

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus varius*)

Male

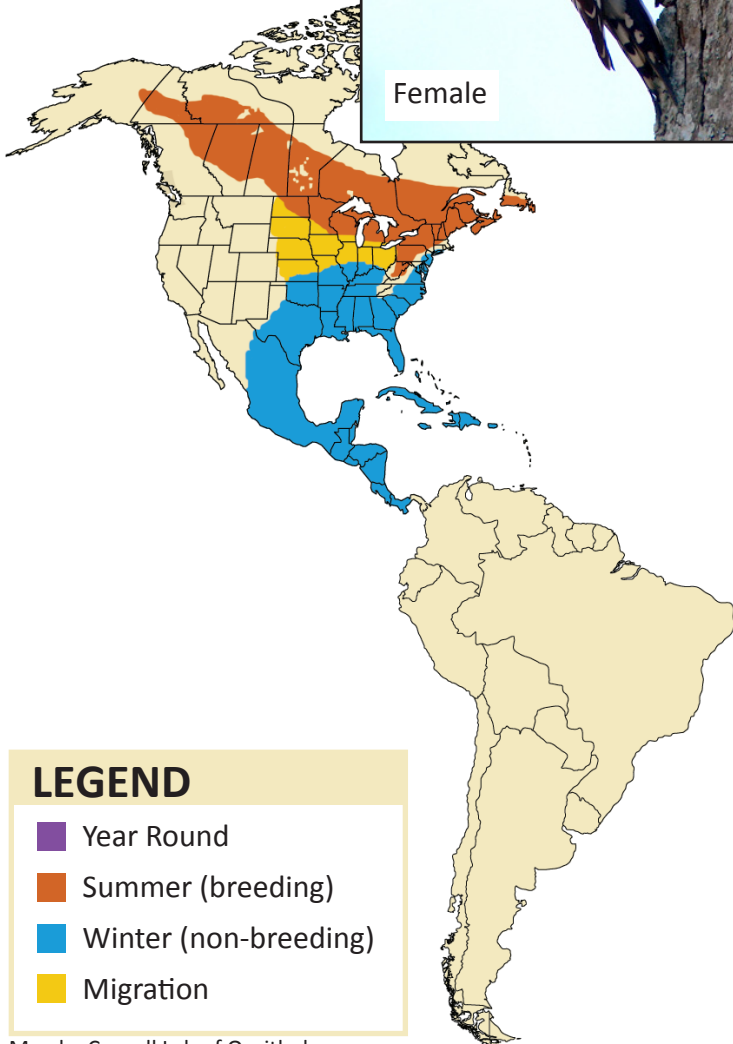


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Female



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- Year Round
- Summer (breeding)
- Winter (non-breeding)
- Migration

Map by Cornell Lab of Ornithology
Range data by NatureServe

Name in Spanish:

Chupasavia maculado
Chupasavia de vientre amarillo

What do they eat?

Insects (especially ants), tree sap, berries and other fruits

Where do they breed?

Northeastern US, across much of Canada

Breeding Habitat

Young mixed forests, especially along streams

Where do they winter?

Southeastern US, eastern and southern Mexico, Caribbean Islands (including Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, and the Bahamas), Guatemala, Belize, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama

Winter Habitat

Variety of wooded habitats, orchards, parks and neighborhoods with scattered trees

Problems

Like all migratory birds, sapsuckers face the problems of finding safe places to rest and eat while migrating, avoiding predators, and surviving bad storms

Did you know?

Sapsuckers use their beaks to drill rows of holes in tree trunks to get sap (similar to how people make holes in maple trees to get sap to make maple syrup).