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## Summary of the draft Recovery Strategy for the **OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER IN CANADA**

As part of its commitment to the protection of species at risk, the Government of Canada proclaimed the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) in 2003. A recovery strategy must be developed for each listed Extirpated, Endangered, and Threatened species to reduce known threats and to help species at risk recover.

### Status

The Olive-sided Flycatcher is listed as Threatened under the *Species at Risk Act*, due to widespread and consistent population declines over the last 30 years.

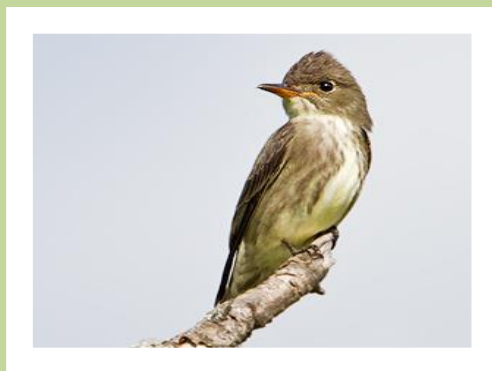


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Range of Olive-sided Flycatcher in Prairie Provinces

### Description and Distribution

The Olive-sided Flycatcher is a medium-sized insect-eating songbird found in open coniferous or mixed-wood forests, often near water or wetlands. It breeds in every province and territory of Canada except Nunavut, and winters in Central and South America. Approximately 53% of the species' breeding range is found in Canada.



Global range of Olive-sided Flycatcher showing breeding, migrating, and wintering distribution (adapted from BirdLife International and NatureServe (2013), using data from Haché *et al.* (2014) and eBird (2014)).



## Threats

- Natural system modifications (e.g. reduced insect prey; fire suppression)
- Habitat loss and degradation
- Climate change and severe weather
- Accidental mortality
- Pollution
- Problematic non-native species (e.g. predation by cats)

## The Recovery Strategy

### Short-term Population Objectives:

- Ensure the population does not decrease by more than 10% over the next 10 years, and
- Stop national population decline by 2025

### Long-term Population Objective:

- After 2025, ensure a positive 10-year population trend

### Distribution Objective:

- Maintain the current geographic distribution of Olive-sided Flycatcher in Canada

To achieve these objectives, four broad strategies have been identified:

- Habitat and Species Protection and Management
- Monitoring and Research
- Law and Policy
- Education and Awareness, Stewardship, and Partnerships

## What will be done?

The Recovery Strategy proposes a number of approaches to implement the strategies. The high priority approaches include:

- Protect important habitat in breeding and nonbreeding areas.
- Conduct research and monitoring programs to improve our understanding of the species, its habitats, migration patterns, threats, and population trends.
- Develop beneficial management practices and policies to respond to threats.
- Promote broad cooperation on breeding and wintering ranges to fill knowledge gaps and mitigate threats.
- Promote compliance with applicable laws, policies and beneficial management practices.

## Critical Habitat

At this time, the available information is not adequate to identify critical habitat for Olive-sided Flycatcher. A Schedule of Studies is proposed to obtain the information needed for the identification of critical habitat.

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