



IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Checklist of the Birds of Pottawattamie County - 322 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
- Taiga Bean-Goose
- Cackling Goose
- Canada Goose
- Mute Swan
- 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
- Surf Scoter
- White-winged Scoter
- Black Scoter
- Long-tailed Duck
- Bufflehead
- Common Goldeneye
- Barrow's Goldeneye
- Hooded Merganser
- Common Merganser
- Red-breasted Merganser
- Ruddy Duck
- New World Quail**
- Northern Bobwhite
- Partridges, Grouse, Turkeys, and Old World Quail**
- Wild Turkey
- 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
- Mourning Dove
- Cuckoos, Roadrunners, Anis**
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo
- Black-billed Cuckoo
- Goatsuckers**
- Common Nighthawk
- Chuck-will's-widow
- Eastern Whip-poor-will
- Swifts**
- Chimney Swift
- Hummingbirds**
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird
- Rails, Gallinules, and Coots**
- Virginia Rail
- Sora
- American Coot
- Yellow Rail
- Cranes**
- Sandhill 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
- Long-billed Curlew
- 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
- Skuas and Jaegers**
- Parasitic Jaeger
- Gulls, Terns, Skimmers**
- Black-legged Kittiwake
- Sabine's Gull
- Bonaparte's Gull
- Little Gull
- Ross's Gull
- Laughing Gull
- Franklin's Gull
- Ring-billed Gull
- California Gull
- Herring Gull
- Iceland Gull
- Lesser Black-backed Gull
- Slaty-backed Gull
- Glaucous Gull
- Great Black-backed Gull
- Least Tern
- Caspian Tern
- Black Tern
- Common Tern
- Forster's Tern
- Loons**
- Red-throated Loon
- Pacific Loon
- Common Loon
- Darters**
- Anhinga
- Cormorants**
- Double-crested Cormorant
- Neotropic Cormorant
- Pelicans**
- American White Pelican
- Bitterns, Herons, and Allies**
- American Bittern
- Least Bittern
- Great Blue Heron
- Great Egret
- Snowy Egret
- Little Blue Heron
- Tricolored Heron
- Western Cattle Egret
- Green Heron
- Black-crowned Night Heron

- Yellow-crowned Night Heron
- Ibises and Spoonbills**
- White-faced Ibis
- New World Vultures**
- Black Vulture
- 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
- Barn Owls**
- American Barn Owl
- Typical Owls**
- Eastern Screech-Owl
- Great Horned Owl
- Snowy Owl
- Barred 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
- Red-breasted 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
- 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
- Black-billed Magpie
- American Crow
- Common Raven
- 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**
- Rock Wren
- 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
- Old World Sparrows**
- House Sparrow
- Pipits**
- American Pipit
- Finches**
- Evening Grosbeak
- House Finch
- Purple Finch
- Common Redpoll
- Red Crossbill
- White-winged Crossbill
- Pine Siskin
- American Goldfinch
- Longspurs, Snow Bunting**
- Lapland Longspur
- Smith's Longspur
- Snow Bunting
- Towhees, Sparrows**
- Grasshopper Sparrow
- Lark Sparrow
- Lark Bunting
- 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
 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
 MacGillivray's Warbler
 Mourning Warbler
 Kentucky Warbler
 Common Yellowthroat
 American Redstart
 Cape May Warbler
 Northern Parula
 Magnolia Warbler
 Bay-breasted Warbler
 Blackburnian Warbler
 Yellow Warbler
 Chestnut-sided Warbler
 Blackpoll Warbler
 Black-throated Blue Warbler
 Palm Warbler
 Yellow-rumped Warbler
 Yellow-throated 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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