These birds breed on or near Island Park and can be regularly seen:

Canada goose

Mute swan

Mallard

Mourning dove

Killdeer

Eastern kingbird

Red-eyed vireo

Tree swallow

Black-capped chickadee

American robin

Gray catbird

European starling

Cedar waxwing

House finch

Purple finch

American goldfinch

Chipping sparrow

Song sparrow

Common grackle

Common yellowthroat

Yellow warbler

Northern cardinal

Rose-breasted grosbeak

The Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary

is a 450 acre natural area on the north side of Alpena. It is listed on both the Heritage Route 23 and Sunrise Coast Birding Trail maps.

Portions of both Duck and Island Park are universally accessible birding sites.

Although many bird species have been sighted here, this brochure is intended for the casual, beginning observer.

The photos will help you identify the more common birds present from May to September in the Wildlife Sanctuary.

Some of them can be easily identified using the photos.

The following birds can be seen from the island from May to August but do not nest here:

Ring-billed gull

Caspian tern

Double-crested cormorant

Great blue heron

Great egret

Belted kingfisher

Barn swallow

Scan here for more information







The Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary is a natural aviary that rewards both the serious and casual bird watcher with many exciting glimpses of nesting and migratory birds.



