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Wood Thrush

BIRD

HABITAT

Mature forests in eastern United States and southern Canada. They migrate to Mexico and Central America for the winter months

FUN FACT

Wood thrush eat fruit and berries, insects, spiders and many small animals such as salamanders and snails. The calcium from the snail shells helps to make a mama wood thrush's eggs strong.



WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE NATURE SOUND?

Every summer, I wait with an expectant heart to hear the sound of the wood thrush. This bird only visits Nashville, TN, in the summer months. It migrates from its warm winter spot in Mexico or Central America and waits until the weather warms to return. The mating pair will nest, lay eggs, and raise their young before heading south again.

The wood thrush's sound is special. It is unique among birds because it has such a sweet, flute-like melody. When I hear the sound, it stops me in my tracks. I will often look around, hoping to catch a glimpse of the bird, but I rarely find it. The sound has a distant echo as if it is far away, yet I can hear it very clearly. It is one of the birds God designed to sing two notes at the same time with a special voice box called a syrinx.

Do you have a favorite nature sound? Is it the bugle of an elk, the screech of an eagle, the peep of the spring peepers, or the crickets at night? If you do not have a favorite sound, step outside and listen. You'll be amazed at the wonderful songs just outside your door.

With permission,
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to hear the wood
thrush.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mcR6XrnD7Yc>

Psalm 150:6 says, "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!". This doesn't just refer to people but all the animals on earth that have breath. In Psalm 148, the psalmist wrote that all creation should praise God whether or not they are living things. The sun, moon, fire, hail, and mountains and hills are not excluded. In fact, Jesus said to the Pharisees in Luke 19:40 that if the people do not praise God, the rocks will cry out. Wow! How will you give praise to God?

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