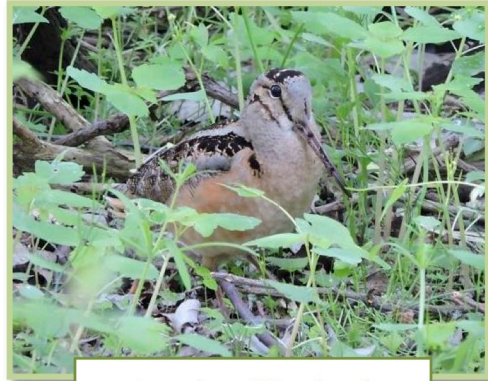


YOUR 2017 RESULTS ARE IN!



Golden-winged Warbler



American Woodcock



Young forest habitat 4 years after timber harvest

A Conservation Effects Assessment Project (CEAP)

Assessing Wildlife Response to the Natural Resources
Conservation Service's (NRCS) Conservation Programs
Supporting Young Forest Habitat

Dear Longwood Lake,

We are excited to share with you the results of our third year of Golden-winged Warbler, American Woodcock, and songbird surveys.

As you may know, Golden-winged Warbler and American Woodcock populations have been declining for decades, primarily due to habitat loss in the United States. These two bird species (see cover photos) and many other species of birds, mammals, and reptiles rely on young forest habitat during some or all of their life.

Since 2012, you and 500 other private landowners in 5 different states have created 8,800 acres of young forest habitat through NRCS conservation projects, with thousands more acres under contract. The critically important young forest habitat you and other participants have created provides an essential home for an abundant diversity of native wildlife. Together, you are making a positive difference for wildlife in your region!

Your property was visited on 1 occasion (April 15, 2017) to survey for American Woodcock, and visited on 2 occasions (May 16, 2017 & June 2, 2017) to survey for Golden-winged Warblers and other songbirds. We conducted surveys at 3 point locations in the areas where you have created young forest habitat. Along with this letter we have enclosed a map showing where on your property we surveyed for birds.

While we did not detect any Golden-winged Warblers on your project, we detected 43 other species during our surveys (please see below). Although there were no Golden-winged Warblers this year, it is early in the creation of habitat and there is still time for them to find the site as it regenerates. Moreover, of the 43 species we detected 17 are currently considered at risk species (denoted in the list with an asterisk) so your project is already having meaningful benefits to birds! Along with the list of species, we have included photos of 10 bird species that benefit from young forest on private lands, all of which were detected on your property!

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| 1. American Goldfinch | 19. Common Yellowthroat |
| 2. American Redstart | 20. Downy Woodpecker |
| 3. American Robin | 21. Eastern Bluebird |
| 4. American Woodcock* | 22. Eastern Towhee* |
| 5. Baltimore Oriole* | 23. Eastern Wood-Pewee* |
| 6. Barn Swallow | 24. Field Sparrow* |
| 7. Black-and-white Warbler* | 25. Gray Catbird* |
| 8. Black-billed Cuckoo* | 26. Great Crested Flycatcher* |
| 9. Black-throated Blue Warbler* | 27. Hairy Woodpecker |
| 10. Blue Jay | 28. Indigo Bunting |
| 11. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher | 29. Mourning Dove |
| 12. Blue-winged Warbler* | 30. Northern Flicker* |
| 13. Brewster's Warbler | 31. Ovenbird |
| 14. Brown-headed Cowbird | 32. Prairie Warbler* |
| 15. Carolina Wren | 33. Red-bellied Woodpecker |
| 16. Cedar Waxwing | 34. Red-eyed Vireo |
| 17. Chestnut-sided Warbler | 35. Rose-breasted Grosbeak* |
| 18. Chipping Sparrow | 36. Ruby-throated Hummingbird |

FOREST HABITAT IS ESSENTIAL FOR THESE BIRDS



Ovenbird



Field Sparrow



Black-and-White Warbler



Chestnut-sided Warbler



Common Yellowthroat



Scarlet Tanager



Cedar Waxwing



Red-eyed Vireo



Indigo Bunting



Eastern Towhee

37. Scarlet Tanager*
38. Tufted Titmouse
39. White-breasted Nuthatch
40. Wild Turkey

41. Wood Thrush*
42. Yellow Warbler
43. Yellow-throated Vireo*

Thank you for allowing us to conduct these surveys on your property! We look forward to continue working with you to manage and maintain healthy young forest habitat to benefit wildlife like Golden-winged Warblers and American Woodcock on your property and across the region. We are also always looking for more participants, so if anyone you know is interested in forest management opportunities please contact Emily (Bellush) Heggenstaller or Renae (Poole) Veasley (below).

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Survey Points

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