



# IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Checklist of the Birds of Iowa - 432 Species

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

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

KEY: \*Casual - recorded in 3-8 of the last 10 years; \*\*Accidental - recorded in 0-3 of the last 10 years; \*\*\*Extirpated or Extinct

## Ducks, Geese, Swans

\_\_\_ Black-bellied Whistling-Duck  
\_\_\_ Fulvous Whistling-Duck\*\*  
\_\_\_ Snow Goose  
\_\_\_ Ross's Goose  
\_\_\_ Greater White-fronted Goose  
\_\_\_ Taiga Bean-Goose\*\*  
\_\_\_ Tundra Bean-Goose\*\*  
\_\_\_ Brant\*\*  
\_\_\_ Cackling Goose  
\_\_\_ Canada Goose  
\_\_\_ Mute Swan  
\_\_\_ Trumpeter Swan  
\_\_\_ Tundra Swan  
\_\_\_ Wood Duck  
\_\_\_ Garganey\*\*  
\_\_\_ Blue-winged Teal  
\_\_\_ Cinnamon Teal  
\_\_\_ Northern Shoveler  
\_\_\_ Gadwall  
\_\_\_ Eurasian Wigeon\*\*  
\_\_\_ American Wigeon  
\_\_\_ Mallard  
\_\_\_ American Black Duck  
\_\_\_ Mottled Duck\*  
\_\_\_ Northern Pintail  
\_\_\_ Green-winged Teal  
\_\_\_ Canvasback  
\_\_\_ Redhead  
\_\_\_ Ring-necked Duck  
\_\_\_ Greater Scaup  
\_\_\_ Lesser Scaup  
\_\_\_ King Eider\*\*  
\_\_\_ Common Eider\*\*  
\_\_\_ 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  
\_\_\_ Sharp-tailed Grouse\*\*\*  
\_\_\_ Greater Prairie-Chicken\*\*  
\_\_\_ Gray Partridge  
\_\_\_ Ring-necked Pheasant  
  
\_\_\_ Grebes  
\_\_\_ Pied-billed Grebe  
\_\_\_ Horned Grebe  
\_\_\_ Red-necked Grebe  
\_\_\_ Mute Swan  
\_\_\_ Western Grebe  
\_\_\_ Clark's Grebe\*\*

## Pigeons, Doves

\_\_\_ Rock Pigeon  
\_\_\_ Eurasian Collared-Dove  
\_\_\_ Passenger Pigeon\*\*\*  
\_\_\_ Inca Dove\*\*  
\_\_\_ Common Ground Dove\*\*  
\_\_\_ White-winged Dove  
\_\_\_ Mourning Dove

## Cuckoos, Roadrunners, Anis

\_\_\_ Groove-billed Ani\*\*  
\_\_\_ Yellow-billed Cuckoo  
\_\_\_ Black-billed Cuckoo

## Goatsuckers

\_\_\_ Common Nighthawk  
\_\_\_ Chuck-will's-widow  
\_\_\_ Eastern Whip-poor-will

## Swifts

\_\_\_ Chimney Swift

## Hummingbirds

\_\_\_ Mexican Violetear\*\*  
\_\_\_ Ruby-throated Hummingbird  
\_\_\_ Anna's Hummingbird\*\*  
\_\_\_ Rufous Hummingbird\*  
\_\_\_ Broad-billed Hummingbird\*\*

## Rails, Gallinules, and Coots

\_\_\_ King Rail\*  
\_\_\_ Virginia Rail  
\_\_\_ Sora  
\_\_\_ Common Gallinule  
\_\_\_ American Coot  
\_\_\_ Purple Gallinule\*\*  
\_\_\_ 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  
\_\_\_ Eskimo Curlew\*\*\*  
\_\_\_ Long-billed Curlew\*\*  
\_\_\_ Bar-tailed Godwit  
\_\_\_ Hudsonian Godwit  
\_\_\_ Marbled Godwit  
\_\_\_ Ruddy Turnstone  
\_\_\_ Red Knot\*  
\_\_\_ Ruff\*  
\_\_\_ Sharp-tailed Sandpiper\*\*  
\_\_\_ Stilt Sandpiper  
\_\_\_ Curlew 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\*\*

## Auks, Murres, and Puffins

\_\_\_ Thick-billed Murre\*\*  
\_\_\_ Long-billed Murrelet\*\*  
\_\_\_ Ancient Murrelet\*\*

## Gulls, Terns, Skimmers

\_\_\_ Black-legged Kittiwake  
\_\_\_ Ivory Gull\*\*  
\_\_\_ Sabine's Gull  
\_\_\_ Bonaparte's Gull  
\_\_\_ Black-headed Gull\*\*  
\_\_\_ Little Gull\*  
\_\_\_ Ross's 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-winged Gull\*\*  
\_\_\_ Glaucous Gull  
\_\_\_ Great Black-backed Gull  
\_\_\_ Least Tern  
\_\_\_ Caspian Tern  
\_\_\_ Black Tern  
\_\_\_ Common Tern  
\_\_\_ Arctic Tern\*\*  
\_\_\_ Forster's Tern  
\_\_\_ Royal Tern\*\*  
  
\_\_\_ Loons  
\_\_\_ Red-throated Loon  
\_\_\_ Pacific Loon  
\_\_\_ Common Loon  
\_\_\_ Yellow-billed Loon\*\*

