



IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Checklist of the Birds of Marion County - 331 Species

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

Observers _____ Total Species _____ Total Individuals _____

Ducks, Geese, Swans

- Black-bellied Whistling-Duck
- Snow Goose
- Ross's Goose
- Greater White-fronted Goose
- Brant
- Cackling Goose
- Canada Goose
- Mute Swan
- Trumpeter Swan
- Tundra Swan
- Wood Duck
- Blue-winged Teal
- Cinnamon Teal
- Northern Shoveler
- Gadwall
- American Wigeon
- Mallard
- American Black Duck
- Northern Pintail
- Green-winged Teal
- Canvasback
- Redhead
- Ring-necked Duck
- Greater Scaup
- Lesser Scaup
- Common Eider
- Surf Scoter
- White-winged Scoter
- Black Scoter
- Long-tailed Duck
- Bufflehead
- Common Goldeneye
- Barrow's Goldeneye
- Hooded Merganser
- Common Merganser
- Red-breasted Merganser
- Ruddy Duck
- New World Quail**
- Northern Bobwhite
- Partridges, Grouse, Turkeys, and Old World Quail**
- Wild Turkey
- Gray Partridge
- Ring-necked Pheasant
- Grebes**
- Pied-billed Grebe
- Horned Grebe
- Red-necked Grebe
- Eared Grebe
- Western Grebe
- Pigeons, Doves**

- Rock Pigeon
- Eurasian Collared-Dove
- Passenger Pigeon
- Mourning Dove
- Cuckoos, Roadrunners, Anis**
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo
- Black-billed Cuckoo
- Goatsuckers**
- Common Nighthawk
- Eastern Whip-poor-will
- Swifts**
- Chimney Swift
- Hummingbirds**
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird
- Rails, Gallinules, and Coots**
- King Rail
- Virginia Rail
- Sora
- Common Gallinule
- American Coot
- Limpkins**
- Limpkin
- Cranes**
- Sandhill Crane
- Stilts and Avocets**
- Black-necked Stilt
- American Avocet
- Lapwings and Plovers**
- Black-bellied Plover
- American Golden-Plover
- Killdeer
- Semipalmated Plover
- Piping Plover
- Snowy Plover
- Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies**
- Upland Sandpiper
- Bar-tailed Godwit
- Hudsonian Godwit
- Marbled Godwit
- Ruddy Turnstone
- Red Knot
- Ruff
- Stilt Sandpiper
- Curlew Sandpiper
- Sanderling
- Dunlin
- Baird's Sandpiper
- Least Sandpiper
- White-rumped Sandpiper
- Buff-breasted Sandpiper

- Pectoral Sandpiper
- Semipalmated Sandpiper
- Western Sandpiper
- Short-billed Dowitcher
- Long-billed Dowitcher
- American Woodcock
- Wilson's Snipe
- Spotted Sandpiper
- Solitary Sandpiper
- Lesser Yellowlegs
- Willet
- Greater Yellowlegs
- Wilson's Phalarope
- Red-necked Phalarope
- Red Phalarope
- Skuas and Jaegers**
- Pomarine Jaeger
- Parasitic Jaeger
- Long-tailed Jaeger
- Auks, Murres, and Puffins**
- Long-billed Murrelet
- Gulls, Terns, Skimmers**
- Black-legged Kittiwake
- Ivory Gull
- Sabine's Gull
- Bonaparte's Gull
- Little Gull
- Ross's Gull
- Laughing Gull
- Franklin's Gull
- Short-billed Gull
- Ring-billed Gull
- California Gull
- Herring Gull
- Iceland Gull
- Lesser Black-backed Gull
- Glaucous Gull
- Great Black-backed Gull
- Least Tern
- Caspian Tern
- Black Tern
- Common Tern
- Forster's Tern
- Loons**
- Red-throated Loon
- Pacific Loon
- Common Loon
- Frigatebirds**
- Magnificent Frigatebird
- Boobies and Gannets**
- Brown Booby
- Cormorants**

- Double-crested Cormorant
- Pelicans**
- American White Pelican
- Brown Pelican
- Bitterns, Herons, and Allies**
- American Bittern
- Least Bittern
- Great Blue Heron
- Great Egret
- Snowy Egret
- Little Blue Heron
- Western Cattle Egret
- Green Heron
- Black-crowned Night Heron
- Yellow-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
- American Goshawk
- Bald Eagle
- Mississippi Kite
- Red-shouldered Hawk
- Broad-winged Hawk
- Swainson's Hawk
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Rough-legged Hawk
- Barn Owls**
- American Barn Owl
- Typical Owls**
- Eastern Screech-Owl
- Great Horned Owl
- Snowy Owl
- Barred Owl
- Long-eared Owl
- Short-eared Owl
- Northern Saw-whet 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**
- American Kestrel
- Merlin
- Gyrfalcon
- Peregrine Falcon
- Prairie Falcon
- Flycatchers**
- Great Crested Flycatcher
- Western Kingbird
- Eastern Kingbird
- Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
- Olive-sided Flycatcher
- Eastern Wood-Pewee
- Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
- Acadian Flycatcher
- Alder Flycatcher
- Willow Flycatcher
- Least Flycatcher
- Eastern Phoebe
- Vireos**
- White-eyed Vireo
- Bell's Vireo
- Yellow-throated Vireo
- Blue-headed Vireo
- Philadelphia Vireo
- Warbling Vireo
- Red-eyed Vireo
- Shrikes**
- Loggerhead Shrike
- Northern Shrike
- Jays, Magpies, Crows**
- Blue Jay
- Clark's Nutcracker
- American Crow
- Chickadees, Titmice**
- Black-capped Chickadee
- Tufted Titmouse
- Larks**
- Horned Lark
- Swallows**
- Bank Swallow
- Tree Swallow
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow
- Purple Martin
- Barn Swallow
- Cliff Swallow
- Kinglets**
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- Golden-crowned Kinglet

- Waxwings**
- Bohemian Waxwing
- Cedar Waxwing
- Nuthatches**
- Red-breasted Nuthatch
- White-breasted Nuthatch
- Creepers**
- Brown Creeper
- Gnatcatchers**
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
- Wrens**
- Carolina Wren
- Northern House Wren
- Winter Wren
- Sedge Wren
- Marsh Wren
- Mimids**
- Gray Catbird
- Brown Thrasher
- Northern Mockingbird
- Starlings**
- European Starling
- Thrushes**
- Eastern Bluebird
- 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
- Finches**
- Evening Grosbeak
- House Finch
- Purple Finch
- Redpoll
- Red Crossbill
- White-winged Crossbill
- Pine Siskin
- American Goldfinch
- Longspurs, Snow Bunting**
- Lapland Longspur
- Smith's Longspur
- Snow Bunting
- Towhees, Sparrows**
- Grasshopper Sparrow

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

Chats

___ Yellow-breasted Chat

Blackbirds, Orioles

___ Yellow-headed Blackbird
___ Bobolink
___ Eastern Meadowlark
___ Western Meadowlark
___ Orchard Oriole
___ Bullock's Oriole
___ Baltimore 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
___ Tennessee Warbler
___ Orange-crowned Warbler
___ Nashville Warbler
___ Connecticut 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
___ Black-throated Green Warbler
___ Canada Warbler
___ Wilson's Warbler

Tanagers, Cardinals,

Grosbeaks, Buntings

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

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