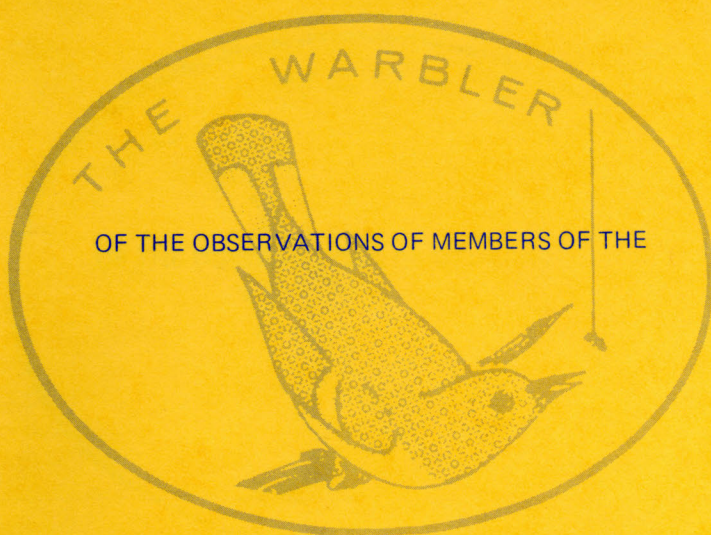


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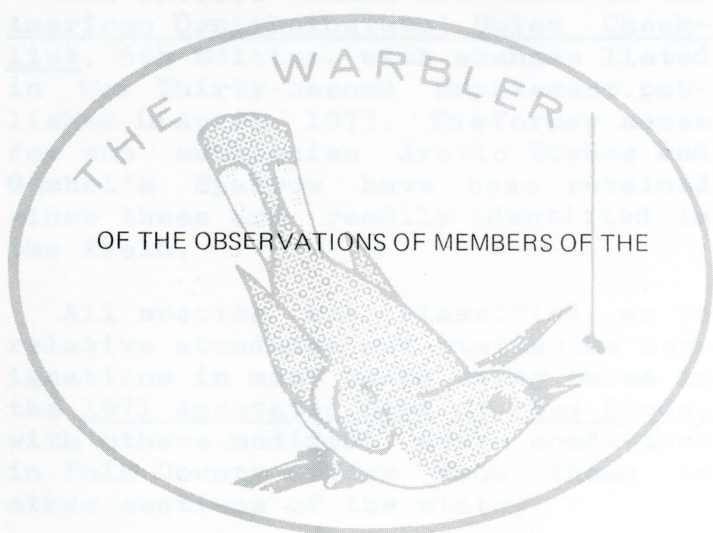
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FOREWORD

The Polk County Checklist, showing the weeks in which the various species (and subspecies) have been reported, was first compiled in 1953. No records older than fifteen years were used at that time. Although there have been many dates supplied since 1953, there are still many gaps which should be filled and it is hoped other dates will be forthcoming as observations are made.

All species' names are those of the American Ornithologists' Union Checklist, 5th Edition, with changes listed in the Thirty-second Supplement, published in April, 1973. The former names for the subspecies Arctic Towhee and Gambel's Sparrow have been retained since these are readily identified in the field.

All species are classified as to relative abundance and status; the designations in most cases being those in the 1971 Annotated List of Iowa Birds, with others modified where conditions in Polk County differ from those in other sections of the state.

DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

CLASSIFICATION - (Abundance)

- Acc-Accidental: a species considerably beyond its range, occurring rarely.
- Ca -Casual: a species only slightly beyond its usual range which is seen occasionally.
- R -Rare: a species recorded very seldom, although within its range.
- U -Uncommon: a species found regularly but in small numbers.
- C -Common: a species which is found regularly in suitable habitat.
- A -Abundant: a species found in large numbers in suitable habitat.

CLASSIFICATION - (Status)

B -Breeding; a species for which there are nesting records.

M -Migrant: a species occurring during the summer and fall.

