

STATE PARK BIRDS	Sp	S	F	W	DATE
<b>WAXWINGS</b>					
Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C	U	
<b>OLD WORLD SPARROWS</b>					
House Sparrow	C	C	C	C	
<b>FINCHES</b>					
Evening Grosbeak			O	O	
House Finch	C	C	C	U	
Purple Finch	U		U	U	
Common Redpoll				O	
Red Crossbill				O	
Pine Siskin	U		U	U	
American Goldfinch	C	C	C	C	
<b>LONGSPURS, SNOW BUNTINGS</b>					
Lapland Longspur	U		U		
Snow Bunting	U		U	U	
<b>TOWHEES, SPARROWS</b>					
Grasshopper Sparrow	U	U	O		
Lark Sparrow	O	O			
Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C		
Clay-colored Sparrow	U	U	U		
Field Sparrow	U	U	U		
Fox Sparrow	C		C		
American Tree Sparrow	C		C	C	
Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	C	
White-crowned Sparrow	U		U		
Harris's Sparrow	C		C		
White-throated Sparrow	C		C		
Vesper Sparrow	C	C	C		
LeConte's Sparrow	U		U		
Nelson's Sparrow	R		R		
Henslow's Sparrow	R	R			
Savannah Sparrow	C	C	C		
Song Sparrow	C	C	C		
Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U		
Swamp Sparrow	C	C	C		
Eastern Towhee	U	U	U		

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<b>BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES</b>					
Yellow-headed Blackbird	C	C	C		
Bobolink	C	C	C		
Western Meadowlark	C	C	C		
Orchard Oriole	U	U	U		
Baltimore Oriole	C	C	C		
Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C	O	
Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	U		
Rusty Blackbird	C		C		
Brewer's Blackbird	U	U	U		
Common Grackle	C	C	C	O	
<b>WARBLERS</b>					
Ovenbird	C	U	C		
Northern Waterthrush	U		U		
Golden-winged Warbler	U		U		
Black-and-white Warbler	C		C		
Tennessee Warbler	C		C		
Orange-crowned Warbler	C		C		
Nashville Warbler	C		C		
Connecticut Warbler	O		O		
Mourning Warbler	U		U		
Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C		
American Redstart	C	C	C		
Cape May Warbler	O		O		
Cerulean Warbler	O				
Northern Parula	U		U		
Magnolia Warbler	U		U		
Bay-breasted Warbler	U		U		
Blackburnian Warbler	U		U		
Yellow Warbler	C	C	C		
Chestnut-sided Warbler	C	U	U		
Blackpoll Warbler	U		U		
Palm Warbler	C		C		
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C		
Black-throated Green Warbler	U		U		
Canada Warbler	U		U		
Wilson's Warbler	U		U		

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<b>TANAGERS, CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS</b>					
Summer Tanager	R				
Scarlet Tanager	U	U	U		
Northern Cardinal	U	U	U	U	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	C	C		
Indigo Bunting	C	C	C		
Dickcissel	O	O			

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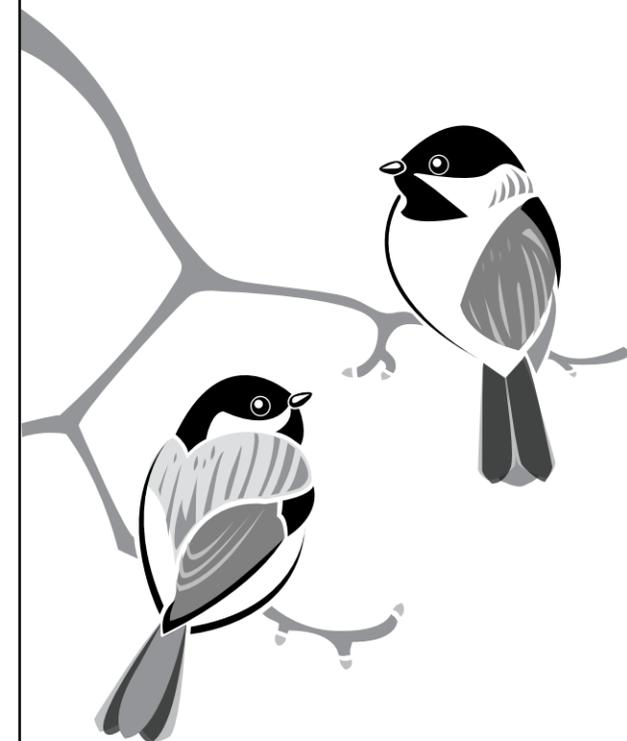
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# BIRD CHECKLIST

