

# THE MONTCLAIR BIRD CLUB

## QUIZ 118

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It is time to identify some warblers.



Link to ponder: New Jersey Bird Records [Annual Report 2021](#)

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## Yellow-rumped Warblers—five Myrtle and one Audubon

The bird known to modern field guides as the yellow-rumped warbler in fact comprises four field-identifiable groups, all of which were originally described as distinct species and at least some of which probably merit recognition as such. The most widespread, breeding farther north, west, and east than any of the others, is the myrtle warbler, with a white throat and jaw stripe and conspicuous supercilium. The Audubon warbler, a common nesting bird of the Rocky Mountains from British Columbia to New Mexico, has a yellow throat and jaw stripe; the dark face is marked by a broken white eye ring. The myrtle is an abundant migrant and locally common winterer in New Jersey, while the Audubon warbler is a very rare but probably regular stray in the state. Both the black-fronted warbler of west Mexico and the Goldman warbler of Guatemala are extensively solid black on the breast and cheeks; the Goldman's head is very dark, with an often inconspicuous eye crescent, and its yellow throat is bordered by a white jaw stripe.

**Audubon**



**Myrtle**

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Southwest Wings

