

Have you seen a...

Ovenbird

What Does this Species Look Like?

Size: 6 inches

Weight: 16-28 grams

Color: Olive black-brown above; white with black stripes below

General: White eye ring

Usually Found: Forests, on or near the ground in leafy woodlands



Did You Know?

- The ovenbird (*Seiurus aurocapillus*) is more commonly heard singing than seen, because it is a small and inconspicuous bird that dwells on the forest floor.
- The ovenbird's loud song sounds like "teach-er, teach-er, teach-er"!
- Neighboring male ovenbirds often join each other in song.
- The name "ovenbird" derives from the bird's nest which resembles a Dutch oven, because it is covered on top like a dome and has a side entrance.

What am I Observing?

The timing (date) of:

- The first appearance of the bird
- The first time the bird is heard singing

Why Collect this Data?

This species is being monitored as a part of the Eastern PA Phenology Program to determine if this animal is impacted by environmental changes.

How Do I Report this Data?

Observations can be reported as comments to the Eastern PA Phenology Blog:
<http://watchingtheseasons.blogspot.com/>
or sent to phenology@lgnc.org

Want to Find Out More?

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What is Phenology? According to the National Phenology Network, phenology refers to the study of "recurring plant and animal life cycle stages, or phenophases, such as leafing and flowering, maturation of agricultural plants, emergence of insects, and migration of birds."

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