

## IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Checklist of the Birds of Iowa - 432 Species

This checklist is provided as a service of the lowa Ornithologists' Union and is the official lowa state list as determined by the lowa Records Committee.

Date	Time	Locality	Sky	Wind	Temp
Observers			Total Species	Total Individual	s

KEY: \*Casual - recorded in 3-8 of the last 10 years; \*\*Accidental - recorded in 0-3 of the last 10 years; \*\*Extirpated or Extinct

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Ducks, Geese, Swans	and Old World Quail	Limpkin**	Red Phalarope*	Darters	American Barn Owl
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	Wild Turkey	Cranes	Skuas and Jaegers	Anhinga**	Typical Owls
Fulvous Whistling-Duck**	Ruffed Grouse	Sandhill Crane	Pomarine Jaeger**	Cormorants	Eastern Screech-Owl
Snow Goose	Sharp-tailed Grouse***	Whooping Crane**	Parasitic Jaeger*	Double-crested Cormorant	Great Horned Owl
Ross's Goose	Greater Prairie-Chicken**	Stilts and Avocets	Long-tailed Jaeger**	Neotropic Cormorant	Snowy Owl
Greater White-fronted Goose	Gray Partridge	Black-necked Stilt	Auks. Murres, and Puffins	·	Northern Hawk Owl**
Taiga Bean-Goose**	Ring-necked Pheasant	American Avocet	Thick-billed Murre**	Pelicans	Burrowing Owl*
Tundra Bean-Goose**	Grebes		Long-billed Murrelet**	American White Pelican	Barred Owl
Brant**	Pied-billed Grebe	Lapwings and Plovers	Ancient Murrelet**	Brown Pelican**	Great Gray Owl**
Cackling Goose	Horned Grebe	Black-bellied Plover		Bitterns, Herons, and Allies	Long-eared Owl
Canada Goose	Red-necked Grebe	American Golden-Plover	Gulls, Terns, Skimmers	Least Bittern	Short-eared Owl
Mute Swan	Eared Grebe	Killdeer	Black-legged Kittiwake	American Bittern	Boreal Owl**
Trumpeter Swan	Western Grebe	Semipalmated Plover	lvory Gull**	Little Blue Heron*	Northern Saw-whet Owl
Tundra Swan	Clark's Grebe**	Piping Plover	Sabine's Gull	Tricolored Heron**	Kingfishers
Wood Duck	<del></del>	Snowy Plover**	Bonaparte's Gull	Reddish Egret**	Belted Kingfisher
Garganey**	Pigeons, Doves	Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and	Black-headed Gull**	Snowy Egret	
Blue-winged Teal	Inca Dove**	Allies	Little Gull*	Yellow-crowned Night Heron	Woodpeckers
Cinnamon Teal	Common Ground Dove**	Upland Sandpiper	Ross's Gull**	Black-crowned Night Heron	Lewis's Woodpecker**
Northern Shoveler	White-winged Dove	Whimbrel	Laughing Gull	Green Heron	Red-headed Woodpecker
Gadwall	Mourning Dove	Eskimo Curlew***	Franklin's Gull	Great Egret	Acorn Woodpecker**
Eurasian Wigeon**	Passenger Pigeon***	Long-billed Curlew**	Black-tailed Gull** Heermann's Gull**	Western Cattle Egret	Red-bellied Woodpecker
American Wigeon	Eurasian Collared-Dove	Bar-tailed Godwit**		Great Blue Heron	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Mallard	Rock Pigeon	Hudsonian Godwit	Short-billed Gull**	Ibises and Spoonbills	Red-breasted Sapsucker**
