



IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Checklist of the Birds of Howard County - 252 Species

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Date _____ Time _____ Locality _____ Sky _____ Wind _____ Temp _____

Observers _____ Total Species _____ Total Individuals _____

Ducks, Geese, Swans

___ Snow Goose
___ Ross's Goose
___ Greater White-fronted Goose
___ Cackling Goose
___ Canada Goose
___ Trumpeter Swan
___ Tundra Swan
___ Wood Duck
___ Blue-winged Teal
___ Cinnamon Teal
___ Northern Shoveler
___ Gadwall
___ American Wigeon
___ Mallard
___ American Black Duck
___ Northern Pintail
___ Green-winged Teal
___ Canvasback
___ Redhead
___ Ring-necked Duck
___ Greater Scaup
___ Lesser Scaup
___ 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
___ 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

___ Sora
___ American Coot

Cranes

___ Sandhill Crane

Stilts and Avocets

___ American Avocet

Lapwings and Plovers

___ Black-bellied Plover
___ American Golden-Plover
___ Killdeer
___ Semipalmated Plover

Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and

Allies

___ Upland Sandpiper
___ Hudsonian Godwit
___ Marbled Godwit
___ Greater Scaup
___ Stilt Sandpiper
___ 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

Gulls, Terns, Skimmers

___ Sabine's Gull
___ Bonaparte's Gull
___ Ring-billed Gull
___ Herring Gull
___ 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
___ Little Blue Heron
___ Western Cattle Egret
___ Green Heron
___ Black-crowned Night Heron

New World Vultures

___ Turkey Vulture

Ospreys

___ Osprey

Hawks, Kites, Eagles, and Allies

___ White-tailed Kite
___ Golden Eagle
___ Northern Harrier
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk
___ Cooper's Hawk
___ American Goshawk
___ 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
___ 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

___ American Kestrel
___ Merlin
___ Gyrfalcon
___ Prairie Falcon

Flycatchers

___ Great Crested Flycatcher

___ Eastern Kingbird

___ Olive-sided Flycatcher
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee
___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
___ Alder Flycatcher
___ Willow Flycatcher
___ Least Flycatcher
___ Eastern 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

___ 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

Starlings

___ European Starling

Thrushes

___ Eastern Bluebird
___ 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

Finches

___ House Finch
___ Purple Finch
___ Redpoll
___ 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

___ Henslow's Sparrow

___ Savannah Sparrow

___ Song Sparrow

___ Lincoln's Sparrow

___ Swamp Sparrow

___ 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

Wood-warblers

___ Ovenbird
___ Louisiana Waterthrush
___ Northern Waterthrush
___ Golden-winged Warbler
___ Blue-winged Warbler
___ Black-and-white Warbler
___ Tennessee Warbler
___ Orange-crowned Warbler
___ Nashville Warbler
___ Mourning Warbler

___ Common Yellowthroat

___ 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

___ Black-throated Green Warbler

___ Canada Warbler

___ Wilson's Warbler

Tanagers, Cardinals,

Grosbeaks, Buntings

___ Summer Tanager

___ Scarlet Tanager

___ Northern Cardinal

___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak

___ Indigo Bunting

___ Painted Bunting

___ Dickcissel

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