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BOOK REVIEW

Natural History of the Swainson's Warbler

By Brooke Meanley

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Here is very interesting and informative material about the Swainson's Warbler, *Limnothlypis swainsonii*, one of the least known songbirds in the southern United States. It is the least abundant of our southern warblers except for the Bachman's Warbler, *Vermivora bachmanii*.

Its habitat, primarily in the deep swamps and canebrakes of the river floodplain forests of the South Atlantic and Gulf-coast as well as the dense areas of the Southern Appalachians, have discouraged research of this species.

This pamphlet has ten principal parts following the introduction and history: distribution, migration, ecological relations, description, breeding biology, voice, feeding behavior and food, factors affecting population, and an adequate summary.

The author presents a fine correlation between his field study and a wealth of previously published material.

Dr. Meanley has filled an important gap in the study of the wood warblers of North America.

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