



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

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Date _____	Time _____	Locality _____	Sky _____	Wind _____	Temp _____
Observers _____			Total Species _____	Total Individuals _____	

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

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

- ___Least Flycatcher
- ___Western Flycatcher**
- ___Eastern Phoebe
- ___Say's Phoebe*
- ___Vermilion Flycatcher**
- Vireos
 - ___White-eyed Vireo
 - ___Bell's Vireo
 - ___Yellow-throated Vireo
 - ___Blue-headed Vireo
 - ___Philadelphia Vireo
 - ___Eastern Warbling Vireo
 - ___Red-eyed Vireo
- Shrikes
 - ___Loggerhead Shrike
 - ___Northern Shrike
- Jays, Magpies, Crows
 - ___Canada Jay**
 - ___Pinyon Jay**
 - ___Blue Jay
 - ___Clark's Nutcracker**
 - ___Black-billed Magpie**
 - ___American Crow
 - ___Fish Crow
 - ___Common Raven**
- Chickadees, Titmice
 - ___Black-capped Chickadee
 - ___Boreal Chickadee**
 - ___Tufted Titmouse
- Larks
 - ___Horned Lark
- Swallows
 - ___Bank Swallow
 - ___Tree Swallow
 - ___Violet-green Swallow**
 - ___Northern Rough-winged Swallow
 - ___Purple Martin
 - ___Barn Swallow
 - ___Cliff Swallow
 - ___Cave Swallow**
- Kinglets
 - ___Ruby-crowned Kinglet
 - ___Golden-crowned Kinglet
- Waxwings
 - ___Bohemian Waxwing
 - ___Cedar Waxwing
- Nuthatches
 - ___Red-breasted Nuthatch
 - ___White-breasted Nuthatch
 - ___Pygmy Nuthatch**
- Creepers
 - ___Brown Creeper
- Gnatcatchers
 - ___Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
- Wrens
 - ___Rock Wren**
 - ___Bewick's Wren*
 - ___Carolina Wren
 - ___Northern House Wren
 - ___Pacific Wren**
 - ___Winter Wren
 - ___Sedge Wren
- Marsh Wren
- Mimids
 - ___Gray Catbird
 - ___Curve-billed Thrasher**
 - ___Brown Thrasher
 - ___Sage Thrasher**
 - ___Northern Mockingbird
- Starlings
 - ___European Starling
- Thrushes
 - ___Eastern Bluebird
 - ___Mountain Bluebird*
 - ___Townsend's Solitaire
 - ___Veery
 - ___Gray-cheeked Thrush
 - ___Swainson's Thrush
 - ___Hermit Thrush
 - ___Wood Thrush
 - ___American Robin
 - ___Varied Thrush*
- Old World Sparrows
 - ___House Sparrow
 - ___Eurasian Tree Sparrow
- Pipits
 - ___American Pipit
 - ___Sprague's Pipit**
- Finches
 - ___Brambling**
 - ___Evening Grosbeak*
 - ___Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch**
 - ___House Finch
 - ___Purple Finch
 - ___Redpoll
 - ___Red Crossbill
 - ___White-winged Crossbill
 - ___Pine Siskin
 - ___Lesser Goldfinch**
 - ___American Goldfinch
- Longspurs, Snow Bunting
 - ___Lapland Longspur
 - ___Chestnut-collared Longspur**
 - ___Smith's Longspur
 - ___Snow Bunting
- Towhees, Sparrows
 - ___Grasshopper Sparrow
 - ___Black-throated Sparrow**
 - ___Lark Sparrow
 - ___Lark Bunting**
 - ___Chipping Sparrow
 - ___Clay-colored Sparrow
 - ___Field Sparrow
 - ___Fox Sparrow
 - ___American Tree Sparrow
 - ___Dark-eyed Junco
 - ___White-crowned Sparrow
 - ___Golden-crowned Sparrow**
 - ___Harris's Sparrow
 - ___White-throated Sparrow
 - ___Vesper Sparrow
 - ___LeConte's Sparrow
 - ___Nelson's Sparrow
- Baird's Sparrow**
 - ___Henslow's Sparrow
 - ___Savannah Sparrow
 - ___Song Sparrow
 - ___Lincoln's Sparrow
 - ___Swamp Sparrow
 - ___Green-tailed Towhee**
 - ___Spotted Towhee
 - ___Eastern Towhee
- Chats
 - ___Yellow-breasted Chat
- Blackbirds, Orioles
 - ___Yellow-headed Blackbird
 - ___Bobolink
 - ___Eastern Meadowlark
 - ___Western Meadowlark
 - ___Orchard Oriole
 - ___Hooded Oriole**
 - ___Bullock's Oriole**
 - ___Baltimore Oriole
 - ___Scott's Oriole**
 - ___Red-winged Blackbird
 - ___Brown-headed Cowbird
 - ___Rusty Blackbird
 - ___Brewer's Blackbird
 - ___Common Grackle
 - ___Great-tailed Grackle
- Wood-warblers
 - ___Ovenbird
 - ___Worm-eating Warbler
 - ___Louisiana Waterthrush
 - ___Northern Waterthrush
 - ___Golden-winged Warbler
 - ___Blue-winged Warbler
 - ___Black-and-white Warbler
 - ___Prothonotary Warbler
 - ___Swainson's Warbler**
 - ___Tennessee Warbler
 - ___Orange-crowned Warbler
 - ___Nashville Warbler
 - ___Connecticut Warbler
 - ___MacGillivray's Warbler**
 - ___Mourning Warbler
 - ___Kentucky Warbler
 - ___Common Yellowthroat
 - ___Hooded Warbler
 - ___American Redstart
 - ___Cape May Warbler
 - ___Cerulean Warbler
 - ___Northern Parula
 - ___Magnolia Warbler
 - ___Bay-breasted Warbler
 - ___Blackburnian Warbler
 - ___Yellow Warbler
 - ___Chestnut-sided Warbler
 - ___Blackpoll Warbler
 - ___Black-throated Blue Warbler
 - ___Palm Warbler
 - ___Pine Warbler
 - ___Yellow-rumped Warbler
 - ___Yellow-throated Warbler
 - ___Prairie Warbler*
 - ___Black-throated Gray Warbler**
- Townsend's Warbler**
 - ___Black-throated Green Warbler
 - ___Canada Warbler
 - ___Wilson's Warbler
- Tanagers, Cardinals, Grosbeaks, Buntings
 - ___Summer Tanager
 - ___Scarlet Tanager
 - ___Western Tanager
 - ___Northern Cardinal
 - ___Rose-breasted Grosbeak
 - ___Black-headed Grosbeak**
 - ___Blue Grosbeak
 - ___Lazuli Bunting
 - ___Indigo Bunting
 - ___Painted Bunting*
 - ___Dickcissel

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