

Wood
WARBLERS
of Lake County



An educational wildlife pamphlet provided by the
Lake County Office of Parks & Trails

The Lake County Office of Parks & Trails manages more than four dozen parks, preserves and boat ramps.

Lake County park rangers lead regularly scheduled nature hikes, bird and butterfly surveys and other outdoor adventures in some of these parks. In partnership with the Lake County Water Authority, Parks & Trails also schedules guided paddling adventures. For a listing of Lake County parks and events, call 352-253-4950, email parksandtrails@lakecountyfl.gov or visit www.lakecountyfl.gov/parks.

For more information about birds that can be seen in Lake County, check out a field guide to birds available at many local libraries or bookstores. Information on birds is also available online at the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, www.birds.cornell.edu.

Bird watchers in Florida *tend to bring a little more on their trips than their Northern peers. While the average temperature in Lake County is a mild 72°F, the summer months in Central Florida can be steamy. Outside enthusiasts are always encouraged to carry sunscreen to protect skin from sunburn, insect repellent to ward off mosquitoes and plenty of water to avoid dehydration. Sunscreen should be 15 SPF or higher and applied 20 minutes before.*



Park rangers recommend these six popular comprehensive guides:

- **A Field Guide to the Birds, Eastern and Central North America**
(Roger Tory Peterson)
- **Stokes Field Guide to Birds, Eastern Region**
(Donald and Lillian Stokes)
- **All the Birds of North America**
(The American Bird Conservancy)
- **Field Guide to the Birds of North America**
(The National Geographic Society)
- **Focus Guide to the Birds of North America**
(Kenn Kaufman)
- **The Sibley Guide to Birds**
(David Allen Sibley)



Insect repellent should contain DEET. Some experienced Florida bird watchers also recommend wearing hats to keep the sun out of the face, and appropriate clothing and footwear for the weather and hiking conditions. One other tip from the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission is for the safety of all bird watchers, do not confront or feed wildlife, including alligators.

Warblers are a charismatic group of mostly migratory songbirds from Central and South America, many of which travel great distances every spring to breed in North America, and then return to their tropical home again each fall. There are more than 110 species of these often colorful, highly sought after birds, of which up to 41 can be seen in Lake County – with the best viewing in April, September and October.

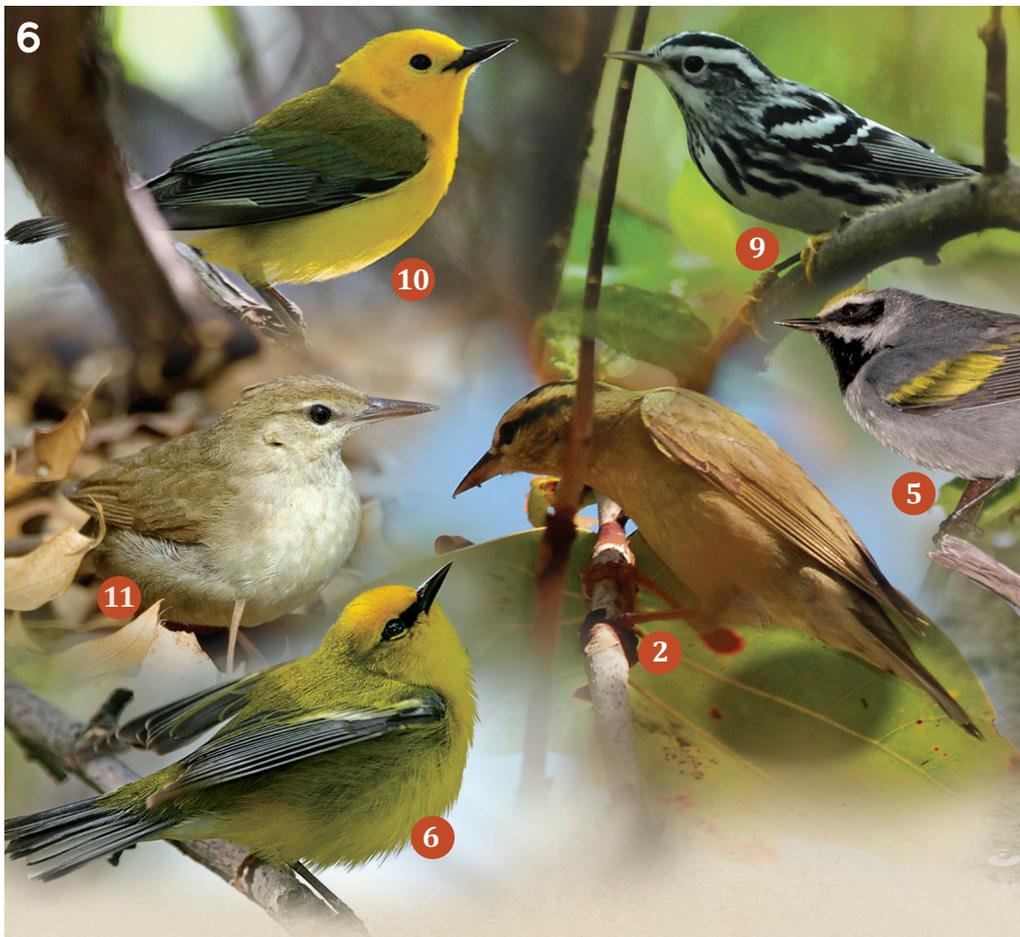
WARBLER NAME		SEASONAL OCCURRENCE											
		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Ovenbird	L												
Worm-eating	L												
Louisiana Waterthrush	L												
Northern Waterthrush	L												
Golden-winged	M												
Blue-winged	M												
Brewster's (Dominate)	M												
Lawrence's (Back Cross)	M												
Black & White	M,H												
Prothonotary	M,H												
Swainson's	L												
Tennessee	M												
Orange-crowned	M												
Nashville	M												
Connecticut	L												
Mourning	L												
Kentucky	L												
Common Yellowthroat	L												
Hooded	L												
American Redstart	M,H												
Cape May	H												

