

back. It has earned its name of Yellow-Throated Warbler by its vibrant, yellow throat. The tiny bird transparently crags a beetle out from its hiding place in pine needles. It swiftly flies away over its woodland home, back to its woven moss nest, suspended high above the ground. The four naked fledglings peep for the insect with pink, gaping mouths. They hatched from speckled, greenish eggs yesterday and will fledge in about 10 days. The father Yellow-Throated Warbler quickly thrusts the beetle down the throat of one of the young ones and swoops off to gather more caterpillars and flies while his mate keeps the babies warm. As it industriously works ascending-up trees unlike its warbler cousins, a dark shadow appears overhead. A Sharp-Shinned hawk soars above. The swift raptor can readily kill both the babies and their parents. The Yellow-Throated Warbler leaps back. It hides under the tree's foliage, and fortunately, the hawk moves on. Such a small bird as the Yellow-Throated Warbler has many predators, but it also has ways of protecting itself. A particular enemy to the vulnerable eggs and babies are snakes that climb the tall trees for a fatty snack. This warbler and his family have been fortunate enough to escape tragedy. He lives in the beautiful Appalachian Mountains of the Eastern United States. Some of his family members live in eastern Central America and islands in the Caribbean. A distinguishing behavioral aspect of the Yellow-Throated Warbler is migration. They are home-bodies and do not migrate very far compared to their counterparts, warblers. Since they are so dependent on the insect world,