

Bird Habitats in the Park

Any season is good birding in this park, with its varied water, grassland, wooded habitats.

On Lake Drummond Mallard Ducks nest in the summer, and in the fall and winter, one might see duck-like birds such as American Coots and Pied-billed Grebes on the water. Also look for occasional wild ducks such as Hooded Mergansers and Gadwall on the lake. Along the edges can be seen Killdeer, Spotted Sandpiper, and Great-blue Herons in the summer. Fish, frogs, and water plants all contribute to the diet of these birds. Insects in the trees around the lake attract migrating spring warblers and vireos. Listen for woodpeckers such as Downy and Red-bellied in the tree line south of the lake.

Walking east and north from the lake, find the Kickapoo Edge Prairie. Here Indigo Buntings pop up for a good view in the summer. Goldfinches are plentiful all year round, and it is a haven for hungry sparrows such as Lincoln's, Song, and White-throated in the fall and winter. The native plantings here also attract a good number and variety of butterflies in the spring, summer, and fall.

The north edge drive and Gray-Campbell Farmstead is a good area for grassland birds. Watch for Scissor-tailed Flycatchers and Eastern Kingbirds on the fence and chipping sparrows on the ground in the summertime. Look for Red-tailed hawks circling above.

The Greater Ozarks Audubon Society maintains a section of fencerow and utility underplanting along our eastern property border with the Missouri State University Darr Agricultural Center. A bubbler, or boulder that trickles water during summer, is a key location for birds to find access to water. Non-native, invasive honeysuckle, wintercreeper and multiflora rose have been removed and replanted with native plants that produce fruits and seeds and host to insects that are important food sources for birds.

There are three major constructions to attract specific birds to the park:

Purple Martin Houses

A purple martin house has been placed near lake Drummond as these birds prefer nesting in colonies near a water source. Watch these flying acrobats catch insects near sunrise and sunset throughout the summer. This specie is a neotropical migrant that winters in S. America.



Bluebird Trail

The state bird of Missouri, the Eastern Blue bird makes their nest in larger, dead trees. Dead trees are

often worrisome to property owners, so bluebird boxes were started to give this species a better chance for survival. Look for houses around the park near open spaces with the hole generally facing southeast to block winter winds. These birds nest in summer, but use the boxes in winter for warmth. There are 25 Bluebird boxes maintained and monitored by the Greater Ozarks Audubon Society.



Chimney Swift Towers

Chimney swifts are neo-tropical migrants that raise their young here in summer and return to S. America for winter. These birds build nests on cliffs, and chimneys. As modern buildings are phasing out chimneys, this specie has declined in recent decades. Artificial chimneys have been placed north of the prairie to attract this bird.

How can I Help?



Overpopulation

Excessive numbers of waterfowl damage plants and pollute the water and walkways. **PLEASE** do not feed the wildlife.

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This park is a special facility of the Springfield-Greene County Park Board. Attractions and gardens are grown and maintained by volunteers supported by the Friends of the Garden!

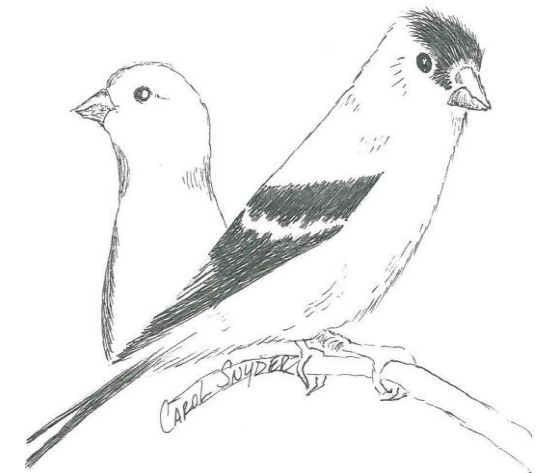
A guided tour of the garden can be found:

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Bird Checklist



Key

Sp	Spring (March – May)
Su	Summer (June-July)
F	Fall (August-November)
W	Winter (December 15 th -February)
Y	Year-round Resident
M	Migrant (<i>Uses this area as a feeding stop during Spring/Fall migration</i>)
c	common (<i>can usually be seen in proper habitat</i>)
u	uncommon (<i>might be present in the proper habitat</i>)
	<i>Bold & Italic Type Represents Species that could be nesting in the park.</i>