KILEN WOODS STATE PARK



## Birding at Kilen Woods State Park

The Des Moines River runs through Kilen Woods State Park and provides a natural migration corridor for birds. Although the park is small, the wooded hillsides and floodplain areas offer excellent nesting, resting and feeding areas. The list of 226 species of birds recorded in the park is an outstanding total count, showing the value of small habitat preservation.

The trails along the river are good places to view swallows, kingfishers and waterfowl. Visit the picnic area to view several species of birds, including migrating warblers. Trails through the prairie areas on the uplands are good for grassland birds.

### Key

#### Occurrence

**Sp** - Spring (Mar—May)

**S** - Summer (Jun—Jul)

**F** - Fall (Aug—Nov)

**W** - Winter (Dec—Feb)

#### Abundance

**C** - Common (Present, relatively easy to find)

**U** - Uncommon (Present, not certain to be seen)

**O** - Occasional (Infrequent, may not return each year)

**R** - Rare (Observed at least once, may not return)

**Date:** Enter the date you saw the bird.

## Bird Identification Tips

When you observe a bird, make note of at least three characteristics.

**Location:** Where did you see the bird? (water, forest, feeder, lower branch, tree trunk, etc.)

**Body size and shape:** Compare to a known bird. (smaller than a...bigger than a...plump like a...slender like a...) Look at tail, legs and bill. (long, short, thick, thin, curved, straight)

**Colors and markings:** Look on wings, tail, back, belly, rump and head. (stripe above eye, white spot on tail, etc.)

**Sounds and movements:** How do they act and sound? (travel alone or in groups, in-flight wing position - soaring, flapping, flap and glide, etc.)

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<b>GEESE, SWANS, DUCKS</b>					
Snow Goose	O		O		
Canada Goose	C	C	C	O	
Wood Duck	C	C	C		
Blue-winged Teal	C	C	C		
Northern Shoveler	U		U		
Mallard	C	C	C		
Green-winged Teal	U		U		
Lesser Scaup	U		U		
Bufflehead	U		U		
Common Goldeneye	U		U		
Hooded Merganser	C	C	U		
<b>PARTRIDGE, PHEASANTS, GROUSE, TURKEYS</b>					
Gray Partridge	U	U	U	U	
Ring-necked Pheasant	C	C	C	C	
Wild Turkey	U	U	U	U	
<b>GREBES</b>					
Pied-billed Grebe	C	C	C		
<b>PIGEONS AND DOVES</b>					
Rock Pigeon	C	C	C	C	
Mourning Dove	C	C	C	O	
<b>CUCKOOS</b>					
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	U	U	O		
Black-billed Cuckoo	U	U	U		
<b>NIGHTJARS</b>					
Common Nighthawk	C	C	C		
<b>SWIFTS</b>					
Chimney Swift	C	C	C		
<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>					
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	U	U	U		
<b>CRANES</b>					
Sandhill Crane	U		U		
<b>PLOVERS</b>					
Killdeer	C	C	C		
<b>SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES</b>					
Upland Sandpiper	O	O			
American Woodcock	O	O	O		
Spotted Sandpiper	C	C	C		

