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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.

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A species (or subspecies) to be included in the state list must be represented by observations. It is not necessary to attempt to recognize these as one which of seasonal or accidental occurrence that their being seen is improbable are included. It is one which is urgent in making identifications of such birds in the field. An asterisk before the observation mark indicates a species which has become extinct in Minnesota within recent years. The names of such species are given in the American Ornithologists' Union Check-List for the year in which they were known to have become locally, are given.

DIRECTIONS FOR RECORDING DATES. SUMMER RESIDENTS—Spring: give date when first seen, when common, and first nest with fresh eggs. Fall: when last seen. TRANSIENT VISITANTS—Spring and Fall: when first seen, when common, and when last seen. PERMANENT RESIDENTS—First nest. WINTER VISITANTS—When first seen in the fall or winter and last seen in the spring. Use separate sheets for reporting spring and fall observations.

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.				
x Common Loon.					Wood Duck.				
Lesser Loon.					Redhead.				
x [Red-throated Loon.]					Ring-necked Duck, "Blue-bill," "Black Duck."				
x Holboell's Grebe, Red-necked Grebe.					Canvas-back.				
x Horned Grebe.					x [Greater Scaup Duck, Big Blue-bill.]				
Eared Grebe.					Lesser Scaup Duck, Little Blue-bill.				
x Western Grebe, Swan-necked Grebe.					American Golden-eye, Whistler.				
Pied-billed Grebe, Hell-diver.					x [Barrow's Golden-eye.]				
White Pelican.					Buffle-head, Butter-ball.				
Double-crested Cormorant, Black "Loon."					Old-squaw.				
Great Blue Heron, Blue "Crane."					White-winged Scoter.				
[American Egret.]					Surf Scoter.				
x [Snowy Egret.]					x American Scoter.				
Eastern Green Heron.					Ruddy Duck.				
Black-crowned Night Heron.					Hooded Merganser, Little Saw-bill.				
American Bittern.		S.R. Fairly common			American Merganser, Big Saw-bill.				
Eastern Least Bittern.					Red-breasted Merganser.				
x [White-faced Glossy Ibis.]					Turkey Vulture.				
Whistling Swan.					x [Swallow-tailed Kite.]				
x *Trumpeter Swan.					Eastern Goshawk.				
Canada Goose, Honker (three races):					Sharp-shinned Hawk.	M	Fairly common		
Common Canada Goose.					Cooper's Hawk.	S, R	"	"	
x [Lesser Canada Goose.]					Red-tailed Hawk, (four forms):				
[Hutchins's Goose.]					Eastern Red-tailed Hawk.	S, R	"	"	
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.					Broad-winged Hawk.				
Red-legged Black Duck, "Dusky Mallard."					Swainson's Hawk.				
Gadwall, Gray Duck.					American Rough-legged Hawk.	WR	1 Specimen	11/14, 1916	
x [European Widgeon.]					x [Ferruginous Rough-leg.]				
Baldpate, Widgeon.					Golden Eagle.	M	1 Specimen	11/15, 1931	
American Pintail.					Southern Bald Eagle.	M	1 seen	8/21, 1917	
Green-winged Teal.					Marsh Hawk.	M	Fairly common	in fall	
Blue-winged Teal.					Osprey, Fish Hawk.				
x [Cinnamon Teal.]					Gyr-falcon (two races):				

Additional Notes.

