



IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Checklist of the Birds of Polk County - 368 Species

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

Observers _____ Total Species _____ Total Individuals _____

Ducks, Geese, Swans	<input type="checkbox"/> Western Grebe	<input type="checkbox"/> Red Knot	<input type="checkbox"/> Loons	<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Screech-Owl	<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	<input type="checkbox"/> Clark's Grebe	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruff	<input type="checkbox"/> Red-throated Loon	<input type="checkbox"/> Great Horned Owl	<input type="checkbox"/> Black-billed Magpie
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Goose	<input type="checkbox"/> Pigeons, Doves	<input type="checkbox"/> Stilt Sandpiper	<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Loon	<input type="checkbox"/> Snowy Owl	<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow
<input type="checkbox"/> Ross's Goose	<input type="checkbox"/> Inca Dove	<input type="checkbox"/> Sanderling	<input type="checkbox"/> Common Loon	<input type="checkbox"/> Burrowing Owl	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish Crow
<input type="checkbox"/> Greater White-fronted Goose	<input type="checkbox"/> Common Ground Dove	<input type="checkbox"/> Dunlin	<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-billed Loon	<input type="checkbox"/> Barred Owl	<input type="checkbox"/> Common Raven
<input type="checkbox"/> Cackling Goose	<input type="checkbox"/> White-winged Dove	<input type="checkbox"/> Baird's Sandpiper	<input type="checkbox"/> Storks	<input type="checkbox"/> Great Gray Owl	<input type="checkbox"/> Chickadees, Titmice
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose	<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove	<input type="checkbox"/> Least Sandpiper	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Stork	<input type="checkbox"/> Long-eared Owl	<input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped Chickadee
<input type="checkbox"/> Mute Swan	<input type="checkbox"/> Eurasian Collared-Dove	<input type="checkbox"/> White-rumped Sandpiper	<input type="checkbox"/> Cormorants	<input type="checkbox"/> Short-eared Owl	<input type="checkbox"/> Boreal Chickadee
<input type="checkbox"/> Trumpeter Swan	<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Pigeon	<input type="checkbox"/> Buff-breasted Sandpiper	<input type="checkbox"/> Double-crested Cormorant	<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Saw-whet Owl	<input type="checkbox"/> Tufted Titmouse
<input type="checkbox"/> Tundra Swan	<input type="checkbox"/> Cuckoos, Roadrunners, Anis	<input type="checkbox"/> Pectoral Sandpiper	<input type="checkbox"/> Neotropic Cormorant	<input type="checkbox"/> Kingfishers	<input type="checkbox"/> Larks
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck	<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-billed Cuckoo	<input type="checkbox"/> Semipalmated Sandpiper	<input type="checkbox"/> Pelicans	<input type="checkbox"/> Belted Kingfisher	<input type="checkbox"/> Horned Lark
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Teal	<input type="checkbox"/> Black-billed Cuckoo	<input type="checkbox"/> Western Sandpiper	<input type="checkbox"/> American White Pelican	<input type="checkbox"/> Woodpeckers	<input type="checkbox"/> Swallows
<input type="checkbox"/> Cinnamon Teal	<input type="checkbox"/> Goatsuckers	<input type="checkbox"/> Short-billed Dowitcher	<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Pelican	<input type="checkbox"/> Red-headed Woodpecker	<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Swallow
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Shoveler	<input type="checkbox"/> Common Nighthawk	<input type="checkbox"/> Long-billed Dowitcher	<input type="checkbox"/> Bitterns, Herons, and Allies	<input type="checkbox"/> Red-bellied Woodpecker	<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow
<input type="checkbox"/> Gadwall	<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Whip-poor-will	<input type="checkbox"/> American Woodcock	<input type="checkbox"/> Least Bittern	<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Rough-winged Swallow
<input type="checkbox"/> American Wigeon	<input type="checkbox"/> Swifts	<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Snipe	<input type="checkbox"/> American Bittern	<input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker	<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Martin
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard	<input type="checkbox"/> Chimney Swift	<input type="checkbox"/> Spotted Sandpiper	<input type="checkbox"/> Little Blue Heron	<input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker	<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow
