

diving at the jay, causing it to retreat. We subsequently saw no more jays in our yard while nestlings occupied the martin house.

Blue Jays are famous for their depredations on the eggs, the young, and occasionally the adults of small birds. Johnson and Johnson (1976, *Wilson Bull.* 88:509) reported that a Yellow-rumped Warbler (*Dendroica coronata*) was killed by a Blue Jay in central Texas on 16 March 1975 during a warm spell when food or climatic stress were probably not contributing factors. In central Oklahoma, Jerry Redmond watched a Blue Jay attack and peck an adult House Sparrow to death on 14 May 1976 in Norman, Cleveland County. The time was about 0800. After the sparrow ceased struggling, the jay flew to a tree with its prey and decapitated it (1977, *Bull. Oklahoma Ornithol. Soc.* 10:13-14). — Chieko Tedford, 1613 NW 79th St., Lawton, Oklahoma 73505, 5 June 1990.

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