

WILSON'S WARBLER, *Sylvania pusilla*.

Has been taken at Petitcodiac and observed at Fredericton.

CANADIAN WARBLER, *Sylvania canadensis*.

A tolerably common summer resident from May until September. Generally found in low, wet woodland that has considerable undergrowth; it is also found along river margins. This species has a sweet, liquid song, we would write it chip-it-che chip-it-che chip-it chitt-it-it. They display great anxiety if one intrudes too closely upon their nesting site, and give vent to their feelings by repeatedly uttering a smart sounding chip. Yet they can overcome their emotions sufficiently to make short sallies after passing insects which they easily catch.

AMERICAN REDSTART, *Setophaga ruticilla*.

A tolerably common summer resident of orchards and moist woodlands near clearings, staying with us from May until September. The habits of this pretty species are very much like those of some of the flycatchers, both in manner of taking its food, and nest building. They are expert fly catchers, as one may know by watching them for even a short time, as they float, dart and whirl through the foliage of the trees, occasionally resting with drooping wings and half spread tail, to sing their chee-chee-chee, ser-wee, swee-e-e. The song of the immature male during his second summer is very different from the song of the adult male. At that age the young male still more closely resembles the female in appearance, than he does with the black and dark orange colors of the plumage of the older males.

The nest of this species is built, like the nest of the least flycatcher, of grasses, fibres, plant down, and threads, if obtainable, placed in a fork of a bush either close against the trunk or out on a limb. The eggs are from three to five in number, grayish white or bluish white, with cinnamon or brownish spots about the larger end. The parents are very vigilant in guarding their eggs and young. On one occasion when I was driving along a highway, a male redstart fluttered out from the vicinity of its nest, and fluttered along beside the horse endeavouring to allure us from the place. His plumage of rich orange and black showed to good effect against a background of rich green grasses and shrubs.