



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
 ___ 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**

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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