

Kirtland's warbler *Setophaga kirtlandii*

Kingdom: Animalia

Phylum: Chordata

Class: Aves

Order: Passeriformes

Family: Parulidae

ILLINOIS STATUS rare, native

FEATURES

Kirtland's warbler is five and three-fourths inches long (tail tip to bill tip in preserved specimen). Blue-gray feathers are present on the head and back, and the back shows streaks of black. The feathers on the lower side of the body are yellow with some black streaks in the areas close to the wings. The male shows a black facial mask that is absent in the female. The female's overall feather coloration is duller than that of the male.

BEHAVIORS

This species bobs its tail. It nests in central Michigan in jack pine forests and winters in the Bahamas. The few records of sightings of this species from the state are mainly from the Chicago area west to Winnebago County.

HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

coniferous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

none

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