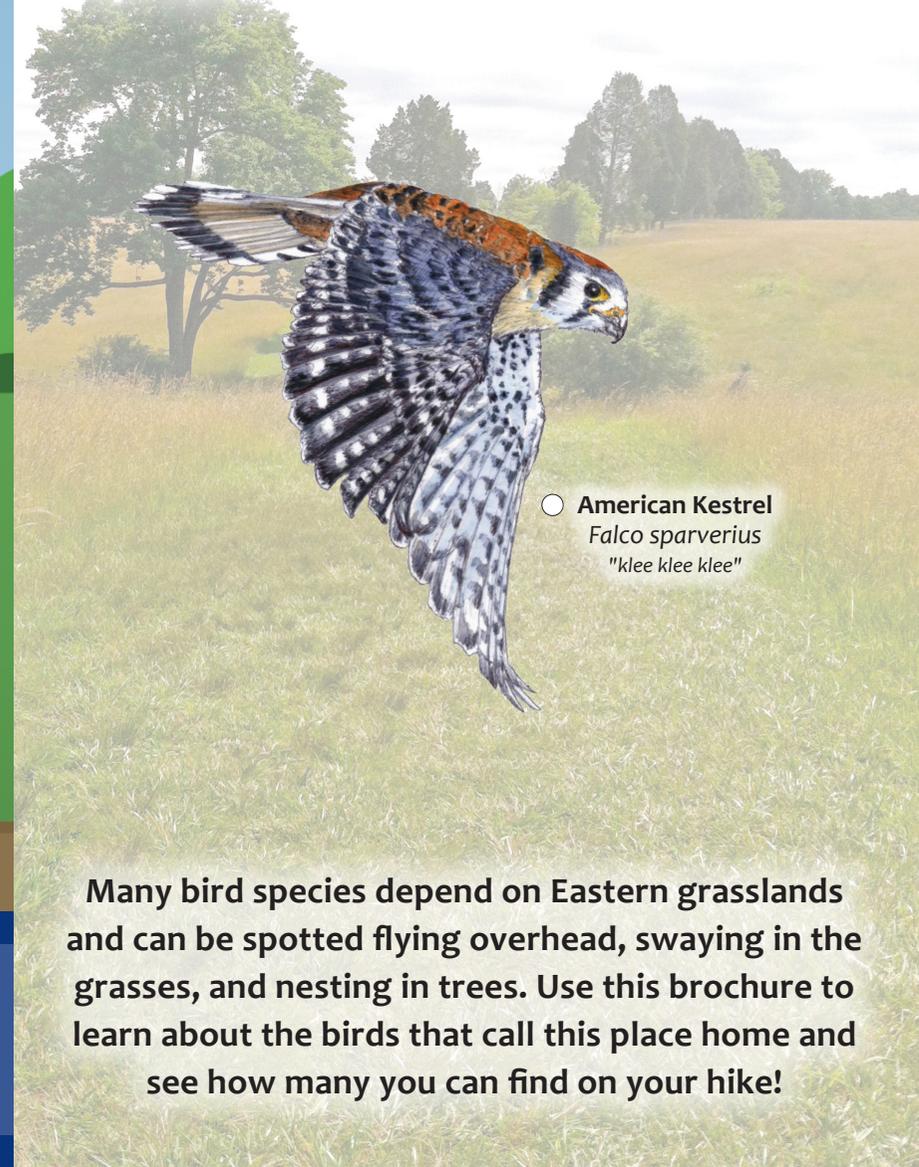




Birds of Eastern Grasslands



○ American Kestrel
Falco sparverius
"klee klee klee"

Many bird species depend on Eastern grasslands and can be spotted flying overhead, swaying in the grasses, and nesting in trees. Use this brochure to learn about the birds that call this place home and see how many you can find on your hike!

TRACK your hike at
kidsinparks.com
and get **FREE** prizes!



Visit our website to find more TRACK Trail™ adventures near you!



Thanks for joining us today!

FOLLOW US!



