

Responsibility Bird



Black-and-white Warbler (*Mniotilta varia*)

- Breeding Species:
Not present during overwintering period
- Widespread:
Detected at 79% of Audubon Refuges surveyed
- Most Important Habitats:
Deciduous Forest

Black-and-white Warblers are considered a common species, although declines are obvious in many parts of the species' range. In the states of CT, MA and RI, the species has declined at a rate of 3% per year for the past 50-years.

The principal reason the Black-and-white Warbler is considered a "Responsibility Bird" is due to the sensitivity of the species to forest fragmentation. Devising a monitoring scheme for this species on Audubon properties will allow us to determine how the populations of this declining species are faring on refuges throughout the state.