SR -Summer Resident: a species seen during the summer months but not a permanent resident.

WR -Winter Resident: a species found in winter, but not a permanent resident

PR -Permanent Resident: a species found throughout the year, although the population may vary seasonally in size and be composed of different individuals.

IWR-Irregular Winter Resident: a species present in some years, but which, in other years, may not appear.

These classifications apply to abundance, and status in suitable habitat.

The dates for some species, other than permanent residents, form regular patterns, e.g. those for Spotted Sandpiper, Common Nighthawk, Dark-eyed Junco and Tree Sparrow. However it should not be assumed the density of a species will be uniform during the entire period it appears in the list, and there will normally be more of a species in the area during the middle of the period than at the extremes.

W.H.B.

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STATISTICAL RECORD

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Observed during week ending		JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUN.	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
Species	Status	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Least Bittern	UB												
American Bittern	RB												
SWANS													
Whistling Swan	UM												
GEESE													
Canada Goose	AM												
White-fronted Goose	UM												
Snow Goose (Blue)	AM												
DUCKS													
Mallard	AM, CB, RWR												
Black Duck	UM, WR												
Gadwall	UM												
Pintail	AM												
Cinnamon Teal	Ca												
Blue-winged Teal	AM, CB												
Green-winged Teal	CM, UWR												
American Wigeon	CM												
Northern Shoveler	CM												
Wood Duck	CB												
Redhead	CM												
Ring-necked Duck	CM												
Canvasback	UM												
Lesser Scaup	AM												

Observed during week ending		JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUN.	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
Species	Status	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Osprey	UM												
Peregrine Falcon	RM												
Merlin (Pigeon Hawk)	UM												
American Kestrel (Sparrow Hawk)	CB, UPR												
QUAIL, PHEASANTS													
Bobwhite	CPR												
Ring-necked Pheasant	APR												
RAILS, COOTS													
King Rail	RB												
Virginia Rail	UM												
Sora	CB												
Common Gallinule	UM												
American Coot	CB												
PLOVERS													
Semipalmated Plover	UM												
Piping Plover	RM												
Killdeer	AB, RWR												
American Golden Plover	CM												
Black-bellied Plover	UM												
Ruddy Turnstone	RM												
SANDPIPERS, ETC.													
American Woodcock	UB												
Common Snipe	CM, UWR												
Whimbrel	Ca												
Upland Sandpiper (Plover)	UB												

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Ring-billed Gull	CM												
Franklin's Gull	UM												
Bonaparte's Gull	UM												
TERNs													
Forster's Tern	CM												
Common Tern	UM												
Least Tern	RM												
Caspian Tern	UM												
Black Tern	CM,B												
DOVES													
Mourning Dove	AB,UPR												
Rock Dove	APR												
GUCKOOS													
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	CB												
Black-billed Cuckoo	CB												
OWLS													
Barn Owl	RPR												
Screech Owl	CPR												
Great Horned Owl	CPR												
Snowy Owl	RWR												
Barred Owl	CPR												
Long-eared Owl	UWR												
Short-eared Owl	UWR												
Saw-whet Owl	RWR												
GOATSUCKERS, ETC.													
Whip-poor-will	UB												
Common Nighthawk	AB												

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Bank Swallow	AB												
Rough-winged Swallow	CB												
Barn Swallow	AB												
Cliff Swallow	UB												
Purple Martin	CB												
JAYS, CROWS													
Blue Jay	AB, CPR												
Common Crow	APR												
CHICKADEES, TITMICE													
Black-capped Chickadee	APR												
Tufted Titmouse	CPR												
NUTHATCHES, CREEPERS													
White-breasted Nuthatch	APR												
Red-breasted Nuthatch	UWR												
Brown Creeper	UWR												
WRENS													
House Wren	AB												
Winter Wren	UM, RWR												
Bewick's Wren	UB												
Carolina Wren	RPR												
Long-billed Marsh Wren	CB												
Short-billed Marsh Wren	UB												
MIMICS													
Mockingbird	UB												
Gray Catbird	AB												
Brown Thrasher	AB												
Sage Thrasher	Acc												

