

## IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Checklist of the Birds of Polk County - 368 Species

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\_\_\_Forster's Tern

Date	Time	_ Locality	Sky	Wind	Temp
Observers	Total SpeciesTotal Individuals_				iduals
Ducks, Geese, Swans	Western Grebe	Red Knot	Loons	Eastern Screech-Owl	Blue Jay
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	Clark's Grebe	Ruff	Red-throated Loon	Great Horned Owl	Black-billed Magpie
Snow Goose	Pigeons, Doves	Stilt Sandpiper	Pacific Loon	Snowy Owl	American Crow
Ross's Goose	Rock Pigeon	Sanderling	Common Loon	Burrowing Owl	Fish Crow
Greater White-fronted Goose	Eurasian Collared-Dove	Dunlin	Yellow-billed Loon	Barred Owl	Common Raven
Cackling Goose	Inca Dove	Baird's Sandpiper	Storks	Great Gray Owl	Chickadees, Titmice
Canada Goose	Common Ground Dove	Least Sandpiper	Wood Stork	Long-eared Owl	Black-capped Chickadee
Mute Swan	White-winged Dove	White-rumped Sandpiper		Short-eared Owl	Boreal Chickadee
Trumpeter Swan	Mourning Dove	Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Cormorants	Northern Saw-whet Owl	Tufted Titmouse
Tundra Swan	Cuckoos, Roadrunners, Anis	Pectoral Sandpiper	Double-crested Cormorant	Kingfishers	Larks
Wood Duck	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Semipalmated Sandpiper	Neotropic Cormorant	Belted Kingfisher	Horned Lark
Blue-winged Teal	Black-billed Cuckoo	Western Sandpiper	Pelicans	Woodpeckers	
Cinnamon Teal	<del></del>	Short-billed Dowitcher	American White Pelican	Red-headed Woodpecker	Swallows
Northern Shoveler	Goatsuckers	Long-billed Dowitcher	Brown Pelican	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Bank Swallow
Gadwall	Common Nighthawk	American Woodcock	Bitterns, Herons, and Allies	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Tree Swallow
American Wigeon	Eastern Whip-poor-will	Wilson's Snipe	American Bittern	Downy Woodpecker	Northern Rough-winged Swallo
Mallard	Swifts	Spotted Sandpiper	Least Bittern	Hairy Woodpecker	Purple Martin
American Black Duck	Chimney Swift	Solitary Sandpiper	Great Blue Heron	Northern Flicker	Barn Swallow
Mottled Duck	Hummingbirds	Lesser Yellowlegs	Great Egret	Pileated Woodpecker	Cliff Swallow
Northern Pintail	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Willet	Snowy Egret	·	Cave Swallow
Green-winged Teal	Anna's Hummingbird	Greater Yellowlegs	Little Blue Heron	Caracaras and Falcons	Kinglets
Canvasback	Rails, Gallinules, and Coots	Wilson's Phalarope	Western Cattle Egret	American Kestrel	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Redhead	King Rail	Red-necked Phalarope	Green Heron	Merlin	Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ring-necked Duck	Virginia Rail	Red Phalarope	Black-crowned Night Heron	Gyrfalcon	Waxwings
Greater Scaup	Sora	Skuas and Jaegers	Yellow-crowned Night Heron	Peregrine Falcon Prairie Falcon	Bohemian Waxwing
Lesser Scaup	Common Gallinule	Pomarine Jaeger	Ibises and Spoonbills		Cedar Waxwing
Harlequin Duck	American Coot	Parasitic Jaeger	White Ibis	Flycatchers	Nuthatches
Surf Scoter	Yellow Rail	Long-tailed Jaeger	Glossy Ibis	Great Crested Flycatcher	Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-winged Scoter	Black Rail	Gulls, Terns, Skimmers	White-faced Ibis	Western Kingbird	White-breasted Nuthatch
Black Scoter	Limpkins	Black-legged Kittiwake	Roseate Spoonbill	Eastern Kingbird	Pygmy Nuthatch
Long-tailed Duck	Limpkin	Sabine's Gull	New World Vultures	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	Creepers
Bufflehead	Cranes	Bonaparte's Gull	Black Vulture	Olive-sided Flycatcher	Brown Creeper
Common Goldeneye	Sandhill Crane	Black-headed Gull	Turkey Vulture	Western Wood-Pewee	Gnatcatchers
Barrow's Goldeneye	Whooping Crane	Little Gull	Ospreys	Eastern Wood-Pewee	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Hooded Merganser	Stilts and Avocets	Laughing Gull	Osprey	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	
Common Merganser		Franklin's Gull	• •	Acadian Flycatcher	Wrens
Red-breasted Merganser	Black-necked Stilt	Black-tailed Gull	Hawks, Kites, Eagles, and Allies	Alder Flycatcher	Rock Wren
Ruddy Duck	American Avocet	Heermann's Gull	Golden Eagle	Willow Flycatcher	Bewick's Wren
New World Quail	Lapwings and Plovers	Short-billed Gull	Northern Harrier	Least Flycatcher	Carolina Wren
Northern Bobwhite	Black-bellied Plover	Ring-billed Gull	Sharp-shinned Hawk	Eastern Phoebe	Northern House Wren
	American Golden-Plover	California Gull	Cooper's Hawk	Say's Phoebe	Winter Wren
Partridges, Grouse, Turkeys,	Killdeer	Herring Gull	American Goshawk	Vireos	Sedge Wren
and Old World Quail	Semipalmated Plover	Iceland Gull	Bald Eagle	White-eyed Vireo	Marsh Wren
Wild Turkey	Piping Plover	Lesser Black-backed Gull	Mississippi Kite	Bell's Vireo	Mimids
Ruffed Grouse	Snowy Plover	Lessel Black-backed Gull	Red-shouldered Hawk	Yellow-throated Vireo	Gray Catbird
Greater Prairie-Chicken	Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and	Slaty-backed Gull	Broad-winged Hawk	Blue-headed Vireo	Brown Thrasher
Gray Partridge	Allies	Glaucous GuliGreat Black-backed Gull	Swainson's Hawk	Philadelphia Vireo	Sage Thrasher
Ring-necked Pheasant	Upland Sandpiper	Great Black-backed Guil	Red-tailed Hawk	Warbling Vireo	Northern Mockingbird
Grebes	Whimbrel	Least Tern Caspian Tern	Rough-legged Hawk	Red-eyed Vireo	Starlings
Pied-billed Grebe	Long-billed Curlew	Caspian Tern Black Tern	Ferruginous Hawk	Shrikes	European Starling
Horned Grebe	Hudsonian Godwit	Black Tern Common Tern	Barn Owls	Loggerhead Shrike	Thrushes
Red-necked Grebe	Marbled Godwit	Common Tern Arctic Tern	American Barn Owl	Northern Shrike	Eastern Bluebird
Eared Grebe	Ruddy Turnstone	Eorster's Tern	Typical Owls	Jays, Magpies, Crows	Mountain Bluebird

