



IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Checklist of the Birds of Calhoun County - 258 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
____ Cinnamon Teal
____ Northern Shoveler
____ Gadwall
____ Eurasian Wigeon
____ American Wigeon
____ Mallard
____ American Black Duck
____ Northern Pintail
____ Green-winged Teal
____ Canvasback
____ Redhead
____ Ring-necked Duck
____ Greater Scaup
____ Lesser Scaup
____ 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
____ Gray Partridge
____ Ring-necked Pheasant

Grebes

____ Pied-billed Grebe
____ Horned Grebe
____ Red-necked Grebe
____ Eared Grebe
____ Western Grebe
____ Clark's Grebe

Pigeons, Doves

____ Rock Pigeon
____ Eurasian Collared-Dove
____ Mourning Dove

Cuckoos, Roadrunners, Anis

____ Yellow-billed Cuckoo
____ Black-billed Cuckoo

Goatsuckers

____ Common Nighthawk

Swifts

____ Chimney Swift

Hummingbirds

____ Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots

____ Virginia Rail
____ Sora
____ Common Gallinule
____ American Coot

Cranes

____ Sandhill Crane

Stilts and Avocets

____ American Avocet

Lapwings and Plovers

____ Black-bellied Plover
____ American Golden-Plover
____ Killdeer
____ Semipalmated Plover
____ Piping Plover

Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and

Allies

____ Upland Sandpiper
____ Hudsonian Godwit
____ Marbled Godwit
____ Ruddy Turnstone
____ Red Knot
____ Stilt Sandpiper
____ Sanderling
____ Dunlin
____ Baird's Sandpiper
____ Least Sandpiper
____ White-rumped Sandpiper
____ Buff-breasted Sandpiper
____ Pectoral Sandpiper
____ Semipalmated 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
____ Red Phalarope

Gulls, Terns, Skimmers

____ Bonaparte's Gull
____ Franklin's Gull
____ Ring-billed Gull

____ Herring Gull

____ Caspian Tern

____ Black Tern

____ Common Tern

____ Forster's Tern

Loons

____ Common Loon

Cormorants

____ Double-crested Cormorant

Pelicans

____ American White Pelican

Bitterns, Herons, and Allies

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

Ibises and Spoonbills

____ White-faced Ibis

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

Barn Owls

____ American Barn Owl

Typical Owls

____ Eastern Screech-Owl
____ Great Horned Owl
____ Snowy Owl
____ Barred Owl
____ Long-eared Owl
____ Short-eared Owl

Kingfishers

____ Belted Kingfisher

Woodpeckers

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

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
____ 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
____ American Crow

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

____ Carolina Wren
____ Northern House Wren
____ Winter Wren
____ Sedge Wren
____ Marsh Wren

Mimids

____ Gray Catbird
____ Brown Thrasher

Starlings

____ European Starling

Thrushes

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

Old World Sparrows

____ House Sparrow

Pipits

____ American Pipit

Finches

____ 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
____ 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

____ Savannah Sparrow

____ Song Sparrow

____ Lincoln's Sparrow

____ Swamp Sparrow

____ Spotted Towhee

____ 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

____ Great-tailed Grackle

Wood-warblers

____ Ovenbird
____ Northern Waterthrush
____ Golden-winged Warbler
____ Black-and-white Warbler
____ Tennessee Warbler
____ Orange-crowned Warbler
____ Nashville 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
____ Palm Warbler
____ Pine Warbler
____ Yellow-rumped Warbler
____ Black-throated Green Warbler
____ Canada Warbler
____ Wilson's Warbler

Tanagers, Cardinals,

Grosbeaks, Buntings

____ Summer Tanager
____ Scarlet Tanager
____ Northern Cardinal
____ Rose-breasted Grosbeak

___Blue Grosbeak
___Lazuli Bunting
___Indigo Bunting
___Dickcissel

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