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Take a good look at Twitter so you'll remember what she looks like. In the wild she is so very shy that you may hear her lovely song but never see her. She lives hidden in the woods just like a real hermit.

Twitter's carver recounts a childhood memory about riding a carousel. "I closed my eyes. It felt like I was flying."



The Western section of The Adirondack Park is the ancestral land of The Oneida Nation, part of The Haudenosaunee Confederacy. Oneida parents tell their children the legend of the Hermit Thrush to teach the importance of honesty and that ill gotten gains always come with an unforeseen cost.

HERMIT THRUSH

The Hermit Thrush is a medium sized bird with grey-brown feathers on it's head and wings. It's underside has white feathers with dark red-brown spots. The tail is rust colored. They have chunky bodies and pinkish legs. These birds have large eyes and slender beaks.

The Hermit Thrush tolerates cold weather better than other related Thrushes. They do migrate South for the winter but they are the last to leave The Adirondacks in the fall, and the first to return in the spring. They flick their tails as they get ready to fly. The Hermit Thrush will use it's feet to wiggle the grass, hoping to shake lose an insect or two.

Their normal vocal call is hard to describe, sounding like a mewling kitten if it were chirping. They will also sing a low pitched note to signal attacks or when escaping danger.