



# IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Checklist of the Birds of Palo Alto County - 264 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  
 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  
 Surf Scoter

Long-tailed Duck  
 Bufflehead  
 Common 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  
 Clark's Grebe

## Pigeons, Doves

Rock Pigeon  
 Eurasian Collared-Dove  
 White-winged Dove  
 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

## Cranes

Sandhill Crane

## Stilts and Avocets

American Avocet

## Lapwings and Plovers

Black-bellied Plover  
 American Golden-Plover  
 Killdeer  
 Semipalmated Plover

## Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and

### Allies

Upland Sandpiper  
 Hudsonian Godwit  
 Marbled Godwit  
 Ruddy Turnstone  
 Ruff

Stilt Sandpiper  
 Sanderling

Dunlin  
 Baird's Sandpiper

Least Sandpiper  
 White-rumped 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

## Gulls, Terns, Skimmers

Sabine's Gull  
 Bonaparte's Gull  
 Franklin's Gull  
 Ring-billed Gull

## Swifts

California Gull  
 Herring Gull  
 Caspian Tern  
 Black Tern  
 Common Tern  
 Forster's Tern

## Loons

Red-throated Loon  
 Common Loon

## Cormorants

Double-crested Cormorant

## Pelicans

American White Pelican

## Bitterns, Herons, and Allies

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

## Ibises and Spoonbills

Glossy Ibis  
 Ruddy Turnstone  
 White-faced Ibis

## New World Vultures

Turkey Vulture

## Ospreys

Osprey

## Hawks, Kites, Eagles, and Allies

Northern Harrier  
 Sharp-shinned Hawk  
 Cooper's Hawk  
 Northern Goshawk  
 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

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

## Caracaras and Falcons

American Kestrel  
 Merlin  
 Peregrine Falcon

## Flycatchers

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

## Vireos

White-eyed Vireo  
 Yellow-throated Vireo  
 Blue-headed Vireo  
 Philadelphia Vireo  
 Warbling Vireo  
 Red-eyed Vireo

## Shrikes

Loggerhead Shrike  
 Northern Shrike

## Jays, Magpies, Crows

Blue Jay  
 American Crow

## Chickadees, Titmice

Black-capped Chickadee

## 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

Cedar Waxwing

## Nuthatches

Red-breasted Nuthatch  
 White-breasted Nuthatch

## Creepers

Brown Creeper

## Gnatcatchers

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

## Wrens

House Wren  
 Sedge Wren  
 Marsh Wren

## Mimids

Gray Catbird  
 Brown Thrasher

## Starlings

European Starling

## Thrushes

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

## Old World Sparrows

House Sparrow

## Pipits

American Pipit

## Finches

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

## Longspurs, Snow Bunting

Lapland Longspur  
 Smith's Longspur  
 Snow Bunting

## Towhees, Sparrows

Grasshopper 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  
 Savannah Sparrow

Song Sparrow  
 Lincoln's Sparrow

Swamp Sparrow  
 Spotted Towhee

Eastern Towhee

## 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  
 Louisiana Waterthrush  
 Northern Waterthrush  
 Golden-winged Warbler  
 Blue-winged Warbler

Black-and-white Warbler  
 Tennessee Warbler

Orange-crowned Warbler  
 Nashville Warbler

Connecticut Warbler  
 Mourning Warbler

Common Yellowthroat  
 American Redstart

Cape May Warbler  
 Northern Parula

Magnolia Warbler  
 Bay-breasted Warbler

Blackburnian Warbler  
 Yellow Warbler

Chestnut-sided Warbler  
 Blackpoll Warbler

Black-throated Blue Warbler  
 Palm Warbler

Yellow-rumped Warbler  
 Black-throated Green Warbler  
 Canada Warbler

\_\_\_ Wilson's Warbler  
Tanagers, Cardinals,  
Grosbeaks, Buntings  
\_\_\_ Scarlet Tanager  
\_\_\_ Western Tanager  
\_\_\_ Northern Cardinal  
\_\_\_ Rose-breasted Grosbeak  
\_\_\_ Indigo Bunting  
\_\_\_ Dickcissel

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