# **Bayou City Birding**

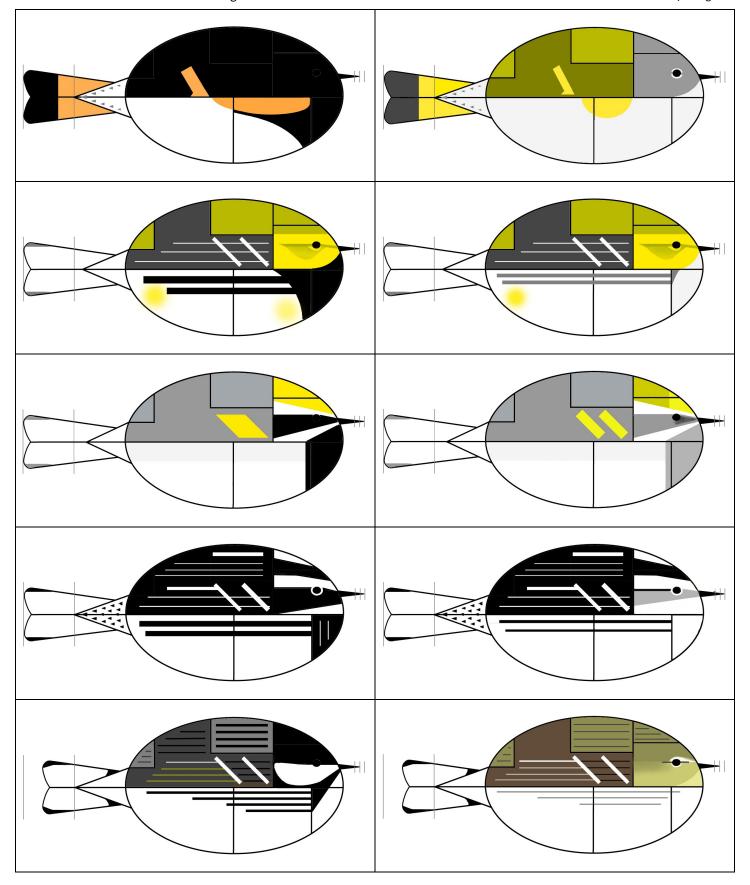
# Warbler Flashcards #4

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Black-throated warblers (the males' throats, anyway, with some cheating involved on the Blackpoll): American Redstart, Black-throated Green Warbler, Golden-winged Warbler, Black-and-white Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler

Males on the left. Females on the right.

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Print the Warbler Flashcards double-sided and then cut them out. More info and suggestions are at WhiteOakBayou.org.

## American Redstart (Female)

The male is an easy ID with his Halloween colors. The female is drab, but is easily IDed with a look at her tail, which is often fanned open to show the broad bands of gray and yellow. They usually feed in mid-sized trees or in brush below. Spring migration peaks between mid April and late May.

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