

After the 4 young fledged I intended to collect the nest and squirrel's tail for Auburn University's Vertebrate Museum. When I opened the box, the nest was intact but the squirrel's tail was gone. Perhaps the flycatchers took it with them to a new nesting site.

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WARBLERS ALIGHT ON A WAVE

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This observation was made September 8, 1983 from the scheduled 3:30 p.m. Grand Manan Ferry that plies the twenty-five miles between Black's Harbour and Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick, Canada, in the Bay of Fundy. Grand Manan Island is due south of Black's Harbour. The sky was clear; a jacket was necessary. The sea was fairly calm with waves one to two feet.

The bird group was "WINGS" with Davis Finch the leader and eight participants. Standing on the top deck some forty feet above the water we were watching for sea birds. When about seven miles from the mainland our attention was drawn to two warblers flying low over the waves parallel to the boat and about forty feet out. The tiny birds alighted on a wave with wings and tail spread, rested for two or three seconds then arose and continued flying parallel to the ship's course. After about twenty seconds they again alighted on the water, rested briefly and arose, this time taking a northeast course toward the visible mainland.

Davis Finch identified the birds as Cape May Warblers, Dendroica tigrina, and remarked that once before he had observed this behavior from a Blackpoll Warbler, Dendroica striata, that alighted briefly on the water about four miles off Islamorada, Florida, about May 5, 1983. This was a very close observation; the bird seeming to come down carefully on the water surface, right beside the boat, rest for five or six seconds, then arise and continue towards the visible mainland.

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