

THE YOUNG ONES STAY IN THEIR NESTING BOX, AND SOMETIMES ONE OR TWO PEEK OUT CURIOUSLY AT THE WORLD. YOU CAN HEAR THEM ALL DAY LONG, OFTEN EVEN AFTER SUNSET, WITH CONSTANT CALLS FOR FOOD COMING FROM UNDER THE EAVES. IN POLAND, SWIFTS ARE UNDER ACTIVE PROTECTION, SO HAVING THEM NEST IN OUR GARDEN IS A REAL DELIGHT.

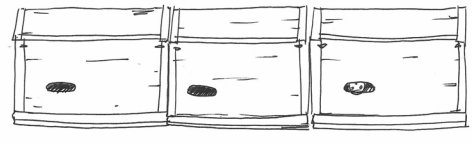
WARBLERS AND COLLARED DOVES ALSO NESTED IN OUR GARDEN (AND THE NEIGHBORS' GARDENS). JAYS, BLACKBIRDS, WOOD PIGEONS, AND ONCE EVEN A PHEASANT VISITED US. THEY THRIVE IN OUR GARDENS BY THE RIVER.

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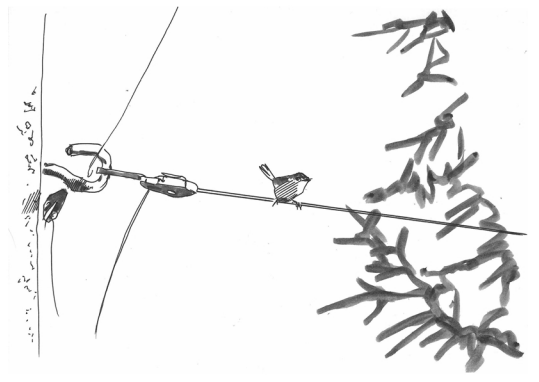


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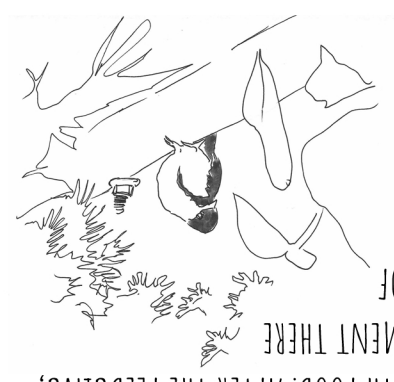
SWIFTS ARE OUR NEWEST NEIGHBORS, NESTING WITH US FOR ONLY THE SECOND TIME THIS YEAR. THEY INHABIT THEIR BIRDHOUSES HIGH UP UNDER THE ROOF JUST AFTER THE GREAT TITS HAVE ALREADY LEFT THEIRS. THEY SEEM TO BE EVERYWHERE, DARTING THROUGH THE AIR ABOVE THE GARDEN, THE STREET, AND THE RIVER, GIFTING US DAYS FREE FROM MOSQUITOES.



LITTLE TENANTS OF OUR GARDEN



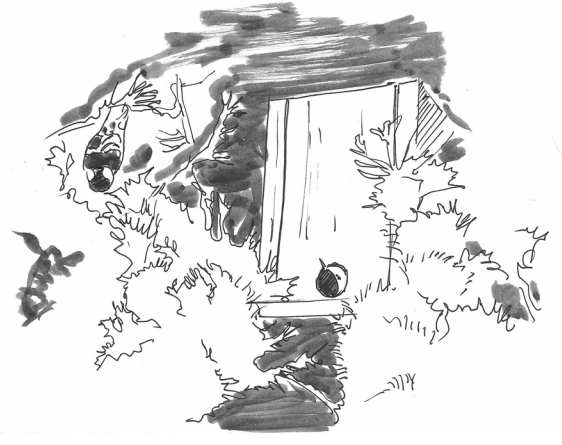
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DURING THE EGG INCUBATION PERIOD, IT IS QUIET, BUT WHEN THEY ARE FEEDING THEIR YOUNG, THE AIR IS FULL OF BIRDS BUSTLING FROM DAWN TO DUSK. THE CONSTANT NOISE OF THE YOUNG ONLY STOPS BRIEFLY WHEN AN ADULT BIRD ARRIVES WITH FOOD. AFTER THE FLEDGING, FOR A MOMENT THERE IS PLENTY OF GREAT TITS IN THE GARDEN. THEY ARRIVE EARLY AND HAVE ALREADY RAISED THEIR FIRST BROOD BEFORE SUMMER BEGINS.



EACH SPRING AND SUMMER, BIRDS NEST IN OUR GARDEN BY THE RIVER. THE MOST NUMEROUS GROUP IS THE SPARROWS. THERE ARE QUITE A FEW OF THEM IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE HARDLY SEEN IN OTHER PARTS OF THE CITY.



THESE SMALL, AGILE, BROWN RASCALS NEST IN THE THUJAS GROWING ALONG THE PROPERTY LINE. THEY ARE EVERYWHERE, OFTEN PECKING AT SOMETHING ON THE PATH TO THE GATE, BATHING IN THE BIRDBATH, AND FORAGING IN THE ROCK GARDEN. WHEN A STORM APPROACHES, THEY ALL TAKE SHELTER IN THE THUJAS. THEIR CHIRPING CAN BE HEARD IN THE GARDEN ALL SUMMER LONG.

