

veery

Catharus fuscescen

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

ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

FEATURES

The veery is about seven inches long (tail tip to bill tip in preserved specimen). It has rust-red feathers on the head, back and wings. Gray feathers are present along the sides of the belly near the wings. There are some brown marks on the light-brown breast feathers, but the marks do not appear as definite spots.

BEHAVIORS

The veery sings mainly in the morning and at dusk. Spring migrants begin arriving in Illinois in late April. Fall migrants begin returning to Illinois in August. This species overwinters in South America. It eats insects, worms and fruits.

ILLINOIS RANGE





Aquatic Habitats

rivers and streams

Woodland Habitat

coniferous forests; upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

none