

pine siskin

Spinus pinus

Kingdom: Animalia
Phylum: Chordata
Class: Aves
Order: Passeriformes
Family: Fringillidae

ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

FEATURES

The pine siskin is about five inches long (bill tip to tail tip in preserved specimen). Its feathers are dark brown with streaks. Its bill is pointed, and its tail is notched. There is usually some yellow coloration in the wing feathers and at the base of the tail.

BEHAVIORS

The pine siskin frequents conifers, woodlands, weedy areas and urban areas and is often seen at bird feeders in winter. It is a common migrant and winter resident as well as a rare summer resident in the state.

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Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

coniferous forests; upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

edge