

Arkansas Warbler Identification

	Status/Season	Breeding Habitat in AR	Spring Adult Male	Spring Adult Female	Voice	Notes
Blue-winged Warbler	fairly common migration, uncommon summer	shrublands, regenerating clearcuts	blue wings w/ 2 white wingbars; yellow forehead, underparts; black line through eye	like male but duller	buzzy "beeee-bzzz"	hybridizes with Golden-winged Warbler
Golden-winged Warbler	uncommon migration		gray above, white below; yellow wing patch + black throat ; yellow forehead; black ear patch	like male but throat gray	buzzy note then 3 low buzzes "bee-bz-bz-bz"	hybridizes with Blue-winged Warbler
Tennessee Warbler	common migration		white eyebrow; gray head; greenish back	like male but greenish below	3-part staccato "ticka ticka ticka, seebit seebit seebit, titititititi"	song 3-parted like name Tennessee 3-syllabled
Orange-crowned Warbler	fairly common migration, uncommon winter		dingy olive-green to gray; faint breast streaks; yellow undertail coverts	like male	fast, flat trill	may visit feeders in winter
Nashville Warbler	fairly common migration		white eye-ring + yellow throat + gray head ; olive back	like male	2-part staccato "seebit seebit seebit, tititititi"	song 2-parted like name Nashville 2-syllabled
Northern Parula	common summer	cypress swamp, pine-oak woodland	blue above; yellow throat; black & reddish breast band; greenish back patch ; white wing bars	like male but w/o breast band	buzzy trill goes up scale smoothly or in steps and trips at top "zeeee-up" or "zee-zee-zee-up"	
Yellow Warbler	fairly common migration, uncommon summer	wooded edges near water	extensively yellow, even under tail; reddish breast streaks	like male but breast streaks faint or absent	"tsee-tsee-tsee-tsee titi wee" or "sweet sweet sweet, I'm so sweet"	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	fairly common migration, rare summer		yellow crown + chestnut sides ; white cheeks outlined in black	like male but duller	mnemonic "pleased-pleased-please to meet chew" or "see-see-see Ms. Beecher"	

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Magnolia Warbler	fairly common migration		white eyebrow & wing patch; yellow below w/ black necklace and streaks ; black face and back; white tail band	like male but gray face; no necklace; wing bars	short "weeta weeta weetsee" or "sweeter sweeter SWEETEST"	
Cape May Warbler	rare migration		chestnut cheeks ; yellow below w/ black streaks	like male but duller; gray cheeks	high, thin "seet seet seet seet seet"	most consistently found at St. Francis Sunken Lands WMA
Black-throated Blue Warbler	very rare migration		dark blue above; black face, throat & sides ; white below; small white wing patch	olive brown; thin white eyebrow; small white wing spot	husky "beer beer beer beer bee"	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	common winter		yellow rump + sides + crown ; black breast and side streaks; black face; blue-gray above	like male but duller; lacks yellow crown	loose, jingling trill, dropping or rising in pitch at end; often-heard call is flat "chep"	winter adults brown w/ brown breast streaks; lack yellow crown
Black-throated Green Warbler	common migration, uncommon summer	open forest	olive back; yellow face + black throat and side streaks	like male but duller	"zoo zee zoo zoo zee" or rising "zee zee zee zee zoo zee"	
Blackburnian Warbler	uncommon migration		flaming orange throat, face ; black ear patch; black back, white wing patch	like male but duller	very high "tsi tsi tsi tsi titititi tseeeee"	
Yellow-throated Warbler	fairly common summer	forested river bottoms, oak-pine woodland	yellow throat; black eye mask extends down sides into streaks ; white eyebrow; gray above	like male	slurred, descending whistles, rising at end "teedl teedl teedle teedle tew tew twee"	may creep along branches like a nuthatch
Pine Warbler	permanent resident	pine forest	yellow breast + 2 white wing bars + lack of other marks ; faint breast streaks	like male but duller	fast or slow trill, more musical than Chipping Sparrow	brightness of yellow and streaks variable

