

Wood Thrush



Photo: Fyn Kynd

IDENTIFICATION AND SONG Slightly smaller than a robin, with brown back, and heavily spotted white breast. Song a flute-like *ee-ob-lay-ee*, usually going up in pitch and ending in a sound like shattering glass. Found statewide.

NEST Open cup of leaves and grasses lined with mud, placed on lower limb of a tree or shrub 10–13' off the ground and well hidden among leaves in a shady area.

FOOD Mostly soil invertebrates, some fruits. Primarily forages on ground in leaf litter or on semi-bare ground under forest canopy.

TERRITORY SIZE 0.2–7.0 acres.

FOREST CONDITION Prefers interior forest stands with canopy >50' high, a diversity of hardwood tree species, moderate mid-canopy cover and shrub density, shade, fairly open forest floor, moist soil, and decaying leaf litter. Effects of forest fragmentation varied and complex, but in general does better in larger blocks of contiguous forest.

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

HABITAT AGE CLASS Prefers *older* forest (dominant trees 70-100 years old and 10-16" diameter), but will use *intermediate* forest (dominant trees 20-70 years old and 5-10" diameter) or *young* forest (dominant trees 0-10 years/0-25 years old and <1"/1-5" diameter).

HABITAT FEATURES



Generalized graphic depicting forest type, age, layer, and any special features where the bird and nest are typically found.

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

MANAGEMENT NOTES Maintain or create well-stocked uneven aged sawtimber stands with tall trees, >80% canopy cover, diverse species and moist leaf litter. Generally more productive in larger forest blocks of contiguous forest habitat (>250 acres).