

# Responsibility Bird Species of South Carolina

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.



**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