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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.	M		9/12 1918	10/3 1912	Hudsonian Godwit.				*
Eastern Sparrow Hawk.	S.R.		Breeds in my box		Sanderling.				
Canada Spruce Grouse.					x*Avocet.				
Ruffed Grouse, "Partridge" (two races):					x*Black-necked Stilt.				
Eastern Ruffed Grouse.	R.		Became very scarce		Wilson's Phalarope.	M		Two birds on 3 days 1909	
Canada Ruffed Grouse.					Northern Phalarope.				
[Willow Ptarmigan.]					x [Parasitic Jaeger.]				?
Greater Prairie Chicken.	R		Nearly extinct here		x [Long-tailed Jaeger.]				
x Prairie Sharp-tailed Grouse.					x [Glaucous Gull.]				
European Partridge, Hungarian Partridge (introduced).					x [Iceland Gull.]				
Eastern Bob-white, Quail.	R		Grouse very scarce		Herring Gull.				
Ring-necked Pheasant (introduced).	R		Accursed, is here		Ring-billed Gull.				*
x *Eastern Turkey, Wild Turkey (?)					Franklin's Gull.	M		Three birds 5/9 1916	
[Whooping Crane.]					Bonaparte's Gull.				
Sandhill Crane (two races):					Forster's Tern.				
[Little Brown Crane.]					Common Tern.				
Sandhill Crane.					Caspian Tern.				
King Rail.	M		Rare		Black Tern.			Occasionally seen	
Virginia Rail.	M		Rare of late		{Dovekie, Little Auk.}				
Sora.	S.R.		Has bred on our land		[Ancient Murrelet.]				
Yellow Rail.					Western Mourning Dove.	S.R.		Decreasing, breeds sparingly, but winters	
Florida Gallinule.			1 Cripple here		*Passenger Pigeon.				
American Coot, Mud Hen.	M		Cripples occasionally		Yellow-billed Cuckoo.	S.R.		Breeds; less common than B-b Cuckoo, which is fairly common	
x [Piping Plover.]					Black-billed Cuckoo.	S.R.			
x [Western Snowy Plover.]					[Groove-billed Ani.]				
Semipalmated Plover.					Barn Owl.			1 Specimen preserved, Found dead	
Killdeer.	S, R		Common		Screech Owl (two races):				*
American Golden Plover.	M		Rare		Eastern Screech Owl.	R, F, FAR		to common	
Black-bellied Plover.	M		Rare		? Aikin's Screech Owl.				
Ruddy Turnstone.					Great Horned Owl (three races):				
American Woodcock.	S, R		Rare		x Arctic Horned Owl.				
Wilson's Snipe.	M.		Greatly decreased		Great Horned Owl.	R.		Fairly common; Breeds	
*Long-billed Curlew.					Montana Horned Owl.				
x Hudsonian Curlew.					Snowy Owl.				
x *Eskimo Curlew.					x American Hawk Owl.				
Upland Plover, Bartramian Sandpiper.	S, R.		Formerly abundant now very rare		x Western Burrowing Owl.				
Spotted Sandpiper.					Barred Owl (two races):				*
Eastern Solitary Sandpiper.	M		Greatly decreased		Northern Barred Owl.	R.		Less common than G.H.O.	
Western Willet.					Minnesota Barred Owl.				*
Greater Yellow-legs.	M		No longer seen		x Great Gray Owl.				*
Lesser Yellow-legs.	M		"	"	Long-eared Owl.			Occasionally seen	
x [American Knot.]					Short-eared Owl.			"	"
Pectoral Sandpiper.	M		Two birds 5/5 1925		x 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.			Once common now seldom seen	
Long-billed Dowitcher.					x 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
- * 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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T Chestnut-sided Warbler.					X Canadian Pine Grosbeak.				
Bay-breasted Warbler.					Alaska Pine Grosbeak.				
T Black-poll Warbler.					[Hepburn's Rosy Finch.]				
X Northern Pine Warbler.					X Hoary Redpoll.				
[Kirtland's Warbler.]					Redpoll (three races):				
T Western Palm Warbler.					Common Redpoll. W.V. } <i>Seen in 9 winters; flocks of 20 to 50 birds. Remained from 5 to 40 days</i>				
