



KLEINSTUCK PRESERVE

2025 Annual Bird Survey Summary

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For the 2025 season a total of 58 surveys were conducted from March 19th through May 26th accounting for 130 species, which is exactly the average. During this Spring season there were some very warm temperatures at the end of April and early May which accounted for a very fast leaf out and during that same time frame was also the largest movement of new migrants into the area with April 25th and 30th having the largest influx of new species for this Spring. There were significantly less Cuckoos this Spring than there has been in the past couple years in fact I was not able to find a Black-billed Cuckoo at all! The number of Cuckoos has been up the last few years due to the Spongy Moth outbreak because Cuckoos are fuzzy caterpillar specialists, but since the outbreak seems to have finished in this area the Cuckoo numbers have gone back to normal numbers.

There were 29 species of Warblers found with a rare sighting of a Prothonotary Warbler. This species does nest in Kalamazoo County but are usually found along the Kalamazoo River and sightings at Kleinstuck for this species are quite rare. Another unusual warbler found was the Connecticut Warbler which, even though it is an annual visitor, they pass through in a very short amount of time and are very hard to see due to their secretive nature. A species of Warbler that was not hard to find at Kleinstuck during 2025 was the Palm Warbler which had numerous sightings for many weeks and finished with 5 times higher than average numbers. The opposite was true for Swainson's Thrush, which was not located until May 9th, which is a full 10 days later than usual and when they did finally arrive their numbers were half of their seasonal average.

The Great Horned Owls successfully fledged two young this year and it looks like the Broad-winged Hawks were setting up to nest again also. On May 2nd and the 7th a Red-headed Woodpecker was seen which is only the 4th time this species has been found in the last 25 years at Kleinstuck. All together it was a great season and can't wait to see what happens next year.

2025 KLEINSTUCK PRESERVE BIRD SURVEY SPECIES OBSERVED

Ducks, Geese, & Waterfowl	Kingfishers	Treecreepers	Blackbirds & Allies
Canada Goose	Belted Kingfisher	Brown Creeper	Red-winged Blackbird
Mute Swan	Woodpeckers	Gnatcatchers	Rusty Blackbird
Wood Duck	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Comm on Grackle
Hooded Merganser	Red-headed Woodpecker	Wrens	Brown-headed Cowbird
Mallard	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Northern House Wren	Baltimore Oriole
Blue-winged Teal	Downy Woodpecker	Winter Wren	New World Warblers
Pheasants, Grouse, & Allies	Hairy Woodpecker	Carolina Wren	Ovenbird
Wild Turkey	Northern Flicker	Starlings	Northern Waterthrush
Grebes	Pileated Woodpecker	European Starling	Golden-winged Warbler
Pied-billed Grebe	Tyrant Flycatchers	Mockingbirds & Thrashers	Blue-winged Warbler
Pigeons & Doves	Olive-sided Flycatcher	Gray Catbird	Black-and-white Warbler
Mourning Dove	Eastern Wood-Pewee	Brown Thrasher	Tennessee Warbler
Cuckoos	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	Thrushes & Allies	Orange-crowned Warbler
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Alder Flycatcher	Eastern Bluebird	Nashville Warbler
Swifts	Acadian Flycatcher	Veery	Mourning Warbler
Chimney Swift	Least Flycatcher	Gray-cheeked Thrush	Comm on Yellowthroat
Hummingbirds	Eastern Phoebe	Swainson's Thrush	Hooded Warbler
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Great Crested Flycatcher	Hermit Thrush	American Redstart
Rails, Gallinules, Coots	Eastern Kingbird	Wood Thrush	Cape May Warbler
Sora	Vireos	American Robin	Northern Parula
Cranes	Yellow-throated Vireo	Waxwings	Magnolia Warbler
Sandhill Crane	Blue-headed Vireo	Cedar Waxwing	Connecticut Warbler
Plovers	Warbling Vireo	Old World Sparrows	Bay-breasted Warbler
Killdeer	Red-eyed Vireo	House Sparrow	Blackburnian Warbler
Cormorants	Crows & Jays	Finches & Allies	Yellow Warbler
Double-crested Cormorant	Blue Jay	House Finch	Chestnut-sided Warbler
Hérons, Egrets & Bitterns	American Crow	Purple Finch	Blackpoll Warbler
Great Blue Heron	Chickadees & Titmice	Pine Siskin	Black-throated Blue Warbler
Green Heron	Black-capped Chickadee	American Goldfinch	Prothonotary Warbler
New World Vultures	Tufted Titmouse	New World Sparrows	Palm Warbler
Turkey Vulture	Swallows	Eastern Towhee	Pine Warbler
Hawks, Eagles, Kites	Tree Swallow	Chipping Sparrow	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Broad-winged Hawk	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	Field Sparrow	Black-throated Green Warbler
Cooper's Hawk	Purple Martin	Fox Sparrow	Canada Warbler
Red-shouldered Hawk	Barn Swallow	Song Sparrow	Wilson's Warbler
Red-tailed Hawk	Kinglets	Lincoln's Sparrow	Cardinals & Allies
Bald Eagle	Golden-crowned Kinglet	Swamp Sparrow	Scarlet Tanager
Owls	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	White-throated Sparrow	Northern Cardinal
Barred Owl	Nuthatches	Dark-eyed Junco	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Eastern Screech-Owl	Red-breasted Nuthatch	American Tree Sparrow	Indigo Bunting
Great Horned Owl	White-breasted Nuthatch	White-crowned Sparrow	



Prothonotary Warbler



Hooded Warbler



Palm Warbler



Swainson's Thrush



Great Horned Owl and Fledgling