



IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Checklist of the Birds of Osceola County - 209 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
____ 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

Partridges, Grouse, Turkeys, and Old World Quail

____ Wild Turkey
____ Greater Prairie-Chicken
____ Gray Partridge
____ Ring-necked Pheasant

Grebes

____ Pied-billed Grebe
____ Horned 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
____ Chuck-will's-widow

Swifts

____ Chimney Swift

Hummingbirds

____ Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots

____ Virginia Rail
____ Sora

____ American Coot

Cranes

____ Sandhill Crane

Lapwings and Plovers

____ American Golden-Plover
____ Killdeer
____ Semipalmated Plover

Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and

Allies

____ Upland Sandpiper
____ Hudsonian Godwit
____ Stilt Sandpiper
____ Dunlin
____ Baird's Sandpiper
____ Least Sandpiper
____ White-rumped Sandpiper
____ Pectoral Sandpiper
____ Semipalmated Sandpiper
____ American Woodcock
____ Wilson's Snipe
____ Spotted Sandpiper
____ Solitary Sandpiper
____ Lesser Yellowlegs
____ Greater Yellowlegs
____ Wilson's Phalarope

Gulls, Terns, Skimmers

____ Bonaparte's Gull
____ Franklin's Gull
____ Ring-billed Gull
____ Herring Gull
____ Caspian Tern
____ Black 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
____ Green Heron

____ Black-crowned Night Heron

____ Yellow-crowned Night Heron

New World Vultures

____ Turkey Vulture

Ospreys

____ Osprey

Hawks, Kites, Eagles, and Allies

____ Northern Harrier
____ Sharp-shinned Hawk
____ Cooper's Hawk
____ Bald Eagle
____ Broad-winged Hawk
____ Swainson's Hawk
____ Red-tailed Hawk
____ Rough-legged Hawk

Typical Owls

____ Great Horned Owl
____ Short-eared Owl

Kingfishers

____ Belted Kingfisher

Woodpeckers

____ Red-headed Woodpecker
____ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
____ Downy Woodpecker
____ Hairy Woodpecker
____ Northern Flicker

Caracaras and Falcons

____ American Kestrel

Flycatchers

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

Chickadees, Titmice

____ Black-capped Chickadee

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
____ House Wren
____ Winter Wren
____ Sedge Wren
____ Marsh Wren

Mimids

____ Gray Catbird
____ Brown Thrasher
____ Northern Mockingbird

Starlings

____ European Starling

Thrushes

____ Eastern Bluebird
____ Gray-cheeked Thrush
____ Swainson's Thrush
____ Hermit Thrush
____ American Robin

Old World Sparrows

____ House Sparrow

Pipits

____ American Pipit

Finches

____ House Finch
____ Common Redpoll
____ American Goldfinch

Longspurs, Snow Bunting

____ Lapland Longspur

____ Snow Bunting

Towhees, Sparrows

____ 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
____ 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
____ Northern Waterthrush
____ Golden-winged Warbler
____ Black-and-white Warbler
____ Tennessee Warbler
____ Orange-crowned Warbler
____ Nashville Warbler
____ Common Yellowthroat
____ American Redstart
____ Magnolia Warbler
____ Blackburnian Warbler
____ Yellow Warbler
____ Chestnut-sided Warbler
____ Blackpoll Warbler
____ Palm Warbler
____ Yellow-rumped Warbler
____ Wilson's Warbler

Tanagers, Cardinals,

Grosbeaks, Buntings

____ Northern Cardinal

____ Rose-breasted Grosbeak
____ Blue Grosbeak
____ Indigo Bunting
____ Dickcissel

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