

CHECK LIST OF THE BIRDS OF STORY COUNTY, IOWA

Abbreviations: C-Common M-Migrant
U-Uncommon S-Summer Resident
R-Rare W-Winter
V-Visitor

Though primarily designed for the Story County area, this list also includes birds observed in Ledges State Park and Greene Co. It includes the majority of birds to be expected in these areas but strays not on the list may be encountered.

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LOONS

Common RM

GREBES

Red-necked RM
Horned UM
Eared UM
Western RM
Pied-billed CS

PELICANS

White UM

CORMORANTS

Double-crested UM

HERONS, BITTERNs

Great Blue CMS
Green CS
Little Blue R
Common Egret UM
Snowy Egret R
Cattle Egret R
Black-crowned Night US
Yellow-crowned Night R
Least Bittern CS
American Bittern CMUS

SWANS

Whistling RM

GEESE

Canada CM
White-fronted UM
Snow CM
Blue CM

DUCKs (Surface Feeding)

Mallard CMRS
Black UM
Gadwall UM
Pintail CM
Green-winged Teal CM

Blue-winged Teal CMRS

Cinnamon Teal R

Widgeon CM

Shoveler CM

Wood CMUS

DUCKs (Diving)

Redhead UMRS

Ring-necked CM

Canvasback UM

Lesser Scaup CM

Goldeneye UM

Bufflehead UM

DUCKs (Stiff-tailed)

Ruddy UMUS

MERGANSERS

Hooded UM

Common CM

Red-breasted UM

VULTURES

Turkey CS

HAWKS

Goshawk RWV

Sharp-shinned CM

Coopers UM

Red-tailed CMS

Red-shouldered UM

Broad-winged CMRS

Swainsons UMRS

Rough-legged CWV

Bald Eagle RM

Marsh CM

Osprey UM

FALCONS

Prairie RWV

Peregrine RM

Pigeon Hawk RM

Sparrow Hawk CMS

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QUAIL, PHEASANTS

Bobwhite C
Ring-necked Pheasant C

CRANES

Sandhill RM

RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS

King Rail UMRS
Virginia Rail CMRS
Sora CMS
Yellow Rail R
Common Gallinule UMRS
Coot CMS

PLOVERS, TURNSTONES

Semipalmated UM
Piping RM
Killdeer CMS
Golden UM
Black-bellied RM
Ruddy Turnstone RM

SANDPIPERS, ETC.

Woodcock UMRS
Snipe CM
Upland Plover RS
Spotted CMS
Solitary CM
Willet RM
Greater Yellowlegs CM
Lesser Yellowlegs CM
Pectoral CM
White-rumped UM
Baird's UM
Least CM
Dunlin UM
Dowitcher UM
Stilt RM
Semipalmated CM
Western RM
Marbled Godwit RM
Hudsonian Godwit UM
Sanderling RM
Avocet RM

PHALAROPES

Wilson's UM
Northern RM

GULLS

Herring CM
Ring-billed CM
Franklin's CM
Bonaparte's RM

TERNs

Forster's CM
Common UM
Least UM
Caspian UM
Black CMUS

DOVES

Mourning CMS

CUCKOOS

Yellow-billed CMS
Black-billed CMS

OWLS

Barn R
Screech C
Horned C
Snowy RWV
Barred C
Long-eared UWV
Short-eared UWV
Saw-whet UMRWV

GOATSUCKERS

Whin-poor-will HS
Nighthawk CS

SWIFTS

Chimney

HUMMINGBIRDS

Ruby-throated CMS

KINGFISHERS

Belted CS

WOODPECKERS

Yellow-shafted Flicker CS
Red-shafted Flicker RM
Red-bellied CS
Red-headed CS
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker CMRS
Hairy CS
Downy CS

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FLYCATCHERS

Eastern Kingbird CS
Western Kingbird RS
Crested CS
Eastern Phoebe CS
Yellow-bellied UM
Acadian UM
Traill's CMS
Least CMRS
Wood Pewee CS
Olive-sided UM

