

## Tennessee warbler *Oreothlypis peregrina*

Kingdom: Animalia

Division/Phylum: Chordata

Class: Aves

Order: Passeriformes

Family: Parulidae

ILLINOIS STATUS common, native

### FEATURES

The Tennessee warbler is about four and three-fourths inches long (tail tip to bill tip in preserved specimen). It has a white stripe over the eye and a relatively short tail. There are white feathers on the body below the tail feathers. The breeding male has gray head feathers and green-gray back feathers. The female and immature birds have green-brown feathers on the head and back with some yellow coloration on the belly feathers.

### BEHAVIORS

This species nests mainly in woodlands in Canada. Spring migrants begin arriving in Illinois in April. Fall migrants are seen in the state starting in July. The Tennessee warbler winters from Mexico to northern South America. It eats insects and fruits.

### HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

**bottomland forests**

Woodland Habitats

**bottomland forests; coniferous forests; upland deciduous forests**

Prairie and Edge Habitats

**edge**

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