AN ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO ABACO'S 37 WARBLER SPECIES

Abaco has 37 warbler species recorded for the main island and cays. They fall into 3 categories: 5 permanent residents (PR) that breed on Abaco (B), of which two are endemics; 21 winter residents (WR) ranging from 'everyday' species to rarities such as the Kirtland's Warbler; and 11 transients, most of which you will be lucky to encounter. The codes given for each bird show the residence status and also the likelihood of seeing each species in its season, rated from 1 (very likely) to 5 (extreme rarities, maybe only recorded once or twice).

The photos that follow show an example of each warbler, where possible (1) male (2) in breeding plumage and (3) taken on Abaco. Where I had no Abaco images - especially with the transients - I have used other mainstream birding resources and Wiki. All due credits are shown at the foot of the post.

PERMANENT RESIDENTS

[Images of warblers]

BAHAMA YELLOWTHROAT Geothlypis rostrata PR B 1 ENDEMIC

YELLOW WARBLER Setophaga petechia PR B 1

OLIVE-CAPPED WARBLER Setophaga pityophila PR B 1

PINE WARBLER Setophaga pinus PR B 1

BAHAMA WARBLER Setophaga flavescens PR B 1 ENDEMIC
WINTER RESIDENTS (COMMON)

OVENBIRD *Seiurus aurocapilla* WR 1

WORM-EATING WARBLER *Helmitheros vermivorum* WR 2

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH *Parkesia noveboracensis* WR 1

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER *Mniotilta varia* WR 2

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT *Geothlypis trichas* WR 1

AMERICAN REDSTART *Setophaga ruticilla* WR 1

CAPE MAY WARBLER *Setophaga tigrina* WR 1
NORTHERN PARULA *Setophaga americana* WR 1

BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER *Setophaga caerulescens* WR 2

PALM WARBLER *Setophaga palmarum* WR 1

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER *Setophaga coronata* WR 2

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER *Setophaga dominica* WR 1

PRAIRIE WARBLER *Setophaga discolor* WR 1

WINTER RESIDENTS (UNCOMMON TO RARE)

LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH *Parkesia motacilla* WR 3
BLUE-WINGED WARBLER *Vermivora cyanoptera* WR 3

SWAINSON’S WARBLER *Limnothlypis swainsonii* WR 4

NASHVILLE WARBLER *Oreothlypis ruficapilla* WR 4

HOODED WARBLER *Setophaga citrina* WR 3

KIRTLAND’S WARBLER *Setophaga kirtlandii* WR 4

MAGNOLIA WARBLER *Setophaga magnolia* WR 3

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER *Setophaga virens* WR 3
TRANSIENTS

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER *Protonotaria citrea* TR 3

TENNESSEE WARBLER *Oreothlypis peregrina* TR 4

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER *Oreothlypis celata* TR 4

CONNECTICUT WARBLER *Oporonis agilis* TR 4

KENTUCKY WARBLER *Geothlypis formosa* TR 4

BAY-BREASTED WARBLER *Setophaga castanea* TR 4

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER *Setophaga fusca* TR 4
CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER *Setophaga pensylvanica* TR 4

BLACKPOLL WARBLER *Setophaga striata* TR 3

WILSON’S WARBLER *Cardellina pusilla* TR 4

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT *Icteria virens* TR 4

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