LARKS

Horned CMS

SWALLOWS

Tree CMRS
Bank CS
Rough-winged US
Barn CS
Cliff CMRS
Martin CS

JAYS, CROWS

Blue Jay CS
Crow CS

TITMICE

Black-capped Chickadee CS
Tufted Titmouse US

NUTHATCHES

White-breasted CS
Red-breasted UMWV

CREEPERS

Brown CMRS

WRENS

House CS
Winter UM
Bewicks R
Carolina R
Long-billed Marsh US
Short-billed Marsh US

MIMICS

Mockingbird R
Catbird CS
Brown Thrasher CS

THRUSHES

Robin CS
Wood CS
Hermit CM
Swainson's CM
Gray-cheeked CM
Veery UMRS
Eastern Bluebird CS

KINGLETS

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher RS
Golden-crowned CM
Ruby-crowned CM

PIPITS

Sprague's RM
Water UM

WAXWINGS

Bohemian RWV
Cedar CMRS

SHRIKES

Loggerhead CS

STARLINGS

Starling CS

VIREOS

Bells US
Yellow-throated CS
Solitary CM
Red-eyed CS
Philadelphia RM
Warbling CS

WARBLERS

Black-and-White CM
Worm-eating RM
Prothonotary RM
Golden-winged RM
Blue-winged RS
Tennessee CM
Orange-crowned CM
Nashville CM
Parula RMRS
Yellow CMS
Magnolia UM
Cape May RM
Black-throated Blue RM

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WARBLERS (cont.)

Myrtle CM
Black-throated Green UM
Cerulean RMS
Yellow-throated RS
Blackburnian UM
Chestnut-sided UM
Bay-breasted UM
Blackpoll CM
Pine RM
Palm CM
Ovenbird CMS
Northern Waterthrush CM
Louisiana Waterthrush UMRS
Kentucky RMRS
Connecticut RM
Mourning UM
Yellowthroat CMS
Yellow-breasted Chat UMS
Hooded RS
Wilson's CM
Canada UM
Redstart CMS

Red Crossbill UWV
White-winged Crossbill RWV
Towhee CS
Savannah CMUS
Grasshopper CS
LeConte's UM
Henslow's RM
Vesper CS
Lark US
Slate-colored Junco CMWV
Tree CWV
Chipping CS
Clay-colored UM
Field CS
Harris' UM
White-crowned UM
White-throated CM
Fox CM
Lincoln's CM
Swamp CMRS
Song CS
Lapland Longspur UWV
Snow Bunting UWV

WEAVER FINCHES

House Sparrow C

BLACKBIRDS

Bobolink CMS
Eastern Meadowlark CS
Western Meadowlark CS
Yellow-headed CMS
Red-winged CS
Orchard Oriole UMRS
Baltimore Oriole CS
Rusty CM
Brewer's UM
Common Grackle CS
Cowbird CS

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TANAGERS

Scarlet US

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SPARROWS, FINCHES, ETC.

Cardinal CS
Rose-breasted Grosbeak CS
Indigo Bunting CS
Dickcissel CS
Evening Grosbeak RMWV
Purple Finch CM
Common Redpoll UWV
Pine Siskin UWV
Goldfinch CS

Crawford
Rod

Love

Brown
Tiller

Beek
hood

Dick Crawford
Boreal Chickadee
Brown cap
Different call

7X35

7X50

Tel 2000000
careful of zoom lens
on Telescopes

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- Blackpoll CM
- Line IM
- Pain IM
- Ovenbird CMS
- Northern Waterthrush CM
- Louisiana Waterthrush IMRS
- Kentucky RNS
- Connecticut IM
- Mourning UM
- Yellowthroat CMS
- Yellow-breasted Chat UMS
- Hooded RS
- Wilson's CM
- Canada UM
- Redstart CMS

WEAVER FINCHES

House Sparrow C

BACKBIRDS

- Hoplin CMS
- Eastern Meadowlark CS
- Western Meadowlark CS
- Yellow-headed CMS
- Red-winged CS
- Orchard Oriole IMRS
- Baltimore Oriole CS
- Rusty CM
- Warbler's UM
- Common Grackle CS
- Robin CS

TAXIDERS

Secretary US

SPECIALS, FINCHES, ETC.

- Cardinal CS
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak CS
- Indigo Bunting CS
- Black-chinned CS
- Evening Grosbeak RMYV
- Purple Finch CM
- Common Redpoll UWV
- Pine Siskin UWV
- Goldfinch CS