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Mr Robert Ridgway
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Dear Sir,

Prof. Amos W. Butler in his new list of Ind. Birds notes Cardinalis cardinalis' nest "in bushes or vines, three to ten feet up" I also see that Baird, Brewer & Ridgways Birds of N.A. says that "the nest is usually in bushes, among briars, or in low trees etc". Last spring ('97) I took a set of four fresh eggs of Cardinals from the very top of a cedar tree at least 30 ft from the ground. The nest was of the usual construction + [illegible]

tree was in a garden in Greencastle. Ind. Might it be considered a rare occurance?

Very Respfly

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