## Storks

\_\_\_ Wood Stork\*\*

## Frigatebirds

\_\_\_ Magnificent Frigatebird\*\*

## Boobies and Gannets

\_\_\_ Brown Booby\*\*

## Darters

\_\_\_ Anhinga\*\*

## 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\*  
\_\_\_ Tricolored Heron\*\*  
\_\_\_ Reddish Egret\*\*  
\_\_\_ 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

\_\_\_ White-tailed Kite\*\*  
\_\_\_ Swallow-tailed Kite\*  
\_\_\_ 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  
\_\_\_ Northern Hawk Owl\*\*  
\_\_\_ Burrowing Owl\*  
\_\_\_ Barred Owl  
\_\_\_ Great Gray Owl\*\*  
\_\_\_ Long-eared Owl  
\_\_\_ Short-eared Owl  
\_\_\_ Boreal Owl\*\*  
\_\_\_ Northern Saw-whet Owl

## Kingfishers

\_\_\_ Belted Kingfisher

## Woodpeckers

\_\_\_ Lewis's Woodpecker\*\*  
\_\_\_ Red-headed Woodpecker  
\_\_\_ Acorn Woodpecker\*\*  
\_\_\_ Red-bellied Woodpecker  
\_\_\_ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  
\_\_\_ Red-breasted Sapsucker\*\*  
\_\_\_ Black-backed Woodpecker\*\*  
\_\_\_ Downy Woodpecker  
\_\_\_ Hairy Woodpecker  
\_\_\_ Northern Flicker  
\_\_\_ Pileated Woodpecker

## Caracaras and Falcons

\_\_\_ Crested Caracara\*\*  
\_\_\_ American Kestrel  
\_\_\_ Merlin  
\_\_\_ Gyrfalcon\*  
\_\_\_ Peregrine Falcon  
\_\_\_ Prairie Falcon

## Parrots

\_\_\_ Carolina Parakeet\*\*\*

## Flycatchers

\_\_\_ Great Crested Flycatcher  
\_\_\_ Western Kingbird  
\_\_\_ Eastern Kingbird  
\_\_\_ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher  
\_\_\_ Fork-tailed Flycatcher\*\*  
\_\_\_ Olive-sided Flycatcher  
\_\_\_ Western Wood-Pewee\*\*  
\_\_\_ Eastern Wood-Pewee  
\_\_\_ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher  
\_\_\_ Acadian Flycatcher  
\_\_\_ Alder Flycatcher  
\_\_\_ Willow Flycatcher

\_\_\_Least Flycatcher  
\_\_\_Western Flycatcher\*\*  
\_\_\_Eastern Phoebe  
\_\_\_Say's Phoebe\*  
\_\_\_Vermilion Flycatcher\*\*

#### 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

\_\_\_Canada Jay\*\*  
\_\_\_Pinyon Jay\*\*  
\_\_\_Blue Jay  
\_\_\_Clark's Nutcracker\*\*  
\_\_\_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  
\_\_\_Violet-green 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  
\_\_\_Pacific Wren\*\*  
\_\_\_Winter Wren  
\_\_\_Sedge Wren

\_\_\_Marsh Wren

#### Mimids

\_\_\_Gray Catbird  
\_\_\_Curve-billed Thrasher\*\*  
\_\_\_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

\_\_\_Brambling\*\*  
\_\_\_Evening Grosbeak\*  
\_\_\_Pine Grosbeak\*\*  
\_\_\_Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch\*\*  
\_\_\_House Finch  
\_\_\_Purple Finch  
\_\_\_Redpoll  
\_\_\_Red Crossbill  
\_\_\_White-winged Crossbill  
\_\_\_Pine Siskin  
\_\_\_Lesser Goldfinch\*\*  
\_\_\_American Goldfinch

#### Longspurs, Snow Bunting

\_\_\_Lapland Longspur  
\_\_\_Chestnut-collared Longspur\*\*  
\_\_\_Smith's Longspur  
\_\_\_Snow Bunting

#### Towhees, Sparrows

\_\_\_Grasshopper Sparrow  
\_\_\_Black-throated Sparrow\*\*  
\_\_\_Lark Sparrow  
\_\_\_Lark Bunting\*\*  
\_\_\_Chipping Sparrow  
\_\_\_Clay-colored Sparrow  
\_\_\_Field Sparrow  
\_\_\_Fox Sparrow  
\_\_\_American Tree Sparrow  
\_\_\_Dark-eyed Junco  
\_\_\_White-crowned Sparrow  
\_\_\_Golden-crowned Sparrow\*\*  
\_\_\_Harris's Sparrow  
\_\_\_White-throated Sparrow  
\_\_\_Vesper Sparrow  
\_\_\_LeConte's Sparrow  
\_\_\_Nelson's Sparrow

\_\_\_Baird'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  
\_\_\_Hooded Oriole\*\*  
\_\_\_Bullock's Oriole\*\*  
\_\_\_Baltimore Oriole  
\_\_\_Scott's 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  
\_\_\_Swainson's Warbler\*\*  
\_\_\_Tennessee Warbler  
\_\_\_Orange-crowned Warbler  
\_\_\_Nashville Warbler  
\_\_\_Connecticut Warbler  
\_\_\_MacGillivray's 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\*  
\_\_\_Black-throated Gray 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  
\_\_\_Painted Bunting\*  
\_\_\_Dickcissel

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