***NOTE:** Plumages depicted can vary for different ages and sex. Refer to a field guide to confirm an identification.

Homeowners can help these tiny colorful insectivorous birds on their travels by providing native plant cover, limiting pesticide use and providing a shallow water feature. Many of these beautiful songbirds have suffered declines over the last 25 years from habitat loss, outdoor cats, and collisions with windows & radio towers.

WARBLER NAME		SEASONAL OCCURRENCE												
		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
Cerulean	H	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Northern Parula	H	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Magnolia	M,H	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Bay-breasted	H	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Blackburnian	H	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Yellow	M	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Chestnut-sided	M,H	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Blackpoll	H	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Black-throated Blue	M	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
"Western" Palm	L,M	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
"Yellow" Palm	L,M	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Pine	L,M,H	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Yellow-rumped "Myrtle"	M,H	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Yellow-rumped "Audubon's"	M,H	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Yellow-throated	H	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Prairie	M	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Black-throated Green	M,H	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Canada	M	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Wilson's	L,M	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Yellow-breasted Chat	M	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/

 **LOCATION:** Wood Warblers can be found in a variety of locations - from low on the ground, to high in the tops of tree canopies. The following guide indicates where the variety of warblers in this guide can be found: (L) Ground/Understory (M) Mid-Story Vegetation (H) Tree Canopy.



1. Ovenbird

(*Seiurus aurocapilla*)

Size: 6.0"

Habitat: Woodlands, Thickets

Abundance: Common

2. Worm-eating Warbler

(*Helmitheros vermivorum*)

Size: 5.25"

Habitat: Woodlands, Thickets

Abundance: Uncommon

3. Louisiana Waterthrush

(*Parkesia motacilla*)

Size: 6.0"

Habitat: Stream Edges,
Wetland Forests

Abundance: Uncommon

4. Northern Waterthrush

(*Parkesia noveboracensis*)

Size: 6.0"

Habitat: Stream Edges,
Wetland Forests

Abundance: Uncommon

5. Golden-winged Warbler

(*Vermivora chrysoptera*)

Size: 4.75"

Habitat: Woodlands

Abundance: Rare

6. Blue-winged Warbler

(*Vermivora cyanoptera*)

Size: 4.75"

Habitat: Woodlands

Abundance: Rare



- 7. Brewster's Warbler** (*Dominante*)
(Blue-winged x Golden-winged Hybrid)
Size: 4.75"
Habitat: Woodlands
Abundance: Very Rare
- 8. Lawrence's Warbler** (*Back Cross*)
(Blue-winged x Golden-winged Hybrid)
Size: 4.75"
Habitat: Woodlands
Abundance: Very Rare
- 9. Black & White Warbler**
(*Mniotilta varia*)
Size: 5.25"
Habitat: Woodlands
Abundance: Common
- 10. Prothonotary Warbler**
(*Protonotaria citrea*)
Size: 5.5"
Habitat: Wetland Forest
Abundance: Common
- 11. Swainson's Warbler**
(*Limnithlypis swainsonii*)
Size: 5.5"
Habitat: Wetland Forest
Abundance: Rare
- 12. Tennessee Warbler**
(*Leiothlypis peregrina*)
Size: 4.75"
Habitat: Woodlands
Abundance: Uncommon



