



IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Checklist of the Birds of Sioux County - 292 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
____ 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
____ Long-tailed Duck
____ 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
____ Greater Prairie-Chicken
____ Gray Partridge
____ Ring-necked Pheasant

Grebes

____ Pied-billed Grebe
____ Horned Grebe
____ Eared Grebe
____ Western Grebe

Pigeons, Doves

____ White-winged Dove
____ Mourning Dove
____ Eurasian Collared-Dove
____ Rock Pigeon

Cuckoos, Roadrunners, Anis

____ Yellow-billed Cuckoo
____ Black-billed Cuckoo

Goatsuckers

____ Common Nighthawk
____ Eastern Whip-poor-will

Swifts

____ Chimney Swift

Hummingbirds

____ Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots

____ Virginia Rail
____ Sora
____ American Coot
____ Yellow Rail

Limpkins

____ Limpkin

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
____ Ruddy Turnstone
____ Stilt Sandpiper
____ Sanderling
____ Dunlin
____ Baird's Sandpiper
____ Least Sandpiper
____ White-rumped 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

Gulls, Terns, Skimmers

____ Black-legged Kittiwake
____ Bonaparte's Gull
____ Franklin's Gull
____ Ring-billed Gull

____ American Herring Gull

____ Least Tern
____ Black Tern
____ Common Tern
____ Forster's Tern

Loons

____ Red-throated Loon
____ Pacific Loon
____ Common Loon

Cormorants

____ Double-crested Cormorant

Pelicans

____ American White Pelican

Bitterns, Herons, and Allies

____ Least Bittern
____ American Bittern
____ Little Blue Heron
____ Snowy Egret
____ Black-crowned Night Heron
____ Green Heron
____ Great Egret
____ Western Cattle Egret
____ Great Blue Heron

Ibises and Spoonbills

____ White Ibis
____ White-faced Ibis

New World Vultures

____ Turkey Vulture

Ospreys

____ Osprey

Hawks, Kites, Eagles, and Allies

____ 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

Barn Owls

____ American Barn Owl

Typical Owls

____ Eastern Screech-Owl
____ Great Horned Owl
____ Snowy Owl
____ Burrowing Owl
____ Barred Owl
____ Great Gray Owl

____ Long-eared Owl

____ Short-eared Owl
____ Boreal Owl
____ Northern Saw-whet Owl

Kingfishers

____ Belted Kingfisher

Woodpeckers

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

Caracaras and Falcons

____ American Kestrel
____ Merlin
____ Peregrine Falcon
____ Prairie Falcon

Flycatchers

____ Great Crested Flycatcher
____ Western Kingbird
____ Eastern Kingbird
____ Olive-sided Flycatcher
____ Eastern Wood-Pewee
____ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
____ Alder Flycatcher
____ Willow Flycatcher
____ Least Flycatcher
____ Eastern Phoebe
____ Say's Phoebe
____ Vermilion Flycatcher

Vireos

____ White-eyed Vireo
____ Bell's Vireo
____ Yellow-throated Vireo
____ Blue-headed Vireo
____ Philadelphia Vireo
____ Eastern Warbling Vireo
____ Red-eyed Vireo

Shrikes

____ Loggerhead Shrike
____ Northern Shrike

Jays, Magpies, Crows

____ Blue Jay
____ Black-billed Magpie
____ American Crow

Chickadees, Titmice

____ Black-capped Chickadee
____ Tufted Titmouse

Larks

____ Horned Lark

Swallows

____ Bank Swallow
____ Tree Swallow
____ Violet-green Swallow
____ Northern Rough-winged Swallow
____ Purple Martin
____ Barn Swallow
____ Cliff Swallow

Kinglets

____ Ruby-crowned Kinglet
____ Golden-crowned Kinglet

Waxwings

____ Bohemian Waxwing
____ 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
____ 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
____ Varied Thrush

Old World Sparrows

____ House Sparrow

Pipits

____ American Pipit
____ Sprague's Pipit

Finches

____ Evening Grosbeak

____ Pine Grosbeak

____ House Finch

____ Purple Finch

____ Redpoll

____ Red Crossbill

____ White-winged Crossbill

____ Pine Siskin

____ American Goldfinch

Longspurs, Snow Bunting

____ Lapland Longspur
____ Chestnut-collared 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
- ☐ Tennessee Warbler
- ☐ Orange-crowned Warbler
- ☐ Nashville Warbler
- ☐ Connecticut Warbler
- ☐ Mourning 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
- ☐ 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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