



IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Checklist of the Birds of Black Hawk County - 308 Species

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

Observers _____ Total Species _____ Total Individuals _____

Ducks, Geese, Swans

- ___ Black-bellied Whistling-Duck
- ___ Snow Goose
- ___ Ross's Goose
- ___ Greater White-fronted Goose
- ___ Brant
- ___ Cackling Goose
- ___ Canada Goose
- ___ Mute Swan
- ___ Trumpeter Swan
- ___ Tundra Swan
- ___ Wood Duck
- ___ Blue-winged Teal
- ___ Northern Shoveler
- ___ Gadwall
- ___ American Wigeon
- ___ Mallard
- ___ American Black Duck
- ___ Northern Pintail
- ___ Green-winged Teal
- ___ Canvasback
- ___ Redhead
- ___ Ring-necked Duck
- ___ Greater Scaup
- ___ Lesser Scaup
- ___ Harlequin Duck
- ___ Surf Scoter
- ___ White-winged Scoter
- ___ Black Scoter
- ___ Long-tailed Duck
- ___ Bufflehead
- ___ Common Goldeneye
- ___ Hooded Merganser
- ___ Common Merganser
- ___ Red-breasted Merganser
- ___ Ruddy Duck

- ___ Eurasian Collared-Dove
- ___ White-winged Dove
- ___ Mourning Dove

Cuckoos, Roadrunners, Anis

- ___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo
- ___ Black-billed Cuckoo

Goatsuckers

- ___ Common Nighthawk
- ___ Eastern Whip-poor-will

Swifts

- ___ Chimney Swift

Hummingbirds

- ___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots

- ___ Virginia Rail
- ___ Sora
- ___ Common Gallinule
- ___ American Coot
- ___ Purple Gallinule
- ___ Yellow Rail

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

Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and

Allies

- ___ Upland Sandpiper
- ___ Hudsonian Godwit
- ___ Marbled Godwit
- ___ Ruddy Turnstone
- ___ Stilt Sandpiper
- ___ Sanderling
- ___ Dunlin

- ___ Baird's Sandpiper
- ___ Least Sandpiper
- ___ White-rumped Sandpiper
- ___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper
- ___ Pectoral Sandpiper
- ___ Semipalmated Sandpiper
- ___ Short-billed Dowitcher
- ___ Long-billed Dowitcher
- ___ American Woodcock
- ___ Wilson's Snipe
- ___ Spotted Sandpiper

New World Quail

- ___ Northern Bobwhite

Partridges, Grouse, Turkeys,

and Old World Quail

- ___ Wild Turkey
- ___ Ruffed Grouse
- ___ Gray Partridge
- ___ Ring-necked Pheasant

Grebes

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

Pigeons, Doves

- ___ Rock Pigeon

Solitary Sandpiper

- ___ Lesser Yellowlegs
- ___ Willet
- ___ Greater Yellowlegs
- ___ Wilson's Phalarope
- ___ Red-necked Phalarope

Gulls, Terns, Skimmers

- ___ Black-legged Kittiwake
- ___ Bonaparte's Gull
- ___ Franklin's Gull
- ___ Ring-billed Gull
- ___ Herring Gull
- ___ Glaucous Gull
- ___ Least Tern
- ___ Caspian Tern
- ___ Black Tern
- ___ Common Tern
- ___ Forster's Tern

Loons

- ___ Pacific Loon
- ___ Common Loon

Cormorants

- ___ Double-crested Cormorant

Pelicans

- ___ American White Pelican

Bitterns, Herons, and Allies

- ___ American Bittern
- ___ Least Bittern
- ___ Great Blue Heron
- ___ Great Egret
- ___ Snowy Egret
- ___ Western Cattle Egret
- ___ Green Heron
- ___ Black-crowned Night Heron
- ___ Yellow-crowned Night Heron

Ibises and Spoonbills

- ___ Glossy Ibis
- ___ White-faced Ibis

New World Vultures

- ___ Turkey Vulture

Ospreys

- ___ Osprey

Hawks, Kites, Eagles, and Allies

- ___ 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

Barn Owls

- ___ American Barn Owl

Typical Owls

- ___ Eastern Screech-Owl
- ___ Great Horned Owl
- ___ Snowy Owl
- ___ Northern Hawk Owl
- ___ Burrowing Owl
- ___ Barred Owl
- ___ Long-eared Owl
- ___ Short-eared Owl
- ___ Boreal Owl
- ___ Northern Saw-whet Owl

Kingfishers

- ___ Belted Kingfisher

Woodpeckers

- ___ Red-headed Woodpecker
- ___ Red-bellied Woodpecker
- ___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- ___ Downy Woodpecker
- ___ Hairy Woodpecker
- ___ Northern Flicker
- ___ Pileated Woodpecker

Caracaras and Falcons

- ___ American Kestrel
- ___ Merlin
- ___ Peregrine Falcon
- ___ Prairie Falcon

Flycatchers

- ___ Great Crested Flycatcher
- ___ Western Kingbird
- ___ Eastern Kingbird
- ___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
- ___ Olive-sided Flycatcher
- ___ Eastern Wood-Pewee
- ___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
- ___ Acadian Flycatcher
- ___ Alder Flycatcher
- ___ Willow Flycatcher
- ___ Least Flycatcher
- ___ Eastern Phoebe
- ___ Say's Phoebe

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
- ___ Blue Jay
- ___ American Crow

Chickadees, Titmice

- ___ Black-capped Chickadee
- ___ Tufted Titmouse

Larks

- ___ Horned Lark

Swallows

- ___ Bank Swallow
- ___ Tree Swallow
- ___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow
- ___ Purple Martin
- ___ Barn Swallow
- ___ Cliff Swallow

Kinglets

- ___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- ___ Golden-crowned Kinglet

Waxwings

- ___ Cedar Waxwing

Nuthatches

- ___ Red-breasted Nuthatch
- ___ White-breasted Nuthatch

Creepers

- ___ Brown Creeper

Gnatcatchers

- ___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

Wrens

- ___ Carolina Wren
- ___ Northern House Wren
- ___ Winter Wren
- ___ Sedge Wren
- ___ Marsh Wren

Mimids

- ___ Gray Catbird
- ___ Brown Thrasher
- ___ Sage Thrasher
- ___ Northern Mockingbird

Starlings

- ___ European Starling

Thrushes

- ___ Eastern Bluebird
- ___ Mountain Bluebird
- ___ 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

Finches

- ___ Evening Grosbeak
- ___ House Finch
- ___ Purple Finch
- ___ Redpoll
- ___ Red Crossbill
- ___ White-winged Crossbill
- ___ Pine Siskin
- ___ American Goldfinch

Longspurs, Snow Bunting

- ___ Lapland Longspur
- ___ Smith's Longspur
- ___ Snow Bunting

Towhees, Sparrows

- ___ Grasshopper Sparrow
- ___ Black-throated Sparrow
- ___ Lark Sparrow
- ___ 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
- ___ 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
- ___ Connecticut 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 Green Warbler
- ___ Canada Warbler
- ___ Wilson's Warbler

Tanagers, Cardinals,

Grosbeaks, Buntings

- ___ Summer Tanager
- ___ Scarlet Tanager
- ___ Western Tanager
- ___ Northern Cardinal
- ___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- ___ Blue Grosbeak
- ___ Indigo Bunting
- ___ Dickcissel

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