TITLE:  AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY OF THE KENTUCKY WARBLER (Oporornis formosus)

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Brooks, Maurice.  1940.  The breeding warblers of the central Allegheny mountain region.  *Wilson Bulletin*, 52:249-266.  [This is a detailed ecological discussion of breeding warblers of the central Allegheny mountain region and the problems they face as original timber stands are destroyed and the American Chestnut dies from chestnut blight.]


Burgess, Robert L. and David M. Sharpe.  1981.  *Forest Island Dynamics in Man-Dominated Landscapes*.  New York, Springer-Verlag.  [This book gives a listing of the life history traits of the Kentucky warbler in the Maryland study area. The traits included are average body weight, feeding strategy, nest type, nest height, territorial density, maximum longevity, first clutch size, number of broods per year, and reproductive effort.]

Burroughs, John.  1871.  *Wake Robin*.  [This source is a careful record of observations made on various North American birds and includes general information on the description and habits of the Kentucky warbler.]

Chapman, Frank Michler. 1895. Handbook of Birds of Eastern North America. [This source contains a general description of the Kentucky Warbler's range, appearance, nest, song, and habits.]


De Garis, Charles Francis. 1936. Notes on six nests of the Kentucky warbler (Oporornis formosus). Auk, 53:418-428. [This source gives detailed information on the observation of six Kentucky warbler nesting sites found in Missouri and Maryland.]


Dwight, Jonathan Jr. 1900. The sequence of plumages and mouls of the passerine birds of New York. Annals of the New York Academy of Science, 13:73-360, pls. 1-7. [This paper by Dwight on plumage sequence is probably his most important work, and is primarily based on a study of 150 passerine species of north eastern North America, including the Kentucky warbler. Though some material and terms are obsolete it is considered a classic.]

Ehrlich, Paul R., David S. Dobkin, and Darryl Wheye. 1988. The Birder's Handbook. New York:Simon and Schuster. [This source contains an up-to-date guide to the habits, breeding, habitat, food, nest, conservation, and recent essays describing the Kentucky warbler.]


Forbush, Edward Howe. 1929. Birds of Massachusetts and Other New England States, Pt. 3. Land Birds from Sparrows to Thrushes. Massachusetts Department of Agriculture. [This source contains a detailed description of the Kentucky warbler's plumage, measurements, field marks, molts, voice, breeding, range,
and distribution, as well as a brief section on observed habits and behavior.]


Friedmann, Herbert. 1929. The Cowbirds. Baltimore, MD:Charles C. Thomas Publishers. [This is a dated but classic book describing cowbirds of both North and South America based on five years of uninterrupted work; three breeding seasons in central New York State, one in Argentina, one on the Texan - Mexican border.]


Howell, Arthur Holmes. 1924. Birds of Alabama. Montgomery, AL:Brown Printing Company. [This source contains a brief summary of the state records on the Kentucky warbler's range, appearance, and habits.]


Morse, Douglass H. 1989. American Warblers: An Ecological and Behavioral Perspective. Cambridge, MA:Harvard University Press. [This source gives a detailed overview of American warblers, including the Kentucky warbler, their behavior, habitat, and effect on the environment.]


Pearson, David. 1964. Observations of a Kentucky warbler. Loon, 36:94-96. [This article discusses the coloring, field marks, and song of the Kentucky warbler that distinguish it from other warblers occupying the same area.]

Peters, Harold Seymour. 1936. A list of external parasites from birds of the eastern part of the United States. Bird-Banding, 9-27. [This article contains a listing of the common parasites found on Kentucky warblers in the United States based on an eight year study of the distribution of various external parasites.]


Robbins, Chandler S., Deanna K. Dawson, and Barbara A. Dowell. 1989. Habitat area requirements of breeding forest birds of the middle Atlantic states. Wildlife Monographs, 103:1-34. [This monograph discusses the habitat requirements for breeding forest birds, including the Kentucky warbler, based on a five year study designed to identify the habitat factors that have the greatest influence on relative abundance of each bird species.]


Wilson, Alexander. 1832. American Ornithology, Vol. 3. Philadelphia. [This source contains the original description of the Kentucky warbler, its appearance, habitat, range, song, nest, and habits. It also contains the original plate of the Kentucky warbler (plate 25, fig. 3), that serves as the "type specimen." ]

This article gives a general description of the Kentucky warbler and its local Kentucky haunts.

Wood, Scott D. and Gary D. Schnell. 1986. Revised world inventory of avian skeletal specimens, 1986. Norman, OK: American Ornithologist's Union and Oklahoma Biological Survey. [This source contains a listing of all Kentucky warbler skeletal specimens, their numbers and location.]