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VIREOS													
White-eyed Vireo	RB												
Bell's Vireo	CB												
Yellow-throated Vireo	CB												
Solitary Vireo	CM												
Red-eyed Vireo	AB												
Philadelphia Vireo	RM												
Warbling Vireo	AB												
WARBLERS													
Black and White	CM												
Prothonotary	UB												
Worm-eating	RM												
Golden Winged	RM												
Blue-winged	RM												
Tennessee	AM												
Orange-crowned	CM												
Nashville	CM												
Northern Parula	RM												
Yellow	CB												
Magnolia	CM												
Cape May	RM												
Black-throated Blue	RM												
Yellow-rumped (Myrtle)	AM												
Black-throated Green	UM												
Cerulean	RB												
Blackburnian	UM												

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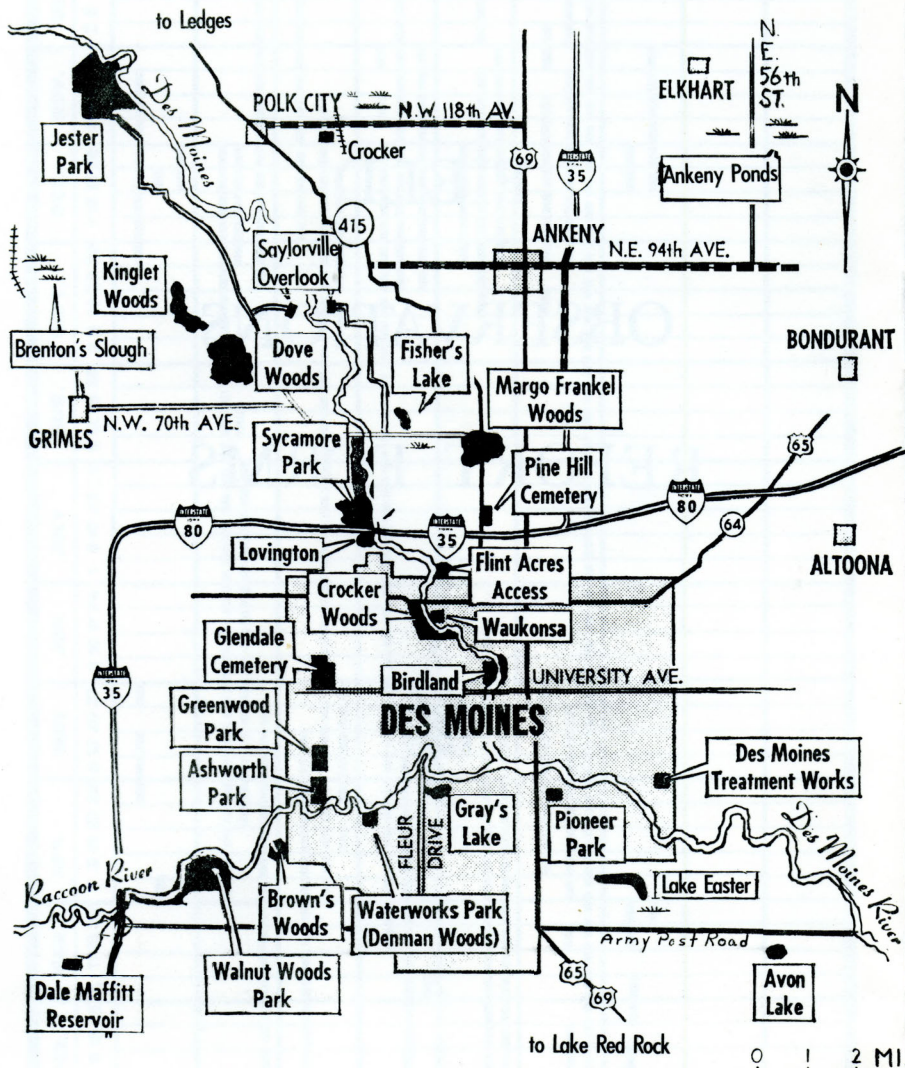
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Species	Status												
Orchard Oriole	UB												
Northern Oriole (Baltimore)	AB												
Rusty Blackbird	CM												
Brewer's Blackbird	UM												
Common Grackle	AB, RPR												
Brown-headed Cowbird	CB												
TANAGERS													
Scarlet Tanager	UB												
Summer Tanager	RB												
Western Tanager	Acc												
FINCHES, SPARROWS													
Cardinal	APR												
Rosebreasted Grosbeak	CB												
Blue Grosbeak	Ca												
Indigo Bunting	CB												
Dickcissel	AB												
Evening Grosbeak	IWR												
Purple Finch	CWR												
Pine Grosbeak	RWR												
Common Redpoll	UWR												
Pine Siskin	IWR												
American Goldfinch	CB, UPR												
Red Crossbill	UWR												
White-winged Crossbill	RWR												
Rufous-sided Towhee	CB												
Towhee (Arctic)	RWR												
Savannah Sparrow	CM												
Grasshopper Sparrow	CB												