@KidsInParks



@KidsInParksBRPF

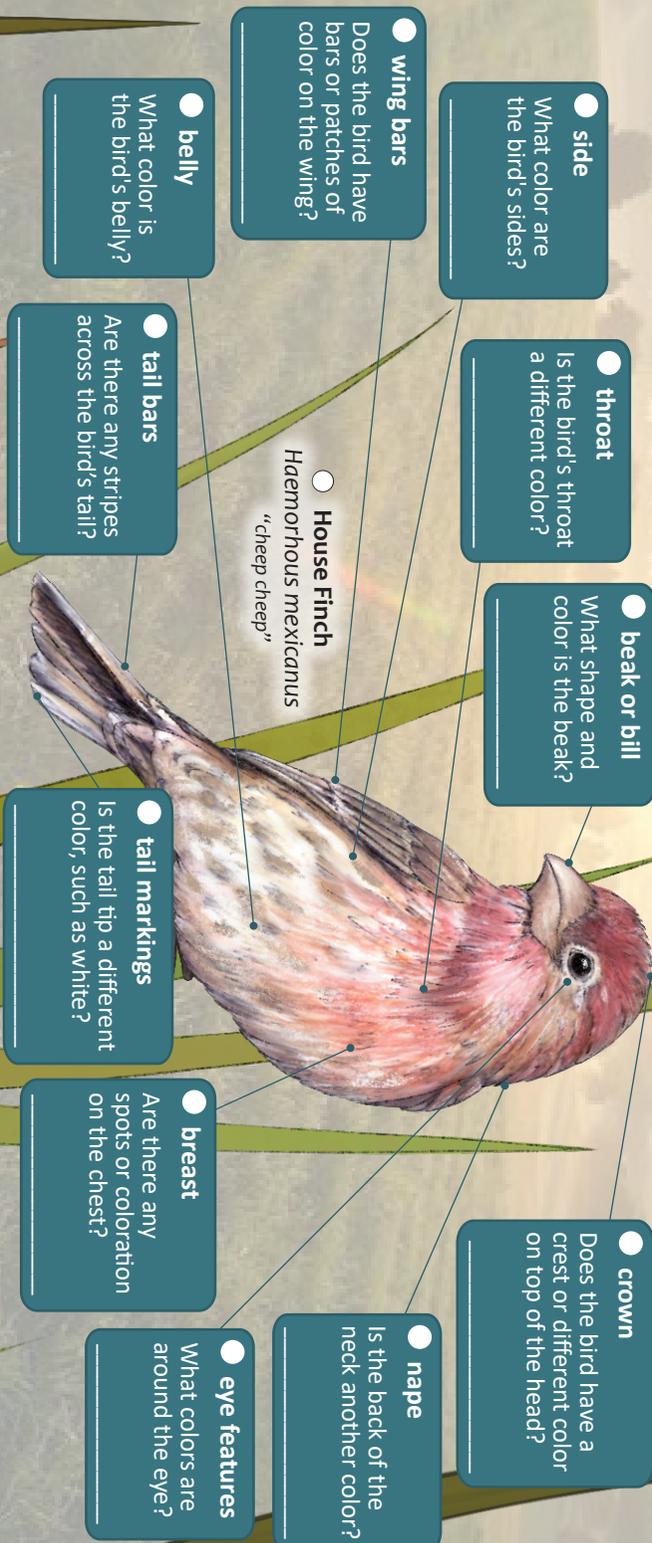


**BLUE RIDGE
PARKWAY
FOUNDATION**

Kids in Parks is a program of the

Field Marks

In addition to size, shape, location, call, and behavior, field marks can be used to help identify birds. If you can't identify a bird on your hike, remembering what certain parts of the bird looked like can help you identify it when you get home. On your birding adventure, try to find a bird you don't know and make notes of any identifying field marks:



○ **wing bars**
Does the bird have bars or patches of color on the wing?

○ **side**
What color are the bird's sides?

○ **throat**
Is the bird's throat a different color?

○ **beak or bill**
What shape and color is the beak?

○ **tail markings**
Is the tail tip a different color, such as white?

○ **breast**
Are there any spots or coloration on the chest?

○ **crown**
Does the bird have a crest or different color on top of the head?

○ **nape**
Is the back of the neck another color?

○ **belly**
What color is the bird's belly?

○ **tail bars**
Are there any stripes across the bird's tail?

○ **eye features**
What colors are around the eye?

○ **House Finch**
Haemorhous mexicanus
"cheep cheep"

What kind of bird is that?

When identifying birds, start by observing their location and behavior. Is the bird up high making noise? Is it on the ground digging in leaves? Or is it in the water swimming?

Next, observe its appearance. Is it big like a raven or small like a chickadee? Does it have pointy wings or a long tail? What color is it, and what types of markings does it have?

The answers to these questions can help you identify the birds you observe at this TRACK Trail.

Check off the birds you find on your hike today!

Wild Turkey
Meleagris gallopavo
"gobble, gobble, gobble"



Red-tailed Hawk
Buteo jamaicensis
raspy "keee-arr" scream



Red-winged Blackbird
Agelaius phoeniceus
trilling "conk-la-ree"



American Robin
Turdus migratorius
whistles a string of "cheerily, cheer up, cheer up"



Turkey Vulture
Cathartes aura
low, guttural hiss



Tree Swallow
Tachycineta bicolor
high-pitched mix of chirps, squeaks, and gurgles



Eastern Kingbird
Tyrannus tyrannus
repeated, buzzy "zeer"



Brown-headed Cowbird
Molothrus ater
a series of liquid-sounding gurgles followed by a high squeal



Eastern Bluebird
Sialia sialis
soft, low-pitched "tu-a-wee"



Eastern Meadowlark
Sturnella magna
a string of flute-like whistles dropping in pitch



American Goldfinch
Spinus tristis
series of twitters and warbles; tweets an even "po-ta-to-chip"



Barn Swallow
Hirundo rustica
series of warbles followed by mechanical "whirrs"



American Woodcock
Scolopax minor
buzzy, nasally "peent"