

under the shade of hillocks. The nest is only found by accident; we only found a few, although the bird is so numerous. The nest is domed and has an opening in the side. It is constructed of dried marsh-grass, and lined with fine bents. Although artistically built, the structure is weak, and it is difficult to take it away without destroying its original shape. Late in June the female deposits five oval-shaped eggs; some, however, are rather elongated, others shorter and stouter; and they have a slight gloss. The female sits very close, and may be taken on her eggs. When frightened off, she escapes through the dense thicket, and will not soon return to the nest. Whilst the female is sitting, the male sings all night through in the vicinity of the nest."

The Plate represents two males and a female, of the natural size (one of the former having the red throat very pale), copied from a specimen in my own collection.