

Hi, I'm a Yellow Rail!

I'm a small bird (14 cm) about the size of an iPhone. I have a stocky body with short wings and tail, and long dangly legs, kind of like a tiny chicken. My belly is light brown and yellow and my back has black stripes.



I spend most of my time in Canada, and head to Eeyou Istchee in the spring to breed. I'm very picky about where I live. I like to spend my time in marshy grass areas that are covered in a small amount of water, making coastal areas ideal for me. I like to nest on the ground in unflooded areas of the marsh.

I'm a very shy bird, so you probably won't see me, but you might hear me calling 'tic-tic-tic' at night. If you do see me, I'll probably be searching for snails, beetles, seeds, or any other tasty treats in the water.

My population is declining, so I'm listed as a species of 'Special Concern' in Canada. I've noticed that the areas I like to live are disappearing! Change in water levels, pollution, and new species are making it harder for me to find a good home.





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