

Illinois Wood-warblers



Nashville warbler *Leiothlypis ruficapilla*

FEATURES

This species is about four and three-fourths inches long. The male and female have a very similar color pattern. The head has gray feathers. There is a white eye ring present. The throat and belly feathers are yellow. There are no wing bars. The back feathers and tail feathers are olive green.

BEHAVIORS

The Nashville warbler is a common migrant through Illinois. It is possible that a few of these birds may nest in the state, too, although the closest location where they regularly nest is central Wisconsin. During migration it can be observed in woodlands and in weed patches. It eats mainly insects, although fruits may become part of the diet in fall and winter. This species winters in Mexico and Central America.

