

SONG : A rich, sweet melody. A loud and cheerful carol.

NEST: *Position*,—Upon the horizontal branch of some oak or pine tree. *Materials*,—a disorderly looking structure of fibres and sticks. *Eggs*,—Three or four, bluish green in colour.

FOOD : Berries and insects.

HABITS : Shy and retiring, frightened from the haunts of men because hunted unmercifully for his beautiful plumage. Fond of deep thickets of oak or evergreen. The male bird, with his tell-tale coat, sings in some distant tree while the female broods, only approaching her to feed her. The young birds are motley in colour and safely inconspicuous.