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Orange-crowns are named for feathers on their heads that rarely show. The amount of the dull streaking below varies and is sometimes absent. They usually feed in the lower branches of trees and in brush, sometimes dropping to the ground. They are common from October through April.

Swainson’s Warbler (Male & Female)
Swainson’s have brown wings, a rusty-red crown and un-streaked undersides. They feed on the ground, tossing around leaves while “shivering” their wings and tail to scare up insects. They are uncommon, with spring migration peaking between late March and early May.

Ovenbird (Male & Female)
Ovenbirds are named for the domed nests they build on the ground, which look a bit like cast iron dutch ovens. They feed while walking in leaf litter in wooded areas, and may jump up on fallen logs for a look about. Spring migration peaks between early April and late May.

Worm-eating Warbler (Male & Female)
Should be called the Double-head-stripe Warbler, since they don’t really eat worms. They usually feed on caterpillars, spiders and other insects found in tangled bunches of leaves on trees and in brush below. Spring migration peaks between late March and early May.

Northern Waterthrush (Male & Female)
Northern are more streaky underneath than the Louisianas, and their light areas are always one uniform shade of yellow, off-white or white. They feed on the ground, usually while moving their tail up and down. Spring migration peaks between early April and late May.

Louisiana Waterthrush (Male & Female)
Louisianas are usually two-toned underneath. They have clean white throats and show sparser streaking than the Northern. They feed on the ground, moving their tail and butt up and down and in a semi-circle. Spring migration peaks between mid March and late April.