

The chimney swift breeds in the chimneys of the houses and comes back regularly every year. It is very seldom that these birds are injured by fire. They do not begin nesting until the furnace fires are out, and they seem to know by instinct, perhaps by the smell of the soot, those chimneys from which smoke is likely to come during the summer and they keep away from them.

While a ruby-throated hummingbird's nest has not actually been taken on the Farm to our knowledge, we believe this bird to breed there as it is very common during the summer. A nest was taken some years ago by Mr. W. E. Saunders in the woods near the Farm.

The kingbird breeds in the orchard in the apple trees, and appears to take no trouble in hiding its nest which is readily seen. It seems to rely on its pugnacity for keeping all intruders away, and certainly it is sometimes alarming to have this little bird crying and darting about. The eggs of the kingbird are very beautiful, in fact among the most beautiful of Canadian birds. The kingbird is, we understand, fond of honey bees and it is difficult to protect its nest if the bee man finds it out.

It is possible that the phoebe has built somewhere in or about the buildings on the Farm, but a nest has never been found to our knowledge. The wood peewee also probably builds in the larger trees.

Among the first birds to arrive is the prairie horned lark, which usually appears during the latter part of February and begins breeding soon after the snow is off the ground. The nest is built on the ground, usually in the open. There must be many pairs breed on the Farm every year. A nest which was found in the arboretum a few years ago was built in the ground close to a large dandelion.

The crow remains here all the year round and is frequently seen during the winter months. It breeds early in spring in the large pine trees.

Bobolinks are fairly common in the meadows, but their nests are hard to find and few of them are seen. It is one of our finest singing birds, and it is fortunate that their nests are difficult to discover, as boys have no discrimination. The cowbird, which is closely related to the bobolink, is about as useless a bird as the