



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
- ___ 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

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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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