

## Black Throated Green Warbler

By National Wildlife Federation  
The finer branches of the tree tops in the summer months in most of the United States east of the Mississippi are being visited or have been recently visited by black-throated green warblers. Nesting is normally not found south of central Minnesota to Pennsylvania and Connecticut and even there it may be limited to the higher, more mountainous regions. The breeding range extends north into central Ontario, southern Quebec and northern Minnesota so it marks a relatively narrow band. When winter has arrived, however, the birds may have reared their families and moved south to Florida and Guatemala. A few birds may be found west to Nebraska, Kansas and New Mexico but these mark the exception rather than the rule. Rare records have

carried the range west to Colorado and the Farallon Islands near California.

Black-throated green warblers are about 5-1/3 inches long with a wingspread up to 8 inches. The distinctive field characteristics include, for the male, a black throat, yellow face and back and



Black-Throated Green Warbler  
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crown of olive green. In the smaller female, the black throat is less conspicuous than in the male. In the autumn the young and the females lack the black on the throat and the upper breast and underparts become yellowish. Since the birds are most commonly present when the forest canopy is well developed, they are heard more frequently than they are seen. A sneezed "zoo-zee-zee-zee-zee-zee" may be accepted as a suggestive description of the song of this bird.

The deeply-cupped nests of twigs bound with spider webs and usually lined with pine needles,

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## Library News

The Library board held its June meeting Monday, June 29, and the following reports were given: The librarian, Mrs. Gladys Brainard, reported 342 books loaned so far this month, and seven dollars collected for book fines and rentals.

Mrs. Jessie Judkins, treasurer, reported a total of \$3729.86 in the building fund. The Harbor Community club having turned over the proceeds from their annual May Day Tea and Bazaar and monies raised by the raffle of the hand-made rug to this building fund. Total amount received from club on these two projects was over \$200. This \$3729.86 also included the \$40.80 received from Miss Bonnie Kay Mincer for the money raised by her dance recital. The board wishes to thank Miss Mincer and her students, The Community club and Mrs. L. A. Peterson, who made the rug, for these additions to the fund.

Mr. Arrell, chairman of the building committee, reported that the concrete slab for the building will be poured just as soon as the building site receives another final leveling by Ross Putnam's dozer.

A nominating committee was appointed to report to the annual meeting of the Library association which will be held on July 15, at which time two trustees and four officers will be elected.

A committee was also appointed to make the annual audit of the books for the association.

The U.S.F.S., has set up shop in the Denny building on Easy street, across from the planer where "Rags" Raglan, district ranger, has his headquarters until the service builds on its property on Pine street.

some feathers or hair, may be found commonly on horizontal tree branches from 15 to 70 feet above the ground. In the nest are placed about four eggs, each 3/4 by 1/2-inch in diameter, white or creamy and spotted with gray, purple or brown. The nesting month is usually June and there is but a single brood each year. Incubation is by the female and lasts for 12 days. The young birds develop in the nest in from eight to 10 days from helpless birds into young that can fly on their own. During the nesting period the female bears the brunt of providing defense.

By mid-August the southern migration has begun. This starts in a leisurely sort of way but speeds up as the later broods of birds are ready to move by the end of the month.

The black-throated green warblers are almost wholly beneficial as destroyers of insect enemies of the tree tops. Throughout their lives they feed largely on caterpillars, bugs and beetles that eat the leaves of woody plants. They seem to be particularly destructive of such insects as the cankerworms and leaf-rollers.

The National Wildlife Federation welcomes the opportunity of helping you and others have a better understanding of this obviously useful bird.

—E. Laurence Palmer.

### NOTICE

Jack Fendall, county dog tax collector, is now collecting taxes in a house-to-house canvass of the Brookings-Harbor area.

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Jim Alvin Vaughn brought some of the folks over from Lewiston, Idaho, to visit the boys, Don and Lyle, here.

Miss Deana Cope of Portland came by bus Monday to visit her mother, Mrs. Strong, of the Brookings Studio for the summer.

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