

Harlan - Des Moines

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 common, and first nest with fresh eggs. Fall, winter and nesting dates for that seen, when common, and when last seen. PERMANENT RESIDENTS—FIRST NEST, WINTER 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. <i>fairly common SR</i>				
* Common Loon. <i>casual on D.M.R.M</i>					Wood Duck. <i>I suppose by about 25 shot this fall SR</i>				
Lesser Loon. <i>—</i>					Redhead. <i>casual killed one myself 1932</i>				
* [Red-throated Loon.] <i>—</i>					Ring-necked Duck, "Blue-bill," "Black Duck." <i>common spring 1932 M</i>				
* Holboell's Grebe, Red-necked Grebe. <i>—</i>					Canvas-back. <i>casual saw one 1932 spring M</i>				
Horned Grebe. <i>—</i>					* [Greater Scaup Duck, Big Blue-bill.] <i>—</i>				
Eared Grebe. <i>casual D.M.R. M</i>					Lesser Scaup Duck, Little Blue-bill. <i>common M</i>				
* Western Grebe, Swan-necked Grebe. <i>—</i>					American Golden-eye, Whistler. <i>flock of 5 spring 1932</i>				
Pied-billed Grebe, Hell-diver. <i>common M</i>					* [Barrow's Golden-eye.] <i>—</i>				
White Pelican. <i>fairly common M</i>					Buffle-head, Butter-ball. <i>killed one fall 1932 - Bullock</i>				
Double-crested Cormorant, Black "Loon." <i>fairly common M</i>					Old-squaw. <i>—</i>				
Great Blue Heron, Blue "Crane." <i>common M</i>					White-winged Scoter. <i>fairly common 2 no 3 M</i>				
[American Egret.] <i>casual in 1932 M</i>					Surf Scoter. <i>—</i>				
* [Snowy Egret.] <i>—</i>					* American Scoter. <i>—</i>				
Eastern Green Heron. <i>common SR</i>					Ruddy Duck. <i>rare killed one 1931 M</i>				
Black-crowned Night Heron. <i>casual M</i>					Hooded Merganser, Little Saw-bill. <i>fairly common M</i>				
American Bittern. <i>fairly common SR</i>					American Merganser, Big Saw-bill. <i>quite common M</i>				
Eastern Least Bittern. <i>uncommon M</i>					Red-breasted Merganser. <i>uncommon M</i>				
* [White-faced Glossy Ibis.] <i>—</i>					Turkey Vulture. <i>common SR</i>				
Whistling Swan. <i>rare M</i>					* [Swallow-tailed Kite.] <i>—</i>				
* *Trumpeter Swan. <i>—</i>					Eastern Goshawk. <i>—</i>				
Canada Goose, Honker (three races):					Sharp-shinned Hawk. <i>—</i>				
Common Canada Goose. <i>not very common in D.M.R. vally M</i>					Cooper's Hawk. <i>—</i>				
* [Lesser Canada Goose.] <i>—</i>					Red-tailed Hawk, (four forms):				
[Hutchins's Goose.] <i>uncommon M</i>					Eastern Red-tailed Hawk. <i>—</i>				
White-fronted Goose, Speckle-belly. <i>uncommon M</i>					Krider's Hawk. <i>—</i>				
Lesser Snow Goose, White Brant. <i>common in spring at Whiting M</i>					[Western Red-tailed Hawk.] <i>—</i>				
Blue Goose, Blue Wavey. <i>most common here M</i>					[Harlan's Hawk.] <i>—</i>				
* [Fulvous Tree-Duck.] <i>—</i>					Northern Red-shouldered Hawk. <i>—</i>				
Common Mallard. <i>common SR</i>					Broad-winged Hawk. <i>—</i>				
Red-legged Black Duck, "Dusky Mallard." <i>uncommon M</i>					Swainson's Hawk. <i>—</i>				
Gadwall, Gray Duck. <i>—</i>					American Rough-legged Hawk. <i>—</i>				
* [European Widgeon.] <i>—</i>					* [Ferruginous Rough-leg.] <i>—</i>				
Baldpate, Widgeon. <i>fairly com in spring M</i>					Golden Eagle. <i>—</i>				
American Pintail. <i>very common in spring less so in fall M</i>					Southern Bald Eagle. <i>—</i>				
Green-winged Teal. <i>less common than blue wing M</i>					Marsh Hawk. <i>—</i>				
Blue-winged Teal. <i>—</i>					Osprey, Fish Hawk. <i>2 on skunk river 1932 M</i>				
* [Cinnamon Teal.] <i>—</i>					Gyrfalcon (two races): <i>—</i>				

Additional Notes.