Oven-bird. S.R. Nesting in woods					X [Holboell's Redpoll.]				
T Grinnell's Water-Thrush. Once found nesting in woods					X [Greater Redpoll.]				
Louisiana Water-Thrush.					Northern Pine Siskin. W.V. also fall, occasionally				
Connecticut Warbler.					Eastern Goldfinch, Wild "Canary." S.R. Nests, decreasing				
Mourning Warbler.					Red Crossbill. W.V. Flocks in 1923; several found dead				
Northern Yellow-throat. S.R. Nests on our place					X White-winged Crossbill. Rare, in 1906 on 1/30, 1/10 & 1/14				
[Yellow-breasted Chat.] It has been seen a few times					Red-eyed Towhee, Chewink. S.R. Nests; fairly common				
T Wilson's Warbler.					X Lark Bunting.				
T Canada Warbler.					Savannah Sparrow (two races):				
American Redstart. S.R. Nests in woods					Eastern Savannah Sparrow. M in fall fairly common				
English Sparrow (introduced). Forgive alderman & Bob- lye if you can,					? Western Savannah Sparrow.				
Bobolink. S.R. but here no more. Saw two June 22					Western Grasshopper Sparrow. S.R. Occasionally nests				
Eastern Meadowlark. S.R. sometimes winter (Nests) Less than 1/4 of former					X Baird's Sparrow.				
Western Meadowlark. S.R. Nests. Number of them formerly					Leconte's Sparrow. M Sometimes in autumn it halts from 8 days to a month				
Yellow-headed Blackbird. M. Have three records					X Western Henslow's Sparrow. M Was seen in fine autumn				
Red-winged Blackbird (two races):					X Nelson's Sparrow.				
Giant Red-wing. S.R. Nests (Once common breeding bird now going fast)					Eastern Vesper Sparrow. S.R. Nests; greatly decreased				
[Thick-billed Red-wing.]					Eastern Lark Sparrow.				
Orchard Oriole. S.R. Nests rarely					Slate-colored Junco. M Sometimes abundant				
Baltimore Oriole. S.R. Nests, it too is going					Eastern Tree Sparrow. M Common				
Rusty Blackbird. M. Sometimes in large flock					Eastern Chipping Sparrow. S.R. Nests; going fast				
X Brewer's Blackbird.					Clay-colored Sparrow. M In some autumns it halts for days or a month.				
Bronzed Grackle. S.R. Nests: Has increased amazingly					Eastern Field Sparrow. S.R. Nests in the woods				
Cowbird (two races): S.R. Lays eggs; common					Harris's Sparrow. M, Fairly common in autumn.				
Eastern Cowbird. A					White-crowned Sparrow (two races):				
Nevada Cowbird.					White-crowned Sparrow. M. Fairly common, ^{autumn} no in				
[Western Tanager.]					Gambel's Sparrow. M One was identified				
Scarlet Tanager. S.R. Nests in woods { Fairly common					White-throated Sparrow. M. Common, but growing less				
X [Summer Tanager.]					Eastern Fox Sparrow. M. Fairly common.				
Eastern Cardinal. R. Nests More frequently seen in winter,					Lincoln's Sparrow. M. Common { sometimes nearly as common as Junco s.				
Rose-breasted Grosbeak. S.R. Nests; Fairly common in woods					Swamp Sparrow. M. Common				
Indigo Bunting. S.R. Nests; " " " "					Song Sparrow (two races):				
X [Lazuli Bunting.]					Dakota Song Sparrow.				
[Painted Bunting.]					Eastern Song Sparrow. S.R. Nests; once common, only one pair here in 1923				
Dickcissel. S.R. Nests; greatly decreased					X McCown's Longspur.				
Eastern Evening Grosbeak.					Lapland Longspur.				
Eastern Purple Finch. M. Sometimes fairly common in fall					[Smith's Longspur.]				
[Common House Finch.]					Chestnut-collared Longspur.				
Pine Grosbeak (two races):					Eastern Snow Bunting. W.V. One skin from bird taken by Serech O. identified by D.K. Oberholser				

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