



## yellow-rumped warbler

*Dendroica coronata*

Kingdom: Animalia  
Division/Phylum: Chordata  
Class: Aves  
Order: Passeriformes  
Family: Parulidae

### FEATURES

The yellow-rumped warbler averages five to six inches in length. In spring, the male has yellow patches at the base of the tail, on the top of the head and in front of each wing. He is blue-gray on the upper parts and has a dark patch through the eye and a dark patch on the breast. The female in spring is brown where the male is blue-gray and black, but otherwise the arrangement of colors is much like that of the male. In winter, both sexes are brown on the upper parts, white with streaks below and have a yellow patch in front of each wing and at the rump.

### BEHAVIORS

The yellow-rumped warbler is an abundant migrant statewide and an uncommon winter resident in all but the northwestern one-fourth of the state. It winters south to Panama. This bird migrates during the day and night, arriving in Illinois in spring in mid-March. It does not nest in Illinois. Fall migrants begin arriving in Illinois in August. The yellow-rumped warbler lives in coniferous and deciduous forests. When migrating, it may be seen in woods, thickets and brush. It makes a "check" call, and the song is a trill. This bird eats poison ivy berries, cedar berries and insects.

### HABITATS

- bottomland forests
- coniferous forest
- southern Illinois lowlands
- upland deciduous forest

### ILLINOIS STATUS

- common
- endangered
- threatened
- native
- exotic

### ILLINOIS RANGE

Permanent resident:

Summer resident:

Migrant: statewide

Winter resident: statewide except the northwestern 1/4

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