

time. In the evening I took a nest of the Savannah sparrow behind the house, with five fresh eggs, and saw a second one close by. A few razor-bills and common guillemots are said to breed in the cliffs, but I did not see any. The only other birds of interest were a pair of loons, and a pair of young ravens.

June 26th.—I started to walk along the beach towards the east point, and on the way met with the semi-palmated plover. It is easily distinguished from the piping-plover by its darker plumage and broad black ring. Its note also is entirely different. I watched the bird for a long time, hoping to locate its nest, but failed to do so, though confident it was breeding. Later I found a spotted sandpiper's nest with four eggs, and met with two pairs of rusty blackbirds. These appeared to have young, but I searched for the nest among the stunted spruces in vain. Towards evening the cry of the Wilson's snipe was very noticeable, and there must have been several pairs breeding near the lagoon, among the fresh water ponds. The only other birds seen to-day were the fox-sparrow, the black-poll warbler, and the piping-plover, besides one hawk, which could not be identified.

On the following day we drove back to Grindstone Island along the beach, the rest of our party having returned from Bryon Island. With the exception of a raven perched on a telegraph pole, a semi-palmated plover on a salt marsh by the the lagoon, and a marsh hawk, I saw no more birds of any particular interest. The marsh-hawk and the hawk seen yesterday, were the only birds of prey with the exception of the ospreys and owl, which I noticed on the Magdalens.

June 28th.—I visited the black-poll warbler's nest to-day, which I found on the 15th. It contained four eggs slightly incubated. In the afternoon I found a robin's nest with three fresh eggs. The next day was very chilly, and with the exception of starting a pair of Wilson's snipe in the small swamp near