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CONVERSATION

The National Guard has conducted maneuvers in the north artillery range.

He spoke to the commander and they did withdraw. The warbler census

indicates a decrease in the military area--he has recorded 67 birds there

so far. He has 34 nests under observation and believes that the average

fledging rate per nest is on the increase. He is missing some of the

older banded males. In fact, he has two incidences of males tending two

females on nests and one instance of a male with three females on nests.

This is the first time in his many years of observation he has noted this

unbalanced ratio. Also another first is that he observed a bluejay in

the act of killing one nestling. The bird was chased away and the nestling

was taken out of the nest, but it died almost instantly. He feels that

because of the late season this year, many warbler nests were built before

the vegetation was fully out, and therefore they were more subject to

predation. He observed a cowbird fledging being fed by a Kirtland's

warbler and also another nest has a non-fertile cowbird egg in it.

Presumably this egg could be sterile because the female cowbird could not

find a mate.

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