Townsend's Solitaire	Red-winged Blackbird			
Veery	Brown-headed Cowbird			
Gray-cheeked Thrush	Rusty Blackbird			
Swainson's Thrush	Brewer's Blackbird			
Hermit Thrush	Common Grackle			
Wood Thrush	Great-tailed Grackle			
American Robin	Wood-warblers			
Varied Thrush	Ovenbird			
Old World Sparrows	Worm-eating Warbler			
House Sparrow	Louisiana Waterthrush			
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	Northern Waterthrush			
Pipits	Golden-winged Warbler			
American Pipit	Blue-winged Warbler			
Sprague's Pipit	Black-and-white Warbler			
Finches	Prothonotary Warbler			
Evening Grosbeak	Tennessee Warbler			
Pine Grosbeak	Orange-crowned Warbler Nashville Warbler			
House Finch	Nashville warbler Connecticut Warbler			
Purple Finch	Mourning Warbler			
Redpoll	Kentucky Warbler			
Red Crossbill	Common Yellowthroat			
White-winged Crossbill	Hooded Warbler			
Pine Siskin Lesser Goldfinch	American Redstart			
American Goldfinch	Cape May Warbler			
	Cerulean Warbler			
Longspurs, Snow Bunting	Northern Parula			
Lapland Longspur	Magnolia Warbler			
Smith's Longspur	Bay-breasted Warbler			
Snow Bunting	Blackburnian Warbler			
Towhees, Sparrows	Yellow Warbler			
Grasshopper SparrowLark Sparrow	Chestnut-sided Warbler			
Lark Bunting	Blackpoll Warbler			
Chipping Sparrow	Black-throated Blue Warbler			
Clay-colored Sparrow	Palm Warbler			
Field Sparrow	Pine Warbler			
Fox Sparrow	Yellow-rumped Warbler Yellow-throated Warbler			
American Tree Sparrow	Prairie Warbler			
Dark-eyed Junco	Townsend's Warbler			
White-crowned Sparrow	Black-throated Green Warbler			
Harris's Sparrow	Canada Warbler			
White-throated Sparrow	Wilson's Warbler			
Vesper Sparrow	Tanagers, Cardinals,			
LeConte's Sparrow	Grosbeaks, Buntings			
Nelson's Sparrow	Summer Tanager			
Henslow's Sparrow	Scarlet Tanager			
Savannah Sparrow	Western Tanager			
Song Sparrow	Northern Cardinal			
Lincoln's Sparrow	Rose-breasted Grosbeak			
Swamp SparrowGreen-tailed Towhee	Black-headed Grosbeak			
Spotted Townee	Blue Grosbeak			
Eastern Towhee	Lazuli Bunting			
Chats	Indigo Bunting			
Yellow-breasted Chat	Dickcissel			
Blackbirds, Orioles				
Yellow-headed Blackbird				
Bobolink				

\_\_\_Eastern Meadowlark
\_\_\_Western Meadowlark
\_\_Orchard Oriole
\_\_\_Baltimore Oriole

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