

Brown Thrasher Nest on Corn Binder

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The Brown Thrasher usually builds its nest in low bushes, most often at some distance from the farm buildings. Therefore it was quite a surprise to J. B. Belcher on June 27th to find a thrasher nesting on an unused corn binder in a farmyard south of Dilke. It was about three feet above the ground and sheltered beneath an overhanging metal plate. When I went to photograph the nest, the anxious parent struck me on the head.

— 2 photos from Kodachromes by Dr. Stuart Houston.

Interesting Acquaintances

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There are birds which nest in colonies but they do not predominate on the prairies. I am farming a quarter section with a creek running through it, and in the summer of 1952 I took particular note of nesting birds. Those actually found were two Killdeer, one Willit, one Marbled Godwit, one Bobolink, three ducks,

one Ground Owl, several Red-winged Blackbirds and one Crow. It would be safe to presume two or three Meadowlarks nest there also, as they are a very prominent bird. I would like to be able to add the White-winged Blackbird or the Lark Bunting, but cannot. Although we usually see a few of these birds every sum-