

FALL BIRDS

Many birds molt before fall migration, shedding their feathers and growing entirely new ones. Some birds change appearance during this transition. They often become less colourful and sometimes look like completely different birds. In fall, male birds focus on survival instead of looking for a mate. Their new, less flashy, plumage helps them avoid detection by predators.



Bay-breasted warbler



Blackburnian warbler



Black-throated green warbler



Magnolia warbler



Scarlet tanager



Yellow-rumped warbler

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FALL MIGRATION

Adult birds that migrated north to breed just a few months earlier begin their journey back south in the fall. Newly hatched young also migrate south, usually unaccompanied by their parents. Birds often take their time during fall migration, sometimes staying in one spot for several weeks.



Blackpoll warbler



Brown creeper



Red-eyed vireo



Ruby-crowned kinglet



Wilson's warbler



Winter wren

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