



Prothonotary Warbler

- 🧡 A flash of gold in the forest – Often called the “Golden Swamp Warbler,” males are brilliantly yellow-orange with blue-gray wings, making them one of the most eye-catching birds in eastern wetlands.
- 🌿 A rare tree-cavity nester – Unlike most warblers, they nest in holes in trees (or nest boxes) near water—similar to bluebirds.
- 🌊 Swamp specialist – Look for them in wooded swamps, floodplains, and along slow-moving streams where standing water is common.
- 🎵 Loud, ringing song – Despite their small size, their clear, repeated “sweet-sweet-sweet” song carries far through the trees.
- 🐛 Insect hunters – They forage low over water, picking insects, spiders, and even small snails from leaves and bark.
- 🌍 Long-distance travelers – These birds migrate from the eastern U.S. to Central and northern South America each year.
- 🏠 Conservation note – They benefit greatly from nest box programs and the protection of wetland habitats.

FYI - You can visit local warbler birdhouses! Here are directions to LMT's Prothonotary Warbler houses, which were put in place last fall: At the canal and Black Rock Road, go towards Morrisville, to the wide waters. About a 1/4 mile from Black Rock, there is a bench and a makeshift bridge. Cross the bridge and go left on the path. You will see the three houses in fairly close proximity.