GEESE - HAWKS

Qt	GEESE	SP	Su	F	W
	Cackling Goose				Mu
	Canada Goose	Yc	Yc	Yc	Yc
	DUCKS	Sp	Su	F	W
	Wood Duck				Yu
	Blue-winged Teal	Mu		Mu	
	Northern Shovler	Mu		Mu	Mu
	Gadwall	Mu		Mu	Mu
	Mallard	Yc	Yc	Yc	Yc
	Green-winged Teal	Mu		Mu	Mu
	Hooded Merganser	Yu			Yu
	GREBES	Sp	Su	F	W
	Pied-billed Grebe	Mu		Mu	Mc
	PIGEONS – DOVES	Sp	Su	F	W
	Rock Pigeon	Yc	Yc	Yc	Yc
	Mourning Dove	Yc	Yc	Yc	Yc
	CUCKOOS	Sp	Su	F	W
	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Mu	Mu	Mu	
	GOATSUCKERS	Sp	Su	F	W
	Common Nighthawk	Mu	Mu	Mu	
	HUMMINGBIRDS	Sp	Su	F	W
	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Mc	Mc	Mc	
	RAILS	Sp	Su	F	W
	American Coot	Mu	Mu	Mc	Mc
	PLOVERS – SANDPIPERS	Sp	Su	F	W
	Killdeer	Yc	Yc	Yc	Yu
	Spotted Sandpiper	Mu		Mu	
	CORMORANTS	Sp	Su	F	W
	Double-crested Cormorant	Mu		Mu	Mu
	HERONS, EGRETS	Sp	Su	F	W
	Great Blue Heron	Yc	Yc	Yc	Yu
	Green Heron	Mu	Mu	Mu	
	Black-crowned Night Heron	Mu	Mu	Mu	
	Yellow-crowned Night Heron	Mu	Mu	Mu	
	VULTURES	Sp	Su	F	W
	Black Vulture	Yc	Yc	Yc	Yu
	Turkey Vulture	Yc	Yc	Yc	Yu
	HAWKS, KITES, EAGLES	Sp	Su	F	W
	Bald Eagle	Yu	Yu	Yu	Yu
	Sharp-shinned Hawk	Mu		Mu	Mu
	Cooper's Hawk	Yc	Yc	Yc	Yc
	Red-shouldered Hawk	Yc	Yc	Yc	Yc
	Swainson's Hawk	Mu		Mu	
	Red-tailed Hawk	Yc	Yc	Yc	Yc

KINGFISHER - KINGLETS

Qt	KINGFISHERS	Sp	Su	F	W
	Belted Kingfisher	Yu	Yu	Yu	Yu
	WOODPECKERS	Sp	Su	F	W
	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Yc	Yc	Yc	Yc
	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Mu		Mu	Mc
	Downy Woodpecker	Yc	Yc	Yc	Yc
	Hairy Woodpecker	Yu	Yu	Yu	Yu
	Northern Flicker	Yu	Yu	Yc	Yc
	FALCONS	Sp	Su	F	W
	American Kestrel	Yc	Yc	Yc	Yc
	FLYCATCHERS	Sp	Su	F	W
	Eastern Wood-Pewee	Mu	Mu	Mu	
	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	Mu		Mu	
	Alder Flycatcher	Mu		Mu	
	Least Flycatcher	Mc	Mu	Mu	
	Eastern Phoebe	Yc	Yc	Yc	Yu
	Great Crested Flycatcher	Mu	Mu	Mu	
	Eastern Kingbird	Mu	Mu	Mu	
	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	Mu	Mu	Mu	
	VIREOS	Sp	Su	F	W
	White-eyed Vireo	Mc	Mu	Mu	
	Bell's Vireo	Mu		Mu	
	Yellow-throated Vireo	Mu		Mu	
	Blue-headed Vireo	Mu		Mu	
	Philadelphia Vireo	Mu		Mu	
	Warbling Vireo	Mu		Mu	
	Red-eyed Vireo	Mc	Mc	Mu	
	JAYS - CROWS	Sp	Su	F	W
	Blue Jay	Yc	Yc	Yc	Yc
	American Crow	Yc	Yc	Yc	Yc
	SWALLOWS	Sp	Su	F	W
	Purple Martin	Mc	Mc	Mc	
	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	Mc	Mc	Mc	
	Barn Swallow	Mc	Mc	Mc	
	CHICKADEES - CREEPERS	Sp	Su	F	W
	Carolina Chickadee	Yc	Yc	Yc	Yc
	Tufted Titmouse	Yc	Yc	Yc	Yc
	White-breasted Nuthatch	Yc	Yc	Yc	Yc
	Brown Creeper	Mu		Mu	Mu
	WRENS	Sp	Su	F	W
	House Wren	Mc	Mc	Mu	
	Winter Wren	Mu		Mu	Mu
	Sedge Wren	Mu		Mu	
	Carolina Wren	Yc	Yc	Yc	Yc
	GNATCATCHERS - KINGLETS	Sp	Su	F	W
	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Mc	Mu	Mc	
	Golden-crowned Kinglet	Mu		Mu	Mu
	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Mu		Mu	Mu

