



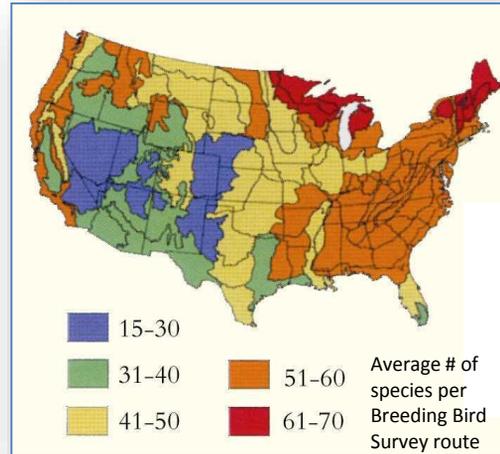
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A Bird's eye (and Birders') View of Forest Integrity



The Hermit Thrush, Vermont's state bird lives in the forest. It's population has declined by 63% over the past 40 years.

Source: Common Birds in Decline, NAS 2007



Because of Vermont's forests, we have some of the highest diversity of breeding birds in the US. Birds are good indicators of overall biodiversity and they provide useful information on environmental change.

Source: Vermont Biodiversity Report and Birdlife International



53% of Vermonters watch birds and wildlife. Birding and wildlife watching adds \$288 million to Vermont's economy.

Source: 2011 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation.

Forest landowners care about birds. Audubon Vermont is working with over 300 landowners and foresters covering 250,000 acres to improve breeding habitat and timber quality.



Forests help mitigate the impacts of climate change. Half of Vermont's birds like this Blackburnian Warbler are projected to decline due to climate change.

Source: NAS Climate Change Report 2014