

Throughout the two winters, they were seen to feed on poison sumac (*Rhus vernix*) berries which grow around the two ponds and adjacent to a small stream which joins the two ponds. In addition, we have observed them working among white pines (*Pinus strobus*) in a vireo-like manner, probably in search of overwintering insect eggs, pupas or active adults. During the winter of 1973-74, there were several warm days during January when the temperature reached the high 50's. On these days, as insects began to fly, the yellow-rumps took to the tree tops in very typical warbler fashion. Also, during these thaws we observed that the warblers spent a great deal of time on the ground with flocks of Tree Sparrows and Juncos. Exactly what they were feeding on was not ascertainable although there were abundant seeds to be found there, as well as some insects.

Yellow-rumped Warblers (5) were also seen at a roadside edge of a deciduous woods area approximately three miles from the Junius Ponds site during the month of January, 1974.

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