



# IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Checklist of the Birds of Howard County - 252 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  
\_\_\_ 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  
\_\_\_ Ruffed Grouse  
\_\_\_ Gray Partridge  
\_\_\_ Ring-necked Pheasant

## Grebes

\_\_\_ Pied-billed Grebe  
\_\_\_ Horned Grebe  
\_\_\_ Red-necked Grebe  
\_\_\_ Western 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

\_\_\_ Sora  
\_\_\_ American Coot

## 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  
\_\_\_ Greater Scaup  
\_\_\_ Stilt Sandpiper  
\_\_\_ Dunlin  
\_\_\_ Baird's Sandpiper  
\_\_\_ Least Sandpiper  
\_\_\_ White-rumped 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

## Gulls, Terns, Skimmers

\_\_\_ Sabine's Gull  
\_\_\_ Bonaparte'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  
\_\_\_ Least Bittern  
\_\_\_ Great Blue Heron  
\_\_\_ Great Egret  
\_\_\_ Little Blue Heron  
\_\_\_ Western Cattle Egret  
\_\_\_ Green Heron  
\_\_\_ Black-crowned Night Heron

## New World Vultures

\_\_\_ Turkey Vulture

## Ospreys

\_\_\_ Osprey

## Hawks, Kites, Eagles, and Allies

\_\_\_ White-tailed Kite  
\_\_\_ 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

## Typical Owls

\_\_\_ Eastern Screech-Owl  
\_\_\_ Great Horned Owl  
\_\_\_ Snowy Owl  
\_\_\_ Barred Owl  
\_\_\_ Short-eared Owl

## Kingfishers

\_\_\_ Belted Kingfisher

## Woodpeckers

\_\_\_ Red-headed Woodpecker  
\_\_\_ Red-bellied Woodpecker  
\_\_\_ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  
\_\_\_ Downy Woodpecker  
\_\_\_ Hairy Woodpecker  
\_\_\_ Northern Flicker  
\_\_\_ Pileated Woodpecker

## Caracaras and Falcons

\_\_\_ American Kestrel  
\_\_\_ Merlin  
\_\_\_ Gyrfalcon  
\_\_\_ Prairie Falcon

## Flycatchers

\_\_\_ Great Crested Flycatcher

\_\_\_ Eastern Kingbird

\_\_\_ Olive-sided Flycatcher  
\_\_\_ Eastern Wood-Pewee  
\_\_\_ Yellow-bellied 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  
\_\_\_ Varied Thrush

## Old World Sparrows

\_\_\_ House Sparrow  
\_\_\_ Eurasian Tree Sparrow

## Pipits

\_\_\_ American Pipit

## Finches

\_\_\_ House Finch  
\_\_\_ Purple Finch  
\_\_\_ Redpoll  
\_\_\_ 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

\_\_\_ Henslow's Sparrow

\_\_\_ Savannah Sparrow

\_\_\_ Song Sparrow

\_\_\_ Lincoln's Sparrow

\_\_\_ Swamp Sparrow

\_\_\_ 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

## Wood-warblers

\_\_\_ Ovenbird  
\_\_\_ Louisiana Waterthrush  
\_\_\_ Northern Waterthrush  
\_\_\_ Golden-winged Warbler  
\_\_\_ Blue-winged Warbler  
\_\_\_ Black-and-white Warbler  
\_\_\_ Tennessee Warbler  
\_\_\_ Orange-crowned Warbler  
\_\_\_ Nashville Warbler  
\_\_\_ Mourning Warbler

\_\_\_ Common Yellowthroat

\_\_\_ American Redstart

\_\_\_ Cape May Warbler

\_\_\_ Cerulean Warbler

\_\_\_ Northern Parula

\_\_\_ Magnolia Warbler

\_\_\_ Bay-breasted Warbler

\_\_\_ Blackburnian Warbler

\_\_\_ Yellow Warbler

\_\_\_ Chestnut-sided Warbler

\_\_\_ Blackpoll Warbler

\_\_\_ Black-throated Blue 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

\_\_\_ Indigo Bunting

\_\_\_ Painted Bunting

\_\_\_ Dickcissel

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The taxonomic sequence and nomenclature used in this list follow the Checklist of North American Birds, 7th Edition, American Ornithologists' Union, 1998, updated through the 64th Supplement (Chesser et al. 2023).

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