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GENERAL NOTES.

Kirtland's Warbler from the Straits of Mackinac.—In a lot of birds sent me by William Marshall, Esq., keeper of the light-house on Spectacle Reef, Michigan, is a male specimen of Kirtland's Warbler (*Dendræca kirtlandi*). It killed itself by striking the light at that place on the night of May 21, 1885. Found with it, dead at the foot of the tower, were *Turdus mustelinus*, *Dendræca blackburniæ*, *D. maculosa*, *Sialurus auricapillus*, *Passerculus savanna*, and *Tringa minutilla*. Spectacle Reef is in the western part of Lake Huron near the Straits of Mackinac, midway between the north and south shores.—C. HART MERRIAM, Locust Grove, N. Y.

Odd Nesting Habits of the Blue Yellow-
Mr. Otto Widmann has kindly sent me a new Warbler (*Parula americana*) which he took in 1885. It differs in every particular from the species commonly builds in the East, and on the trees. Mr. Widmann writes me: "The nest is a bit lous one, the terminal three feet of which high water and had caught and retained a bunch of sticks, and dry leaves. At the time of capture 6-8 feet above the water (of Meramec River) five young ones about ten days old."

The nest itself is a small, open, cup-shaped small rootlets, fine grass, and a moss, internally, 70 mm. in diameter by 70 mm. in diameter by 40 mm. in depth.—C. HART MERRIAM

Swainson's Warbler in Jamaica.—The following supplement the information already contributed by Brewster and others concerning the distribution of (*Helinaia swainsoni*).

In the Proceedings of the Zoölogical Society of Alfred Newton of Cambridge, England, is a specimen of this species from Jamaica. It is a new species and I doubt whether a second examination. The present was killed by my brother St. Andrew, February 8, 1879, and was first seen by me through the kindness of Mr. Ridgway, for the determination of this specimen before" (p. 552).

The above example proved to be the first seen in Jamaica by Mr. Edward Newton and now in Cambridge, England. Through the kindness of Mr. Newton was permitted, last April, to examine these specimens. The following data concerning the dates and places:
♂ Feb. 8, 1879. Hope, St. Andrews Parish.
♀ Feb. 18, 1879. Port Royal Mt., St. Thomas.
♀ April 8, 1879. Hermitage, St. Andrew Parish.
♀ Oct. 1, 1879. Mt. Elizabeth.
♂ Oct. 7, 1879. Mt. Elizabeth.
♂ Dec. 21, 1881. Mt. Elizabeth.
♀ March 16, 1882. Mt. Elizabeth.
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