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Why Golden-Winged Warbler?

The Golden-Winged Warbler is a Neotropical Migrant songbird that is experiencing population declines due to loss of young forest habitat. Young forest habitat, also known as scrub-shrub habitat, is new or regenerating forest that is less than 20 years old. Golden-Winged warblers require young forest habitat that is surrounded by more mature forest to breed in New Jersey. As a land manager or forest landowner within this species' breeding range, you have a unique opportunity to create breeding habitat for Golden-Winged Warbler through timber harvesting.

NRCS can help YOU improve wildlife habitat on your forest land!

U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) and our partners can provide technical and financial assistance to forest land owners interested in a timber harvest that will support the creation and maintenance of Golden-Winged Warbler habitat in New Jersey. Forest landowners must be located **IN or NEAR the Focal Area (shown to the right)**. NRCS can work with your forester, help write forest stewardship plans and provide conservation payments to support this habitat enhancement.

Forest land managed under NRCS contracts are statistically more diverse in bird species than unmanaged lands!

Success so far...

NRCS has worked with sixteen New Jersey landowners to create over 225 acres of Golden-Winged warbler habitat since 2012.

The average unmanaged forest has about 17 different bird species, while young forests managed with NRCS assistance have an average of 30 different bird species. Some species that you may encounter besides the Golden-Winged warbler are Cedar Waxwing, Eastern Bluebird, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Eastern Wild Turkey, Wood Thrush and Baltimore Oriole! In addition to birds-insects, mammals and reptiles all benefit from this type of forest management.

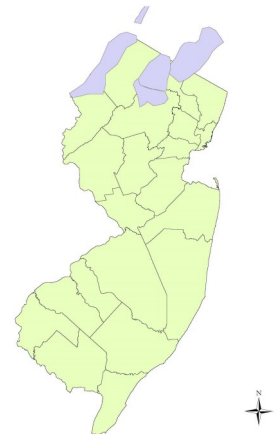
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Golden-Winged Warbler Focal Area



Young Forest Habitat © K. Triece

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