

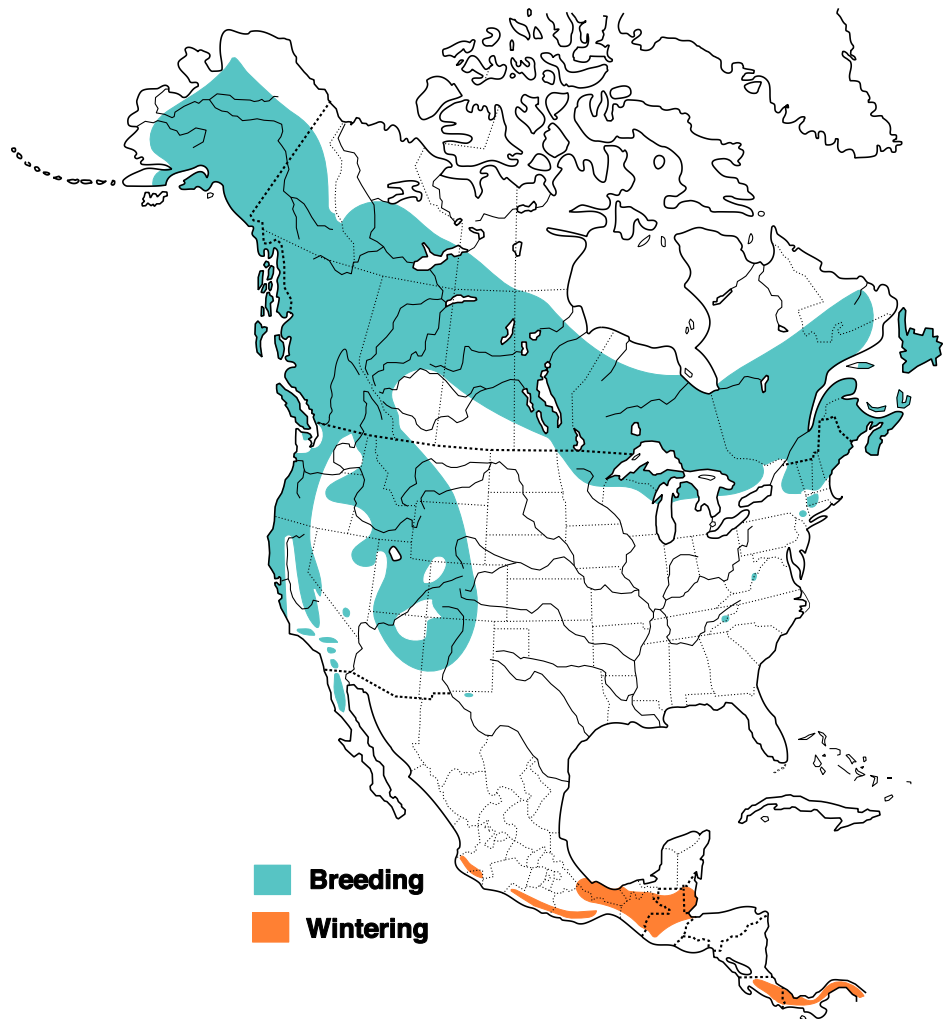


Species at Risk Profile Series: Olive-sided Flycatcher



- Olive-sided Flycatchers are listed as Threatened in Canada.
- They are easily identified by their characteristic, “Quick, three beers!” call given from a prominent perch.
- They breed in young, forested regions, particularly in the boreal forest, near open areas with large, dead trees for perching on.
- One brood of three chicks is raised each year, one of the lowest reproductive rates of all North American songbirds.
- They wait on their perch for insects such as ants and wasps to fly by, then fly out and catch the insect midair before returning to their perch.
- Their nest is built in a coniferous tree, females incubate, and both parents feed the young.
- Nests fail about 35% of the time, and even more often in logged habitats due to more abundant predators like Red Squirrels, Gray Jays, and Common Ravens.





Conservation

- Olive-sided Flycatchers have declined by nearly 80% since the 1970s.
- Although the cause of the decline is unclear, other birds that feed on insects in the air have seen similar declines over the same period.
- While habitat loss on both the breeding and wintering grounds likely has a large effect on their decline, pesticide use may also be influential.

Get involved

- Read the assessment and status report for Olive-sided Flycatcher [here](#).
- Leave large, dead trees standing where possible and safe.

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