FIELD
OBSERVATIONS
REPORT FORMS



BIRDING MAPS

BIRDING AREAS OF DES MOINES



A Des Moines Audubon Society Map

DES MOINES AUDUBON SOCIETY									
STATUS	SPECIES		FIELD TRIP DATES						
CM	LOONS Common Loon								
Acc	Arctic Loon								
Acc	Red-throated Loon								
RM	GREBES Red-necked Grebe								
UM	Horned Grebe								
UM	Bared Grebe								
RM	Western Grebe								
CB	Pied-billed Grebe								
RM	PELICANS White Pelican								
Acc	Brown Pelican								
CM	CORMORANTS Double-crested Cormorant								
CM, B	HERONS, BITTERNs Great Blue Heron								
CB	Green Heron								
USR	Little Blue Heron								
Ca	Cattle Egret								
UB	Great Egret (Common)								
Ca	Snowy Egret								
UB	Black-crowned Night Heron								
RB	Yellow-crowned Night Heron								
UB	Least Bittern								
RB	American Bittern								
UM	SWANS Whistling Swan								
AM	GESE Canada Goose								
UM	White-fronted Goose								
AM	Snow Goose								
	(Blue, color-phase, Snow)								

DES MOINES AUDUBON SOCIETY

STATUS	SPECIES	FIELD TRIP DATES					
AM, CB, RWR	DUCKS Mallard						
UM, WR	Black Duck						
UM	Gadwall						
AM	Pintail						
Ca	Cinnamon Teal						
AM, CB	Blue-winged Teal						
CM, UWR	Green-winged Teal						
CM	American Wigeon						
CM	Northern Shoveler						
CB	Wood Duck						
CM	Redhead						
CM	Ring-necked Duck						
UM	Canvasback						
AM	Lesser Scaup						
UM, RWR	Common Goldeneye						
UM	Bufflehead						
RM	Old Squaw						
RM	White-winged Scoter						
Ca	Surf Scoter						
Ca	Black Scoter (Common)						
UM	Ruddy Duck						
UB	Hooded Merganser						
CM, UWR	Common Merganser						
UM	Red-breasted Merganser						

