

HAIR: *Parula*,—in trees, often in the
chords.

FLIGHT: A strong, swift flight, with short
quick strokes, darting suddenly from his perch
in pursuit of insects on the wing. He is identi-
fied by his habit of hovering.

FOOD: Robber flies (a bee pest); wasps,
chafers, gadflies, grasshoppers, katydids, crick-
ets, and many other insects. Contrary to
public opinion, he does not eat bees.

HABITS: A brave little bird, attacking
and driving away hawks and crows. He sits
on a fence rail and watches for insects, with a
good deal of noisy calling while he waits.
Before and during nesting season this rasping
chatter is kept up all day long.