On June 18 I found yet another nesting site with two young, about a quarter of a mile east of nest number two. We saw two additional flying young, but were unable to catch them.

By positioning by son Bud on the country road and myself on the next road to the east, I was able to determine that these four areas were in a neat line running from slightly east-northeast to west-southwest. Had this number of nests been scattered at random, it would not have seemed so unusual.

**Long-ears or Short-ears?**

**By Don G. Follen, Sr.**

A note by Kim Eckert of Duluth on the diurnal hunting of the Long-eared Owl (*Asio otus*) prompted me to observe this species and the similar Short-eared Owl (*Asio flammeus*) more closely.

I have seen Long-eared Owls on the nest and in flight with their “ears” down, unless in a state of agitation. While I have not seen Long-ears hunting in the daytime, I now consider the possibility that owls sighted at dusk in usual Short-ear habitat might actually be Long-ears. I try to observe the birds after they have landed, for the faces will tell for sure.

The field marks of the two species in flight are nearly identical. Recent experience near concentrations of wintering Long-ears has taught me that there is a difference in flight pattern. The Long-ear has a faster and deeper wingbeat like a butterfly, while the Short-ear pumps along like a large moth!

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Raw ground round steak continued to be Robbie’s main dish. In 1965 we started to add a drop of vitamins to his beef daily. The canaries had been getting their drop for some time.

In January 1966 we learned about mealworms which we then got from Florida and were $14 for 5,000. The worms were kept in bran in large pans in the basement and were fed raw sliced carrots for food and drink. A smaller dish of them was kept in the kitchen where Robbie could help himself. At mealtime Robbie came to the table and sat on a chair back, waiting to sample any food we had to offer. The first bug catching device made by Henry and installed outside the patio, attracted them inside too where Robbie enjoyed catching them. Later we also used a commercial device. With all the white cloths in use to protect his perching areas, we had a special weekly laundry for our bird.