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# MYSTERY PHOTO

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MARCH 2008 MYSTERY PHOTO



How did the beavers do it?

The circumference of this tree is 26 inches at the base. The topmost cut is six feet above the ground. The chewing on the tree was recent on October 1, 2007 when the photograph was taken.

## ANSWER TO THE DECEMBER 2007 MYSTERY PHOTO



that a little hole was developing in the snow bank below the window. As I watched, a Redpoll emerged. It struggled out onto the snow and launched into flight, making the wing marks in the process. I could only capture the aftermath." It may be of interest that a pair of Red Polls nested the following summer in the clematis just above the location of the drift.

What happened here?

As explained by John Lawrence, who submitted the photograph: "I was looking out the kitchen window the morning after the storm and noticed

The editors thank John and Bonnie Lawrence for taking this timely photograph and submitting the story.



The Microbe is so very small  
You cannot make him out at all,  
But many sanguine people hope  
To see him through a microscope.  
His jointed tongue that lies beneath  
A hundred curious rows of teeth;  
His seven tufted tails with lots  
Of lovely pink and purple spots,  
On each of which a pattern stands,  
Composed of forty separate bands;  
His eyebrows of a tender green;  
All these have never yet been seen -  
But Scientists, who ought to know,  
Assure us that they must be so...  
Oh! let us never, never doubt  
What nobody is sure about.

Hilaire Belloc, from *More Beasts for Worse Children*, 1897