

PURPLE FINCH. Heard singing from the tops of evergreens in different places.

REDPOLL. Saw several flocks roaming about the country near Bay of Islands.

SAVANNA SPARROW. A common summer resident. On June 19th, a nest with eggs was found in the ground.

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW. One of the characteristic birds of the region and nesting commonly.

CHIPPING SPARROW. Common.

LINCOLN'S SPARROW. A common summer resident. The bird seems to prefer swampy localities where low growth is abundant. On June 8th, a nest containing four badly incubated eggs was found in the ground in a large tamarack bog. The nest, which was composed of dead grasses, was well concealed amongst withered weeds and rank growth. The bird is elusive and shy and also difficult to approach. It was only after an hour's watching that we were able to get a glimpse of her on the nest.

SONG SPARROW. Rare. A nest with four eggs was found on June 3rd in the ground. One individual was heard singing lustily from the top of an alder bush on the same date.

SWAMP SPARROW. Common summer resident. Six or seven birds were heard singing in chorus in a large swamp on June 3rd. A nest was found on June 5th, which contained three fresh eggs.

FOX SPARROW. Abundant. This is one of the earliest breeders in Newfoundland. On May 14th, when the snow was lying deep in the spruce woods, two nests were located, each containing three fresh eggs. On May 16th, 19th, 22nd and 24th, nests were found with full sets. All of these were placed from four to eight feet up in spruce trees. The birds frequently build much higher up. On June 10th, I located a nest, which had three large young, about twenty feet up in an evergreen. Various nesting sites are chosen. On June 8th, a nest of five young was found three feet up from the ground and placed between the trunk and loose bark of a large pine tree. Others were situated in the roots of upturned stumps. This year no nests were found on the ground. The nests were all built of twigs, moss, rootlets, etc., with a lining of plant stems, grasses and hair. Many young birds were observed skulking in the underbrush during the first week in June. The Fox Sparrow is a wonderful scratcher and quite frequently the birds were seen working industriously in scrubby potato patches.