

On the day the dead female was found, the male sat on the nest most of the day, but, as I feared, left for his roost as usual in the evening. The next morning he returned and again spent most of the day on the nest, but left in the evening. The third day he was still there, but very restless, and incubated not more than an hour or two all day. The next day he did not go on the nest but remained nearby, usually on the telephone wire and often singing and calling. When other Barn Swallows passed over he always dashed after them, only to return to his hopeful vigil.

It was obvious by now that he intended to hold his territory and try for a new mate, and on the fourth day after he had stopped incubating he had one. At first she only perched on the wire for a few minutes and then took off again, with the male in distressed pursuit. But each time she stayed longer, and within two days she was inspecting the abandoned nest. Almost at once she initiated the construction of another nest on top of it, to the visible delight of the excited widower.

This nesting was successful, and after the young had left I removed the two-story nest for inspection. The first nest had been used considerably as a foundation, so there was much less work involved in building the second. The most surprising thing about it was that only a minimum amount of lining had been placed over the five eggs left by the first female. The eggs could actually be seen through the new lining, and perhaps more surprising still, none of them were broken!

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SEQUENTIAL TRIO OF WARBLER BANDEES RETURN

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I dare say that returning banded warblers do not glut the records of very many banders. Although a fair number of the warblers we have banded at Monhonon's Cove in Milbridge, Maine, have subsequently returned to us, the summer of 1968 brought us for the first time the unique experience of netting three which had been banded in numerical sequence during a preceding year. They were:

<u>Band No.</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Banded (1967)</u>	<u>Returned (1968)</u>
110-93414	Black-throated Green	July 18	August 24
110-93415	Black-throated Green	July 18	August 6
110-93416	American Redstart	August 2	August 30

(The considerable time lapse which appears in the banding dates was caused by a long spell of dense fog that made netting impossible.)

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