

Iowa Ornithologists Union

FIELD CHECKLIST OF IOWA BIRDS

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DATE: 9-20, 21, 22,
1985

TIME:

LOCATIONS: BRALEY
YARD AT
209 W. THOMAS
SHEWAN DOAK, IA
51601OBSERVERS: JEAN BRALEY
F. M. BRALEY - ALSO
RUTH PHIPPS, CHAS GERWEATHER: 20th - 52° - 64°
Shower early, cloudy
21st - RAIN all night;
drizzle all day; 47° - 56°
22nd - Foggy am; sunny later
70°; showers to hard rain
late afternoon.09-21-22
GAVIIDAE

Common Loon

PODICIPEDIDAE

Pied-billed Grebe

Horned Grebe

Eared Grebe

Western Grebe

PELECANIDAE

✓ Am. White Pelican *over head*

PHALACROCORACIDAE

Double-crstd. Cormorant

ARDEIDAE

Am. Bittern

Least Bittern

✓ Great Blue Heron *overhead*

Great Egret

Little Blue Heron

Cattle Egret

Green-backed Heron

Blk-crwnd Night-Heron

Yllw-crwnd Night-Heron

ANATIDAE

Tundra Swan

Mute Swan

Gr. White-fronted Goose

Snow Goose

Ross' Goose

Canada Goose

Wood Duck

Green-winged Teal

Am. Black Duck

Mallard

N. Pintail

Blue-winged Teal

Cinnamon Teal

N. Shoveler

Gadwall

Am. Wigeon

Canvasback

Redhead

Ring-necked Duck

--- **Greater Scaup

--- Lesser Scaup

--- Oldsquaw

--- **White-winged Scoter

--- Common Goldeneye

--- Bufflehead

--- Hooded Merganser

--- Common Merganser

--- Red-breasted Merganser

--- Ruddy Duck

CATHARTIDAE

Turkey Vulture

ACCIPITRIDAE

--- Osprey

--- Bald Eagle

--- N. Harrier

--- Sharp-shinned Hawk

--- Cooper's Hawk

--- **N. Goshawk

--- Red-shouldered Hawk

--- Broad-winged Hawk

--- Swainson's Hawk

--- ✓ Red-tailed Hawk *overhead*

--- Rough-legged Hawk

--- #Golden Eagle (NE)

FALCONIDAE

--- Am. Kestrel

--- **Merlin

--- **Peregrine Falcon

PHASIANIDAE

--- #Gray Partridge (N)

--- Ring-necked Pheasant

--- #Ruffed Grouse (NE)

--- Wild Turkey

--- N. Bobwhite

RALLIDAE

--- Virginia Rail

--- Sora

--- Common Moorhen

--- Am. Coot

CHARADRIIDAE
 --- Black-bellied Plover
 --- Lesser Golden Plover
 --- Semipalmated Plover
 --- Piping Plover
 ✓ Killdeer *overhead*
 RECURVROSTRIDAE
 --- Am. Avocet
 SCOLOPACIDAE
 --- Greater Yellowlegs
 --- Lesser Yellowlegs
 --- Solitary Sandpiper
 --- Willet
 --- Spotted Sandpiper
 --- Upland Sandpiper
 --- Hudsonian Godwit
 --- Marbled Godwit
 --- Ruddy Turnstone
 --- Sanderling
 --- Semipalmated Sandpiper
 --- *Western Sandpiper
 --- Least Sandpiper
 --- White-rumped Sandpiper
 --- Baird's Sandpiper
 --- Pectoral Sandpiper
 --- Dunlin
 --- Stilt Sandpiper
 --- *Short-billed Dowitcher
 --- *Long-billed Dowitcher
 --- Common Snipe
 --- Am. Woodcock
 --- Wilson's Phalarope
 --- Red-necked Phalarope
 LARIDAE
 --- Franklin's Gull
 --- Bonaparte's Gull
 ✓ Ring-billed Gull *overhead*
 --- Herring Gull
 --- *Glaucous Gull
 --- Caspian Tern
 --- *Common Tern
 --- Forster's Tern
 --- Least Tern
 --- Black Tern
 COLUMBIDAE
 --- Rock Dove
 ✓ Mourning Dove
 CUCULIDAE
 --- Black-billed Cuckoo
 --- Yellow-billed Cuckoo
 TYTONIDAE
 --- Common Barn-Owl
 STRIGIDAE
 --- Eastern Screech-Owl
 --- Great Horned Owl
 --- Snowy Owl
 --- Barred Owl
 --- Long-eared Owl
 --- Short-eared Owl
 --- N. Saw-whet Owl

