

Cerulean Warbler

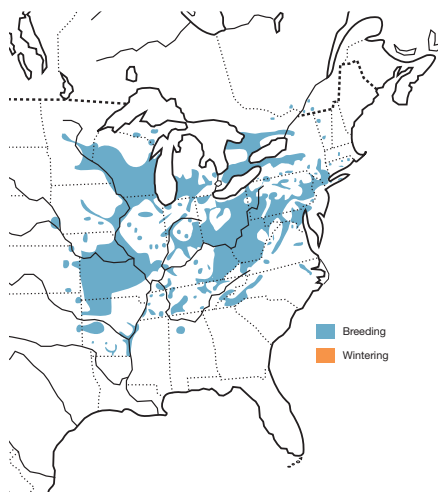
Dendroica cerulea



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PROVINCIAL STATUS

Special Concern

DESCRIPTION

- sparrow-sized perching bird
- male: sky blue above, whitish below dark breast-band and side streaks two wide white wing bars
- female: blue-gray to olive-green above

VOCALIZATION

- rapid buzzy notes on same pitch, followed by a longer note on a higher pitch: *zray zray zray zreeee*

PREFERRED HABITAT

- mature deciduous forest

MIGRATION

Spring arrival: mid-May
Fall departure: early September

WINTERING GROUNDS

- humid evergreen forests (620 to 1300 m elevation) in Columbia, Venezuela, Bolivia, Peru

LOCAL POPULATION

- rare, breeding record in one township in southern Renfrew County

THREATS

- urban lights and obstructions (high-rises)
- habitat destruction
- forest fragmentation
- brood parasites: Brown-headed Cowbirds lay their eggs in warbler nests

NICHE INFORMATION

- eats caterpillars, beetles, flying insects
- eaten by small hawks, shrike
- active in daytime
- lives in tops of tall hardwood trees (Oak, Maple, Beech)
- nests on high horizontal limbs

WHAT WE CAN DO

- turn off lights in tall buildings during migration
- prevent forest fragmentation