

# BIRDS



## Northern Flicker (*Colaptes auratus*)

**DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:** Flickers are widespread and common statewide. Recent BBS data indicate declining populations, which may be at least partially due to competition with starlings for nesting holes.

**ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES:** idle/old field; pasture; fence row; savanna; orchard; lowland shrub; lowland hardwood; mesic hardwood; dry hardwood; lowland conifer; mesic conifer; forest opening; inland emergent wetland; swamp; river/stream/riparian/floodplain corridor; edge; suburban/small town; snag/cavity

**ASSOCIATED THREATS:** other biological interactions (competition with starlings for nest sites)