

Species on the I.O.U. Checklist for which neither a known specimen nor a diagnostic photograph, motion picture or sound recording exists. In compiling the official list for Iowa, the I.O.U. Checklist Committee accepted sight record considered reliable. The recent rash of accidental species that were photographed at feeders or in hand (Boreal Chickadee, Pygmy Nuthatch, Gray Jay, Varied Thrush, Hoary Redpoll, Gray-crowned Rosy Finch) emphasizes that such documentation can be often obtained, and prompted me to compile a list of species for which no tangible documentation of their occurrence in Iowa seems to exist. By the rules of some other states, these would be termed "hypothetical". The species in this category are listed below for the benefit of those who would like to compare the Iowa list minus these "hypotheticals" with the similar hard-core list of other states, and to encourage observers to obtain photographs of them when they encounter them, so their occurrence in Iowa can be supported with evidence meeting the most exacting standards. Many of the species may not be seen again in the state, but who expected a Gray-crowned Rosy Finch in northeast Iowa? Others are considered rare or casual, not even accidental, and opportunities to photograph them should not be too remote. Some have been netted or otherwise captured, and it is regrettable that they were not then photographed. (I should like to be corrected if, for any of the species listed, specimens or photographs do exist. I.B.L. would welcome good quality pictures for publication.) The help of Woody Brown and Pete Petersen in the compilation of the list that follows is gratefully acknowledged.

Amer. Anhinga
 Wood Stork
 Glossy Ibis
 Fulvous Whistling-Duck
 Harris' Hawk
 Gyrfalcon
 Black Rail
 Black-necked Stilt
 Mountain Plover

Red Phalarope
 Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
 Purple Sandpiper
 Iceland Gull
 Greater Black-backed Gull
 Laughing Gull
 Ivory Gull
 Band-tailed Pigeon
 Smooth-billed Ani
 Poor-will
 Lewis' Woodpecker

Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker
 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
 Say's Phoebe
 Pinyon Jay
 Curve-billed Thrasher
 Sprague's Pipit
 Black-throated Gray Warbler
 Townsend's Warbler
 Yellow-throated Warbler
 MacGillivray's Warbler
 Great-tailed Grackle
 Western Tanager
 Black-headed Grosbeak
 Lazuli Bunting
 Painted Bunting
 Green-tailed Towhee
 Lark Bunting
 Baird's Sparrow
 Golden-crowned Sparrow
 Chestnut-collared Longspur