



# IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Checklist of the Birds of Pottawattamie County - 322 Species

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Locality \_\_\_\_\_ Sky \_\_\_\_\_ Wind \_\_\_\_\_ Temp \_\_\_\_\_

Observers \_\_\_\_\_ Total Species \_\_\_\_\_ Total Individuals \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_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  
\_\_\_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  
\_\_\_MacGillivray's Warbler  
\_\_\_Mourning Warbler  
\_\_\_Kentucky 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  
\_\_\_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  
\_\_\_Black-headed Grosbeak  
\_\_\_Blue Grosbeak  
\_\_\_Lazuli Bunting  
\_\_\_Indigo Bunting  
\_\_\_Dickcissel

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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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