

Anderson, Schwanke, Bullock, Des Moines & Iowa City

Questionnaire For a New Birds of Iowa

During the past several months I have been assembling information for a revised list of the Birds of Iowa. This list will incorporate the recent changes in nomenclature as given in the new A. O. U. Check-List (1931). The status and distribution of all species occurring in the state at the present time will be given, and rather full details of the occurrence of rare or accidental species.

A species (or subspecies) to be included in the state list must be represented by a specimen, unless the bird is one which is unmistakable and the conditions under which the observation was made appears satisfactory.

The enclosed list is one generously supplied by the Museum of Natural History, University of Minnesota, and while it was planned primarily for recording migration and nesting dates for that state, it will serve equally well, with the additional sheet, as a possible list of birds that have been found in Iowa.

Name of Species	First seen	Common	Last seen	First nest	Name of Species	First seen	Common	Last seen	First nest
Loon, Great Northern Diver (two races):					Shoveler, Spoon-bill. - Common Migrant				
x Common Loon. Mounted 1 specimen 1926. Killed near Waterloo					Wood Duck. - Apparent increase of nesting in Iowa				
Lesser Loon.					Redhead. - Not as common as they used to be				
x [Red-throated Loon.]					Ring-necked Duck, "Blue-bill," "Black Duck."				
x Holboell's Grebe, Red-necked Grebe.					Canvas-back. - Was common in Iowa in former years				
Horned Grebe.					x [Greater Scaup Duck, Big Blue-bill.]				
Eared Grebe.					Lesser Scaup Duck, Little Blue-bill. - Common Migrant				
x Western Grebe, Swan-necked Grebe.					American Golden-eye, Whistler.				
Pied-billed Grebe, Hell-diver. Common fall visitor					x [Barrow's Golden-eye.]				
White Pelican.					Buffle-head, Butter-ball. 1 pr. Killed near Mud Lake 1929. Mounted by W. Schwanke				
Double-crested Cormorant, Black "Loon."					Old-squaw.				
Great Blue Heron, Blue "Crane."					White-winged Scoter.				
[American Egret.] 1932 - gave Iowa numerous visitors					Surf Scoter.				
x [Snowy Egret.]					x American Scoter.				
Eastern Green Heron.					Ruddy Duck. - Common - More in 1932 than 31 & 30				
Black-crowned Night Heron.					Hooded Merganser, Little Saw-bill.				
American Bittern.					American Merganser, Big Saw-bill.				
Eastern Least Bittern.					Red-breasted Merganser.				
x [White-faced Glossy Ibis.]					Turkey Vulture. 9 seen along Des Moines 1929 in July.				
Whistling Swan. 1 Killed near Paulding 1930. Mounted. Examined by W. Schwanke					x [Swallow-tailed Kite.]				
x *Trumpeter Swan. 1 pr. Killed near Iowa City 1930. 9 pr. Schwanke					Eastern Goshawk.				
Canada Goose, Honker (three races):					Sharp-shinned Hawk.				
Common Canada Goose. Migrant - Numerous. 1 pr. known to have nested 1932					Cooper's Hawk.				
x [Lesser Canada Goose.]					Red-tailed Hawk, (four forms):				
[Hutchins's Goose.] 1 crippled near S.C. 1930. Killed by W. Schwanke					Eastern Red-tailed Hawk.				
White-fronted Goose, Speckle-belly.					Krider's Hawk.				
Lesser Snow Goose, White Brant.					[Western Red-tailed Hawk.]				
Blue Goose, Blue Wavey.					[Harlan's Hawk.]				
x [Fulvous Tree-Duck.]					Northern Red-shouldered Hawk.				
Common Mallard. Very Common Migrant. Few nest in Iowa					Broad-winged Hawk.				
Red-legged Black Duck, "Dusky Mallard."					Swainson's Hawk.				
Gadwall, Gray Duck.					American Rough-legged Hawk.				
x [European Widgeon.]					x [Ferruginous Rough-leg.]				
Baldpate, Widgeon. - Scarce during 1932 Migration					Golden Eagle. - 3 mounted by W. Schwanke 1931. Killed near Iowa City.				
American Pintail. - Very Common					Southern Bald Eagle. 1 Killed near Le Mars 1931. Mounted by W. Schwanke				
Green-winged Teal. -					Marsh Hawk. - Common				
Blue-winged Teal.					Osprey, Fish Hawk. 1 Killed near Peterson 1929. Mounted by W. Schwanke				
x [Cinnamon Teal.] Scarce - a few sighted fall 1932. Council Bluffs					Gyr Falcon (two races):				

Additional Notes. Note of flock of about 30 to 40 Cinnamon Teal seen over Aulav's Blough so of Iowa City in 1925 or 26 mostly all males.

