

During the next two weeks I located three other magpies' nests containing full sets of this bird, the merlins in every instance being very noisy and wicked.

During the first week in June I took a beautiful second set of five eggs of this bird. This clutch was laid in the deserted nest of the American roughlegged hawk, which was placed about 60 feet up in a large poplar. This set is blotched with cinnamon color, not being of a general wash like the other sets. The pigment no doubt gave out in this case.

I am confident that these birds were just breeding locally, as they were not observed anywhere else. The many magpies' nests in the vicinity of Lethbridge seem to attract the birds, although I saw a pair of merlins looking after an old crow's nest, but was unable to visit the spot again.

To clinch the matter of identification I forwarded a set of these eggs to Mr. Walter Raine, of Toronto, and another to Mr. E. Arnold, of Battle Creek, Mich., and both gentlemen agree that the eggs are none other than Richardson's merlin.

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THE GOLDEN WINGED WARBLER IN MANITOBA.

While watching a small lot of warblers in thickish woods on the morning of May 22nd I noted an unusual one among them which on close inspection proved to be a male golden-winged warbler (*Helminthophila chrysoptera*) in full plumage. Numerous Magnolia warblers, redstarts and a few others were with it. This—so far as I am aware—is the second record of this bird appearing in Manitoba, the other having been taken by Mr. W. Hine, near Winnipeg about the 27th day of May, 1887—See Catalogue of Canadian Birds, part III., page 583, and *The Auk*, Vol. VII., page 404.

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