American Black Duck	Cuckoos, Roadrunners, Anis	Marbled Godwit	Ring-billed Gull California Gull	White Ibis**	Black-backed Woodpecker Downy Woodpecker
Mottled Duck*	Groove-billed Ani**	Ruddy Turnstone	American Herring Gull	Glossy Ibis	Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Pintail	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Red Knot*	Iceland Gull	White-faced Ibis	Northern Flicker
Green-winged Teal	Black-billed Cuckoo	Ruff*	Lesser Black-backed Gull	Roseate Spoonbill**	
Canvasback	Goatsuckers	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper**	Slaty-backed Gull**	New World Vultures	Pileated Woodpecker
Redhead	Common Nighthawk	Stilt Sandpiper	Slaty-backed GullGlaucous-winged Gull**	Black Vulture*	Caracaras and Falcons
Ring-necked Duck	Chuck-will's-widow	Curlew Sandpiper**	Glaucous Gull	Turkey Vulture	Crested Caracara**
Greater Scaup	Eastern Whip-poor-will	Sanderling	Great Black-backed Gull	Ospreys	American Kestrel
Lesser Scaup	Swifts	Dunlin	Great Black-backed Guil	Osprey	Merlin
King Eider**	Chimney Swift	Baird's Sandpiper	Caspian Tern	Hawks, Kites, Eagles, and Allies	Gyrfalcon**
Common Eider**	Hummingbirds	Least Sandpiper	Black Tern	White-tailed Kite**	Peregrine Falcon
Harlequin Duck*	Mexican Violetear**	White-rumped Sandpiper	Black Term Common Tern	Swallow-tailed Kite*	Prairie Falcon
Surf Scoter	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Arctic Tern**	Golden Eagle	Parrots
White-winged Scoter	Anna's Hummingbird**	Pectoral Sandpiper	Forster's Tern	Northern Harrier	Carolina Parakeet***
Black Scoter	Rufous Hummingbird*	Semipalmated Sandpiper	Royal Tern**	Sharp-shinned Hawk	Flycatchers
Long-tailed Duck	Broad-billed Hummingbird**	Western Sandpiper		Cooper's Hawk	Great Crested Flycatcher
Bufflehead	Rails, Gallinules, and Coots	Short-billed Dowitcher	Loons	American Goshawk	Western Kingbird
Common Goldeneye	King Rail*	Long-billed Dowitcher	Red-throated Loon	Bald Eagle	Eastern Kingbird
Barrow's Goldeneye**	Virginia Rail	American Woodcock	Pacific Loon	Mississippi Kite	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher*
Hooded Merganser	Sora	Wilson's Snipe	Common Loon	Red-shouldered Hawk	Fork-tailed Flycatcher**
Common Merganser	Common Gallinule	Spotted Sandpiper	Yellow-billed Loon**	Broad-winged Hawk	Olive-sided Flycatcher
Red-breasted Merganser	American Coot	Solitary Sandpiper	Storks	Swainson's Hawk	Western Wood-Pewee**
Ruddy Duck	Purple Gallinule**	Lesser Yellowlegs	Wood Stork**	Red-tailed Hawk	Eastern Wood-Pewee
New World Quail	Yellow Rail	Willet	Frigatebirds	Rough-legged Hawk	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
Northern Bobwhite	Black Rail**	Greater Yellowlegs	Magnificent Frigatebird**	Ferruginous Hawk*	Acadian Flycatcher
Partridges, Grouse, Turkeys,	Limpkins	Wilson's Phalarope	<b>Boobies and Gannets</b>	Barn Owls	Alder Flycatcher
i dililages, Olouse, Tulkeys,	Emphilio	Red-necked Phalarope	Brown Booby**	Daili Owio	Willow Flycatcher

