

# warbling vireo

*Vireo gilvus*

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

## FEATURES

The warbling vireo is five and one-half inches in length. It does not have wing bars. The breast feathers are white, and there is a white stripe above the eye. The eye stripe does not have black borders. The back feathers are green-gray.

## ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

## BEHAVIORS

The warbling vireo is a common migrant and a common summer resident statewide. It lives in open woods and is usually seen around streams, ponds and lakes. This species feeds mainly on insects but may also take fruits. Its nest is built high in a tree and is the shape of a hanging cup. Three to five eggs make up a clutch. The warbling vireo winters in Mexico and Central America. Spring migrants begin arriving in Illinois in April. Fall migrants start appearing in early September.

## ILLINOIS RANGE



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### **Aquatic Habitats**

bottomland forests; rivers and streams; swamps; lakes, ponds and reservoirs

### **Woodland Habitats**

bottomland forests; southern Illinois lowlands; upland deciduous forests

### **Prairie and Edge Habitats**

none