

Their purning is however not excessive and on the other hand they eat seeds of many of our most destructive weeds, ragweed being a favorite. In particular, destructive to plant lice and canker worins and also takes ground beetles and some cutworms.

American Goldfinch (*Astragalinus tristis tristis*) May 20 and June 12. Feed much on the seeds of weeds as wild clematis, wild sunflower and ragweed but seeds furnished with down as the dandelion and thistle are favorites. The young are largely fed on plant lice, caterpillars, small grasshopper and beetles and the parents themselves take cankerworms, Hessian flies, eggs of plant lice, the birch aphid and *Chermaphis laricifoliae*, an aphid common on larches.

Red-eyed Vireo (*Vireosylva olivacea*) May 10 and June 6. Pray upon larvae which depend upon their protective shape and coloring. One of the most effective enemies of the gipsy and brown-tail moths. Many kinds of moths and butterflies, assassin bugs, tree hoppers, bugs that eat plants and fruit, many beetles among them boring and bark beetles, weevils, grasshoppers, katydids, locusts are eaten; and at times it becomes an expert flycatcher taking horseflies, mosquitoes and other gnats and many gall flies. Blueberries, raspberries, blackberries and mulberries are commonly eaten but to them may be added sheep berries and the berries of the dogwood, prickly ash and poke. They are also fond of the fruit of the benzoin bush, the sassafras and magnolia and wild grapes.

White-eyed Vireo (*Vireo griseus griseus*) May 21. Feeds quite largely on hairy caterpillars.

Chickadee (*Penthestes atricapillus atricapillus*) This bird is a resident throughout the year. They can be heard anywhere in the woods along our country roads and railroad tracks. At one time they were quite numerous in town but the last time I can recollect hearing or seeing any was about five or six years ago when a pair nested on the Benson homestead in a tree opposite Mr. Michael Murray's. They readily respond to encouragement and amply repay any measures taken in that