



# IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Checklist of the Birds of Buena Vista County - 282 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
- \_\_\_ 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
- \_\_\_ Surf Scoter
- \_\_\_ White-winged Scoter
- \_\_\_ Black Scoter
- \_\_\_ Bufflehead
- \_\_\_ Common Goldeneye
- \_\_\_ Hooded Merganser
- \_\_\_ Common Merganser
- \_\_\_ Red-breasted Merganser
- \_\_\_ Ruddy Duck

### New World Quail

- \_\_\_ Northern Bobwhite

### Partridges, Grouse, Turkeys, and Old World Quail

- \_\_\_ Wild Turkey
- \_\_\_ Gray Partridge
- \_\_\_ Ring-necked Pheasant

### Grebes

- \_\_\_ Pied-billed Grebe
- \_\_\_ Horned Grebe
- \_\_\_ Red-necked Grebe
- \_\_\_ Eared Grebe
- \_\_\_ Western Grebe

### Pigeons, Doves

- \_\_\_ Rock Pigeon
- \_\_\_ Eurasian Collared-Dove
- \_\_\_ Mourning Dove

### Cuckoos, Roadrunners, Anis

- \_\_\_ Yellow-billed Cuckoo

- \_\_\_ Black-billed Cuckoo

### Goatsuckers

- \_\_\_ Common Nighthawk

### Swifts

- \_\_\_ Chimney Swift

### Hummingbirds

- \_\_\_ Ruby-throated Hummingbird

### Rails, Gallinules, and Coots

- \_\_\_ Virginia Rail
- \_\_\_ Sora
- \_\_\_ Common Gallinule
- \_\_\_ American Coot

### 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

### Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies

- \_\_\_ Upland Sandpiper
- \_\_\_ Whimbrel
- \_\_\_ Hudsonian Godwit
- \_\_\_ Marbled Godwit
- \_\_\_ Ruddy Turnstone
- \_\_\_ Stilt Sandpiper
- \_\_\_ Sanderling
- \_\_\_ Dunlin
- \_\_\_ Baird's Sandpiper
- \_\_\_ Least Sandpiper
- \_\_\_ White-rumped Sandpiper
- \_\_\_ Pectoral Sandpiper
- \_\_\_ Semipalmated 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

### Gulls, Terns, Skimmers

- \_\_\_ Sabine's Gull
- \_\_\_ Bonaparte's Gull
- \_\_\_ Laughing Gull
- \_\_\_ Franklin's Gull
- \_\_\_ Ring-billed Gull
- \_\_\_ California Gull
- \_\_\_ Herring Gull
- \_\_\_ Iceland Gull
- \_\_\_ Lesser Black-backed Gull
- \_\_\_ Glaucous Gull
- \_\_\_ Great Black-backed Gull
- \_\_\_ Least Tern
- \_\_\_ Caspian Tern
- \_\_\_ Black Tern
- \_\_\_ Common Tern
- \_\_\_ Forster's Tern

### Loons

- \_\_\_ 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
- \_\_\_ Little Blue Heron
- \_\_\_ 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

- \_\_\_ Golden Eagle
- \_\_\_ Northern Harrier
- \_\_\_ Sharp-shinned Hawk
- \_\_\_ Cooper's Hawk
- \_\_\_ Bald Eagle
- \_\_\_ Red-shouldered Hawk
- \_\_\_ Broad-winged Hawk
- \_\_\_ Swainson's Hawk
- \_\_\_ Red-tailed Hawk

- \_\_\_ Rough-legged Hawk

- \_\_\_ Ferruginous Hawk

### Typical Owls

- \_\_\_ Eastern Screech-Owl
- \_\_\_ Great Horned Owl
- \_\_\_ Snowy Owl
- \_\_\_ Barred Owl
- \_\_\_ Short-eared 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

- \_\_\_ Crested Caracara
- \_\_\_ American Kestrel
- \_\_\_ Merlin
- \_\_\_ Peregrine Falcon
- \_\_\_ Prairie Falcon

### Flycatchers

- \_\_\_ Great Crested Flycatcher
- \_\_\_ Western Kingbird
- \_\_\_ Eastern Kingbird
- \_\_\_ Olive-sided Flycatcher
- \_\_\_ Eastern Wood-Pewee
- \_\_\_ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
- \_\_\_ Acadian Flycatcher
- \_\_\_ Alder Flycatcher
- \_\_\_ Willow Flycatcher
- \_\_\_ Least Flycatcher
- \_\_\_ Eastern Phoebe

### Vireos

- \_\_\_ Bell's Vireo
- \_\_\_ Yellow-throated Vireo
- \_\_\_ Blue-headed Vireo
- \_\_\_ Philadelphia Vireo
- \_\_\_ Warbling Vireo
- \_\_\_ Red-eyed Vireo

### Shrikes

- \_\_\_ Loggerhead Shrike
- \_\_\_ Northern Shrike

### Jays, Magpies, Crows

- \_\_\_ Blue Jay
- \_\_\_ American Crow
- \_\_\_ Common Raven

### 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
- \_\_\_ Northern Mockingbird

### Starlings

- \_\_\_ European Starling

### Thrushes

- \_\_\_ Eastern Bluebird
- \_\_\_ Townsend's Solitaire
- \_\_\_ Veery
- \_\_\_ Gray-cheeked Thrush
- \_\_\_ Swainson's Thrush
- \_\_\_ Hermit Thrush
- \_\_\_ Wood Thrush
- \_\_\_ American Robin

### Old World Sparrows

- \_\_\_ House Sparrow

### Pipits

- \_\_\_ American Pipit

### Finches

- \_\_\_ 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
- \_\_\_ 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
- \_\_\_ Savannah Sparrow
- \_\_\_ Song Sparrow
- \_\_\_ Lincoln's Sparrow
- \_\_\_ Winter Wren
- \_\_\_ Green-tailed Towhee
- \_\_\_ Spotted Towhee
- \_\_\_ Eastern Towhee

### 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
- \_\_\_ Northern Waterthrush
- \_\_\_ Golden-winged Warbler
- \_\_\_ Blue-winged Warbler
- \_\_\_ Black-and-white Warbler
- \_\_\_ Prothonotary Warbler
- \_\_\_ Tennessee Warbler
- \_\_\_ Orange-crowned Warbler

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- \_\_\_ Nashville Warbler
  - \_\_\_ Mourning Warbler
  - \_\_\_ Common Yellowthroat
  - \_\_\_ American Redstart
  - \_\_\_ 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
  - \_\_\_ 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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