

the pasture with the cattle. I was not able to get very close, but I could clearly see the buffy brown on the crest and back of each bird. I was not convinced that the egrets were fully adult, for the buffy brown seemed much less intense than that in illustrations available to me. At no time did I observe any sign of courtship or display. The birds seemed to ignore each other. They spent most of their time stalking insects near the cattle or at some distance from them. During the summer I visited the pasture and several other areas that appealed to me as likely habitat, but I did not see the Cattle Egrets again.

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NESTING OF HOUSE WREN IN TULSA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

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ON 30 JUNE 1968 I saw a House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*) in my yard at 2910 East 29th Street in Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma. On 2 July my husband and I observed what we presumed to be the same bird or its mate carrying nest material. That day we noticed a long piece of straw sticking out of a nestbox suspended about 10 ft. above ground from an overhang of the roof. On 4 July we saw two House Wrens in the yard.

On 22 July we observed a wren going into and out of the nestbox, but it was moving so quickly that we could not be sure that it was carrying food. On 26 July we ascertained that food was being carried — presumably by both parent birds; we heard young birds inside the nestbox; and we noticed that a House Wren was singing volubly in the yard. On 30 July we heard no singing but were loudly scolded by the wrens. During the first three days of August the young were still being fed in the nestbox. Shortly thereafter the brood fledged, though we did not witness their departure from the nestbox. On 7 August we saw a young bird with one of its parents in the yard.

At no time did we open the nestbox, so we did not ascertain how many eggs or young there were. From 7 to 16 August we saw no House Wren, either adult or young, in the yard. From 16 August to 3 September we were away from Tulsa on vacation. On our return we did not see a House Wren until 25 September, on which date we saw one in the yard. We saw one again the following day. Presumably these were migratory birds. When we cleaned out the nestbox we found neither eggshells nor remains of dead nestlings.

The House Wren is a well known bird in Tulsa County. It has been seen and heard singing from late March to late May in and near Tulsa, and seen again from mid-September to late October; but so far as I know the above-reported nesting is the first for the Tulsa area.

2910 EAST 29TH STREET, TULSA, OKLAHOMA 74114, 7 NOVEMBER 1968.