



## GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER

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### COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

Contemporary  
United States  
Golden-winged Warbler  
*Vermivora chrysoptera*

Collected from Sterling State Forest, Orange County, New York, 2001  
The Cornell University Museum of Vertebrates

These neotropical migrants breed in the shrub lands, disturbed forests, and abandoned farmlands of eastern North America. Females lay a foundation of leaves and weave a loose inner cup of vines, strips of bark, or other plant materials. Densely replanted reforestation, fire suppression, the loss of farmlands, and incursion into their territories by Blue-winged Warblers, with whom they hybridize, are all factors contributing to their Threatened status.

The nests were photographed in four science collections: The California Academy of Sciences, The Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology,...