

# Game Commission Film Features Minsi Lake Birdlife

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UMBT - Northampton County Parks & Rec recently established a partnership with the PA Game Commission (PGC) to improve wildlife habitat throughout the Minsi Lake Greenway and much of our county parks system. The agency recently released a 35-minute video titled "Pennsylvania: A Keystone for Wildlife."

The film chronicles the agencies long history of managing wildlife here in the Commonwealth. The videographer spent time at our own Minsi Lake Park last summer in an effort to record Virginia rails, a small water bird that breeds in wetlands, like those found along the shores of Minsi Lake. These elusive birds are listed as a Species of Greatest Conservation Need by the PGC, due to a precipitous decline in their numbers in recent decades.

At least one family of Virginia rails successfully nested at the lake last year. One of the tiny coal-black chicks makes a cameo at the 24:43 mark in the video, which can be seen here in its entirety: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PHUNKNHQDds>. The photos of the Virginia rail chick & adult were both taken at Minsi Lake last summer by local wildlife photographer Jeff Kaboly.



## Family Fishing program was held on May 11, at Minsi Lake East Shore




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