

Bewick's wren *Thryomanes bewickii*

Kingdom: Animalia

Division/Phylum: Chordata

Class: Aves

Order: Passeriformes

Family: Troglodytidae

ILLINOIS STATUS endangered, native

FEATURES

Bewick's wren is about five and one-fourth inches long (tail tip to bill tip in preserved specimen). There is a white stripe over the eye, and the outer tail feathers are white with black marks. The feathers on the upper side of the bird are gray-brown.

BEHAVIORS

Bewick's wren is more common in southern Illinois than in the rest of the state. The house wren has taken over much of its range, and Bewick's wren is endangered in Illinois. Spring migrants start arriving in the state in mid-March. Its nest is built in a tree cavity or placed in or under human-made structures. There are five to seven or more eggs in a clutch. This species eats insects and spiders.

HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitat

none

Prairie and Edge Habitats

edge

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