The Bottomland hardwood forests of South Carolina provide breeding habitat to dozens of bird species. For some, as much as 24% of their global population is breeding in the state. Many of these birds have experienced long-term population declines that may indicate larger ecosystem problems. The South Atlantic Migratory Bird Initiative (SAMBI) defines birds like these as responsibility birds. A responsibility bird has a high proportion of its global population breeding in a particular region, and therefore conservation efforts should be focused in that area. The following are birds that Audubon South Carolina has recognized as Responsibility Species based on SAMBI work.

**Responsibility Bird Species of South Carolina**

- **Prothonotary Warbler**
  24.4% of global population

- **Yellow-throated Warbler**
  20.0% of global population

- **Northern Parula Warbler**
  11.5% of global population

- **Yellow-throated Vireo**
  10.4% of global population

Photos clockwise from top left: Prothonotary Warbler by Joe Kegley, Yellow-throated Warbler by Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Yellow-throated Vireo by Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Northern Parula Warbler by John Schwartz.