Least Flycatcher	Marsh Wren	Baird's Sparrow**	Townsend's Warbler**
Western Flycatcher**	Mimids	Henslow's Sparrow	Black-throated Green Wa
Eastern Phoebe	Gray Catbird	Savannah Sparrow	Canada Warbler
Say's Phoebe*	Curve-billed Thrasher**	Song Sparrow	Wilson's Warbler
Vermilion Flycatcher**	Brown Thrasher	Lincoln's Sparrow	Tanagers, Cardinals,
Vireos	Sage Thrasher**	Swamp Sparrow	Grosbeaks, Buntings
White-eyed Vireo	Northern Mockingbird	Green-tailed Towhee**	Summer Tanager
Bell's Vireo	Starlings	Spotted Towhee	Scarlet Tanager
Yellow-throated Vireo	European Starling	Eastern Towhee	Western Tanager
Blue-headed Vireo	Thrushes	Chats	Northern Cardinal
Philadelphia Vireo	Eastern Bluebird	Yellow-breasted Chat	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Eastern Warbling Vireo	Mountain Bluebird*	Blackbirds, Orioles	Black-headed Grosbeak*
Red-eyed Vireo	Townsend's Solitaire	Yellow-headed Blackbird	Blue Grosbeak
Shrikes	Veery	Bobolink	Lazuli Bunting
Loggerhead Shrike	Gray-cheeked Thrush	Eastern Meadowlark	Indigo Bunting
Northern Shrike	Swainson's Thrush	Western Meadowlark	Painted Bunting*
Jays, Magpies, Crows	Hermit Thrush	Orchard Oriole	Dickcissel
Canada Jay**	Wood Thrush	Hooded Oriole**	
Pinyon Jay**	American Robin	Bullock's Oriole**	
Blue Jay	Varied Thrush*	Baltimore Oriole	The tayonomic acquence of
Clark's Nutcracker**	Old World Sparrows	Scott's Oriole**	The taxonomic sequence a nomenclature used in this I
Black-billed Magpie**	House Sparrow	Red-winged Blackbird	follow the Checklist of Nort
American Crow	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	Brown-headed Cowbird	American Birds, 7th Edition
Fish Crow	<del></del>	Rusty Blackbird	American Ornithologists' Union, 1998, updated throu
Common Raven**	Pipits	Brewer's Blackbird	the 64th Supplement
Chickadees, Titmice	American Pipit	Common Grackle	(Chesser et al. 2023).
Black-capped Chickadee	Sprague's Pipit**	Great-tailed Grackle	
Boreal Chickadee**	Finches	Wood-warblers	Iowa Ornithologists' Union
Tufted Titmouse	Brambling**	Ovenbird	(IOU) is a non-profit
_arks	Evening Grosbeak*	Worm-eating Warbler	statewide organization devoted to the study,
Horned Lark	Pine Grosbeak**	Louisiana Waterthrush	conservation, and enjoyme
Swallows	Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch**	Northern Waterthrush	of Iowa's birds. IOU's
	House Finch	Golden-winged Warbler	activities include reviewing
Bank Swallow	Purple Finch	Blue-winged Warbler	and archiving sightings of rare birds through the lowa
Tree Swallow	Redpoll	Black-and-white Warbler	Records Committee,
Violet-green Swallow**	Red Crossbill	Prothonotary Warbler	publishing Iowa Bird Life: T
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	White-winged Crossbill	Swainson's Warbler**	lowa Ornithologists' Union quarterly journal, organizing
Purple Martin	Pine Siskin	Tennessee Warbler	field trips, and holding sem
Barn Swallow	Lesser Goldfinch**	Orange-crowned Warbler	annual weekends in variou
Cliff Swallow	American Goldfinch	Nashville Warbler	locations throughout the state. IOU also owns and
Cave Swallow**	Longspurs, Snow Bunting	Connecticut Warbler	manages IA-BIRD, the low
Kinglets	Lapland Longspur	MacGillivray's Warbler**	birding community's online
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Chestnut-collared Longspur**	Mourning Warbler	mailing list as well as
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Smith's Longspur	Kentucky Warbler	maintains a social media presence through Faceboo
Waxwings	Snow Bunting	Common Yellowthroat	To join the IOU, or for more
Bohemian Waxwing	Towhees, Sparrows	Hooded Warbler	information, visit us online
Cedar Waxwing	Grasshopper Sparrow	American Redstart	http://iowabirds.org/. IOU members maintain the list of
Nuthatches	Black-throated Sparrow**	Cape May Warbler	species recorded in each
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Lark Sparrow	Cerulean Warbler	county of the state from
White-breasted Nuthatch	Lark Bunting**	Northern Parula	which this checklist is
Pygmy Nuthatch**	Chipping Sparrow	Magnolia Warbler	generated.
Creepers	Clay-colored Sparrow	Bay-breasted Warbler	
Brown Creeper	Field Sparrow	Blackburnian Warbler	Copyright Iowa Ornithologi
Gnatcatchers	Fox Sparrow	Yellow Warbler	Union. 2025. All Rights Reserved.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	American Tree Sparrow	Chestnut-sided Warbler	Reserved.
• •	Dark-eyed Junco	Blackpoll Warbler	
Wrens	White-crowned Sparrow	Black-throated Blue Warbler	
Rock Wren**	Golden-crowned Sparrow**	Palm Warbler	
Bewick's Wren*	Harris's Sparrow	Pine Warbler	
Carolina Wren	White-throated Sparrow	Yellow-rumped Warbler	
Northern House Wren	Vesper Sparrow	Yellow-throated Warbler	
Pacific Wren**	LeConte's Sparrow	Prairie Warbler*	
Winter Wren	Nelson's Sparrow	Black-throated Gray Warbler**	
Sedge Wren		•	

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