

MORE ABOUT CAROLINA WRENS!©

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I have written 2 previous articles about Wrens but I have never addressed whether they are migratory or not. So, here are a few of some new-found facts and observations. Throughout the hot summer months in Florida, although I do observe all kinds of bird activity and wildlife all around me, I generally see no Carolina Wren activity at all! However, now that we are in the full second week of October, I have welcomed the site of a Wren “skittering about” on the outside of my screened-in pool enclosure while feasting on various insects on the screen. So the following is as stated on a web site about the Wren’s migratory habits. (Hey, being Iowa-born, I’m pleased to see my state mentioned here!)

“Carolina Wrens in the northern parts of their range, such as in Ohio, Iowa, and Massachusetts, are migratory. They leave these areas in winter and migrate south to avoid harsh winter conditions. The southward migration typically begins in September or October.”

Here are a few additional facts about Wrens (as found on various web sites):

Of 11 varieties of wrens, 7 are seen in Florida. However, and interestingly enough, only the Carolina Wren remains in Florida year around! So, I wonder why I have not seen any Carolina Wrens at all during the past months until just now - in the middle of October/2026!? Could even the Carolina Wren have vacated our area due to our extremely hot and humid summer weather? Perhaps so! I guess it’s also possible that I have not seen a Carolina Wren at all and in fact what I have seen are the “migratory types”, such as the common House Wren and others! It is indeed sometimes a bit difficult to understand all the various miracles that occur in nature! So it does keep us all guessing!

