

**Scarlet Tanager's Nest**

On July 2 a Scarlet Tanager's nest was found in the vicinity of the Biological Station , Douglas Lake , Cheboygan County , Michigan , on North Fistail Road by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Messner . The nest site was about 15 yards east of the road , and one-fourth of a mile from the end , and the nest itself was located in a spruce about 10 feet up near the end of a horizontal branch . In it were one Scarlet Tanager and one Cowbird , both ready to leave the nest .

It seems characteristic of the male to be silent about the nest site , and to sing over a large territory . The male tanager often was observed singing along North Fistail Road in an area approximately one mile square . Its usual singing perch was in the top of an oak far from the nest . Since the territory is so extensive , and the male sings over such a large area , it is of little avail to attempt to locate the nest site by following a singing male bird . Probably , the best procedure is to find the female which remains in the vicinity of the nest , or a male which is silent .