A nice comparison to the ruby-crowned kinglet, the only other member of the family Regulidae in North America. Listen to this golden-crown greet the dawn on the longest day of the year, June 21. You can test your hearing simultaneously, given that much of the song is above 7 kHz.

♫696. He begins at 4:29 a.m., with sunrise 34 minutes later at 5:03 a.m. (Could I have missed some of his earlier songs? Possibly, though I thought I was standing in the right place waiting for him.). Curiously, as is often the case with ruby-crowns, most songs are incomplete, with the first complete song in this selection beginning at 0:52. Can you detect any pattern in his delivery? A complete song every, say, fifth song? Or at random?

June 21, 2013. Iron River, Michigan. (5:04) Thank you, Beth Tiller, for sharing your birds with me.

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