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Nest Monitoring for  
Prothonotary  
Warbler  
Conservation



How to Become  
a Citizen Scientist

## BIRDS NEED YOUR HELP

Prothonotary Warblers are birds of conservation concern and have seen a 40% decline in population since the 1960s.

These birds, once known as Golden Swamp Warblers, are in great need of suitable places to nest and live. They are forest-dwelling birds that nest in tree cavities and prefer wet forests, like swamps and bottomlands. They are typically found in Louisiana between March and early October.

## BECOME A CITIZEN SCIENTIST

Your observations can be used to help researchers understand why populations are declining. Here's how:

### **Learn About Birds**

Visit [La.Audubon.org](http://La.Audubon.org) to find nest box designs, to download data spreadsheets, and to explore additional resources.

### **Build a Nest Box (Birdhouse)**

Help us learn about Prothonotary Warbler nesting habits by building a nest box or finding a natural nest site. Then, you can track the following:

- Number of eggs laid
- Number of eggs that hatch
- When chicks fledge (leave the nest)
- Reasons why a nest fails, if not successful

### **Be Mindful of the Birds**

When monitoring birds' nests, keep a safe distance. Allow the parents to tend to the nest and avoid putting your scent on or near the nest. Contact us for more information on how to be a responsible citizen scientist.

## REPORT YOUR DISCOVERIES

Our programs are made possible by people like you. We want to hear from you! Send us your findings and photos.

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