

Palm Warbler. Several pairs may be found in the bog, and one was observed in the heath near Seawall in June, 1945, together with Lincoln's sparrow. *Nest:* Embedded in sphagnum at base of little black spruce in bog.

Oven-bird. Occasionally found in drier woodland west of the harbor.

Yellow-throat. A common warbler in swampy places. *Nest:* in clump of sweet gale, *Rhodora*, sheep laurel and other shrubs in bog.

Wilson's Warbler. One or two singing males may be found near Ship Harbor — in shrubbery at the head of the harbor or in hackmatack growing in the heath near Seawall.

Canada Warbler. One of the rarer warblers, but usually found in swampy woods northwest of the harbor, on the north side of the Seawall-McKinley road.

Redstart. Common, particularly in more open woodland. Although I have found more nests of the redstart on Mt. Desert than of any other warbler, I have never happened upon one in the vicinity of Ship Harbor.

Nesting Records from Mt. Desert and Grand Manan

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Red-breasted Merganser. Dr. F. A. Saunders informs me that he has seen a brood of red-breasted mergansers near Castalia. There is a similar record by Mr. Getchell Lambert of Grand Manan relating to a brood observed at Jack's Cove, Ross Island. I have no dates of these reports.

Winter Wren. In July, 1954, I recorded a nest of this wren situated under the porch of our camp at Pretty Marsh, Mt. Desert Island (Bull. Maine Aud. Soc., vol. 10, no. 4, 1954, p. 57). In late April, 1955, the nest was still there but in a state of disintegration, although it was fairly well protected from the elements. In June of the present year the nest had been repaired and contained another set of eggs of the winter wren. However, it was again tampered with by a predator, leaving two addled eggs and a broken egg on the ground below. The male sang intermittently nearby from late April until late in July.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet. Observed feeding young near Pretty Marsh in July, 1955.

Parula Warbler. Dr. and Mrs. Saunders inform me that they were

shown a nest of this warbler bordering a woodland trail north of Seal Cove, Grand Manan, in early July, 1954. This constitutes the first nesting record of the parula from that island. At the same time and at approximately the same place were a pair of pine grosbeaks, although these showed no evidence of nesting. The latter species has occasionally been reported from Mt. Desert during the summer months. I have not encountered it on either island.

Blackburnian Warbler. Adults with young were noted several years ago by Dr. Saunders near "The Anchorage", south of Long Pond, Grand Manan. This is the first evidence of the breeding of this warbler on Grand Manan.

House Sparrow. Apparently confined to Bar Harbor on Mt. Desert and to North Head on Grand Manan. Several years ago I found several pairs nesting in vines on the side of the fire-house at Bar Harbor. At North Head the house-sparrow breeds under the eaves of buildings along the water front. One pair that I observed had taken over a cliff swallow's nest and was feeding well grown young of both swallow and sparrow: the parent swallows were not seen to come to this nest.

Purple Martins in Cumberland County

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Last year the cold rainy season caused the death of many Purple Martins in Cumberland County. Others arriving too early, perished when they were unable to obtain enough insect food to sustain life.

The picture is much brighter this year. The dry, warm summer seems to have been a boon to these sensitive birds. Houses have been well filled with tenants and the young birds are, for the most part, healthy and well fed. Reports received from several people who have maintained Purple Martin houses regularly, over a period of years, tell an encouraging story.

Mrs. Philip K. Frye, Cricket Hill, North Gorham, Maine had three tenants raising families in a martin house, for the first time, after ten years of waiting for the martins.

An interesting new colony is that of Mrs. Clayton E. Clough, Cape Elizabeth, Maine. Seven martins were regular guests with three pair nesting. The number fluctuated as several came periodically just to visit. Early one evening late in August, seventeen came to spend the night.