

Birds of Des Moines' Parks & Greenspaces

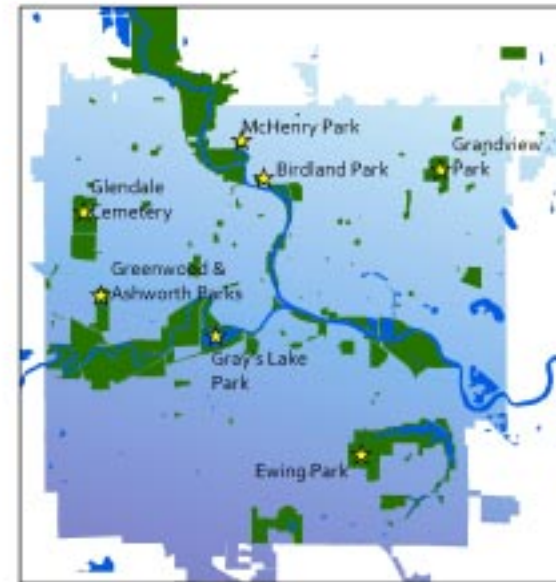


Enjoy our parkland and its diverse natural landscapes that include lakes, rivers, woods and prairies. Des Moines Park and Recreation staff are working to protect and enhance our natural resources for the your enjoyment and the enjoyment of future generations.

For the beginning birder:
Common Birds in Des Moines' Parks

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| American Goldfinch | American Crow |
| Black-Capped Chickadee | Turkey Vulture |
| Downy Woodpecker | Chimney Swift ^{SpSmF} |
| Northern Cardinal | Northern Flicker |
| Blue Jay | House Wren ^{SpSmF} |
| Red-Bellied Woodpecker | American Robin |
| White-Breasted Nuthatch | Gray Catbird ^{SpSmF} |
| House Finch | Dark-eyed Junco ^{SpFW} |
| House Sparrow | Hairy Woodpecker |
| Song Sparrow | Common Nighthawk ^{SpSmF} |
| Chipping Sparrow ^{SpSmF} | Eastern Wood Peewee ^{SpSmF} |
| American Tree Sparrow ^{SpFW} | Great Crested Flycatcher ^{SpSmF} |
| Mourning Dove | Red-eyed Vireo ^{SpSmF} |
| Barred Owl | Eastern Bluebird |
| European Starling | Indigo Bunting ^{SpSmF} |

Major Greenspaces to view greatest diversity of birds.



Visit our website for a listing of upcoming birding classes.
Des Moines Park and Recreation
515/237-1386
www.dmparks.org

*Birds of Des Moines' Major Greenspaces**

Ducks and Geese

Canada Goose
Wood Duck^{SpSmF}
Mallard

New World Vultures

Turkey Vulture^{SpSmF}

Hawks and Osprey

Osprey ^{SpSmF}
Sharp-shinned Hawk ^{SpFW}
Cooper's Hawk
Broad-winged Hawk ^{SpSmF}
Red-tailed Hawk

Falcons

American Kestrel
Peregrine Falcon

Shorebirds

Killdeer ^{SpSmF}
Solitary Sandpiper ^{SpSmF}

Pigeons and Doves

Rock Pigeon
Mourning Dove

Cuckoos

Yellow-billed Cuckoo^{SpSmF}

Owls

Eastern Screech-Owl
Great Horned Owl
Barred Owl

Nighthawks

Common Nighthawk ^{SpSmF}

Swifts

Chimney Swift ^{SpSmF}

Hummingbirds

Ruby-throated Hummingbird ^{SpSmF}

Kingfisher

Belted Kingfisher

Woodpeckers

Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker

Flycatchers and Kingbirds

Eastern Wood-Pewee ^{SpSmF}
Eastern Phoebe ^{SpSmF}
Great Crested Flycatcher ^{SpSmF}
Eastern Kingbird ^{SpSmF}

Vireos

Yellow-throated Vireo ^{SpSmF}
Blue-headed Vireo ^{SpF}
Warbling Vireo ^{SpSmF}
Red-eyed Vireo ^{SpSmF}

Jays and Crows

Blue Jay
American Crow

Martins and Swallows

Tree Swallow ^{SpSmF}
Barn Swallow ^{SpSmF}

Chickadees, allies

Black-capped Chickadee
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown Creeper^W
Tufted Titmouse

Wrens

House Wren^{SpSmF}
Carolina Wren

Kinglets and Gnatcatchers

Golden-crowned Kinglet ^{SpFW}
Ruby-crowned Kinglet ^{SpFW}
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher ^{SpSu}

Bluebirds, Robins

Eastern Bluebird
American Robin

Catbirds and allies

Gray Catbird ^{SpSmF}
Brown Thrasher ^{SpSmF}

Waxwings

Cedar Waxwing

Starlings

European Starling

Warblers

Yellow Warbler ^{SpSmF}
Yellow-rumped Warbler^{SpFW}
American Redstart^{SpSmF}
Common Yellowthroat^{SpSmF}
Northern Parula Warbler^{SpSmF}

Cardinals, Tanagers, allies

Northern Cardinal
Rose-breasted Grosbeak^{SpSmF}
Indigo Bunting^{SpSmF}
Summer Tanager^{SpSmF}
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Towhees and Sparrows

Eastern Towhee^{SpSmF}
American Tree Sparrow^{SpFW}
Chipping Sparrow^{SpSmF}
Fox Sparrow^{SpF}
Song Sparrow

Lincoln's Sparrow^{SpFW}
White-throated Sparrow^{SpFW}
Harris's Sparrow^{SpFW}
White-crowned Sparrow^{SpFW}
Dark-eyed Junco^{SpFW}

Blackbirds, Orioles, allies

Red-winged Blackbird^{SpSmF}
Common Grackle^{SpSmF}
Brown-headed Cowbird^{SpSmF}
Baltimore Oriole^{SpSmF}

Finches

Purple Finch^{SpFW}
House Finch
American Goldfinch

Old World Sparrow

House Sparrow

Birds found year-round unless otherwise noted with the following: Sp=Spring Sm=Summer F=Fall W=Winter

* This list of birds have been found in most but not necessarily all of the major parks inventoried in 2007. Greenspaces inventoried include Ewing, Greenwood/Ashworth, Grandview, Birdland and Gray's Lake parks and Glendale Cemetery. Inventories completed with the generous support of members of Des Moines Audubon. To view the full list of species found in each of the areas inventoried, visit www.dmparks.org.