



IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Checklist of the Birds of Cass County - 226 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
___ 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
___ 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
___ Ring-necked Pheasant

Grebes

___ Pied-billed Grebe
___ Horned 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
___ Eastern Whip-poor-will

Swifts

___ Chimney Swift

Hummingbirds

___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots

___ Sora
___ American Coot

Cranes

___ Sandhill Crane

Lapwings and Plovers

___ Killdeer

Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and

Allies

___ Upland Sandpiper
___ Hudsonian Godwit
___ Sanderling
___ Least Sandpiper
___ Pectoral Sandpiper
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper
___ American Woodcock
___ Wilson's Snipe
___ Spotted Sandpiper
___ Solitary Sandpiper
___ Lesser Yellowlegs
___ Greater Yellowlegs
___ Wilson's Phalarope

Auks, Murres, and Puffins

___ Thick-billed Murre

Gulls, Terns, Skimmers

___ Bonaparte's Gull
___ Franklin's Gull
___ Ring-billed Gull
___ American Herring Gull
___ Caspian Tern
___ Black Tern
___ Forster's Tern

Loons

___ Common Loon

Cormorants

___ Double-crested Cormorant

Pelicans

___ American White Pelican

Bitterns, Herons, and Allies

___ Snowy Egret
___ Green Heron
___ Great Egret
___ Great Blue Heron

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

Typical Owls

___ Eastern Screech-Owl
___ Great Horned Owl
___ Barred Owl
___ Long-eared Owl
___ Short-eared 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

Flycatchers

___ Great Crested Flycatcher
___ Western Kingbird
___ Eastern Kingbird
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee
___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
___ Acadian 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

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
___ Mountain Bluebird
___ Townsend's Solitaire
___ 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
___ White-winged Crossbill
___ Pine Siskin
___ American Goldfinch

Longspurs, Snow Bunting

___ Lapland 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
___ Henslow's Sparrow
___ Savannah Sparrow
___ Song Sparrow
___ Lincoln's Sparrow
___ Swamp Sparrow
___ Eastern Towhee

Blackbirds, Orioles

___ 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
___ Blue-winged Warbler
___ Black-and-white Warbler
___ Tennessee Warbler
___ Orange-crowned Warbler
___ Nashville Warbler
___ Mourning Warbler
___ Kentucky Warbler

___ Common Yellowthroat

___ American Redstart
___ Cape May Warbler
___ Magnolia Warbler
___ Blackburnian Warbler
___ Yellow Warbler
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler
___ Blackpoll Warbler
___ Palm Warbler
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler
___ Canada Warbler
___ Wilson's Warbler

Tanagers, Cardinals,

Grosbeaks, Buntings

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

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