13. Orange-crowned Warbler

(*Leiothlypis celata*)

Size: 5.0"

Habitat: Thickets

Abundance: Uncommon

14. Nashville Warbler

(*Leiothlypis ruficapilla*)

Size: 4.75"

Habitat: Thickets

Abundance: Rare

15. Connecticut Warbler

(*Oporornis agillii*)

Size: 5.75"

Habitat: Understory

Very Abundance: Rare

16. Mourning Warbler

(*Geothlypis philadelphia*)

Size: 5.25"

Habitat: Understory

Very Abundance: Rare

17. Kentucky Warbler

(*Geothlypis formosa*)

Size: 5.25"

Habitat: Understory

Abundance: Rare

18. Common Yellowthroat

(*Geothlypis trichas*)

Size: 5.0"

Habitat: Wetlands, Fields, Thickets

Abundance: Common

19. Hooded Warbler

(*Setophaga citrina*)

Size: 5.25"

Habitat: Understory

Abundance: Uncommon

20. American Redstart

(*Setophaga ruticilla*)

Size: 5.25"

Habitat: Woodlands

Abundance: Common



21. Cape May Warbler

(*Setophaga tigrina*)

Size: 5.0"

Habitat: Woodlands

Abundance: Uncommon

22. Cerulean Warbler

(*Setophaga cerulea*)

Size: 4.75"

Habitat: Woodlands

Abundance: Rare

23. Northern Parula

(*Setophaga americana*)

Size: 4.5"

Habitat: Woodlands

Abundance: Common

24. Magnolia Warbler

(*Setophaga magnolia*)

Size: 5.0"

Habitat: Woodlands,
Wetland Forest

Abundance: Uncommon

25. Bay-breasted Warbler

(*Setophaga castanea*)

Size: 5.5"

Habitat: Woodlands

Abundance: Uncommon

26. Blackburnian Warbler

(*Setophaga fusca*)

Size: 5.0"

Habitat: Woodlands

Abundance: Uncommon

27. Yellow Warbler

(*Setophaga petechia*)

Size: 5.0"

Habitat: Thickets, Wetlands,
Wetland Forests

Abundance: Common

28. Chestnut-sided Warbler

(*Setophaga pensylvanica*)

Size: 5.0"

Habitat: Woodlands

Abundance: Uncommon



29. Blackpoll Warbler

(*Setophaga striata*)

Size: 5.0"

Habitat: Woodlands

Abundance: Uncommon

30. Black-throated Blue Warbler

(*Setophaga caerulescens*)

Size: 5.25"

Habitat: Woodlands, Thickets

Abundance: Uncommon

31. "Western" Palm Warbler

(*Setophaga palmarum palmarum*)

Size: 5.5"

Habitat: Fields, Woodlands

Abundance: Common

32. "Yellow" Palm Warbler

(*Setophaga palmarum hypochrysea*)

Size: 5.5"

Habitat: Fields, Woodlands

Abundance: Uncommon

33. Pine Warbler

(*Setophaga pinus*)

Size: 5.5"

Habitat: Woodlands, Fields

Abundance: Common

34. Yellow-rumped "Myrtle" Warbler

(*Setophaga coronata*)

Size: 5.0"

Habitat: Woodlands, Thickets, Wetland Forests

Abundance: Common

35. Yellow-rumped "Audubon's" Warbler

(*Setophaga coronata auduboni*)

Size: 5.0"

Habitat: Woodlands, Thickets, Wetland Forests

Abundance: Very Rare



36. Yellow-throated Warbler

(*Setophaga dominica*)

Size: 5.5"

Habitat: Woodlands

Abundance: Common

37. Prairie Warbler

(*Setophaga discolor*)

Size: 4.75"

Habitat: Thickets,
Wetland Forests

Abundance: Common

38. Black-throated Green Warbler

(*Setophaga virens*)

Size: 5.0"

Habitat: Woodlands

Abundance: Uncommon

39. Canada Warbler

(*Cardellina canadensis*)

Size: 5.25"

Habitat: Woodlands

Abundance: Rare

40. Wilson's Warbler

(*Cardellina pusilla*)

Size: 4.75"

Habitat: Understory

Very Abundance: Rare

41. Yellow-breasted Chat

(*Icteria virens*)

Size: 7.5"

Habitat: Thickets

Abundance: Rare



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- Butterflies of Lake County
- Florida Scrub-jay
- Greener Choices
- Hints of the Wild
- Parks & Trails Events Guide
- Sparrows of Lake County
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