



The Loggerhead Shrike has a peculiar flight. It beats its wings rapidly, then glides with wings outspread. It usually flies close to the ground, searching for grasshoppers, beetles, and caterpillars. It also feeds on larger prey-frogs, lizards and mice. The Loggerhead Shrike hangs the animal it has caught on hawthorns or on the barbs of a wire fence. Then it tears up its prey. Because of this, some people call it Butcher-bird. The males also display a fine catch of insects stuck on thorns to attract the females.

Loggerheads nest and spend the summer in the United States, Canada and Alaska, but fly to the South for the winter. They live in the open country and build their nests in shrubs. The nest is made of small twigs and strips of bark, lined with grass. The female lays from three to five white, inch-long eggs, spotted with brown.