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Souvenir.



No. 611

Set Mark 73

Set No. 2470

NAME

Scientific
CommonCrocus subis.
Purple Martin.RECEIVED BY ED N. HARRISON
FROM COLLECTION OF

GRIFFING BANCROFT

DATE 1953

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WESTERN FOUNDATION OF VERTEBRATE ZOOLOGY
RECEIVED FROM COLLECTION OF
ED N. HARRISON DATE: 1961

NO. 6533



MARTIN HOUSE No. 3.

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Souvenir

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Set Mark $\frac{70}{5}$

Set 70

Set No. 2475.

PURPLE MARTIN.

Progne Subis.

SOUVENIR SET.

FROM THE COLONY OF

J. WARREN JACOBS,

Cor. First and Washington Sts.,

WAYNESBURG, PA.

Date May 24, 1906.

No of Eggs in Set, five (5)

Incubation fresh.

REMARKS ON NEST, ETC.

Bits of straw, leaves and
twig, locust seed-pods etc.

Made wall in front.

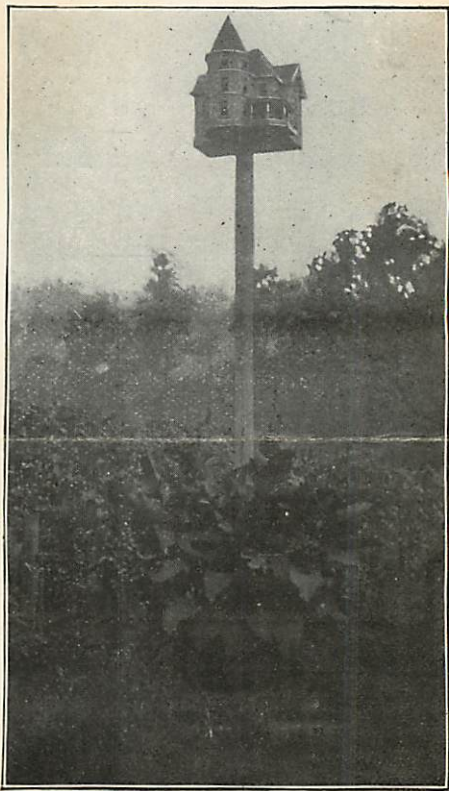
This set from a room
in house No. 4.

J. Warren Jacobs.

HISTORICAL SKETCH.

This colony of Purple Martins was established in 1896, four pairs occupying a house of twenty rooms and raising eleven young birds. In 1897 ten pairs nested bringing out thirty-five nestlings; and in 1898 a new house of thirty-four rooms was added to meet the increase in the number of nesting pairs which was twenty-six. The wonderful growth in three years, prompted me to add still further nesting room in 1899, and the nesting colony increased to fifty-three pairs. The next year (1900), sixty rooms were occupied, sixty-seven in 1901 and seventy-two in 1902.

In 1903 a new box of sixty-six rooms was erected to take the place of old No. 1, which had become dilapidated, but the increase in the number of nesting pairs was small, reaching close eighty nests in 1904. A few sets of eggs are taken each year for souvenirs, but the robbery does not deter the old birds from laying second sets.



HOUSE No. 2.
From "The Story of a Martin Colony,"
By J. Warren Jacobs.