<input type="checkbox"/> American Black Duck	<input type="checkbox"/> Hummingbirds	<input type="checkbox"/> Solitary Sandpiper	<input type="checkbox"/> Snowy Egret	<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker	<input type="checkbox"/> Cliff Swallow
<input type="checkbox"/> Mottled Duck	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-throated Hummingbird	<input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Yellowlegs	<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-crowned Night Heron	<input type="checkbox"/> Pileated Woodpecker	<input type="checkbox"/> Cave Swallow
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Pintail	<input type="checkbox"/> Anna's Hummingbird	<input type="checkbox"/> Willet	<input type="checkbox"/> Black-crowned Night Heron	<input type="checkbox"/> Caracaras and Falcons	<input type="checkbox"/> Kinglets
<input type="checkbox"/> Green-winged Teal	<input type="checkbox"/> Rails, Gallinules, and Coots	<input type="checkbox"/> Greater Yellowlegs	<input type="checkbox"/> Green Heron	<input type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet
<input type="checkbox"/> Canvasback	<input type="checkbox"/> King Rail	<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Phalarope	<input type="checkbox"/> Great Egret	<input type="checkbox"/> Merlin	<input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned Kinglet
<input type="checkbox"/> Redhead	<input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Rail	<input type="checkbox"/> Red-necked Phalarope	<input type="checkbox"/> Red-necked Phalarope	<input type="checkbox"/> Gyrfalcon	<input type="checkbox"/> Waxwings
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Duck	<input type="checkbox"/> Sora	<input type="checkbox"/> Red Phalarope	<input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron	<input type="checkbox"/> Peregrine Falcon	<input type="checkbox"/> Bohemian Waxwing
<input type="checkbox"/> Greater Scaup	<input type="checkbox"/> Common Gallinule	<input type="checkbox"/> Skuas and Jaegers	<input type="checkbox"/> Ibises and Spoonbills	<input type="checkbox"/> Prairie Falcon	<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing
<input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Scaup	<input type="checkbox"/> American Coot	<input type="checkbox"/> Pomarine Jaeger	<input type="checkbox"/> White Ibis	<input type="checkbox"/> Flycatchers	<input type="checkbox"/> Nuthatches
<input type="checkbox"/> Harlequin Duck	<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Rail	<input type="checkbox"/> Parasitic Jaeger	<input type="checkbox"/> Glossy Ibis	<input type="checkbox"/> Great Crested Flycatcher	<input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Nuthatch
<input type="checkbox"/> Surf Scoter	<input type="checkbox"/> Black Rail	<input type="checkbox"/> Long-tailed Jaeger	<input type="checkbox"/> White-faced Ibis	<input type="checkbox"/> Western Kingbird	<input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch
<input type="checkbox"/> White-winged Scoter	<input type="checkbox"/> Limpkins	<input type="checkbox"/> Gulls, Terns, Skimmers	<input type="checkbox"/> Roseate Spoonbill	<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird	<input type="checkbox"/> Pygmy Nuthatch
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Scoter	<input type="checkbox"/> Limpkin	<input type="checkbox"/> Black-legged Kittiwake	<input type="checkbox"/> New World Vultures	<input type="checkbox"/> Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	<input type="checkbox"/> Creepers
<input type="checkbox"/> Long-tailed Duck	<input type="checkbox"/> Cranes	<input type="checkbox"/> Sabine's Gull	<input type="checkbox"/> Black Vulture	<input type="checkbox"/> Olive-sided Flycatcher	<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Creeper
<input type="checkbox"/> Bufflehead	<input type="checkbox"/> Sandhill Crane	<input type="checkbox"/> Bonaparte's Gull	<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture	<input type="checkbox"/> Western Wood-Pewee	<input type="checkbox"/> Gnatcatchers
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Goldeneye	<input type="checkbox"/> Whooping Crane	<input type="checkbox"/> Black-headed Gull	<input type="checkbox"/> Ospreys	<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Wood-Pewee	<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
<input type="checkbox"/> Barrow's Goldeneye	<input type="checkbox"/> Stilts and Avocets	<input type="checkbox"/> Little Gull	<input type="checkbox"/> Hawks, Kites, Eagles, and Allies	<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	<input type="checkbox"/> Wrens
<input type="checkbox"/> Hooded Merganser	<input type="checkbox"/> Black-necked Stilt	<input type="checkbox"/> Laughing Gull	<input type="checkbox"/> Golden Eagle	<input type="checkbox"/> Acadian Flycatcher	<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Wren
