

Blackburnian Warbler



Photo: Sue Barth

IDENTIFICATION AND SONG Black and white with vivid orange throat, crown patch, and eyebrow, large white wing patch, and boldly striped back. Song thin and wiry, increasing in speed and rising to the limit of hearing, sleet-sleet-sleet-sleetee-sleeeee. Found statewide.

NEST Well-concealed open cup in conifer. Placed on limb away from trunk, sometimes near end of branch, often >30' above forest floor.

FOOD Insectivorous; often spiders, beetles, and moth larvae.

TERRITORY SIZE 1–3 acres, smaller in softwoods.

FOREST CONDITION Older softwood or mixedwood forests with high canopy cover (>80%) and tall trees (>40'). Especially sensitive to removal of large conifers. Uses topmost part of tall trees (especially tallest trees that emerge above the main canopy) for feeding, nesting, and singing. Requires fairly dense vegetation in midstory. Prefers forests interiors.

FOREST HABITAT ASSOCIATION Prefers *Northern Mixedwood* and *Northern Softwood*, but will use Oak Pine forest.

HABITAT AGE CLASS Prefers *older* forest (dominant trees 70-100 years old, and 10-16" diameter), but will use *intermediate* forest (dominant trees 20-70 years old and 5-10" diameter).

HABITAT FEATURES



← **BIRD** Layer where bird typically seen and/or where male typically sings

← **NEST** Typical nest type and height

LAYERS Light gray lines divide overstory (>30'), midstory (6–30'), and understory (<6'), and are not to scale

Generalized graphic depicting forest type, age, layer, and any special features where the bird and nest are typically found.

MANAGEMENT NOTES Maintain large conifers and larger forest blocks (>250 acres). Uses bearded lichen.