



# IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Checklist of the Birds of Polk County - 367 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
- \_\_\_ 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
- \_\_\_ Mottled Duck
- \_\_\_ Northern Pintail
- \_\_\_ Green-winged Teal
- \_\_\_ Canvasback
- \_\_\_ Redhead
- \_\_\_ Ring-necked Duck
- \_\_\_ Greater Scaup
- \_\_\_ Lesser Scaup
- \_\_\_ Harlequin Duck
- \_\_\_ 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
- \_\_\_ Ruffed Grouse
- \_\_\_ Greater Prairie-Chicken
- \_\_\_ 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
- \_\_\_ Inca Dove
- \_\_\_ White-winged Dove
- \_\_\_ Mourning Dove

## Cuckoos, Roadrunners, Anis

- \_\_\_ Yellow-billed Cuckoo
- \_\_\_ Black-billed Cuckoo

## Goatsuckers

- \_\_\_ Common Nighthawk
- \_\_\_ Northern Shoveler
- \_\_\_ Eastern Whip-poor-will

## Swifts

- \_\_\_ Chimney Swift

## Hummingbirds

- \_\_\_ Ruby-throated Hummingbird
- \_\_\_ Anna's Hummingbird

## Rails, Gallinules, and Coots

- \_\_\_ King Rail
- \_\_\_ Virginia Rail
- \_\_\_ Sora
- \_\_\_ Common Gallinule
- \_\_\_ American Coot
- \_\_\_ Yellow Rail
- \_\_\_ Black Rail

## Limpkins

- \_\_\_ Limpkin

## Cranes

- \_\_\_ Sandhill Crane
- \_\_\_ Whooping 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
- \_\_\_ Whimbrel
- \_\_\_ Long-billed Curlew
- \_\_\_ Hudsonian Godwit
- \_\_\_ Marbled Godwit
- \_\_\_ Ruddy Turnstone
- \_\_\_ Red Tint

- \_\_\_ Ruff
- \_\_\_ Stilt 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

## Gulls, Terns, Skimmers

- \_\_\_ Black-legged Kittiwake
- \_\_\_ Sabine's Gull
- \_\_\_ Bonaparte's Gull
- \_\_\_ Black-headed Gull
- \_\_\_ Little Gull
- \_\_\_ Laughing Gull
- \_\_\_ Franklin's Gull
- \_\_\_ Black-tailed Gull
- \_\_\_ Heermann's Gull
- \_\_\_ Short-billed Gull
- \_\_\_ Ring-billed Gull
- \_\_\_ California Gull
- \_\_\_ Herring Gull
- \_\_\_ Iceland Gull
- \_\_\_ Lesser Black-backed Gull
- \_\_\_ Slaty-backed Gull
- \_\_\_ Glaucous Gull
- \_\_\_ Great Black-backed Gull
- \_\_\_ Least Tern
- \_\_\_ Caspian Tern
- \_\_\_ Black Tern
- \_\_\_ Common Tern
- \_\_\_ Arctic Tern
- \_\_\_ Forster's Tern

## Loons

- \_\_\_ Red-throated Loon
- \_\_\_ Pacific Loon
- \_\_\_ Common Loon
- \_\_\_ Yellow-billed Loon

## Storks

- \_\_\_ Wood Stork

## Cormorants

- \_\_\_ Double-crested Cormorant
- \_\_\_ Neotropic 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 Ibis
- \_\_\_ Glossy Ibis
- \_\_\_ White-faced Ibis
- \_\_\_ Roseate Spoonbill

## New World Vultures

- \_\_\_ Black Vulture
- \_\_\_ 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
- \_\_\_ Ferruginous Hawk

## Barn Owls

- \_\_\_ American Barn Owl

## Typical Owls

- \_\_\_ Eastern Screech-Owl

- \_\_\_ Great Horned Owl
- \_\_\_ Snowy Owl
- \_\_\_ Burrowing Owl
- \_\_\_ Barred Owl
- \_\_\_ Great Gray 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
- \_\_\_ Western Wood-Pewee
- \_\_\_ Eastern Wood-Pewee
- \_\_\_ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
- \_\_\_ Acadian Flycatcher
- \_\_\_ Alder Flycatcher
- \_\_\_ Willow Flycatcher
- \_\_\_ Least Flycatcher
- \_\_\_ Eastern Phoebe
- \_\_\_ Say's 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

- \_\_\_ 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
- \_\_\_ 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
- \_\_\_ Winter Wren
- \_\_\_ Sedge Wren
- \_\_\_ Marsh Wren

## Mimids

- \_\_\_ Gray Catbird
- \_\_\_ 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

- Evening Grosbeak
- Pine Grosbeak
- House Finch
- Purple Finch
- Redpoll
- Red Crossbill
- White-winged Crossbill
- Pine Siskin
- Lesser Goldfinch
- American Goldfinch

#### Longspurs, Snow Bunting

- Lapland Longspur
- Smith's Longspur
- Snow Bunting

#### Towhees, Sparrows

- Grasshopper Sparrow
- Lark Sparrow
- Lark Bunting
- 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
- Green-tailed Towhee
- Spotted Towhee
- Eastern Towhee

#### Chats

- Yellow-breasted Chat

#### 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
- 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
- Prairie 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
- Dickcissel

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