

# Olive-sided Flycatcher



Photo: Joe Wing

**IDENTIFICATION AND SONG** Inconspicuous, large-billed, heavy-headed, deep olive-brown, with darker sides, separated by white patch down center of breast. Tail broad and prominently notched. Song a loud, resounding quick, THREE beers, often sung from high perch on large tree or snag. Found statewide.

**NEST** Loosely formed nests usually well out from tree trunk of conifer in cluster of live needles and twigs.

**FOOD** Typically forages near or above canopy, sallying forth to catch flying insects. Generally sits on prominent perch, often at top of snag or dead tip of uppermost branch of tall tree, before and after capturing prey.

**TERRITORY SIZE** 25–50 acres.

**FOREST CONDITION** Associated with peatlands, forest openings, forest edges, or managed stands with canopy gaps. Presence in younger forests dependent on availability of snags or residual tall trees for foraging and singing perches. Frequently observed along wooded river and lake shorelines, possibly because of higher insect abundance.

**FOREST HABITAT ASSOCIATION** Prefers *Northern Softwood* forest.

**HABITAT AGE CLASS** Will use *older* forest (dominant trees 70-100 years old and 10-16" diameter), *intermediate* forest (dominant trees 20-70 years old and 5-10" diameter), or *young* forest (dominant trees 0-10 years/0-25 years old and <1"/1-5" diameter).

## HABITAT FEATURES



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

← **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

**MANAGEMENT NOTES** Create forest openings or forest edges near natural openings, with snags or other perches for foraging and singing. In any age forest where gaps are present.