

Wood-Warblers: The Rest of the Story

In a spectacular and unrivaled migratory tidal wave, over one billion warblers temporarily colonize North America each year. These colorful sprites winter in Mexico, Central and South America, and the Caribbean. Thirty-eight species breed east of the Mississippi, and most of them are intricately linked to the ecology of the vast eastern deciduous forest. Native plants spawn food chains that are essential to the survival of warblers and most other songbirds.

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