

IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Checklist of the Birds of Des Moines County - 312 Species

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Date	Time	_ Locality	Sky	Wind	_Temp	
Observers			Total Spec	ciesTotal Individua	ndividuals	
Ducks, Geese, Swans	Groove-billed Ani	Spotted Sandpiper	Hawks, Kites, Eagles, and Allies	Bell's Vireo	Thrushes	
Snow Goose	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Solitary Sandpiper	Golden Eagle	Yellow-throated Vireo	Eastern Bluebird	
Ross's Goose	Black-billed Cuckoo	Lesser Yellowlegs	Northern Harrier	Blue-headed Vireo	Veery	
Greater White-fronted Goose	Goatsuckers	Willet	Sharp-shinned Hawk	Philadelphia Vireo	Gray-cheeked Thrush	
Cackling Goose	Common Nighthawk	Greater Yellowlegs	Cooper's Hawk	Eastern Warbling Vireo	Swainson's Thrush	
Canada Goose	Eastern Whip-poor-will	Wilson's Phalarope	American Goshawk	Red-eyed Vireo	Hermit Thrush	
Mute Swan	Swifts	Red-necked Phalarope	Bald Eagle	Shrikes	Wood Thrush	
Trumpeter Swan	Chimney Swift	Gulls, Terns, Skimmers	Mississippi Kite	Loggerhead Shrike	American Robin	
Tundra Swan	Hummingbirds	Sabine's Gull	Red-shouldered Hawk	Northern Shrike	Old World Sparrows	
Wood Duck	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Bonaparte's Gull	Broad-winged Hawk	Jays, Magpies, Crows	House Sparrow	
Blue-winged Teal	Rails, Gallinules, and Coots	Laughing Gull	Swainson's Hawk	Blue Jay	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	
Cinnamon Teal	King Rail	Franklin's Gull	Red-tailed Hawk	American Crow	Pipits	
Northern Shoveler	-	Short-billed Gull	Rough-legged Hawk	Fish Crow	American Pipit	
Gadwall	Virginia Rail	Ring-billed Gull	Barn Owls	Chickadees, Titmice	Finches	
American Wigeon	Sora Common Gallinule	American Herring Gull	American Barn Owl	Black-capped Chickadee		
Mallard		Lesser Black-backed Gull	Typical Owls	Tufted Titmouse	Evening Grosbeak	
American Black Duck	American Coot	Glaucous Gull	Eastern Screech-Owl		House Finch	
Northern Pintail	Purple Gallinule	Least Tern	Great Horned Owl	Larks	Purple Finch	
Green-winged Teal	Yellow Rail	Caspian Tern	Snowy Owl	Horned Lark	Redpoll	
Canvasback	Black Rail	Black Tern	Snowy Owl	Swallows	Red Crossbill	
Redhead	Cranes	Common Tern	Barred Owl	Bank Swallow	White-winged Crossbill	
Ring-necked Duck	Sandhill Crane	Forster's Tern	Barred Owl	Tree Swallow	Pine Siskin	
Greater Scaup	Stilts and Avocets	Loons	Northern Saw-whet Owl	Northern Rough-winged Swallov		
Lesser Scaup	Black-necked Stilt	Red-throated Loon		Purple Martin	American Goldfinch	
Surf Scoter	American Avocet	Pacific Loon	Kingfishers	Barn Swallow	Longspurs, Snow Bunting	
White-winged Scoter	Lapwings and Plovers	Common Loon	Belted Kingfisher	Cliff Swallow	Lapland Longspur	
Black Scoter	Black-bellied Plover	Frigatebirds	Woodpeckers	Kinglets	Smith's Longspur	
Long-tailed Duck	American Golden-Plover	Magnificent Frigatebird	Red-headed Woodpecker	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Snow Bunting	
Bufflehead	Killdeer		Red-bellied Woodpecker	Golden-crowned Kinglet	Towhees, Sparrows	
Common Goldeneye	Semipalmated Plover	Cormorants	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Waxwings	Grasshopper Sparrow	
Hooded Merganser	Piping Plover	Double-crested Cormorant	Downy Woodpecker	Bohemian Waxwing	Lark Sparrow	
Common Merganser	Snowy Plover	Neotropic Cormorant	Hairy Woodpecker	Cedar Waxwing	Lark Bunting	
Red-breasted Merganser	Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and	Pelicans	Northern Flicker	Nuthatches	Chipping Sparrow	
Ruddy Duck	Allies	American White Pelican	Pileated Woodpecker	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Clay-colored Sparrow	
New World Quail	Upland Sandpiper	Brown Pelican	Caracaras and Falcons	White-breasted Nuthatch	Field Sparrow	
Northern Bobwhite	Eskimo Curlew	Bitterns, Herons, and Allies	American Kestrel	Creepers	Fox Sparrow	
Partridges, Grouse, Turkeys,	Hudsonian Godwit	Least Bittern	Merlin	Brown Creeper	American Tree Sparrow	
	Marbled Godwit	American Bittern	Peregrine Falcon	·	Dark-eyed Junco	
and Old World Quail	Ruddy Turnstone	Little Blue Heron	Flycatchers	Gnatcatchers	White-crowned Sparrow	
Wild Turkey	,	Snowy Egret	Great Crested Flycatcher	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Harris's Sparrow	
Gray Partridge	Stilt Sandpiper	Yellow-crowned Night Heron	Western Kingbird	Wrens	White-throated Sparrow	
Ring-necked Pheasant	Sanderling	Black-crowned Night Heron	Eastern Kingbird	Bewick's Wren	Vesper Sparrow	
Grebes	Dunlin	Green Heron	Olive-sided Flycatcher	Carolina Wren	LeConte's Sparrow	
Pied-billed Grebe	Baird's Sandpiper	Great Egret	Eastern Wood-Pewee	Northern House Wren	Nelson's Sparrow	
Horned Grebe	Least Sandpiper	Western Cattle Egret	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	Winter Wren	Henslow's Sparrow	
Eared Grebe	White-rumped Sandpiper	Great Blue Heron	Acadian Flycatcher	Sedge Wren	Savannah Sparrow	
Western Grebe	Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Ibises and Spoonbills	Alder Flycatcher	Marsh Wren	Song Sparrow	
Pigeons, Doves	Pectoral Sandpiper	White-faced Ibis	Willow Flycatcher	Mimids	Lincoln's Sparrow	
White-winged Dove	Semipalmated Sandpiper	New World Vultures	Least Flycatcher	Gray Catbird	Swamp Sparrow	
Mourning Dove	Western Sandpiper		Eastern Phoebe	Brown Thrasher	Spotted Towhee	
Eurasian Collared-Dove	Short-billed Dowitcher	Turkey Vulture	Say's Phoebe	Northern Mockingbird	Eastern Towhee	
Rock Pigeon	Long-billed Dowitcher	Ospreys		Starlings	Chats	
Cuckoos, Roadrunners, Anis	American Woodcock	Osprey	Vireos	European Starling	Yellow-breasted Chat	
Guordos, Madrulliels, Allis	Wilson's Snipe		White-eyed Vireo	Luiopean Staning	i ellow-breasted Chat	

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
Wood-warblers
Ovenbird
Worm-eating Warbler
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
Indigo Bunting

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