THRUSES – WARBLERS

Qt	THRUSHES	Sp	Su	F	W
	Eastern Bluebird	Yc	Yc	Yc	Yc
	Gray-checked Thrush	Mu			
	Swainson's Thrush	Mu		Mu	
	Hermit Thrush	Mu		Mu	Mu
	American Robin	Yc	Yc	Yc	Yc
	CATBIRDS - WAXWINGS	Sp	Su	F	W
	Gray Catbird	Yu	Yu	Yu	Yu
	Brown Thrasher	Yu	Yu	Yu	Yu
	Northern Mockingbird	Yc	Yc	Yc	Yc
	European Starling	Yc	Yc	Yc	Yc
	Cedar Waxwing	Yu	Yu	Yu	Yu
	OLD WORLD SPARROWS	Sp	Su	F	W
	House Sparrow	Yc	Yc	Yc	Yc
	FINCHES	Sp	Su	F	W
	House Finch	Yc	Yu	Yc	Yc
	Purple Finch			Mu	Mu
	American Goldfinch	Yc	Yc	Yc	Yc
	SPARROWS	Sp	Su	F	W
	Eastern Towhee	Yu	Yu	Yu	Yu
	Chipping Sparrow	Yc	Yc	Yc	Yu
	Field Sparrow	Yc	Yc	Yc	Yu
	Vesper Sparrow	Mu		Mu	
	Savannah Sparrow	Yc		Yc	Yc
	Fox Sparrow	Mu		Mu	Mu
	Song Sparrow	Yc	Yu	Yc	Yc
	Lincoln's Sparrow	Mu		Mu	Mu
	Swamp Sparrow	Mu		Mu	Mu
	White-throated Sparrow	Mc		Mc	Mc
	Harris's Sparrow	Mu		Mu	Mu
	White-crowned Sparrow	Mc		Mc	Mc
	Dark-eyed Junco	Mc		Mc	Mc
	CHATS	Sp	Su	F	W
	Yellow-breasted Chat	Mu		Mu	
	BLACKBIRDS	Sp	Su	F	W
	Eastern Meadowlark	Yc	Yc	Yc	Yc
	Orchard Oriole	Mu	Mu	Mu	
	Baltimore Oriole	Mu	Mu	Mu	
	Red-winged Blackbird	Yc	Yu	Yc	Yc
	Brown-headed Cowbird	Yc	Yu	Yc	Yc
	Common Grackle	Yc	Yu	Yc	Yc
	Great-tailed Grackle	Yu	Yu	Yu	Yu
	WARBLERS	Sp	Su	F	W
	Louisiana Waterthrush	Mu	Mu	Mu	
	Northern Waterthrush	Mu		Mu	
	Black and White Warbler	Mu		Mu	
	Tennessee Warbler	Mu		Mu	
	Orange-crowned Warbler	Mu		Mu	
	Nashville Warbler	Mu		Mu	

WARBLERS CONTINUED - BUNTINGS

Qt	WARBLERS CONTINUED	Sp	Su	F	W
	Mourning Warbler	Mu		Mu	
	Kentucky Warbler	Mu		Mu	
	Common Yellowthroat	Mu	Mu	Mu	
	American Redstart	Mu		Mu	
	Northern Parula	Mu		Mu	
	Magnolia Warbler	Mu		Mu	
	Yellow Warbler	Mu		Mu	
	Palm Warbler	Mu		Mu	
	Pine Warbler	Mu		Mu	
	Yellow-rumped Warbler	Mu		Mu	Mc
	Black-throated Green	Mu		Mu	
	Canada Warbler	Mu		Mu	
	Wilson's Warbler	Mu		Mu	
	TANAGERS - BUNTINGS	Sp	Su	F	W
	Summer Tanager	Mu		Mu	
	Northern Cardinal	Yc	Yc	Yc	Yc
	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Mu		Mu	
	Blue Grosbeak	Mu		Mu	
	Indigo Bunting	Mu	Mu	Mu	
	POSSIBLE NEW SPECIES	Sp	Su	F	W
	American Wigeon			Mu	Mu
	Northern Pintail			Mu	Mu
	Ring-necked Duck			Mu	Mu
	Bufflehead			Mu	Mu
	American Woodcock	Yu		Yu	
	Wilson's Snipe	Yu		Yu	Yu
	Great Egret	Mu		Mu	
	Mississippi Kite	Mu	Mu	Mu	
	Broad-winged Hawk	Mu		Mu	
	Eastern Screech Owl	Yu	Yu	Yu	Yu
	Great-horned Owl	Yu	Yu	Yu	Yu
	Barred Owl	Yu	Yu	Yu	Yu
	Fish Crow	Yu	Yu		
	Tree Swallow	Mu	Mu	Mu	
	Pine Siskin			Mu	Mu
	American Tree Sparrow			Mu	Mu
	Prothonotary Warbler	Mu	Mu	Mu	
	Blackburnian Warbler	Mu		Mu	
	Chestnut-sided Warbler	Mu		Mu	
	Blackpoll Warbler	Mu		Mu	
	Yellow-throated Warbler	Mu		Mu	

Please report any unusual sighting to the Botanical Center or the Greater Ozarks Audubon Society
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This list was comprised based on several years of observation in the park. Thank you Dorothy Thurman and all of the other members of the Greater Ozarks Audubon Society