male sang at entrance hole, came in and fed baby then got 3 worms from dish, beat them on rug or rearranged them in bill, went outside and rearranged them on screen platform outside window, came in and tried to feed baby which did not respond, then took worms outside. At 6:55 male sang as he came in hole, got 3 worms, beat on rug, fed baby and went out. I cannot tell whether all were fed but probably he carried some out. Baby preening at 7:05. Parent came in and fed it at 7:08. Parent fed baby at 7:13, female came in and ate several while male sang at 7:18. At 7:20 baby succeeded in getting on footstool by hopping up curtain which trails on floor. At 7:27 one parent fed it one mealworm. At 7:45 one parent came in, flew down on floor then into guest room, fussed and flew out again without feeding or eating. Baby fed well all day. Saw 2 of babies outside today. Baby sleeping on floor behind door in guestroom, seems stronger today.

Sun. May 6

Wren singing and came in but did not see her. Came in several times but I did not get up to watch. At 6:35 she tried to feed baby but he did not take food. Parent came in several times but would not feed him. Finally she looked on each step for spiders and he followed her down 2 steps but she did not find any and left him there at 8:25. Saw Scarlet Tanager and Chestnut sided Warbler and Black Poll. Heard several others. Baby Wren does not look well tonight and it does not seem to be taking food its parents offer. I tried to feed it tonight without success. Its body moves with its breathing. A few White-throats. Saw Catbird sitting on nest in Moden Cherry tree in upper garden.

Monday, May 7th

Baby Wren in bad shape. Parents not feeding it. All fluffed out with eyes closed. Saw White throats today, also Cape May. Heard Pewee near Frog Hollow tonight after dinner. Put 2 dozen minnows in pool to keep down mosquitoes. I've been feeding baby Wren a few drops of milk mixed with yeast and B1 about 3 or 4 times today and he seems some better tonight. I hope parents are able to get him to eat. They have been trying and his voice is stronger. Yesterday and today Chipmunk stays out of his cotton a good deal.

Tues., May 8

Scarlet Tanager, Cape May, Blackpoll, Chestnut-sided Warblers, white-throats, still here. Saw another pair of Carolina Wrens bring babies over brick wall by Mrs. Litaker's and put them to bed on pine limb.

Fri., May 11th

Baby Wren died last night.

Sat., May 12th

Parent put 3 baby wrens in dead poplar in hedge.

Mon., April 14th

Mary Pearson here today. Saw White throat and flock of Cedar Waxwings. Chipmunk got out but came and drank milk out of medicine dropper and I put him back in cage.

Tues., May 15th

Saw Black-throated Blue warbler in woods this morning. Same White throat eating on rocks while we ate dinner tonight. So far as I know he is the only one left. Flock of Cedar Waxwings this evening.

Wed., May 16th

No White-throat have I seen today but saw flock of cedar Waxwings. Wren did not sing all day from his perch on top of dead poplar in hedge. Afraid Starlings, Grackles and Blue Jays have taken over and will run off all small birds.

Thurs., May 17th

The little Chipmunk was so full of play and fun today and I let him out of his cage and he would come suck his medicine dropper every time I called and would climb up on my shoulder and eat whatever I gave him and then wipe his mouth on my shoulder. He buried something for the first time today, a half peanut and he took such great care in covering it. He discovered a turtle between the terraces and switched his tail from side to side while I fed it banana. He also discovered the fun of taking a bath in the dirt and had the most wonderful time. Then right after lunch while I was on the terrace keeping up with him I heard him scream under the boxwood and ran to him but too late, a rat had killed him and he died in my hand.

Sat., May 19

Heard Ovenbird all morning. Saw White-throat today.

Sunday, May 20

White-throat today, also Blackpolls, Redstart and Ovenbird.

Monday, May 21

Gray checked Thrush tonight in Frog Hollow.

Friday, May 25

Olive-backed Thrush has sung in the garden Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Friday. Blackpolls still here.

Thurs., Aug. 30

This morning as we walked around after breakfast we flushed a Woodcock by the wall by the Ginter's drive. And tonight Eddie flushed it out of the lower path and it flew over the hedge and lit at my feet at the foot of the kitchen steps. It looked all around to get its bearings and walked over under the table and chairs and then out in the lawn and pecked at things in the grass all the way down the garden and around behind the pool. That was the first record for the garden.

Sunday, Sept. 2, '51

This afternoon I flushed the woodcock by the tool house and every day we have flushed him in some part of the garden.

Sunday, Sept. 9, '51

Woodcock still here. Flushed him today by toolhouse. Counted 22 Hummingbirds tonight, probably are more.

Mon., Sept. 10

Counted 17 Hummingbirds tonight and there may have been more.

Friday, Sept. 21

Had only 3 Hummingbirds on the 20th, 4 on the 19th, 7 on the 18th, 7 on the 17th, between 25 and 30 on the 16th, and all days up to that time. Woodcock still here on the 19th. Young male cowbird among young. Robins late, Monday the 17th on the grass. Saw ??? in Crepe Myrtle by terrace Sept. 6th. It is 7:25 a.m. and I have seen one Hummingbird this morning.

Tues., Sept. 25

Saturday and Sunday we saw only one hummingbird each day and Monday and today none. The 23rd was last day I saw one. Tonight I fixed a small loose-leaf notebook to coordinate all my various lists that I leave in different places and can never find. I hope this will help.

Tues., Oct. 9th, '51

No Hummingbirds since Sept. 23rd. First Cedar Waxwings.

Oct. 7th

Saw yellow-billed Cuckoo at Esther Springs. Saw Woodthrush in Frog Hollow yesterday for first time since about the 3rd. Also saw Catbird, only one left so far as I know. Saw Redstart yesterday.

Oct. 16th, 1951

Dad writes that he saw his last White Wing Oct. 9th and he had only 2 for a couple of weeks so all the others either migrated or were killed during hunting season.

Nov. 9th

Kemps here for Camellia's meeting. Before breakfast Eddie said "I dreamed the Hermit Thrush came last night" and we looked out the window less than 2 minutes later and there he was eating peanut butter.

Nov. 10

Millie saw Purple Finches on her tray this morning.

Tues., Nov. 13

Had mother, Cama, Millie and her mother, Elizabeth Lawrence and her mother for lunch. 5 large frogs on the pool at lunch. Saw bat flying late this evening.