



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
- ___ 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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