



IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Checklist of the Birds of Buena Vista County - 249 Species

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Date _____ Time _____ Locality _____ Sky _____ Wind _____ Temp _____

Observers _____ Total Species _____ Total Individuals _____

Ducks, Geese, Swans

- Snow Goose
- Ross's Goose
- Greater White-fronted Goose
- Cackling Goose
- Canada Goose
- Mute Swan
- Trumpeter Swan
- Tundra Swan
- Wood Duck
- Blue-winged Teal
- Northern Shoveler
- Gadwall
- American Wigeon
- Mallard
- American Black Duck
- Northern Pintail
- Green-winged Teal
- Canvasback
- Redhead
- Ring-necked Duck
- Greater Scaup
- Lesser Scaup
- Bufflehead
- Common Goldeneye
- Hooded Merganser
- Common Merganser
- Red-breasted Merganser
- Ruddy Duck

New World Quail

- Northern Bobwhite

Partridges, Grouse, Turkeys, and Old World Quail

- Gray Partridge
- Ring-necked Pheasant
- Wild Turkey

Grebes

- Pied-billed Grebe
- Horned Grebe
- Red-necked Grebe
- Eared Grebe
- Western Grebe

Pigeons, Doves

- Rock Pigeon
- Eurasian Collared-Dove
- Mourning Dove

Cuckoos, Roadrunners, Anis

- Yellow-billed Cuckoo
- Black-billed Cuckoo

Goatsuckers

- Common Nighthawk

Swifts

Chimney Swift

Hummingbirds

- Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots

- Virginia Rail
- Sora
- American Coot

Stilts and Avocets

- Black-necked Stilt
- American Avocet

Lapwings and Plovers

- American Golden-Plover
- Semipalmated Plover
- Killdeer

Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies

- Upland Sandpiper
- Whimbrel
- Hudsonian Godwit
- Marbled Godwit
- Ruddy Turnstone
- Stilt Sandpiper
- Sanderling
- Dunlin
- Baird's Sandpiper
- Least Sandpiper
- White-rumped Sandpiper
- Pectoral Sandpiper
- Semipalmated Sandpiper
- Short-billed Dowitcher
- Long-billed Dowitcher
- Wilson's Snipe
- Spotted Sandpiper
- Solitary Sandpiper
- Lesser Yellowlegs
- Willet
- Greater Yellowlegs
- Wilson's Phalarope

Gulls, Terns, Skimmers

- Sabine's Gull
- Bonaparte's Gull
- Laughing Gull
- Franklin's Gull
- Ring-billed Gull
- California Gull
- Herring Gull
- Glaucous Gull
- Great Black-backed Gull
- Least Tern
- Caspian Tern
- Black Tern
- Common Tern

Forster's Tern

Loons

- Common Loon

Cormorants

- Double-crested Cormorant

Pelicans

- American White Pelican

Bitterns, Herons, and Allies

- American Bittern
- Great Blue Heron
- Great Egret
- Cattle Egret
- Green Heron
- Black-crowned Night-Heron

Ibises and Spoonbills

- White-faced Ibis

New World Vultures

- Turkey Vulture

Ospreys

- Osprey

Hawks, Kites, Eagles, and Allies

- Golden Eagle
- Northern Harrier
- Sharp-shinned Hawk
- Cooper's Hawk
- Bald Eagle
- Red-shouldered Hawk
- Broad-winged Hawk
- Swainson's Hawk
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Rough-legged Hawk

Typical Owls

- Eastern Screech-Owl
- Great Horned Owl
- Snowy Owl
- Barred Owl
- Short-eared Owl

Kingfishers

- Belted Kingfisher

Woodpeckers

- Red-headed Woodpecker
- Red-bellied Woodpecker
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- Downy Woodpecker
- Hairy Woodpecker
- Northern Flicker
- Pileated Woodpecker

Caracaras and Falcons

- Crested Caracara
- American Kestrel
- Merlin

Peregrine Falcon

Flycatchers

- Eastern Kingbird
- Great Crested Flycatcher
- Olive-sided Flycatcher
- Eastern Wood-Pewee
- Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
- Acadian Flycatcher
- Alder Flycatcher
- Willow Flycatcher
- Least Flycatcher
- Eastern Phoebe

Shrikes

- Loggerhead Shrike
- Northern Shrike

Vireos

- Bell's Vireo
- Yellow-throated Vireo
- Blue-headed Vireo
- Philadelphia Vireo
- Warbling Vireo
- Red-eyed Vireo

Jays, Magpies, Crows

- Blue Jay
- American Crow

Larks

- Horned Lark

Swallows

- Purple Martin
- Tree Swallow
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow
- Bank Swallow
- Cliff Swallow
- Barn Swallow

Chickadees, Titmice

- Black-capped Chickadee
- Tufted Titmouse

Nuthatches

- Red-breasted Nuthatch
- White-breasted Nuthatch

Creepers

- Brown Creeper

Wrens

- House Wren
- Winter Wren
- Sedge Wren
- Marsh Wren

Gnatcatchers

- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

Kinglets

- Golden-crowned Kinglet

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Thrushes

- Eastern Bluebird
- Townsend's Solitaire
- Veery
- Gray-cheeked Thrush
- Swainson's Thrush
- Hermit Thrush
- Wood Thrush
- American Robin

Mimids

- Gray Catbird
- Brown Thrasher
- Northern Mockingbird

Starlings

- European Starling

Waxwings

- Cedar Waxwing

Old World Sparrows

- House Sparrow

Finches

- House Finch
- Purple Finch
- Common Redpoll
- Hoary Redpoll
- White-winged Crossbill
- Pine Siskin
- American Goldfinch

Longspurs, Snow Bunting

- Lapland Longspur
- Snow Bunting

Towhees, Sparrows

- Eastern Towhee
- American Tree Sparrow
- Chipping Sparrow
- Clay-colored Sparrow
- Field Sparrow
- Vesper Sparrow
- Lark Sparrow
- Savannah Sparrow
- Grasshopper Sparrow
- Fox Sparrow
- Song Sparrow
- Lincoln's Sparrow
- Swamp Sparrow
- White-throated Sparrow
- Harris's Sparrow
- White-crowned Sparrow
- Dark-eyed Junco

Blackbirds, Orioles

- Yellow-headed Blackbird
- Bobolink

Eastern Meadowlark

- Western Meadowlark
- Orchard Oriole
- Baltimore Oriole
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Brown-headed Cowbird
- Rusty Blackbird
- Brewer's Blackbird
- Common Grackle
- Great-tailed Grackle

Wood-warblers

- Ovenbird
- Northern Waterthrush
- Golden-winged Warbler
- Blue-winged Warbler
- Black-and-white Warbler
- Tennessee Warbler
- Orange-crowned Warbler
- Nashville Warbler
- Mourning Warbler
- Common Yellowthroat
- American Redstart
- Magnolia Warbler
- Bay-breasted Warbler
- Blackburnian Warbler
- Yellow Warbler
- Chestnut-sided Warbler
- Blackpoll Warbler
- Black-throated Blue Warbler
- Palm Warbler
- Yellow-rumped Warbler
- Canada Warbler
- Wilson's Warbler

Tanagers, Cardinals, Grosbeaks, Buntings

- Summer Tanager
- Scarlet Tanager
- Western Tanager
- Northern Cardinal
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- Blue Grosbeak
- Indigo Bunting
- Dickcissel

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