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Merganser	<input type="checkbox"/> American Avocet	<input type="checkbox"/> Franklin's Gull	<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier	<input type="checkbox"/> Alder Flycatcher	<input type="checkbox"/> Bewick's Wren
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Merganser	<input type="checkbox"/> Lapwings and Plovers	<input type="checkbox"/> Black-tailed Gull	<input type="checkbox"/> Sharp-shinned Hawk	<input type="checkbox"/> Willow Flycatcher	<input type="checkbox"/> Carolina Wren
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruddy Duck	<input type="checkbox"/> Black-bellied Plover	<input type="checkbox"/> Heermann's Gull	<input type="checkbox"/> Cooper's Hawk	<input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher	<input type="checkbox"/> Northern House Wren
<input type="checkbox"/> New World Quail	<input type="checkbox"/> American Golden-Plover	<input type="checkbox"/> Short-billed Gull	<input type="checkbox"/> American Goshawk	<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe	<input type="checkbox"/> Winter Wren
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Bobwhite	<input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer	<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-billed Gull	<input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle	<input type="checkbox"/> Say's Phoebe	<input type="checkbox"/> Sedge Wren
<input type="checkbox"/> Partridges, Grouse, Turkeys, and Old World Quail	<input type="checkbox"/> Semipalmated Plover	<input type="checkbox"/> California Gull	<input type="checkbox"/> Mississippi Kite	<input type="checkbox"/> Vireos	<input type="checkbox"/> Marsh Wren
<input type="checkbox"/> Wild Turkey	<input type="checkbox"/> Piping Plover	<input type="checkbox"/> American Herring Gull	<input type="checkbox"/> Red-shouldered Hawk	<input type="checkbox"/> White-eyed Vireo	<input type="checkbox"/> Mimids
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruffed Grouse	<input type="checkbox"/> Snowy Plover	<input type="checkbox"/> Iceland Gull	<input type="checkbox"/> Broad-winged Hawk	<input type="checkbox"/> Bell's Vireo	<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird
<input type="checkbox"/> Greater Prairie-Chicken	<input type="checkbox"/> Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies	<input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Black-backed Gull	<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Hawk	<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-throated Vireo	<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Partridge	<input type="checkbox"/> Upland Sandpiper	<input type="checkbox"/> Slaty-backed Gull	<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk	<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-headed Vireo	<input type="checkbox"/> Sage Thrasher
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Pheasant	<input type="checkbox"/> Whimbrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Glaucous Gull	<input type="checkbox"/> Rough-legged Hawk	<input type="checkbox"/> Philadelphia Vireo	<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Mockingbird
<input type="checkbox"/> Grebes	<input type="checkbox"/> Long-billed Curlew	<input type="checkbox"/> Great Black-backed Gull	<input type="checkbox"/> Ferruginous Hawk	<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Warbling Vireo	<input type="checkbox"/> Starlings
<input type="checkbox"/> Pied-billed Grebe	<input type="checkbox"/> Hudsonian Godwit	<input type="checkbox"/> Least Tern	<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Owls	<input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo	<input type="checkbox"/> European Starling
<input type="checkbox"/> Horned Grebe	<input type="checkbox"/> Marbled Godwit	<input type="checkbox"/> Caspian Tern	<input type="checkbox"/> American Barn Owl	<input type="checkbox"/> Shrikes	<input type="checkbox"/> Thrushes
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-necked Grebe	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruddy Turnstone	<input type="checkbox"/> Black Tern	<input type="checkbox"/> Typical Owls	<input type="checkbox"/> Loggerhead Shrike	<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Shrike
<input type="checkbox"/> Eared Grebe		<input type="checkbox"/> Common Tern		<input type="checkbox"/> Jays, Magpies, Crows	<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Bluebird
		<input type="checkbox"/> Arctic Tern			<input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Bluebird
		<input type="checkbox"/> Forster's Tern			

- ___ 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

The taxonomic sequence and nomenclature used in this list follow the Checklist of North American Birds, 7th Edition, American Ornithologists' Union, 1998, updated through the 64th Supplement (Chesser et al. 2023).

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- 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