

Jim recently discovered what he determined to be, the nest of a Redstart in the crotch of young Red Maples once browsed by moose. The resulting shoots create a cradle, just right for supporting a Redstart nest. Jim is testing his theory with the experiment outlined below.

Bird nest sites in Moose browsed Red Maple clumps - Jim Saunders

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The photo below shows some nest sites ready to be attached to Red Maple sprouts. In my opinion the top row has better (smaller and more pyramid-like) nest sites compared to the ones in the bottom row.



The next three photos show them attached to sprouts in pairs. There is one from the top row and one from the bottom row in each clump. The birds may have a different opinion of their suitability as nest sites. The bottom left photo is a natural potential nest site in a Red Maple clump.



Unfortunately I lost one as I was walking through the area.

I walked through more of the area looking for possible nest sites in other Red Maple clumps. There were a number of them, some of which needed to be enhanced by removing small limbs and dead central stubs.

It will be interesting to see what happens.