

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

Ducks, Geese, Swans and Old World QuailLimpkin**Red Phalarope* Darters	American Barn Owl
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck Wild Turkey Cranes Skuas and Jaegers Anhinga**	Typical Owls
Fulvous Whistling-Duck**	Eastern Screech-Owl
Snow GooseSharp-tailed Grouse***Whooping Crane**Parasitic Jaeger*Double-crested Cormorant	Great Horned Owl
Ross's Goose Greater Prairie-Chicken** Stills and Avocets Long-tailed Jaeger** Neotropic Cormorant	Snowy Owl
Greater White-fronted Goose Gray Partridge Black-necked Stilt Auks, Murres, and Puffins Pelicans	Northern Hawk Owl**
Toign Poon Coope**	Burrowing Owl*
Tanga bean-Goose**	Barred Owl
Brant** Assist Manual att	Great Gray Owl**
Cackling Goose	Long-eared Owl
Canada Goose Ped poeted Crobs	Short-eared Owl
Mute Swan	Boreal Owl**
Trumpeter Swan Western Crobs	Northern Saw-whet Owl
Tundra Swan Clorks Crobs**	Kingfishers
Wood DuckSnowy Eglet	Belted Kingfisher
Garganey**	Woodpeckers
Blue-winged Teal	Lewis's Woodpecker**
Cinnamon Teal	Red-headed Woodpecker
Northern Shoveler	Acorn Woodpecker**
	Red-bellied Woodpecker
Eurasian Wigeon**	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
American Wigeon	Red-breasted Sapsucker**
Mallard ibises and Spoonbills	Black-backed Woodpecker
American Black DuckWairbied GoowitWillie Ibis	Black-backed Woodpecker
Mottled Duck*Glossy ibis	Bowny Woodpecker
Northern PintailYellow-billed CuckooRed Knot*Tealming GullWhite-faced Ibis	Northern Flicker
Green-winged Teal	Pileated Woodpecker
Canvasback GodstuckersSharp-tailed sanopiper New World Vultures	•
RedheadCommon NightnawkStill Sandpiper Cloude winded Cull**Black Vulture*	Caracaras and Falcons
Ring-necked DuckChack-will 5-widowCultew Sandpiper Turkey Vulture	Crested Caracara**
Greater ScaupEastern writip-poor-willSanderlingCreat Plack backed Cull Ospreys	American Kestrel
Lesser Scaup SwiftsDurillinOsprey	Merlin
King Eider** Chimney Swift Bailed Sandopiper Coopies Term Hawks Kites Fagles and Allie	Gyrfalcon*
Common Eider** HummingbirdsLeast SandpiperCommon Eider** White-tailed Kite**	Feregrine Faicon
Harlequin Duck*Mexican Violetear**White-rumped SandpiperSwallow-tailed Kite*	Prairie Falcon
Surf ScoterRuby-throated HummingbirdBuff-breasted Sandpipercommon Golden Eagle	Parrots
White-winged ScoterAnna's Hummingbird**Pectoral Sandpiper	Carolina Parakeet***
Black ScoterRufous Hummingbird*Semipalmated SandpiperSemipalmated Sandpiper	Flycatchers
Long-tailed DuckBroad-billed Hummingbird**Western Sandpipertoylor	Great Crested Flycatcher
Bufflehead Rails Gallinules and CootsShort-billed Dowitcher LouisShort-billed DowitcherShort-billed Dowitcher	Western Kingbird
Common Goldeneye King Rail*Long-billed DowitcherRed-tribated Loon	Eastern Kingbird
Barrow's Goldeneye** Virginia RailAmerican WoodcockFacilit Louri	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
Hooded Merganser Sorawilson's Snipecommon Loon	Fork-tailed Flycatcher**
Common Merganser Common GallinuleSpotted SandpiperTellow-billed Loon	Olive-sided Flycatcher
Red-breasted Merganser American CootSolitary Sandpiper StorksSwainson's Hawk	Western Wood-Pewee**
Ruddy Duck	Eastern Wood-Pewee
New World Quail Yellow Rail —Willet Frigatebirds Rough-leaged Hawk	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
Northern Bohwhite Black Rail** — Greater Yellowlegs — Magnificent Frigatebird** Ferruginous Hawk*	Acadian Flycatcher
— Wilson's Phalarope Boobies and Gannets Born Owle	Alder Flycatcher
Red-necked PhalaropeBrown Booby**	Willow Flycatcher

