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American Birding Association, Box 6599, Colorado Springs, CO 80934 (800-634-7736). Web site: <http://www.americanbirding.org/abasaales>.

Cornell Lab of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, NY 14850 (607-254-2473). Web site: <http://birds.cornell.edu/lab-friendly.html>.

Eagle Optics, 2120 W. Greenview Drive, Middleton, WI 53562 (800-289-1132). Web site: <http://www.eagleoptics.com>.

The National Wildlife Federation, 8925 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, VA 22184-0001. Web site: <http://www.nwf.org>.

The Roger Tory Peterson Institute of Natural History, 311 Curtis Street, Jamestown, NY 14701 (800-758-6481). Web site: <http://www.rtpi.org>.

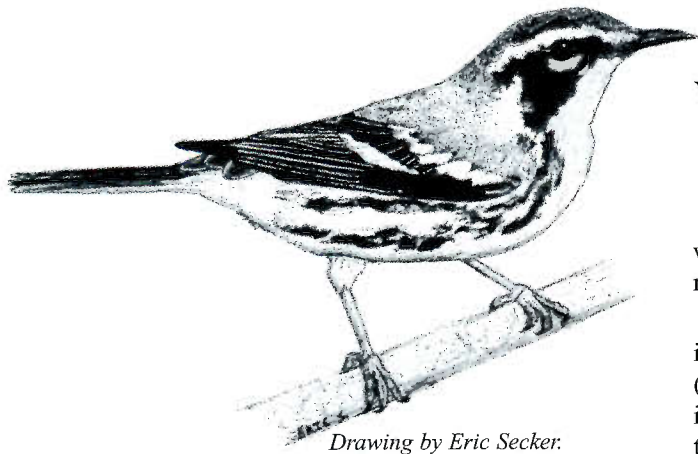
Wild Birds Unlimited; various store locations throughout the U.S. and Canada (800-326-4WBU). Web site: <http://www.wbu.com>.

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## Breeding Attempt



*Drawing by Eric Secker.*

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Nothing seemed out of the ordinary 25 May 2002 at the west side of the Morton Arboretum, parking lot #23, in DuPage County. The male Yellow-throated Warbler (*Dendroica dominica*), present since 20 April, was again actively singing in a tall sycamore tree. A female, present for nearly three weeks, was foraging nearby. But what's this? Eric Secker observes her carrying a large clump of sycamore seed stems into nearby larch trees. Could this be the onset of nest building? Unfortunately, she wasn't found again that day. The next day, 26 May, at 5:30 pm, the female was again located flying into the same tree. Secker pointed his binoculars up near the top of the larch to observe the female's movement. She was

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working on and then sitting on a nest, the first one recorded for this species in DuPage County.

Yellow-throated Warblers are common summer residents in southern Illinois, decreasing northward (Bohlen 1989). However, they also are locally common in northwestern Illinois. This species prefers nesting in tall trees, especially sycamores, and also cypress and pines in southern Illinois (Bohlen 1989). In Winnebago County, (north-central Illinois), an extensive river system containing river bottom forest dotted by sycamores and introduced white pines attracts breeding Yellow-throated Warblers (Williams 1992). Walters has found Yellow-throated Warblers recently in their established strongholds at Carroll County's Mississippi Palisades State Park (2 territories), Winnebago County's Sugar River Forest Preserve (2 territories) and Ogle County's Lowden-Miller State Forest (6 territories).

When it comes to northeastern Illinois, where fewer habitat exists, there are very few summer records. A summering male was recorded at Wright Woods in Lake County 2001 (pers. comm. D. Johnson and S. DeVore); but no female was found and no nesting attempts were