



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
- ___ Pied-billed Grebe
- ___ Horned Grebe
- ___ Red-necked Grebe
- ___ Eared Grebe
- ___ 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**
- ___ 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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