



# IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Checklist of the Birds of Palo Alto County - 276 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  
\_\_\_ Black 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  
\_\_\_ Whooping 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  
\_\_\_ Red Knot  
\_\_\_ 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

## Skuas and Jaegers

\_\_\_ Parasitic Jaeger

## Gulls, Terns, Skimmers

\_\_\_ Sabine's Gull  
\_\_\_ Bonaparte's Gull  
\_\_\_ Franklin's Gull  
\_\_\_ Ring-billed Gull  
\_\_\_ California Gull  
\_\_\_ Herring Gull  
\_\_\_ Lesser Black-backed 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  
\_\_\_ Western Cattle Egret  
\_\_\_ Green Heron  
\_\_\_ Black-crowned Night Heron

## Ibises and Spoonbills

\_\_\_ Glossy Ibis  
\_\_\_ White-faced Ibis

## New World Vultures

\_\_\_ Turkey Vulture

## Ospreys

\_\_\_ Osprey

## Hawks, Kites, Eagles, and Allies

\_\_\_ Northern Harrier  
\_\_\_ Sharp-shinned Hawk  
\_\_\_ Cooper's Hawk  
\_\_\_ American 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

\_\_\_ Northern House Wren  
\_\_\_ Winter Wren  
\_\_\_ Sedge Wren  
\_\_\_ Marsh Wren

## Mimids

\_\_\_ Gray Catbird  
\_\_\_ Brown Thrasher

## Starlings

\_\_\_ European Starling

## Thrushes

\_\_\_ Eastern Bluebird  
\_\_\_ Mountain 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  
\_\_\_ 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

## 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  
\_\_\_ Prothonotary 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

- \_\_\_ Summer Tanager
- \_\_\_ Scarlet Tanager
- \_\_\_ Western Tanager
- \_\_\_ Northern Cardinal
- \_\_\_ Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- \_\_\_ Indigo Bunting
- \_\_\_ Dickcissel

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