CAPRIMULGIDAE
 --- ✓ Common Nighthawk
 --- #Chuck-will's-widow (S)
 --- Whip-poor-will
 APODIDAE
 --- ✓ Chimney Swift
 TROCHILIDAE
 ✓ Ruby-thrt'd Hummingbird
 ALCEININIDAE
 --- Belted Kingfisher
 PICIDAE
 --- Red-headed Woodpecker
 --- Red-bellied Woodpecker
 --- Yellow-bl'd Sapsucker
 --- Downy Woodpecker
 --- Hairy Woodpecker
 --- N. Flicker
 --- Pileated Woodpecker
 TYRANNIDAE
 ✓ Olive-sided Flycatcher
 ✓ Eastern Wood-Pewee
 *Yellow-bl'd Flycatcher
 --- Acadian Flycatcher
 --- *Alder Flycatcher
 --- Willow Flycatcher(?)
 ✓ Least Flycatcher
 ✓ Eastern Phoebe
 --- #Say's Phoebe (NW)
 --- Great Crstd Flycatcher
 --- #Western Kingbird (W)
 --- Eastern Kingbird
 ALAUDIDAE
 --- Horned Lark
 HIRUNDINIDAE
 --- Purple Martin
 --- Tree Swallow
 --- N. Rough-winged Swallow
 --- Bank Swallow
 --- Cliff Swallow
 --- Barn Swallow
 CORVIDAE
 ✓ ✓ Blue Jay
 ✓ Am. Crow
 PARIDAE
 ✓ ✓ Black-capped Chickadee
 ✓ Tufted Titmouse
 SITTIDAE
 --- Red-breasted Nuthatch
 --- White-breasted Nuthatch
 CERTHIIDAE
 --- Brown Creeper
 TROGLODYTIDAE
 --- Carolina Wren
 --- ✓ House Wren
 --- Winter Wren
 --- Sedge Wren
 --- Marsh Wren

MUSCICAPIDAE
 --- ✓ Golden-crowned Kinglet
 ✓ Ruby-crowned Kinglet
 --- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
 --- Eastern Bluebird
 --- **Townsend's Solitaire
 TROCHILIDAE
 --- ✓ Gray-cheeked Thrush
 --- Swainson's Thrush
 --- Hermit Thrush
 --- Wood Thrush
 ✓ ✓ Am. Robin
 ✓ **Varied Thrush
 MIMIDAE
 --- ✓ Gray Catbird
 --- N. Mockingbird
 ✓ ✓ Brown Thrasher
 MOTACILLIDAE
 --- Water Pipit
 BOMBYCILLIDAE
 --- Cedar Waxwing
 LANTIDAE
 --- *Northern Shrike
 --- Loggerhead Shrike
 STURNIDAE
 --- European Starling
 VIREONIDAE
 --- White-eyed Vireo
 --- Bell's Vireo
 --- ✓ Solitary Vireo
 --- Yellow-throated Vireo
 --- Warbling Vireo
 --- Philadelphia Vireo
 --- Red-eyed Vireo
 EMBERIZIDAE
 PARULIDAE
 --- Blue-winged Warbler
 --- Golden-winged Warbler
 ✓ Tennessee Warbler
 --- Orange-crowned Warbler
 ✓ Nashville Warbler
 ✓ Northern Parula
 --- Yellow Warbler
 --- Chestnut-sided Warbler
 --- Magnolia Warbler
 --- Cape May Warbler
 --- Blk-thrt'd Blue Warbler
 --- Yellow-rumped Warbler
 --- Blk-thrt'd Green Warbler
 --- Blackburnian Warbler
 --- Yellow-throated Warbler
 --- **Pine Warbler
 --- Palm Warbler
 --- Bay-breasted Warbler
 --- Blackpoll Warbler
 --- Cerulean Warbler
 ✓ Black-and-white Warbler