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[White Gyrfalcon.]					Semipalmated Sandpiper.				
[Black Gyrfalcon.]					x [Western Sandpiper.]				
x [Prairie Falcon.]					x [Buff-breasted Sandpiper.]				
Duck Hawk.					x Marbled Godwit.				
Eastern Pigeon Hawk.					Hudsonian Godwit.				*
Eastern Sparrow Hawk.					Sanderling.				
Canada Spruce Grouse.					x *Avocet.				
Ruffed Grouse, "Partridge" (two races):					*Black-necked Stilt.				
Eastern Ruffed Grouse.					Wilson's Phalarope.				
Canada Ruffed Grouse.					Northern Phalarope.				
[Willow Ptarmigan.]					x [Parasitic Jaeger.]				?
Greater Prairie Chicken.					x [Long-tailed Jaeger.]				
x Prairie Sharp-tailed Grouse.					*[Glaucous Gull.]				
European Partridge, Hungarian Partridge (introduced).					*[Iceland Gull.]				
Eastern Bob-white, Quail.					Herring Gull.				
Ring-necked Pheasant (introduced).					Ring-billed Gull.				*
x *Eastern Turkey, Wild Turkey (?)					Franklin's Gull.				
[Whooping Crane.]					Bonaparte's Gull.				
Sandhill Crane (two races):					Forster's Tern.				
[Little Brown Crane.]					Common Tern.				
Sandhill Crane. <i>Small flock seen on Mo. river 1931 by Wm. Schumacher.</i>					Caspian Tern.				
King Rail.					Black Tern.				
Virginia Rail.					[Dovekie, Little Auk.]				
Sora.					[Ancient Murrelet.]				
Yellow Rail.					Western Mourning Dove.				
Florida Gallinule.					*Passenger Pigeon.				
American Coot, Mud Hen.					Yellow-billed Cuckoo.				
x [Piping Plover.]					Black-billed Cuckoo.				
* [Western Snowy Plover.]					[Greebe-billed Ani.]				
Semipalmated Plover.					Barn Owl.				x
Killdeer.					Screech Owl (two races):				x
American Golden Plover.					Eastern Screech Owl.				
Black-bellied Plover. <i>Specimen in possession of Wm. Schumacher?</i>					Aikin's Screech Owl.				
Ruddy Turnstone.					Great Horned Owl (three races):				
American Woodcock. <i>Repaired increase 1932</i>					x Arctic Horned Owl.				
Wilson's Snipe. <i>Common</i>					Great Horned Owl.				
*Long-billed Curlew.					Montana Horned Owl.				
* Hudsonian Curlew.					Snowy Owl. <i>3 taken near Sloan. Ia. 1931 Mounted by Wm. Schumacher.</i>				
x *Eskimo Curlew.					*American Hawk Owl.				
Upland Plover, Bartramian Sandpiper.					*Western Burrowing Owl.				
Spotted Sandpiper.					Barred Owl (two races):				x
Eastern Solitary Sandpiper.					Northern Barred Owl.				*
Western Willet.					Minnesota Barred Owl.				
Greater Yellow-legs.					*Great Gray Owl.				x
Lesser Yellow-legs.					Long-eared Owl.				
* [American Knot.]					Short-eared Owl.				
Pectoral Sandpiper.					*Richardson's Owl.				
White-rumped Sandpiper.					Saw-whet Owl.				
Baird's Sandpiper.					Eastern Whip-poor-will.				
Least Sandpiper.					Nighthawk (three races):				
Red-backed Sandpiper.					Eastern Nighthawk.				
Long-billed Dowitcher.					*Howell's Nighthawk.				
x Stilt Sandpiper.					x Sennett's Nighthawk.				