DES MOINES AUDUBON SOCIETY

STATUS	SPECIES	FIELD TRIP DATES						
UB	VULTURES, HAWKS Turkey Vulture							
RM	Goshawk							
UPR	Sharp-shinned Hawk							
UPR	Cooper's Hawk							
CPR	Red-tailed Hawk							
RM	(Harlan's)							
RPR	Red-shouldered Hawk							
CM, RB	Broad-winged Hawk							
RM	Swainson's Hawk							
CWR	Rough-legged Hawk							
Ca	Ferruginous Hawk							
RM	Golden Eagle							
UM, WR	Bald Eagle							
CM, UPR	Marsh Hawk							
UM	Osprey							
RM	Peregrine Falcon							
UM	Merlin (Pigeon Hawk)							
CB UPR	(Sparrow American Kestrel Hawk)							
CPR	QUAIL, PHEASANTS Bobwhite							
APR	Ring-necked Pheasant							
RB	RAILS, COOTS King Rail							
UM	Virginia Rail							
CB	Sora							
UM	Common Gallinule							
CB	American Coot							

DES MOINES AUDUBON SOCIETY

STATUS	SPECIES	FIELD TRIP DATES						
UM	PLOVERS Semipalmated Plover							
RM	Piping Plover							
AB, RWR	Killdeer							
CM	American Golden Plover							
UM	Black-bellied Plover							
RM	Ruddy Turnstone							
UB	SANDPIPERS, ETC. American Woodcock							
CM, UWR	Common Snipe							
Ca	Whimbrel							
UB	Upland Sandpiper (U. Plover)							
CB	Spotted Sandpiper							
CM	Solitary Sandpiper							
RM	Willet							
CM	Greater Yellowlegs							
CM	Lesser Yellowlegs							
Ca	Red Knot							
AM	Pectoral Sandpiper							
UM	White-rumped Sandpiper							
UM	Baird's Sandpiper							
CM	Least Sandpiper							
UM	Dunlin							
UM	Dowitcher Species							
RM	Stilt Sandpiper							
CM	Semipalmated Sandpiper							
RM	Western Sandpiper							
RM	Buff-breasted Sandpiper							

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STATUS	SPECIES	FIELD TRIP DATES						
RM	Marbled Godwit							
UM	Hudsonian Godwit							
RM	Sanderling							
Ca	American Avocet							
UM	Wilson' Phalarope							
Ca	Northern Phalarope							
	GULLS							
Ca	Glaucous Gull							
CM	Herring Gull							
CM	Ring-billed Gull							
UM	Franklin's Gull							
UM	Bonaparte's Gull							
	TERNs							
CM	Forster's Tern							
UM	Common Tern							
RM	Least Tern							
UM	Caspian Tern							
CM, B	Black Tern							
	DOVES							
AB, UPR	Mourning Dove							
APR	Rock Dove							
	CUCKOOS							
CB	Yellow-billed Cuckoo							
CB	Black-billed Cuckoo							
	OWLS							
RPR	Barn Owl							
CPR	Screech Owl							
CPR	Great Horned Owl							
RWR	Snowy Owl							
CPR	Barred Owl							
UWR	Long-eared Owl							
UWR	Short-eared Owl							
RWR	Saw-whet Owl							

DES MOINES AUDUBON SOCIETY									
STATUS	SPECIES		FIELD TRIP DATES						
	LARKS, SWALLOWS								
CPR	Horned Lark								
UB	Tree Swallow								
AB	Bank Swallow								
CB	Rough-winged Swallow								
AB	Barn Swallow								
UB	Cliff Swallow								
CB	Purple Martin								
AB, CPR	JAYS, CROWS Blue Jay								
APR	Common Crow								
	CHICKADEES, TITMICE								
APR	Black-capped Chickadee								
CPR	Tufted Titmouse								
	NUTHATCHES, CREEPERS								
APR	White-breasted Nuthatch								
UWR	Red-breasted Nuthatch								
UWR	Brown Creeper								
	WRENS								
AB	House Wren								
UM, RWR	Winter Wren								
UB	Bewick's Wren								
RPR	Carolina Wren								
CB	Long-billed Marsh Wren								
UB	Short-billed Marsh Wren								
	MIMICS								
UB	Mockingbird								
AB	Gray Catbird								
AB	Brown Thrasher								
Acc	Sage Thrasher								