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Prairie Warbler	fairly common summer	old fields with saplings, young pine stands	yellow below; black side streaks; 2 black face marks; reddish streaks on olive back	like male but duller	musical buzzes rising in pitch "zee zee zee zee zee zee zeet"	bobs tail
Palm Warbler	uncommon migration, rare winter		chestnut cap ; red side streaks on yellow underparts; yellow undertail coverts	like male but duller	weak trill "zhe-zhe-zhe-zhe-zhe"	bobs tail
Bay-breasted Warbler	uncommon migration		reddish-brown (bay) cap, throat, sides ; black face; buff neck; blackish above	like male but much duller	high, sibilant, doubled "teesi teesi teesi teesi" like Black-and-white Warbler	
Blackpoll Warbler	fairly common spring migration		gray w/ black streaks; black cap; white cheeks	like male but duller; greenish above; lacks black cap	very high, rapid, mechanical "zi-zi-zi-zi-zi" on one pitch	
Cerulean Warbler	uncommon summer	mature forest with complex canopy; bottomlands or on slopes	blue above; white below; narrow black bar across chest ; black side streaks	blue-green above ; white below; faintly streaked; white eyebrow	buzzy, ending high "zray zray zray zreee"	
Black-and-white Warbler	common summer, very rare winter	mature deciduous or mixed woodland	striped lengthwise w/ black and white ; striped crown ; black throat	like male but throat white	squeaky wheelbarrow "weesee weesee weesee weesee"	creeps along trunks and branches like a nuthatch
American Redstart	uncommon summer	forested bottomlands, moist uplands	black; orange patches on sides, wings, tail	patterned like male but gray-green instead of black and yellow instead of orange	variable, rapid, often dropping at end, "tsee tsee tseeo" or "zee zee zzee"	often spreads wings and tail
Prothonotary Warbler	fairly common summer	forested swamps, streams, sloughs	golden yellow w/ blue-gray wings & tail	like male	one-pitched "sweet sweet sweet"	
Worm-eating Warbler	uncommon summer	ravines and hillsides of moist forests	brown; black & buff head stripes	like male	dry, insect-like trill or rattle	feeds in leaf litter

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Swainson's Warbler	uncommon summer	canebreaks in forested bottomlands	brown; reddish-brown cap ; white eyebrow	like male	slurred, like Louisiana Waterthrush, "seew seew see SISTerville"	hard to see
Ovenbird	fairly common summer	extensive woodlands with abundant leaf litter	brown above; white below; black breast streaks; orange and black crown patch	like male	emphatic "tea-CHER tea-CHER tea-CHER"	
Northern Waterthrush	fairly common migration		brown above; yellowish below ; dark breast streaks onto throat ; yellowish eyebrow	like male	emphatic notes falling in pitch & accelerating, "twit twit twit seet seet chew chew chew"	underside color can be hard to determine in shaded understory
Louisiana Waterthrush	fairly common summer	forested streams	brown above; white below ; brown breast streaks not on throat ; white eyebrow	like male	series of down-slurred whistles followed by jumble	underside color can be hard to determine in shaded understory
Kentucky Warbler	fairly common summer	shrubby forest understory and edge	olive-brown above; yellow below; black sideburns extend from eyes; yellow spectacles	like male	rolling "churry churry churry churry"	
Connecticut Warbler	very rare spring migration		olive-brown above; yellow below; gray hood + white eye ring	like male but duller	"chip-chup-ee chip-chup-ee chip-chup-ee chip"	
Mourning Warbler	uncommon migration		olive-brown above; yellow below; gray hood + black bib	like male but lacks bib	"chirry chirry chorry chorry", chorry lower	
Common Yellowthroat	common summer, rare winter	wet weedy, brushy, or marshy open areas	brown above, yellow breast, throat; black mask boarded by white above	like male but duller, lacks mask	rolling, chanting "witchity witchity witchity witch"; call a husky "tchep"	
Hooded Warbler	fairly common summer	dense shrubby understory of mature forest	olive-brown above; yellow below; black cowl encircles yellow face	like male but black limited to edge of face	loud, whistled "weeta weeta wee-tee-o"	

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Wilson's Warbler	uncommon migration		olive-brown above; yellow below; black cap	like male but lacks cap	rapid chatter dropping at end "chi chi chi chi chi chet chet"	
Canada Warbler	uncommon migration		gray above; yellow below; necklace of short black stripes	like male but necklace fainter	staccato burst, "chip chupety sweet-ditchety"	
Yellow-breasted Chat	common summer	shrublands, regenerating clearcuts	large-bodied; large-billed , long-tailed; yellow throat, breast; white spectacles, moustache	like male	unmusical series of whistles w/ single harsh notes, squeaks; like Mockingbird but slower, longer pauses	

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