Additional Species Reported For Iowa

- x Pacific Loon
- x Brown Pelican
- * Anhinga
- * Man-o'-war-bird
- * Little Blue Heron
- * Yellow-crowned Night Heron
- * Wood Ibis
- * Eastern Glossy Ibis
- * Brant
- * Common Black Duck - *Reported Specimen owned by J. L. Hutchins, Sioux City - Not authentic*
- * Harlequin Duck
- x American Eider
- x King Eider
- x Mississippi Kite
- * Harris's Hawk
- x Richardson's Pigeon Hawk
- * Mexican Goshawk
- * Black Rail
- * Purple Gallinule
- * Red Phalarope
- * Laughing Gull
- x Sabine's Gull
- Least Tern
- x Brunnich's Murre
- * Louisiana Paroquet
- * Nuttall's Poor-will
- * Lewis's Woodpecker
- * Say's Phoebe
- x Acadian Flycatcher
- x Carolina Chickadee
- x Russet-backed Thrush
- x White-eyed Vireo
- x Worm-eating Warbler
- * Sycamore Warbler
- * Northern Prairie Warbler
- x Northern Water-Thrush
- x Kentucky Warbler
- * Hooded Warbler
- * Gray-crowned Rosy Finch
- x Arctic Towhee
- * Bachman's Sparrow
- * Montana or Shufeldt's Junco

x = Rare, represented by at least one specimen.

* = No Iowa specimen.

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Chestnut-sided Warbler.					* Canadian Pine Grosbeak.				
Bay-breasted Warbler.					Alaska Pine Grosbeak.				
Black-poll Warbler.					[Hepburn's Rosy Finch.]				
* Northern Pine Warbler.					* Hoary Redpoll.				
[Kirtland's Warbler.]					Redpoll (three races):				
Western Palm Warbler.					Common Redpoll.				
Oven-bird.					* [Holboell's Redpoll.]				
Grinnell's Water-Thrush.					* [Greater Redpoll.]				
Louisiana Water-Thrush.					Northern Pine Siskin.				
Connecticut Warbler.					Eastern Goldfinch, Wild "Canary."				
Mourning Warbler.					Red Crossbill.				
Northern Yellow-throat.					* White-winged Crossbill.				
[Yellow-breasted Chat.]					Red-eyed Towhee, Chewink.				
Wilson's Warbler.					* Lark Bunting.				
Canada Warbler.					Savannah Sparrow (two races):				
American Redstart.					Eastern Savannah Sparrow.				
English Sparrow (introduced).					? Western Savannah Sparrow.				
Bobolink. <i>N.E. part of state shows increase</i>					Western Grasshopper Sparrow.				
Eastern Meadowlark.					* Baird's Sparrow.				
Western Meadowlark.					Leconte's Sparrow.				
Yellow-headed Blackbird.					* Western Henslow's Sparrow.				
Red-winged Blackbird (two races):					* Nelson's Sparrow.				
Giant Red-wing.					Eastern Vesper Sparrow.				
[Thick-billed Red-wing.]					Eastern Lark Sparrow.				
Orchard Oriole.					Slate-colored Junco.				
Baltimore Oriole.					Eastern Tree Sparrow.				
Rusty Blackbird.					Eastern Chipping Sparrow.				
* Brewer's Blackbird.					Clay-colored Sparrow.				
Bronzed Grackle.					Eastern Field Sparrow.				
Cowbird (two races):					Harris's Sparrow. <i>considerable numbers in Idaho County.</i>				
Eastern Cowbird.					White-crowned Sparrow (two races):				
Nevada Cowbird.					White-crowned Sparrow.				
[Western Tanager.]					Gambel's Sparrow.				
Scarlet Tanager.					White-throated Sparrow.				
* [Summer Tanager.]					Eastern Fox Sparrow.				
Eastern Cardinal.					Lincoln's Sparrow.				
Rose-breasted Grosbeak.					Swamp Sparrow.				
Indigo Bunting.					Song Sparrow (two races):				
* [Lazuli Bunting.]					Dakota Song Sparrow.				
[Painted Bunting.]					Eastern Song Sparrow.				
Dickcissel.					* McCown's Longspur.				
Eastern Evening Grosbeak.					Lapland Longspur.				
Eastern Purple Finch.					[Smith's Longspur.]				
[Common House Finch.]					Chestnut-collared Longspur.				
Pine Grosbeak (two races):					Eastern Snow Bunting.				

Please state below the general weather conditions prevailing during the season for which the report is made and any other pertinent observations.