

Marsh Wren (*Cistothorus palustris*) constructs its wonderful little nest among the reeds and rushes that grow in marshes or along the banks of streams ; for ingenuity of construction, durability, warmth, and convenience, the nest of this tiny bird is without a superior. The nest when completed has the form of a cocoanut with the small end downwards. It is made of rushes well intertwined and mixed with mud, the upper part projecting over the entrance, which is in the side of the nest near the bottom. The inside of this curious nest is lined with soft grass and feathers. The House Wren (*Troglodytes ædon*) builds its nest in a hole which it finds in a tree or post, and fills the cavity with sticks and twigs ; a hollow is then made in the centre, which is lined with feathers and fine mosses mixed with hair ; the nest of the brilliant Scarlet Tanager (*Pyrrhula rubra*) is placed on the extremity of a limb about twenty or thirty feet from the ground, and is made by interlacing the ends of twigs with weeds and bits of grape-vine bark, and lined with soft roots and leaves. The Great-crested Fly-catcher (*Myiarchus crinitus*), constructs its nest of leaves, feathers, and straws. It appears a characteristic of this bird, to have the cast-off skin of one or more snakes ingeniously woven into the other materials ; the nest is usually placed in a hollow stub or tree. The beautiful Cedar-bird (*Ampelis cedrorum*) places its nest in the fork of a tree fifteen or twenty feet from the ground ; the materials used are weeds, fine roots, grass, and leaves ; the interior is lined with horse hair and feathers. The Baltimore Oriole or Golden Robin (*Icterus baltimore*), possesses greater architectural skill in nest building than any other Canadian bird ; the nest of this bird is made in the form of a pendulous cylindric pouch, six or eight inches in depth which is firmly attached by strips of grape-vine bark to three or four forked twigs of the elm, wild cherry, or orchard tree, and is composed of wool thread, yarn, willow down, tow, and strips of bark of the ivy, most ingeniously interwoven in the most substantial manner. They usually select a situation for their nest that will be shaded from the sun by the growing leaves of the tree. The nest is lined at the bottom with the hair of the horse, cow, and other animals. The movements of these ingenious