

Swainson's warbler

Limnothlypis swainsonii

Kingdom: Animalia
Phylum: Chordata
Class: Aves
Order: Passeriformes
Family: Parulidae

ILLINOIS STATUS

endangered, native

FEATURES

Swainson's warbler is about five and one-half inches long (tail tip to bill tip in preserved specimen). It has a long bill for a warbler. The top of the head has rust-red feathers, and there is a white stripe over the eye. There are green-brown feathers on the back with light tan feathers on the breast, throat and belly.

BEHAVIORS

This bird stays close to the ground to mid-height in vegetation. It is at the northern limit of its range in southern Illinois. Its nest is built in plants above ground level. A clutch contains one to seven eggs, and one brood is raised per year. Swainson's warbler eats insects and fruits.

ILLINOIS RANGE



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Aquatic Habitats

bottomland forests; rivers and streams; swamps

Woodland Habitats

bottomland forests; southern Illinois lowlands

Prairie and Edge Habitats

edge