

Chestnut-sided Warbler



Photo: Frode Jacobsen

IDENTIFICATION AND SONG Yellow crown, black moustache stripe, chestnut sides following contour of wings, and tail held cocked above wingtips. Song is a fast please-please-please-to-MEET-cha with emphatic ending. Found statewide.

NEST Open cup placed in crotch of small shrub or within a group of small-diameter, vertical stems less than 6' off ground.

FOOD Insectivorous; prefers caterpillars and fly larvae.

TERRITORY SIZE 1–3 acres.

FOREST CONDITION Historically relied on natural disturbances that created patches of younger forest habitat within a matrix of older forest. Typically found in young (5–15 year old) hardwood forest gaps or cuts that have an open canopy (<30% cover) and dense shrubs and saplings 3–10' high for nesting and foraging. Some larger saplings used as singing perches and to hide nests.

FOREST HABITAT ASSOCIATION Prefers *Northern Hardwood*, but will use Northern Mixedwood forest.

HABITAT AGE CLASS Prefers *young* forest young forest (dominant trees 0-10 years/0-25 years old and <1"/1-5" diameter), but will use *intermediate* forest (dominant trees 20-70 years old and 5-10" diameter).

HABITAT FEATURES



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

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

← **NEST** Typical nest type and height

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

MANAGEMENT NOTES Maintain or create seedling/sapling stands >1 acre in size with <30% canopy cover. Needs larger saplings for singing perches. Will use intermediate or older forests where gaps are present.