



IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Checklist of the Birds of Plymouth County - 273 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
___ Surf Scoter
___ 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

___ Rock Pigeon
___ Eurasian Collared-Dove
___ White-winged 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
___ Rufous Hummingbird

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots

___ Virginia Rail
___ Sora
___ American Coot
___ Black Rail

Cranes

___ Sandhill Crane

Stilts and Avocets

___ American Avocet

Lapwings and Plovers

___ American Golden-Plover
___ Killdeer
___ Semipalmated Plover

Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and

Allies

___ Upland Sandpiper
___ Whimbrel
___ Hudsonian Godwit
___ Ruddy Turnstone
___ Stilt Sandpiper
___ Sanderling
___ Dunlin
___ Baird's Sandpiper
___ Least Sandpiper
___ White-rumped Sandpiper
___ Pectoral Sandpiper
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper
___ Short-billed Dowitcher
___ American Woodcock
___ Wilson's Snipe
___ Spotted Sandpiper
___ Solitary Sandpiper
___ Lesser Yellowlegs
___ Willet
___ Greater Yellowlegs
___ Wilson's Phalarope

Gulls, Terns, Skimmers

___ Bonaparte's Gull
___ Franklin's Gull
___ Ring-billed Gull
___ Herring Gull
___ Least Tern

___ Caspian Tern

___ Black 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
___ Snowy Egret
___ Little Blue Heron
___ 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

___ 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 Wood Owl

Typical Owls

___ Eastern Screech-Owl
___ Great Horned Owl
___ Snowy Owl
___ Burrowing Owl
___ Barred Owl
___ Long-eared Owl
___ Short-eared Owl
___ Northern Saw-whet 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
___ 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

Vireos

___ 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

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
___ Sage Thrasher
___ Northern Mockingbird

Starlings

___ European Starling

Thrushes

___ Eastern Bluebird
___ Mountain Bluebird
___ Townsend's Solitaire
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush
___ Swainson's Thrush
___ Hermit Thrush
___ Wood Thrush
___ American Robin
___ Varied Thrush

Old World Sparrows

___ House Sparrow

Pipits

___ American Pipit

Finches

___ Pine Grosbeak
___ House Finch
___ Purple Finch
___ Redpoll
___ Red Crossbill
___ White-winged Crossbill
___ Pine Siskin
___ American Goldfinch

Longspurs, Snow Bunting

___ Lapland Longspur
___ Chestnut-collared 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

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

___ Blue-winged Warbler

___ Black-and-white Warbler

___ Tennessee Warbler

___ Orange-crowned Warbler

___ Nashville Warbler

___ Mourning Warbler

___ Kentucky Warbler

___ Common Yellowthroat

___ American Redstart

___ Cerulean Warbler

___ Northern Parula

___ Magnolia Warbler

___ Bay-breasted Warbler

___ Blackburnian Warbler

- ___ Yellow Warbler
- ___ Chestnut-sided Warbler
- ___ Blackpoll Warbler
- ___ Palm Warbler
- ___ Yellow-rumped Warbler
- ___ Wilson's Warbler

Tanagers, Cardinals,

Grosbeaks, Buntings

- ___ Summer Tanager
- ___ Scarlet Tanager
- ___ Northern Cardinal
- ___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- ___ Black-headed Grosbeak
- ___ Blue Grosbeak
- ___ Lazuli Bunting
- ___ Indigo Bunting
- ___ Painted Bunting
- ___ Dickcissel

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