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[White Gyrfalcon.]					Semipalmated Sandpiper. <i>occasional</i>				
[Black Gyrfalcon.]					X [Western Sandpiper.]				
X [Prairie Falcon.]					X [Buff-breasted Sandpiper.]				
Duck Hawk.					X Marbled Godwit.				
Eastern Pigeon Hawk.					Hudsonian Godwit. <i>1 in 1931 (collected)</i>				
Eastern Sparrow Hawk.					Sanderling.				
Canada Spruce Grouse.					X*Avocet.				
Ruffed Grouse, "Partridge" (two races):					X*Black-necked Stilt.				
Eastern Ruffed Grouse.					Wilson's Phalarope.				
Canada Ruffed Grouse.					Northern Phalarope.				
[Willow Ptarmigan.]					X [Parasitic Jaeger.]				
Greater Prairie Chicken.					Y [Long-tailed Jaeger.]				
X Prairie Sharp-tailed Grouse.					X [Glaucous Gull.]				
European Partridge, Hungarian Partridge (introduced).					X [Iceland Gull.]				
Eastern Bob-white, Quail.					Herring Gull. <i>fairly common</i>				
Ring-necked Pheasant (introduced).					Ring-billed Gull. <i>common</i>				
X *Eastern Turkey, Wild Turkey (?)					Franklin's Gull. <i>fairly common</i>				
[Whooping Crane.]					Bonaparte's Gull. <i>fairly common</i>				
Sandhill Crane (two races):					Forster's Tern.				
[Little Brown Crane.]					Common Tern. <i>occasional</i>				
Sandhill Crane.					Caspian Tern.				
King Rail. <i>uncommon</i>					Black Tern. <i>common</i>				
Virginia Rail. <i>uncommon</i>					[Dovekie, Little Auk.]				
Sora. <i>common</i>					[Ancient Murrelet.]				
Yellow Rail.					*Western Mourning Dove.				
Florida Gallinule.					*Passenger Pigeon.				
American Coot, Mud Hen.					Yellow-billed Cuckoo.				
X [Piping Plover.]					Black-billed Cuckoo.				
X [Western Snowy Plover.]					[Groove-billed Ani.]				
Semipalmated Plover.					Barn Owl.				
Killdeer. <i>common</i>					Screech Owl (two races):				
American Golden Plover.					Eastern Screech Owl.				
Black-bellied Plover. <i>saw 2 fall 1934</i>					? Aikin's Screech Owl.				
Ruddy Turnstone.					Great Horned Owl (three races):				
American Woodcock. <i>very rare since 1930</i>					X Arctic Horned Owl.				
Wilson's Snipe. <i>very common fall 1934</i>					Great Horned Owl.				
*Long-billed Curlew.					Montana Horned Owl.				
X Hudsonian Curlew.					Snowy Owl.				
X *Eskimo Curlew.					X American Hawk Owl.				
Upland Plover, Bartramian Sandpiper.					X Western Burrowing Owl.				
Spotted Sandpiper. <i>common nest 1931</i>					Barred Owl (two races):				
Eastern Solitary Sandpiper. <i>common</i>					Northern Barred Owl.				
Western Willet.					Minnesota Barred Owl.				
Greater Yellow-legs. <i>fairly common</i>					X Great Gray Owl.				
Lesser Yellow-legs. <i>very common</i>					Long-eared Owl.				
X [American Knot.]					Short-eared Owl.				
Pectoral Sandpiper. <i>occasional</i>					X Richardson's Owl.				
White-rumped Sandpiper.					Saw-whet Owl.				
Baird's Sandpiper. <i>occasional</i>					Eastern Whip-poor-will. <i>...</i>				
Least Sandpiper. <i>common</i>					Nighthawk (three races):				
Red-backed Sandpiper. <i>occasional</i>					Eastern Nighthawk.				
Long-billed Dowitcher.					X Howell's Nighthawk.				
X Stilt Sandpiper.					X Sennett's Nighthawk.				

*spotted sp. - common*



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 *two in collection from Polk Co*
- \* 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 *killed one from flock of 5 or 7 1931  
in collection*
- 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.] <i>Killed an in Dec 1926</i>					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.					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.				
Eastern Cowbird.					White-crowned Sparrow (two races):				
Nevada Cowbird.					White-crowned Sparrow.				
[Western Tanager.]					Gambel's Sparrow.				
Scarlet Tanager. <i>Two nests 1932</i>					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. <i>large flock 1931</i>					[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.