

**Small Worlds Around Us**  
 By Lynn M. Watkins

**Many Things Pertaining To Birds are Unusual**  
 Unlike the bones of other warm blooded animals, those of birds are hollow and filled with air. Buoyancy and extreme lightness are built-in features that come as standard equipment. The legs of birds—even those of the domestic fowls—are covered with scales, a holdover from the dim past when birds were closely related to the reptiles.

There are many other things pertaining to birds that are unusual. Not the least of which is the peculiar device, probably a "locking" system, whereby the perching birds can grip the branch of a tree, a wire or any other object merely by squatting; as long as the crouching position is maintained the locking device holds the bird in place.

The bird can go to sleep perfectly confident that its hold on the support will be maintained without its conscious effort or intention. Merely by raising the body up it releases the grip.

**Never Lies Down**  
 The bird, of necessity, must spend its life in an upright position. That is it always sits; it never lies down to rest or sleep.

Members of the duck family keep their bodies in a horizontal position at all times, where they are sitting, laying or flying. Most other birds are more or less vertical while resting, and horizontal while in flight. When a bird comes to rest on a tree limb, it comes in horizontally. But when it alights, it again assumes a vertical position.

Those members of the bird family that do not fly much remain upright nearly all the time. Domestic ducks, chickens, and all the barnyard fowls seldom take any position except that of the vertical.

Another strange behavior pattern with most birds is egg-laying beyond the normal time of its duration. Of course a hen lays eggs for only one purpose, and that reason is not because her owner makes more money but only because her eggs are taken away from her.

**Will Stop Laying**  
 Normally she will stop laying when she has a nest-full of eggs, or as many as she can comfortably incubate. She wants to raise a family, so she continues to lay, and as fast as they are taken away, she lays more, hoping all the time she can eventually catch up and get a nest full. To hatch the eggs is her primary objective.

Many of the wild birds species will react the same way up to a point, but they cannot be fooled for so long as the domestic hen. If the female bird has actually begun incubation and her eggs are stolen, she often will begin laying again.

**No Explanation**  
 Maybe this doesn't appear like much of an accomplishment, but it is, and no one has explained exactly what mechanism triggers the renewed egg-laying urge or what chemical change must be brought about to repeat the performance.

Some powerful influence, within the bird itself, goes back into gear again and a function that was discontinued or arrested reactivates itself. This seems to be a terrific strain on the bird's system. By some mysterious method Nature tries to compensate for the egg-loss. Scientifically, it probably can be explained. But actually it's not so simple; there are still some pretty rounded corners to the seemingly abrupt angles.

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