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Solitary Sandpiper	U	O	U		
Lesser Yellowlegs	O	O	O		
Greater Yellowlegs	U		U		
<b>GULLS, TERNS</b>					
Bonaparte's Gull	U		U		
Franklin's Gull	U	O	U		
Ring-billed Gull	C	U	C		
Herring Gull	U		U		
<b>LOONS</b>					
Common Loon	U		U		
<b>CORMORANTS</b>					
Double-crested Cormorant	C	C	C		
<b>PELICANS</b>					
American White Pelican	C	U	C		
<b>BITTERNS, HERONS, EGRETS, NIGHT-HERONS</b>					
Great Blue Heron	C	C	C		
Snowy Egret	R				
Green Heron	U	U	U		
Black-crowned Night-heron	U	U	U		
<b>NEW WORLD VULTURES</b>					
Turkey Vulture	C	U	C		
<b>OSPREY</b>					
Osprey	U	O	U		
<b>KITES, HAWKS, EAGLES</b>					
Northern Harrier	U	U	U		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U		U		
Cooper's Hawk	U	U	U		
Bald Eagle	U	U	U		
Broad-winged Hawk	U	O	U		
Swainson's Hawk	U	U	U		
Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	U	
Rough-legged Hawk	O		O	U	
<b>TYPICAL OWLS</b>					
Eastern Screech Owl	U	U	U	U	
Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U	
Barred Owl	U	U	U	U	
Short-eared Owl	O		O	O	

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<b>KINGFISHERS</b>					
Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C	O	
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>					
Red-headed Woodpecker	U	U	U	O	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U	U	U		
Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Hairy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	
Northern Flicker	C	C	C	U	
Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	
<b>FALCONS</b>					
American Kestrel	C	C	C	U	
Merlin	O		O		
Peregrine Falcon	O		O		
<b>FLYCATCHERS</b>					
Great Crested Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Eastern Kingbird	C	C	C		
Olive-sided Flycatcher	U		U		
Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	C	C		
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	U		U		
Willow Flycatcher	U	U	U		
Least Flycatcher	C	C	C		
Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C		
<b>SHRIKES</b>					
Loggerhead Shrike	O		O		
Northern Shrike	O		O	O	
<b>VIREOS</b>					
Yellow-throated Vireo	U	U	U		
Blue-headed Vireo	U		U		
Philadelphia Vireo	O		O		
Warbling Vireo	C	C	C		
Red-eyed Vireo	C	U	C		
<b>JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS, RAVENS</b>					
Blue Jay	C	C	C	C	
American Crow	C	C	C	C	
<b>LARKS</b>					
Horned Lark	C	C	C	U	

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<b>MARTINS, SWALLOWS</b>					
Bank Swallow	C	C	C		
Tree Swallow	C	C	C		
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	C	C	C		
Purple Martin	U	U	U		
Barn Swallow	C	C	C		
Cliff Swallow	C	C	C		
<b>CHICKADEES, TITMICE</b>					
Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C	
<b>NUTHATCHES</b>					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	U		U	O	
White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C	
<b>CREEPERS</b>					
Brown Creeper	C		C	O	
<b>WRENS</b>					
House Wren	C	C	C		
Winter Wren	O		O		
Sedge Wren	U	U	U		
Marsh Wren	U	U	U		
<b>GNATCATCHERS</b>					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	U	U	U		
<b>KINGLETS</b>					
Golden-crowned Kinglet	C		C	O	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C		
<b>THRUSHES</b>					
Eastern Bluebird	C	C	C	O	
Veery	U		O		
Gray-cheeked Thrush	U		U		
Swainson's Thrush	U		U		
Hermit Thrush	C		C		
Wood Thrush	U		O		
American Robin	C	C	C	U	
<b>THRASHERS, MOCKINGBIRDS</b>					
Gray Catbird	C	C	C		
Brown Thrasher	C	C	C		
<b>STARLINGS</b>					
European Starling	C	C	C	C	