



IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Checklist of the Birds of Cerro Gordo County - 330 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
___ Cinnamon Teal
___ Northern Shoveler
___ Gadwall
___ Eurasian Wigeon
___ American Wigeon
___ Mallard
___ American Black Duck
___ Northern Pintail
___ Green-winged Teal
___ Canvasback
___ Redhead
___ Ring-necked Duck
___ Greater Scaup
___ Lesser Scaup
___ King Eider
___ Harlequin Duck
___ 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
___ Ruffed Grouse
___ 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
___ 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
___ Rufous Hummingbird

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots

___ King Rail
___ Virginia Rail
___ Sora
___ Common Gallinule
___ American Coot
___ Yellow Rail
___ Black 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
___ 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
___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper

___ Pectoral Sandpiper

___ Semipalmated Sandpiper

___ Western 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

___ Black-legged Kittiwake

___ Sabine's Gull

___ Bonaparte's Gull

___ Laughing Gull

___ Franklin's Gull

___ Ring-billed Gull

___ Herring Gull

___ Lesser Black-backed Gull

___ Glaucous Gull

___ Least Tern

___ Caspian Tern

___ Black Tern

___ Common Tern

___ Forster's Tern

Loons

___ Red-throated Loon

___ Pacific Loon

___ Common Loon

___ Yellow-billed Loon

Frigatebirds

___ Magnificent Frigatebird

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

___ 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

___ Ferruginous Hawk

Typical Owls

___ Eastern Screech-Owl

___ Great Horned Owl

___ Snowy Owl

___ Burrowing Owl

___ Barred Owl

___ Great Gray Owl

___ Long-eared Owl

___ Short-eared Owl

___ Northern Saw-whet Owl

Kingfishers

___ Belted Kingfisher

Woodpeckers

___ Lewis's Woodpecker

___ Red-headed Woodpecker

___ Red-bellied Woodpecker

___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

___ Downy Woodpecker

___ Hairy Woodpecker

___ Northern Flicker

___ Pileated Woodpecker

Caracaras and Falcons

___ American Kestrel

___ Merlin

___ Gyrfalcon

___ 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

___ Bohemian Waxwing

___ 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

___ 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

___ Sprague's Pipit

Finches

___ Evening Grosbeak

___ House Finch

___ Purple Finch

___ Redpoll

___ Red Crossbill

___ White-winged Crossbill

___ Pine Siskin

___ Lesser Goldfinch

___ American Goldfinch

Longspurs, Snow Bunting

___ Lapland Longspur

___ Chestnut-collared 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
- ___ 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
- ___ Bullock's 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
- ___ Black-headed Grosbeak
- ___ Blue Grosbeak
- ___ Lazuli Bunting
- ___ Indigo Bunting
- ___ Dickcissel

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