



# Ackerman Park Nature Hunt

## Spring 2021

Listen and search for birds along the trail. Also, there are 12 native tree and shrub specimens labeled. These important plants provide pollen and nectar to pollinators, and later form berries or nuts that feed wildlife.

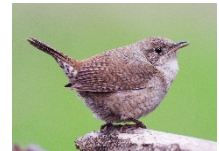
### Birds:

#### Near the birdhouses:

The two birds that you may find near the nest boxes are the Black-capped Chickadee and House Wren.



Black-capped Chickadee



House Wren

#### By the ponds:

A ponded area is northwest of the woods. Listen for Mallard's quacking, Red-Winged Blackbirds' "conk-la-reeeee" songs, and a variety of frogs trilling.

#### In the woods:

This wooded area is used by migrating warblers. These colorful, small birds can be seen flitting about the trees as the leaves start to grow. April and May is prime warbler time.

### Trees:

- \_\_\_ **Basswood/American Linden** – Has red bulb-like buds
- \_\_\_ **Black Cherry** – Large trees with dark, flakey bark
- \_\_\_ **Black Walnut** - Bark has diamond pattern

- \_\_\_ **Blue Beech/Musclewood** – Small tree, smooth bark looks like flexed muscle
- \_\_\_ **Northern Hackberry** – Has a light gray, warty bark
- \_\_\_ **Ohio Buckeye** – Giant end buds open to interesting five leaflets
- \_\_\_ **Red Oak** – Tips of branches have many overlapping buds

### Shrubs:

- \_\_\_ **Black Raspberry** - Has purple thorny stems
- \_\_\_ **Choke Cherry** – Many have black growths on stems
- \_\_\_ **Elderberry** – Speckled dots/lenticels on the stems

- \_\_\_ **Gooseberry** - Has occasional long thorns & many small thorns on stems
- \_\_\_ **Grey Dogwood** – Opposite leaves, gray smooth bark