



IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Checklist of the Birds of Buena Vista County - 285 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
___ Long-tailed Duck
___ 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

___ Mourning Dove
___ Eurasian Collared-Dove
___ Rock Pigeon

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
___ American 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
___ Neotropic Cormorant

Pelicans

___ American White Pelican

Bitterns, Herons, and Allies

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

___ Swamp Sparrow

___ 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
☐ 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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