

Warblers eat insects, and some capture most of their food on the wing.

- Warblers tend to be **food specialists**. Species having specific food requirements play important roles in limiting insect pest populations.
- Tennessee, Cape May, and Bay-breasted warblers require spruce budworms in their diet to thrive. Their numbers explode in response to budworm outbreaks and decline sharply thereafter.
- **Flood lights & other improper outdoor lighting** impede migration and contribute to reproductive failure and population decline by:
 - causing disorientation of migratory species, including warblers;
 - attracting insectivores to the artificially elevated numbers of insects that become trapped in the glare, thus inducing abnormal behaviour. (See card: *Bring Back the Night Sky for a Healthy Environment*)

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