

WELCOME TO THE BIRD FRIENDLY KITCHENER CITY BIRD VOTE!

Pick your favourite from the Killdeer, the Merlin, the Dark-Eyed Junco and the Chimney Swift and help us elect Kitchener's city bird!

Read through the profiles of our city bird candidates including images provided by wonderful local photographers. Then make your selection at the bottom of the page.

Thank you for participating!

* Indicates required question

1. Email *

Killdeer - *Charadrius vociferus*

Adaptable and noisy, the Killdeer is a member of the plover family that has become as at home in urban centres as they are in farmland and wetlands. With a flair for the dramatic, Killdeer always let us know they are nearby calling their own name enthusiastically.

Killdeer - Photograph by David Gascoigne



Merlin - *Falco columbarius*

A powerful, compact falcon. It's rapid chatter-like call and fast, patrolling flights have become familiar across many cities and towns as the awesome little falcon has recovered from declining numbers once we banned DDT use in pesticides.

Merlin - Photograph by Michelle Labadie Lang



Dark-Eyed Junco - *Junco hyemalis*

Dark-Eyed Junco - A cheery little sparrow and common visitor in backyards and parks across Kitchener throughout the long winter months. Juncos brightly flash the white on their outer tail feathers in zippy, energetic flight. They chirp away so that it seems they have lots to say and think about.

Dark Eyed Junco - Photograph by Carl Leisegang



Chimney Swift - *Chaetura pelagica*

A wonderful aerial insectivore, Kitchener has chimney swifts flying through the city skies taking thousands of biting insects out of the air for their meals. Now a threatened species, restoring chimney swift numbers and habitats is an important project across the province and country.

Chimney Swift - Photograph of Chimney Swift in flight by Ev Danis. Inset photograph by George K. Peck for ontario.ca



2. Time to vote!! You can pick only one! *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Killdeer
- ☐ Merlin
- ☐ Dark-Eyed Junco
- ☐ Chimney Swift

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