

IOWA DISTRIBUTIONAL CHECK-LIST*

The Iowa Distributional Check-list is the result of a growth of the feeling that a state check-list which attempts to give the status of each species on a state-wide basis may be misleading to some extent. Although wholly within the prairie region, the state with its area of 56,000 square miles contains a number of types of terrain and has considerable variations in climate. The distance from the Minnesota line to the Missouri border is sufficiently great that some species which are migrants only in the south are nesters in the north, while other species which spend only the summers in the north are seen the year around in the south. There are also species to be seen in the west but occurring rarely if at all in the east, and vice versa.

The state has been arbitrarily divided into 9 sections by using north-and-south highways 169 and 63, and east-and-west highways 3 and 92 as the dividing lines. The status of each species, according to the information available, is given for each of the sections. To make the list reflect present-day conditions as far as possible no records going back more than 15 years have been used.

The classifications used are:

SR, summer resident, seen during the greater part of each summer.

SV, summer visitor, seen in summer for short periods and not necessarily each year.

WR, winter resident.

WV, winter visitor.

M, migrant, seen yearly, usually both spring and fall.

SM or FM, spring or fall migrant only.

P, permanent resident, for presumably non-migratory species.

C, casual, for a species which, while not out of its range, is seen very infrequently.

A, accidental, denotes a species whose range does not include Iowa. No indications of relative abundance have been attempted.

There are species which are to be seen the year around, but where it is believed the wintering population differs from those seen in the summer. These are designated as SR-WR. Many individuals of some species remain to nest in the state, or sections of it, while many others continue north to nesting grounds. Where it is felt that as many nest here as can find suitable nesting territories the species is considered a summer resident. When only isolated nestings have been reported the classification of the species is given as migrant-summer resident.

Several species are reported as occurring frequently enough to warrant consideration of their inclusion in the Iowa Check-list. These are: Yellow-crowned Night Heron, reported as casual for Central, East Central and South West Sections; Old Squaw, casual for West Central, Central and East Central; Western Sandpiper, casual for Central and migrant for East Central; Arctic Towhee, migrant-winter resident for West Central, casual winter visitor from Central, and winter resident for South West; Summer Tanager, summer resident in South West.

No data were received for Buff-breasted Sandpiper, and Sycamore Warbler.

Since the classifications shown are limited to those furnished by the membership, or are based upon the records in the State Museum, the list is somewhat incomplete. Further, since the information from members is very largely based upon sight records, there are perhaps some classifications to which exception may be taken. The Committee hopes that any reliable records which might be used to supply some missing classifications or to change any which are presently shown, will be submitted to it for consideration (see attached sheets).

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In order to expedite publication of the Check-list, all corrections or additions should be forwarded to the chairman of the Committee not later than June 1, 1954. Members of the Committee will be present at the annual meeting at the Kirkwood Hotel on May ~~16~~ and ~~17~~, 1954, and will be happy to discuss the list with any member of the organization.

Information for the Distributional Check-list was supplied by the following members of the I.O.U.:

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- North Central, Mrs. W. C. De Long, Lamoni; Miss Pearl Knoop, Marble Rock.
- North East, Arthur Palas, Postville; Oscar P. Allert, McGregor.
- Central, Myrle Jones, Estherville; Mrs. Helen King, Grundy Center;
Mrs. D. R. Hilleman, State Center.
- East Central, Miss Esther Copp, Wheatland; Mrs. Helen G. Pike, Coggon;
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E. W. Steffen, Cedar Rapids; George Crossley, Farley.
- South West, Myrle Jones; Mrs. Lawrence Pickering, Red Oak; Mrs. Frances Bordner,
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- South Central, Mrs. W. C. De Long.

Members of the Committee furnished data and, in many instances, the records of the Museum in the State Historical Building were relied upon to furnish the species' classifications.

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	North West	North Cent.	North East	West Cent.	Central	East Cent.	South West	South Cent.	South East
Robin, E.	SR	SR	SR	SR-WR	SR-WR	SR-WR	SR	SR	SR
Thrush, Wood	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR
Thrush, E. Hermit	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Thrush, Olive-back	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Thrush, Gray-cheek	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Thrush, Willow	M	M	M	CM	SM	M	M	M	M
Bluebird, E.	SR	SR	SR	SR-WR	SP-WR	SR-WR	SR-P	SR	SR
Gnatcatcher, Blue-gray	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR
Kinglet, E. Gold-crn.	M	M-WV	M	M-WV	M-WV	M-WV	M	WV	M
Kinglet, E. Ruby-crn.	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Pipit, American	M		M	M	SM	M	M	M	M
Waxwing, Bohemian	WV	C	WV	M	C	WV			
Waxwing, Cedar	SR-WR	M	SR-WR	M-SR	SR-WR	SR-WV	M	M	M
Shrike, Northern	WV	M	WV	WV	WV	WV		WV	WV
Shrike, Migrant	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR
Starling	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Vireo, White-eyed		C			A	C			
Vireo, Bell's	SR		SR	SR	SR	SR	SR		
Vireo, Yellow-throat	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	M		M
Vireo, Blue-headed	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	
Vireo, Red-eyed	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR
Vireo, Philadelphia		M	M		M	M	M		
Vireo, E. Warbling	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR
Warbler, Black & White	M	SR-M	SR-M	M-SR	M	M	M-SR	M	M
Warbler, Prothonotary			SR	M-SR	M	SR	FM	M	M
Warbler, Worm-eating					C	M	M		
Warbler, Golden-winged	M	M	SR	SM	M	M		M	M
Warbler, Blue-winged			SR	SM	SM	M		M	M
Warbler, Tennessee	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Warbler, Orange-crown	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Warbler, Nashville	M	M	M	M	M	M	M		M
Warbler, N. Parula		M	M	SM	M	M-SR		M	
Warbler, E. Yellow	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR
Warbler, Magnolia	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Warbler, Cape May	M	C	M	SM	SM	M		M	M
Warbler, Blk-thr. Blue		M	M		M	M			
Warbler, Myrtle	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Warbler, Blk-thr. Green	M	M	M	SM	M	M	M	M	M
Warbler, Cerulean	M	C	M-SR	SM	M	M-SR	M-SR	M	M
Warbler, Blackburnian	M	M	M	SM	M	M	M		M
Warbler, Sycamore									
Warbler, Chestnut-sided	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Warbler, Bay-breasted	M	M	M	SM	M	M	M		M
Warbler, Black-poll	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Warbler, N. Pine	M	M	M	SM	M	M			
Warbler, W. Palm	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Oven-bird	SR	M	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR-M	M	M

