

## yellow-throated warbler *Setophaga dominica*

Kingdom: Animalia

Phylum: Chordata

Class: Aves

Order: Passeriformes

Family: Parulidae

ILLINOIS STATUS common, native

### FEATURES

The yellow-throated warbler is five and one-half inches long (tail tip to bill tip in preserved specimen). It has gray feathers on the back, wings and top of the head. A white line is present over the eye, and there are white wing bars. There is a patch of black feathers on the cheek and black stripes on the sides of the belly near the wings.

### BEHAVIORS

This species is associated with sycamores, pines and cypress trees. It stays very high in tall trees. Spring migrants start arriving in early April. Some of these birds nest in southern Illinois. The nest is placed high in a tree. Four eggs make a typical clutch. It overwinters from the southern United States through Costa Rica. Yellow-throated warblers eat insects and fruits.

### HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

**bottomland forests; swamps**

Woodland Habitats

**bottomland forests; coniferous forests; southern Illinois lowland**

Prairie and Edge Habitats

**edge**

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