

only one I saw on the Islands), and amongst the spruce trees found several unoccupied nests, one of which I took to be a nest of the pine grosbeak, containing pieces of light coloured, egg-shell. Robins were numerous, and I saw a nest with three eggs in, and a nest of the fox-sparrow in the dense growth, placed on the top of a stump about three feet above the ground, with two young ones covered with black down, and hatched about a day.

July 4th was a fine bright day, the excessive heat which prevailed at this time in Ontario and parts of Quebec had not yet reached the Magdalen Islands. I watched some sand-swallows near the harbour.

The following day I spent in the spruce woods, and met with several interesting birds, amongst them a fox-sparrow that had a nest with three young ones in a thick fir-tree three feet from the ground. I met with a pair of blue-jays that were very noisy, and two golden-crested wrens. Also another Hudsonian tit's nest with four young ones, whose nest was located in a dead stump, built under precisely the same conditions as the first one found. The eggs must have been fresh early in June.

July 5th brought my visit to the Magdalen Islands to a close, and I took the steamer for Pictou, N.S., having spent three weeks very pleasantly on the Islands. Warm weather reached the Islands to-day.

Certain birds were found to be quite numerous, but some of the varieties I expected to find, were not met with. It is a very difficult matter to find the nests amongst the dense growth of spruce and fir. If a person fond of ornithology spent two or three years on the Islands, he could probably make a good collection; in a few weeks not very much can be done.

Of the 61 species met with, I was only able to locate nests of 23 of them; while in all probability 43 out of the 61 regularly breed, as well as a few other warblers and one sparrow, which I did not identify. The grosbeaks breed early. On the morning