

## NEOTROPICAL MIGRANTS

We have always seen warblers  
As brilliancies of the North Woods

Lemon yellow of Black-throated Green  
flame wings and tail of American Redstart

But the redstart is Cuba's "Little Candelita"  
the Black-throated Green flies his colors from Ecuador

Our boreal yellows, reds, blues are tropical  
Burnt orange of Blackburnian  
orange red of Bay-breasted

What do we send back?

Blackburnian with only the yellow  
Bay-breasted, Blackpoll, Pine we cannot tell apart

"Confusing Fall Warblers"  
"Color them up!" we demand  
Paint back the cheeks and flanks of Chestnut-sided  
Brighten back the pigments of Black-throated Blue

Send back these warblers  
Of the "Big Day" in May  
In oak and tamarack  
we will check off glories of the Rain Forest

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