--- ✓ Am. Redstart
 --- Prothonotary Warbler
 --- Worm-eating Warbler
 --- Ovenbird
 --- Northern Waterthrush
 --- Louisiana Waterthrush
 --- Kentucky Warbler
 --- Connecticut Warbler
 --- Mourning Warbler
 --- Common Yellowthroat
 --- Hooded Warbler
 ✓ Wilson's Warbler
 ✓ Canada Warbler
 --- Yellow-breasted Chat
 THRAUPINAE
 --- #Summer Tanager (S)
 --- Scarlet Tanager
 CARDINALINAE
 --- N. Cardinal
 --- Rose-breasted Grosbeak
 --- #Blue Grosbeak (W) *overhead*
 --- Indigo Bunting
 --- Dickcissel
 EMBERIZINAE
 --- Rufous-sided Towhee
 --- Am. Tree Sparrow
 --- Chipping Sparrow
 --- Clay-colored Sparrow
 --- Field Sparrow
 --- Vesper Sparrow
 --- Lark Sparrow
 --- Savannah Sparrow
 --- Grasshopper Sparrow
 --- #Henslow's Sparrow (NE)
 --- Le Conte's Sparrow
 --- Fox Sparrow
 --- Song Sparrow
 --- Lincoln's Sparrow
 ✓ Swamp Sparrow
 --- White-throated Sparrow
 --- White-crowned Sparrow
 --- Harris Sparrow
 --- Dark-eyed Junco
 --- Lapland Longspur
 --- Snow Bunting
 ICTERINAE
 --- Bobolink
 --- Red-winged Blackbird
 --- Eastern Meadowlark
 --- Western Meadowlark
 --- Yellow-headed Blackbird
 --- Rusty Blackbird
 --- *Brewer's Blackbird
 --- Common Grackle
 --- Brown-headed Cowbird
 --- Orchard Oriole
 ✓ Northern Oriole

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FRINGILLIDAE

- — — Purple Finch
- — — Red Crossbill
- — — White-winged Crossbill
- — — Common Redpoll
- — — Pine Siskin
- — — Am. Goldfinch
- — — Evening Grosbeak

PASSERIDAE

- ✓ ✓ ✓ House Sparrow

* note details of identification

** provide full documentation

local (area), document if away from usual location

Also, document birds that are not listed and those distinctly out of season.

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CASUAL SPECIES

- — — **Red-necked Grebe
- — — *Snowy Egret
- — — **Ibis sp.
- — — **Surf Scoter
- — — **Ferruginous Hawk
- — — **Prairie Falcon
- — — **Yellow Rail
- — — **King Rail
- — — **Sandhill Crane
- — — *Buff-brstd Sandpiper
- — — *Burrowing Owl
- — — *Scissor-tld Flycatcher
- — — *Bewick's Wren
- — — *Bohemian Waxwing
- — — **Prairie Warbler
- — — **Lark Bunting
- — — **Sharp-tailed Sparrow
- — — **Pine Grosbeak

NOTES

ON 9-21-85

RUTH PHIPPS HAD

RED BREASTED NUTHATCH

BAY BREASTED WARBLER

ORANGE CROWNED WARBLER

✓ BRALEY

October 9, 1985
Shenandoah, Iowa

Dr. Thomas H. Kent
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Tom;

At Ross Silcock's suggestion, I am enclosing a checklist of birds seen in our yard (and flying overhead) on September 20, 21 and 22. The migration of warblers and thruses especially was terrific, with the total number of species for the 21st at 39.

Of particular interest was the evening grosbeak; one seen on the 21st and another on the 22nd. The chat was seen at intervals during the 20th, but not again. The young male scarlet tanager (olive with black^{ish} wings but olive tail) came the 22nd^{and} was seen for the next three days.

There were many Swainson's thrush, but only two gray-cheeked. It was impossible to estimate the number of yellowthroat and Wilson's warblers...they were everywhere.

Ruth Phipps, Marie Spears and Mary Beth Vaughn also had (on 21st) unusual numbers of birds in their yards, but Mrs. Phipps' count of 29 was second only to our 39. There was a total here of 52 species during the three days (20,21,22). A few lingered on the 24th, including the ovenbird, waterthrush and the yellowthroats, as well as a number of solitary vireo.

September 20th was cool, 52-64°, with showers in the early morning and clouds all day. The 21st had temperatures from 47-57° with rain during the night followed by an all-day drizzle. The 22nd dawned foggy with a sunny 70° in the afternoon followed by a shower turning into heavy rain ~~early~~ early in the evening.

It was great birding.

With best regards,

Jean B. Braley

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