



Belding's Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis beldingi*)

Size: Body length, 13.5 - 14.5 cm **Weight:** 13.8 - 17.7 g **Habitat:** Freshwater marshes with reedbeds, adjacent to marshy growth **Surviving number:** Estimated at 1,000 - 4,000



Photographed by Javier Lascurain

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Wild for water. Belding's yellowthroat makes its home within 15 meters of water, and is rarely found more than 50 meters from the life-sustaining liquid. Attracted to marshes with reeds, it feeds on insects and larvae that emerge from the surrounding water. But its habitat is under enormous pressure, with marshes being drained for development and reedbeds cut or burned.

When a marsh was created near a hotel district, the yellowthroat was quick to move in, but losses of marshland far outweigh gains. The waves of change may sweep the little bird away.

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