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Summary of the proposed Recovery Strategy for the CANADA WARBLER IN CANADA

As part of its commitment to the protection of species at risk, the Government of Canada proclaimed the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) in 2003. A recovery strategy must be developed for each listed Extirpated, Endangered, and Threatened species to reduce known threats and to help species at risk recover.

Status

The Canada Warbler is listed as Threatened under the *Species at Risk Act*. Based on the best available information, it has been suggested that this species has undergone significant population declines of up to 70% since 1970.

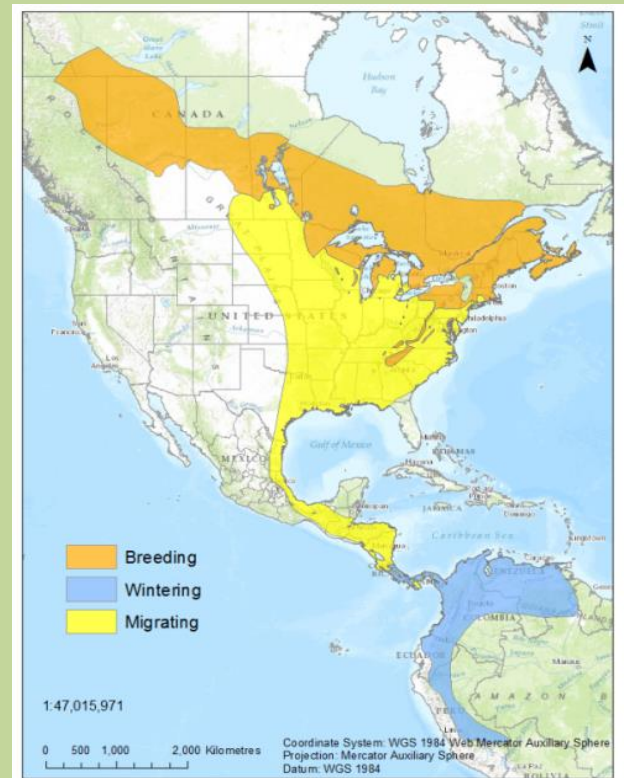


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Description and Distribution

The Canada Warbler is a small forest songbird found in a variety of forest types in most Canadian provinces and territories except Nunavut and Newfoundland. In Yukon, it occurs in the extreme southeast portion of the territory. 80% of the species' breeding range occurs in Canada, and it winters in South America.



Global range of Canada Warbler showing breeding, migrating, and wintering distribution (adapted from BirdLife International and NatureServe (2013), using data from Haché *et al.* (2014) and eBird (2014)).

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Threats

- Land conversion (e.g., forest to agriculture)
- Forest harvesting and silviculture
- Removal of shrubs
- Energy and mining activities (exploration and extraction)
- Reduced availability of insect prey
- Collisions with human structures

The Recovery Strategy

Short-term Population Objectives:

- Ensure the population does not decrease by more than 10% over the next 10 years, and
- Stop national population decline by 2025

Long-term Population Objective:

- After 2025, ensure a positive 10-year population trend

Distribution Objective:

- Maintain the current geographic distribution of Canada Warbler in Canada

To achieve these objectives, four broad strategies have been identified:

- Habitat and Species Protection and Management
- Monitoring and Research
- Law and Policy
- Education and Awareness, Stewardship, and Partnerships

What will be done?

The Recovery Strategy proposes a number of approaches to implement the strategies listed above. The high priority approaches include:

- Protect important habitat in breeding and nonbreeding areas.
- Conduct research and monitoring programs to improve our understanding of the species, its habitats, migration patterns, threats, and population trends.
- Develop beneficial management practices and policies to respond to threats.
- Promote broad cooperation on breeding and wintering ranges to mitigate threats.
- Promote compliance with applicable laws and policies.

Critical Habitat

At this time, the available information is not adequate to identify critical habitat for Canada Warbler. A Schedule of Studies is proposed to obtain the information needed for the identification of critical habitat.

For more information or a copy of the full recovery strategy, please contact:

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