

## Project PROTHO

(Protecting Resident Ornithologically  
Tantalizing Hole-dwelling Occupants)

# Prothonotary Warbler Fact Sheet

- Nearly 25% of the world's entire population of Prothonotary Warblers nest and breed in the Carolinas!!
- Studies have shown that many of them return to the same areas year after year (sometimes even the same hollow knee!)
- Their best nesting success occurs in the deepest and most undisturbed of bottomland hardwood forests where they nest in hollow trees and cypress knees.



The iconic bottomland hardwood forest species,  
the **Prothonotary Warbler**

- Their numbers, although stable at present are at risk due to habitat loss in Central and South America where they winter.
- Their future depends upon quality nesting, brood rearing and migration habitat here and to the South, and habitat conservation where they winter.

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