



# GO

Cr oak, splash, quack, flutter, chirp. The signs and sounds of nature are all around Kyle Parks, a series of parks in Kyle and along Plum Creek. Activities include hiking trails, a bird viewing station, a fishing lake, wildflower fields, sports fields, and playgrounds. Look for frogs at Cool Springs Park. Go fishing or see the ducks at Lake Kyle Park. See butterflies in the wildflower fields at Lake Kyle and Bunton Creek Parks. Watch for migrating birds at the Bunton Creek Park bird viewing station.

# KNOW

Cars drive on a highway.  
Birds fly on a flyway!

- In the fall many different kinds of birds migrate south from Canada to the warm Gulf of Mexico and beyond to find food.
- In the winter the birds find plenty of food in the south.
- In the spring the birds return north to a new food supply.
- This bird migration route is called the Central Flyway. The flyway goes right over Hays County.
- Migrating birds need a waystation, a safe place to rest while on their journey.
- Kyle Parks and Plum Creek are popular places for birds to rest. There are ponds and creeks for water, seeds and insects for food, and trees for shelter.
- Watch for these migrating birds—robins, hummingbirds, and geese.

# GROW

Weather Observations



Warm up your senses. Use 4 of your 5 senses to explore your environment today.

The colors of the park look like \_\_\_\_\_

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The air smells like \_\_\_\_\_

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The wind sounds like \_\_\_\_\_

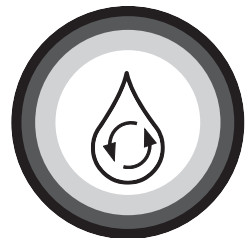
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The weather feels like \_\_\_\_\_

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## Aquatic Systems

An **aquatic system** is the ecosystem around a body of water such as Plum Creek or the ponds at Cool Springs Park. An **aquatic system** includes all the plants, animals, and other organisms that naturally exist together in or near the water. All living things within the **aquatic system** rely on one another to keep a healthy environment.



Cool Springs Park, Kyle Parks Kyle, TX

