



There are five kinds of Grosbeaks. They fly north from South and Central America to spend the spring and summer in different parts of the United States and Canada. All these birds have thick bills and feed mostly on seeds and berries.

The male Rose-breasted is one of the handsomest Grosbeaks. The female is a dull yellow-brown and white. These Grosbeaks spend the summer in eastern United States and Canada. They live in moist woods and there build their saucer-shaped nests of weeds, rootlets,

and twigs. Each nest is made on a branch or in a bush, between five and twenty feet from the ground. The female lays four to five pale blue eggs.

By fall the young have grown enough to begin their long flight south. They will return north, full-grown, in April and May, ready to start building nests of their own.

The Black-headed Grosbeak spends the summer in the western states. It has a black head and back and orange-brown under parts.