



## Golden-winged Warbler Working Group

### *Ensuring the conservation of Golden-winged Warbler populations through sound science, education, and management*

The Golden-winged Warbler Working Group is comprised of over 80 United States, Canadian, and Latin American ornithologists, conservationists, and land managers from academia, federal and state agencies, international non-governmental organizations, and industry.

#### Working Group Objectives

1. Increase awareness of Golden-winged Warbler (*Vermivora chrysoptera*) conservation status throughout its range.
2. Identify gaps in knowledge and develop priorities for coordinated Golden-winged Warbler research and management.
3. Develop and implement a conservation plan for Golden-winged Warblers that includes research, education, management, regional coordination, and monitoring.
4. Develop a mechanism for information sharing and conservation action follow-through.

Activities of the Working Group are coordinated by a Steering Committee, by the actions of several working committees, and by several email Listservs.

#### Golden-winged Warbler Working Group Listservs

To join the general Golden-winged Warbler listserv — the primary method of disseminating information about research, habitat management, conservation action, meetings, etc. —

send an email message—from the email address where they want to receive listserv messages—to

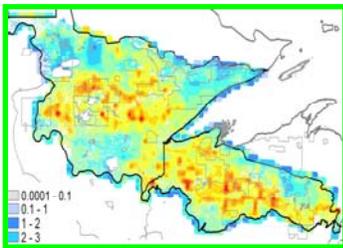
LISTSERV@LISTSERV.UARK.EDU

and place the following command in the message body (not the subject line):

SUBSCRIBE GWWALL-L Your Name (where Your Name is *your* name!)

You may also join the separate committee listservs by substituting its listserv name in the command line above where GWWALL-L appears. Committee listserv names are indicated in brackets below.

#### Breeding Grounds Management and Conservation Committee [GWWCON-L]



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This committee's goal is to help direct habitat management and conservation actions intended to sustain Golden-winged Warbler populations across the breeding range—in concert with other bird conservation priorities and initiatives. The committee will develop outreach materials to target land managers and the general public. Because of unique management needs in each of the regions occupied by Golden-winged Warblers, management priorities will be identified at both continental and regional scales.

#### Current Projects

**Modeling to Identify High Priority Conservation Hot Spots:** Habitat-specific models validated through on-the-ground research will help target regions and areas where conservation actions are most likely to result in effective Golden-wing conservation  
Contact: Wayne Thogmartin, USGS, [wthogmartin@usgs.gov](mailto:wthogmartin@usgs.gov), (608) 781-6309

**Conservation Outreach:** Outreach materials including fact sheets, conservation posters, a habitat management brochure, habitat prescriptions, and a state-of-the-art website will help place effective support tools in the hands of appropriate target audiences.

Contact: Amber Roth, Michigan Tech University, [amroth@mtu.edu](mailto:amroth@mtu.edu), (906) 487-3417

## Breeding Grounds Research and Monitoring Committee [GWWRM-L]

This committee helps to focus Golden-wing research and monitoring on critical conservation and management questions to facilitate timely and adaptive conservation action. Published research and monitoring priorities serve to coordinate research activities in order to achieve more power and range-wide replication than might be possible with disconnected, unfocused research agendas. The committee also helps to disseminate relevant information from research and monitoring projects to partners.



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### Current Projects

**Breeding Grounds Habitat Management Research:** Coordinated habitat and management projects are being conducted in TN, NC, WV, PA, NY, WI, and MN in order to evaluate habitat-specific management prescriptions that might benefit Golden-wings. All projects will follow the same protocols to facilitate data analysis across the species range. Contact: David Buehler, University of Tennessee, [dbuehler@utk.edu](mailto:dbuehler@utk.edu), (865) 974-8845

**Genetics Atlas Project:** Blood samples collected from Golden-winged Warblers and hybrids across the breeding range will help identify areas and habitats of genetically pure Golden-winged Warbler populations where conservation action might be focused. Contact: Rachel Vallender, [rf88@cornell.edu](mailto:rf88@cornell.edu), (613) 808-9990

**Appalachians Monitoring Project:** Critical populations will be identified in the Appalachian region for conservation and long term monitoring to determine local extinction is imminent and where habitat management can be beneficial. Contact: Sara Barker Swarthout, Cornell Lab of Orn., [sb65@cornell.edu](mailto:sb65@cornell.edu), (607) 254-2465

## Non-Breeding Season Committee (*Alianza Alas Doradas*) [GWWINT-L]

This committee helps direct and facilitate research, monitoring, and management activities for Golden-winged Warblers both during migration and during their non-breeding season residency in Central and South America. Conservation actions will occur in concert with those that also benefit priority Neotropical resident species.



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### Current Projects

**Non-breeding Season Surveys:** ProAves (in Colombia) is currently coordinating Golden-winged Warbler surveys in Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, and Venezuela to determine habitat associations and important areas to target for conservation actions. Contact: Marisol Escaño, ProAves, [mescano@proaves.org](mailto:mescano@proaves.org)

**Priority Migrant eBird:** A dedicated eBird portal facilitates collection of non-breeding season distribution information needed to generate effective rangewide conservation strategies for the Golden-winged Warbler and four other species of conservation concern that have experienced precipitous population declines over the last few decades. Visit: [www.ebird.org/primig/](http://www.ebird.org/primig/)

**Golden-winged Warbler Campaign for Neotropical Migrants:** The Golden-winged Warbler is the symbol for the Conservation of Important Wintering Areas for Wisconsin's Neotropical Migrant Birds Campaign. For more information visit: Visit: [www.wisconservation.org/index.php?page=bird-conservation-campaign-2](http://www.wisconservation.org/index.php?page=bird-conservation-campaign-2)

### Working Group Website

Visit: <http://gwwa.org> for information and updates.