Least Flycatcher	Marsh Wren	Baird's Sparrow**	Townsend's Warbler**
Western Flycatcher**	Mimids	Henslow's Sparrow	Black-throated Green War
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
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 taxonomic sequence a
Clark's Nutcracker**	Old World Sparrows	Scott's Oriole**	nomenclature used in this li
Black-billed Magpie*	House Sparrow	Red-winged Blackbird	follow the Checklist of North
American Crow	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	Brown-headed Cowbird	American Birds, 7th Edition American Ornithologists'
Fish Crow	Pipits	Rusty Blackbird	Union, 1998, updated throu
Common Raven**	American Pipit	Brewer's Blackbird	the 64th Supplement
Chickadees, Titmice	Sprague's Pipit**	Common Grackle	(Chesser et al. 2023).
Black-capped Chickadee	Finches	Great-tailed Grackle	
Boreal Chickadee**	Brambling**	Wood-warblers	Iowa Ornithologists' Union
Tufted Titmouse	Evening Grosbeak*	Ovenbird	(IOU) is a non-profit statewide organization
Larks	Pine Grosbeak**	Worm-eating Warbler	devoted to the study,
Horned Lark	Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch**	Louisiana Waterthrush	conservation, and enjoymen
Swallows	House Finch	Northern Waterthrush	of Iowa's birds. IOU's
Bank Swallow	Purple Finch	Golden-winged Warbler	activities include reviewing and archiving sightings of
Tree Swallow	Redpoll	Blue-winged Warbler	rare birds through the lowa
Violet-green Swallow**	Red Crossbill	Black-and-white Warbler	Records Committee,
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	White-winged Crossbill	Prothonotary Warbler	publishing Iowa Bird Life: T Iowa Ornithologists' Union
Purple Martin	Pine Siskin	Swainson's Warbler**	quarterly journal, organizing
Barn Swallow	Lesser Goldfinch**	Tennessee Warbler	field trips, and holding semi
Cliff Swallow	American Goldfinch	Orange-crowned Warbler	annual weekends in various locations throughout the
Cave Swallow**	Longspurs, Snow Bunting	Nashville Warbler	state. IOU also owns and
Kinglets	Lapland Longspur	Connecticut Warbler	manages IA-BIRD, the loward
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Chestnut-collared Longspur**	MacGillivray's Warbler**	birding community's online
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Smith's Longspur	Mourning Warbler	mailing list as well as maintains a social media
Waxwings	Snow Bunting	Kentucky Warbler	presence through Facebool
Bohemian Waxwing	Towhees, Sparrows	Common Yellowthroat	To join the IOU, or for more
Cedar Waxwing	Grasshopper Sparrow	Hooded Warbler	information, visit us online a http://iowabirds.org/. IOU
•	Black-throated Sparrow**	American Redstart	members maintain the list of
Nuthatches	Black-timoated SparrowLark Sparrow	Cape May Warbler	species recorded in each
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Lark Bunting**	Cerulean Warbler	which this checklist is
White-breasted Nuthatch	Chipping Sparrow	Northern Parula	generated.
Pygmy Nuthatch**	Clay-colored Sparrow	Magnolia Warbler	
Creepers	Field Sparrow	Bay-breasted Warbler	Copyright Jowa Ornithologis
Brown Creeper	Fox Sparrow	Blackburnian Warbler	Copyright Iowa Ornithologis Union. 2025. All Rights
Gnatcatchers	American Tree Sparrow	Yellow Warbler	Reserved.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Dark-eyed Junco	Chestnut-sided Warbler Blackpoll Warbler	
Wrens	White-crowned Sparrow	васкроп warbier Black-throated Blue Warbler	
Rock Wren**	Golden-crowned Sparrow**	Black-tribated blue Warbler 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		Black invaled Oray Warbiel	

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