



- The Downy is the most common and smallest woodpecker in North America, so they should be fun to spot at [Kalmbach Memorial Park](#)

- The easiest way to differentiate between a male and female is the **red** nape that males have on the back of their head

- Predators: American Kestrel, the Sharp-shinned Hawk, and the Cooper's Hawk

- These tree-clinging birds like to make their habitats in fields, meadows, and grasslands

- The Downy's whinnying call is a typical sound of deciduous forests during the breeding season

- Downy Woodpeckers move horizontally and downwards on trees much more readily than most other woodpeckers

- They eat mainly insects, including beetle larvae that live inside wood or tree bark

- Population of 13,000,000