

Ovenbird



Photo: Peter Caulfield

IDENTIFICATION AND SONG Large warbler, olive-green above, white below, with dark streaked spots on lower throat, breast and sides, conspicuous eye ring, and orange-brown crown bordered with black stripes. Song a loud and distinct staccato song *pizza, pizza, pizza* (or *teacher-teacher-teacher*). Found statewide.

NEST Domed or oven-shaped nest of dead leaves and plant fibers, lined with grass, placed on the forest floor with a side entrance.

FOOD Forest invertebrates, captured in the leaf litter on the forest floor.

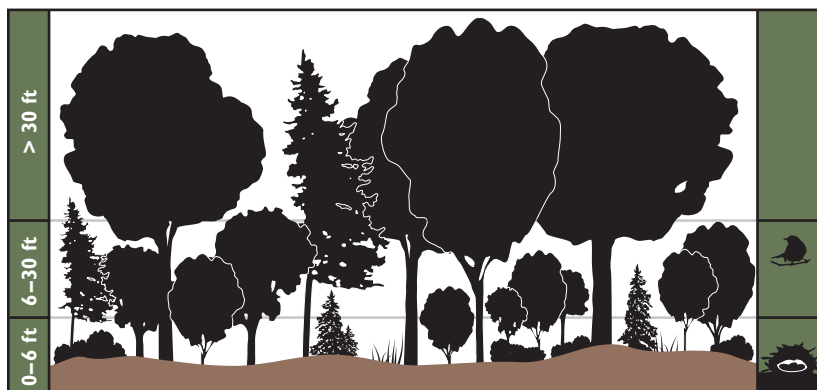
TERRITORY SIZE 1.0–3.5 acres.

FOREST CONDITION Older, larger contiguous tracts of hardwood or mixedwood forest with 60–90% canopy cover and canopy heights >50'. Prefers areas with less ground cover and deeper leaf litter. Prefers large mature forest patches >250 acres where breeding success is higher.

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



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 mature forest with med. to high canopy cover, within larger block of contiguous forest (>250 acres). Habitat affected 300' or more from edge of forest management activities. Prefers less ground cover, deeper leaf litter for domed ground nest.