

BIRD-FRIENDLY MAPLE



Wood Thrush



Scarlet Tanager



Black-throated
Blue Warbler



Black-throated
Green Warbler



Ovenbird



Eastern
Wood-Pewee



Yellow-bellied
Sapsucker



American Redstart



Veery

Produced
in Bird-friendly
Habitats



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the label.



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The Challenge

While maple syrup can look and taste the same, it can come from forests that are managed in dramatically different ways. Park-like maple monocultures may look tidy and increase sap production over the short-term, but support relatively low numbers of birds and bird species. These same forests are also less likely to be able to respond to the stresses of insect outbreaks, disease, or a changing climate.

The Solution

Manage the sugarbush for bird-friendly features that offer great places for birds to forage, hide, and raise their young:

- A diversity of tree species, more than just maple
- Standing dead trees and live trees with cavities, the bigger the better
- Layers of vegetation, from small seedlings on the forest floor, to saplings and shrubs, to the canopy overhead
- Logs and branches on the forest floor
- Birds singing!



What Can You Do?

◀... **Look for the label.** To recognize and support participating maple producers for their good work, look for maple syrup containers with the label indicating the syrup was produced in a bird-friendly forest habitat.

Maple sugarbushes are inherently good for birds, but forests that are intentionally managed with birds in mind are even better!

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