



Golden Winged Warblers have been identified by the Minnesota DNR as a species of greatest conservation need because of huge declines in habitat on other parts of its breeding range.

Golden-winged warblers breed in much of Minnesota's forested region north of the Twin Cities. They are most common in areas of prime habitat in central Minnesota, but nesting also occurs in Mahanomen, Itasca, and southern St. Louis counties. Habitats, including young deciduous forests and shrubby forest edges.

These warblers are long-distance migrants that winter in southern Central America and northern South America. Minnesota breeding birds are now known to spend the winter in Central America, from Guatemala and Honduras western Panama, with major concentrations in Honduras, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica

Golden-winged Warbler

Essential Woodland Habitat

Golden-winged warblers are Minnesota snowbirds. These warblers spend three to four months, from mid-May to mid-September, in Minnesota.



Stable Habitat

The breeding population of golden-winged warblers has remained stable in Minnesota over the past 45 years, according to the North American Breeding Bird Survey, a joint project of the U.S. Geological Survey and the Canadian Wildlife Service. At the same time, its population has declined by more than 60 percent across the rest of its breeding range in the United States and Canada.

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Lee Pfannmuller, chief author of the report *Stewardship Birds of Minnesota*, published by Audubon Minnesota, coined the phrase Minnesota's premiere stewardship bird for the golden-winged warbler. To justify the title, she states, *"Although many Minnesotans think that bald eagles and common loons are our trademark in the bird world, other areas of North America support larger populations of these iconic species. Instead, it is the diminutive golden-winged warbler that finds more abundant habitat in Minnesota than anywhere else in the world. Indeed, our northern forests and wetlands support 47 percent of the species' global population."*

The survival of this species may depend on effective management and conservation in our state. No other Minnesota bird may be so dependent on Minnesota for its survival.

Your local SWCD can help you find ways to support Golden-winged warblers through the management of your private woodlands.



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