

Philadelphia vireo *Vireo philadelphicus*

Kingdom: Animalia

Division/Phylum: Chordata

Class: Aves

Order: Passeriformes

Family: Vireonidae

ILLINOIS STATUS common, native

FEATURES

The Philadelphia vireo is about five and one-fourth inches long. It has a faint white wing bar, a white eye line and a short, dark line in front of the eye. The back, tail and wing feathers are gray-green. The feathers on the underside of the body are plain and vary from white with very pale yellow to more consistently yellow throughout.

BEHAVIORS

This species is a common migrant through Illinois. It can be seen in woodlands, where it feeds on insects and sometimes fruits. Its closest nesting location to Illinois is in northern Wisconsin. The species winters in Mexico and Central America. Spring migrants begin reaching Illinois in late April. Fall migrants start appearing in August.

HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

none

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