

or a bank cavity to place its nest. The Wilson's Warbler nests on the ground in boggy barrens with stunted trees and scrubby bushes. The Canada Warbler locates its nest on the ground in scrubby woods, moist places, mossy areas with saplings and overturned trees. The Mourning Warbler and Common Yellowthroat both nest in low vegetation on or close to the ground in low bushes and shrubs. The Yellow Warbler nests in low bushes or trees from 3 to 8 feet up. Sometimes it builds in deciduous trees no more than 40 feet up. The Magnolia Warbler normally nests out on the limb of small low conifers but will choose small deciduous trees in open mixed wood. The Cape May Warbler nests from 30 to 60 feet up near the top of a medium sized conifer in a coniferous woods or mixed woodland. The Yellow-rumped Warbler places its nest often on the branch of a large conifer well out from the trunk. The Black-throated Blue Warbler breeds in deciduous and mixed woodland in low saplings, trees, and shrubs whereas the Black-Throated Green Warbler locates its nest in open conifers in mixed woods. The nest is usually on a limb of these large trees. The Blackburnian Warbler nests in second growth of mixed woods placing its nest on conifer branches from 5 to 85 feet up. The Chestnut-sided Warbler likes saplings, bush, and vines in thickets of open woods. The Bay-breasted Warbler nests up to 20 feet in conifers of mixed woods. Finally, the American Redstart builds in the crotches of the deciduous trees of mixed woods, second growth woodlots and tall shrubs.

Other birds nest here as well. The Red-breasted and White-breasted Nuthatches usually nest in a tree hole or stump in open coniferous woods. The Golden and Ruby-crowned Kinglets nest at different heights but mostly high up in coniferous forests. The Cedar Waxwing nests usually in deciduous trees but also in coniferous trees putting the nest on a horizontal branches.

The author found a Veery nest four years ago. She built it under a foot high mountain ash. After a week, a predator took the eggs.

Besides the birds mentioned here, over 70 more bird species nest on the Island.

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BANK SWALLOW PREDATION

by Dorothy MacLeod

For the past 30 years I have walked along the banks at Cavendish but this was the first year I saw where the foxes dug out the swallow nests. By the end of the summer I counted 95 holes and no swallows were around by fall.