

Veery



Photo: Bill Benish

IDENTIFICATION AND SONG Tawny-brown above, weakly spotted on breast, least spotted of all the thrushes. Flute-like and ethereal song, like a marble spiraling down a drainpipe, with no introductory notes. Typically four distinct downward phrases — VEER-Veer-Veer-veer. Found statewide.

NEST Cup of dead leaves, bark and mud-like leaf mold lined with fine fibers, placed on ground or in a low shrub or brush pile.

FOOD Insects, spiders, centipedes, pill bugs, and fruits. Primarily forages on the ground but also in the foliage.

TERRITORY SIZE 0.25–7.50 acres.

FOREST CONDITION Damp hardwood forest with intermediate (30–80%) canopy cover and a dense understory (0–6'). Often associated with riparian areas, regenerating forests, and beaver wetlands.

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

HABITAT AGE CLASS Prefers *intermediate* forest (dominant trees 20-70 years old and 5-10" diameter), but will use *older* forest (dominant trees 70-100 years old and 10-16" diameter) or *young* forest (dominant trees 0-10 years/0-25 years old and <1"/1-5" 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 stands with low to medium canopy cover (30-80%) and dense understory, ideally near wetlands.