DES MOINES AUDUBON SOCIETY									
STATUS	SPECIES		FIELD TRIP DATES						
AB, RPR	THRUSHES American Robin								
CB	Wood Thrush								
CM	Hermit Thrush								
CM	Swainson's Thrush								
CM	Gray-cheeked Thrush								
UM	Veery								
CB, RPR	Eastern Bluebird								
Ca	Townsend's Solitaire								
UB	GNATCATCHERS, KINGLETS Blue-gray Gnatcatcher								
CM, RWR	Golden-crowned Kinglet								
CM	Ruby-crowned Kinglet								
UM	PIPITS, WAXWINGS Water Pipit								
RM	Sprague's Pipit								
RWR	Bohemian Waxwing								
UB, RPR	Cedar Waxwing								
RWR	SHRIKES Northern Shrike								
UB, RPR	Loggerhead Shrike								
APR	STARLINGS Starling								
RB	VIREOS White-eyed Vireo								
CB	Bell's Vireo								
CB	Yellow-throated Vireo								
CM	Solitary Vireo								
AB	Red-eyed Vireo								
RM	Philadelphia Vireo								
AB	Warbling Vireo								

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STATUS	SPECIES	FIELD TRIP DATES						
	WARBLERS							
CM	Black-and-White							
UB	Prothonotary							
RM	Worm-eating							
RM	Golden-winged							
RM	Blue-winged							
AM	Tennessee							
CM	Orange-crowned							
CM	Nashville							
RM	Northern Parula							
CB	Yellow							
CM	Magnolia							
RM	Cape May							
RM	Black-throated Blue							
AM	Yellow-rumped (Myrtle)							
UM	Black-throated Green							
RB	Cerulean							
UM	Blackburnian							
Acc	Yellow-throated							
CM	Chestnut-sided							
UM	Bay-breasted							
CM	Blackpoll							
UM	Pine							
CM	Palm							
CB	Ovenbird							
CM	Northern Waterthrush							
UB	Louisiana Waterthrush							

DES MOINES AUDUBON SOCIETY									
STATUS	SPECIES		FIELD TRIP DATES						
RM	Kentucky								
UM	Connecticut								
UM	Mourning								
AB	Common Yellowthroat								
UB	Yellow-breasted Chat								
RM	Hooded								
CM	Wilson's								
UM	Canada								
AB	American Redstart								
APR	WEAVER FINCHES House Sparrow								
CB	BLACKBIRDS Bobolink								
AB, UWR	Eastern Meadowlark								
AB, UWR	Western Meadowlark								
CB	Yellow-headed Blackbird								
AB, UPR	Red-winged Blackbird								
UB	Orchard Oriole								
AB	Northern Oriole (Baltimore)								
CM	Rusty Blackbird								
UM	Brewer's Blackbird								
AB, RPR	Common Grackle								
CB	Brown-headed Blackbird								
UB	TANAGERS Scarlet Tanager								
RB	Summer Tanager								
Acc	Western Tanager								

DES MOINES AUDUBON SOCIETY									
STATUS	SPECIES		FIELD TRIP DATES						
APR	FINCHES, SPARROWS Cardinal								
CB	Rose-breasted Grosbeak								
Ca	Blue Grosbeak								
CB	Indigo Bunting								
AB	Dickcissel								
IWR	Evening Grosbeak								
IWR	Purple Finch								
RWR	Pine Grosbeak								
UWR	Common Redpoll								
UWR	Pine Siskin								
CB, UWR	American Goldfinch								
UWR	Red Crossbill								
RWR	White-winged Crossbill								
CB	Rufous-sided Towhee								
RWR	(Arctic)								
CM	Savannah Sparrow								
CB	Grasshopper Sparrow								
UM	LeConte's Sparrow								
RM	Henslow's Sparrow								
RM	Sharp-tailed Sparrow								
CB	Vesper Sparrow								
CB	Lark Sparrow								
AWR	Dark-eyed Junco								
AWR	Tree Sparrow								
CB	Chipping Sparrow								
UM	Clay-colored Sparrow								

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