

## veery *Catharus fuscescen*

Kingdom: Animalia

Division/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.

### HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

rivers and streams

Woodland Habitat

coniferous forests; upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

none

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