

### **The Crow**

The crow comes to Manitoba a little earlier than some other birds. The crow is very black. Its feathers are like bootblackening. The crow eats the farmer's wheat when it gets ripe. The crow builds its nest as high as it can in a tree. Sometimes the nest is swinging like a cradle in the top of the tree. Its nest is made of leaves, twigs, straw, hay and feathers. The crow lays from three to five eggs. When the young ones get hatched they are nearly bare. The mother crow keeps the birds warm while the father crow is out hunting worms and other things to eat.

### **The Woodpecker**

The Woodpecker is a Manitoba bird. The woodpecker is a fast flier and pretty to see. The woodpecker builds its nest in a post or a tree. It pecks away like a steam engine working. It has to dig a hole in the post or tree, then it enters and begins to get it smoother with its beak. It has an egg colored pinkish and lays from three to five eggs. It pokes its head out of its hole like a boy poking his head out of a window of a house.

### **The Kingbird**

The kingbird is one of Manitoba's birds. It comes to Manitoba about April 15th. The kingbird sometimes sits on a wire, then all of a sudden it flies away and turns over in the air three or four times.

The kingbird has a white breast and a blackish colored back. Its nest is usually made of straw and feathers and some mud. The nest is very soft inside. The bird lays about three or four eggs. The eggs are white with a lot of brown spots on them. The kingbird's egg is not very large, it is about the size of a thimble.

### **The Blackbird**

There are two different kinds of blackbirds. The ground blackbird builds its nest on the ground in a hole. The egg is colored chocolate. The blackbird is not very big.

The other kind of blackbird builds its nest in a tree. It is made of string,

straw, feathers and hay. Its egg is colored pale blue with dark brown spots on it. The blackbird lays about four or five eggs. The blackbird is black like the crow.

### **The Oriole**

The oriole is a nice colored bird. It is colored bright red under the wings and scarlet on the back. Its nest seems to be built on the highest branch of the tree. Its nest is kind of woven together. String and straw is what the oriole takes for its nest. The oriole's nest is shaped like a candy-bag. It is woven and hung up in the tree as if it was chained there. The oriole is about the nicest bird to see and the nicest to listen to. It sings very sweetly. The oriole can fly swiftly, and it keeps the insects off the tree that its nest is in and more besides. The oriole lays about two or three eggs.

### **The Wren**

The wren is about the smallest bird. It builds its nest in some box or hole in a stable or in a separator. The wren when it is flying can hardly be seen for it is so small and can fly so fast. It builds its nest of feathers and twigs all broken up. It lays about the smallest egg. The egg is a reddish colored egg. The wren lays about five, six or seven eggs. The wren's egg is about the size of a marble and is so light when it is in one's hand it feels as if nothing were in your hand.

### **The Sparrow**

The sparrow is a small bird which stays in Manitoba all winter. It builds its nest in a barn or in a tree. It builds a nest mostly of straw and hay. The eggs are colored a speckled white. The sparrow seems to be a nuisance to the farmer, but it is a good bird, it eats insects that destroy the grain and trees.

There is more than one kind of sparrow, there is the ground sparrow and the tree sparrow.

The ground sparrow lives on the fields. The barn sparrow lives in the barn. The tree sparrow lives in the tree.