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water-thrush, Grinnell	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Water-thrush, La.	M	M	M-SR	SM	SM	M-SR	M	M	M
Warbler, Kentucky			M-SR	SM	SM	M-SR	SR		M
Warbler, Connecticut	M	M	M	M	SM	M	M		M
Warbler, Mourning	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Yellow-throat, N.	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR
Chat, Yellow-breasted	SR		SR	SR	SR	M	SR		M
Warbler, Wilson's	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Warbler, Canada	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Redstart, Amer.	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR-M	M	M
Sparrow, English	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Bobolink	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR-M	M	M
Meadowlark, E.	SR-WR	SR-WR	SR-WR	SR-WR	SR-WR	SR-WR	SR-WR	SR-WR	SR-WR
Meadowlark, W.	SR-WR	SR-WR	SR-WR	SR-WR	SR-WR	SR-WR	SR-WR	SR-WR	SR-WR
Blackbird, Yellow-head	SR	SR	SR	SR	M	M	M-SR	M	M
Red-wing, Giant	SR	SR	SR	SR-WR	SR-WR	SR-WR	SR	P	SR
Oriole, Orchard	SR	C	SR	SR	SR	M	SR	SR	SR
Oriole, Baltimore	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR
Blackbird, Rusty	M	M	M	M	M	M-WV	M	M	M
Blackbird, Brewer's	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Grackle, Bronzed	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR-WV	SR	SR	SR	SR
Cowbird, Eastern	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR
Tanager, Scarlet	SV	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR
Cardinal, Eastern	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Grosbeak, Rose-breast.	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR
Grosbeak, E. Blue				SR			SR		
Bunting, Indigo	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR
Dickcissel	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR
Grosbeak, E. Evening	C WV		C WV	WV	A WV	A WV			
Finch, E. Purple	M	M	M-WV	M	M-WV	M	M	M	WV
Redpoll, Common	M	C	WV	WV	WV	WV			
Siskin, N. Pine	M	M	M	WR	WV	M			WV
Goldfinch, Eastern	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Crossbill, Red	WR		C WV	WV	WV	WV			
Towhee, Red-eyed	M	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR
Bunting, Lark	C			C					
Sparrow, E. Savannah	M-SR	SR	M-SR	M	M-SR	M-SR	M	M	M
Sparrow, Grasshopper	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR
Sparrow, Leconte's	M	M	M	M	M	M			M
Sparrow, W. Henslow's	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Sparrow, Nelson's					FM				
Sparrow, E. Vesper	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR
Sparrow, E. Lark	SR-M	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR
Junco, Slate-colored	WR-M	WR	WV-M	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR
Sparrow, Tree	WR-M	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR
Sparrow, E. Chipping	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR
Sparrow, Clay-colored	SR	SR	M-SR	M	M	M	M	M	M
Sparrow, E. Field	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR
Sparrow, Harris'	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Sparrow, White-crown.	M	M	M	M	M-WV	M	M	M	M

	North West	North Cent.	North East	West Cent.	Central	East Cent.	South West	South Cent.	South East
Sparrow, Gambel's	M		M	M	M		M		M
Sparrow, White-throat.	M	M	M	M	M-WV	M-WV	M	M	M
Sparrow, E. Fox	M	L	M	M	M-WV	M-WV	M	M	M
Sparrow, Lincoln's	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Sparrow, Swamp	M	SR-M	SR	M	M	M	M	M	M
Sparrow, Song	SR	SR-WR	SR	SR	SR-WR	SR-WR	SR	SR-WR	SR-WR
Longspur, Lapland	WR			WV	WV	M-WR	WV	WV	WV
Bunting, E. Snow				C	A				

SPECIES NOT INCLUDED IN THE IOWA CHECK-LIST

Pacific Loon					A				
Red-throated Loon						A			
Anhinga							A		
Snowy Egret					A	SV			
Yellow-crn Night Heron					C	C	C		
Old Squaw	C			C	C	C			C
American Scoter						C			
King Eider						A			
Gyrfalcon	A								
Long-billed Curlew						C			
Western Sandpiper					C	M			
Glaucous Gull						C			
Rock Wren				C					
Summer Tanager								SR	
Hooded Warbler						M			
Townsend's Warbler						A			
Lazuli Bunting				C	A				
Arctic Towhee				M-WR	C WV			WR	
Pine Grosbeak									
White-winged Crossbill			C	WV					
Montana Junco					C				
Cassiar Junco					C				
Smith's Longspur		C	C		C				