



NEBRASKA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Checklist of the Birds of Nebraska - 471 Species

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Date _____ Time _____ Locality _____ Sky _____ Wind _____ Temp _____

Observers _____ Total Species _____ Total Individuals _____

Swans, Geese, and Ducks

___ Black-bellied Whistling-Duck
___ Fulvous Whistling-Duck
___ Emperor Goose
___ Snow Goose
___ Ross's Goose
___ Greater White-fronted Goose
___ Taiga Bean-Goose
___ Pink-footed Goose
___ Brant
___ Cackling Goose
___ Canada Goose
___ Mute Swan
___ Trumpeter Swan
___ Tundra Swan
___ Wood Duck
___ Garganey
___ Blue-winged Teal
___ Cinnamon Teal
___ Northern Shoveler
___ Gadwall
___ Eurasian Wigeon
___ American Wigeon
___ Mallard
___ Mexican Duck
___ American Black Duck
___ Mottled Duck
___ Northern Pintail
___ Green-winged Teal
___ Canvasback
___ Redhead
___ Ring-necked Duck
___ Tufted Duck
___ Greater Scaup
___ Lesser Scaup
___ King Eider
___ Common Eider
___ Harlequin Duck
___ Surf Scoter
___ White-winged Scoter
___ Black Scoter
___ Long-tailed Duck
___ Bufflehead
___ Common Goldeneye
___ Barrow's Goldeneye
___ Hooded Merganser
___ Common Merganser
___ Red-breasted Merganser
___ Ruddy Duck

Quail

___ Northern Bobwhite

Partridges, Grouse, and

Turkeys

___ Wild Turkey
___ Ruffed Grouse
___ Greater Sage-Grouse
___ Sharp-tailed Grouse
___ Greater Prairie-Chicken
___ Lesser Prairie-Chicken
___ Gray Partridge
___ Ring-necked Pheasant

Grebes

___ Pied-billed Grebe
___ Horned Grebe
___ Red-necked Grebe
___ Eared Grebe
___ Western Grebe
___ Clark's Grebe

Pigeons and Doves

___ Rock Pigeon
___ Band-tailed Pigeon
___ Passenger Pigeon
___ Eurasian Collared-Dove
___ Inca Dove
___ Common Ground Dove
___ White-winged Dove
___ Mourning Dove

Cuckoos and Anis

___ Groove-billed Ani
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo
___ Black-billed Cuckoo

Goatsuckers

___ Common Nighthawk
___ Common Poorwill
___ Chuck-will's-widow
___ Eastern Whip-poor-will

Swifts

___ Chimney Swift
___ White-throated Swift

Hummingbirds

___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird
___ Black-chinned Hummingbird
___ Anna's Hummingbird
___ Costa's Hummingbird
___ Calliope Hummingbird
___ Rufous Hummingbird
___ Broad-tailed Hummingbird

___ Broad-billed Hummingbird

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots

___ King Rail
___ Clapper Rail
___ Virginia Rail
___ Sora
___ Common Gallinule
___ American Coot
___ Purple Gallinule
___ Yellow Rail
___ Black Rail

Limpkins

___ Limpkin

Cranes

___ Sandhill Crane
___ Common Crane
___ Hooded Crane
___ Whooping Crane

Plovers

___ Black-bellied Plover
___ American Golden-Plover
___ Killdeer
___ Semipalmated Plover
___ Piping Plover
___ Mountain Plover
___ Snowy Plover

Stilts and Avocets

___ Black-necked Stilt
___ American Avocet

Sandpipers and Phalaropes

___ Upland Sandpiper
___ Whimbrel
___ Eskimo Curlew
___ Long-billed Curlew
___ Hudsonian Godwit
___ Marbled Godwit
___ Ruddy Turnstone
___ Red Knot
___ Ruff
___ Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
___ Stilt Sandpiper
___ Curlew Sandpiper
___ Sanderling
___ Dunlin
___ Baird's Sandpiper
___ Least Sandpiper
___ White-rumped Sandpiper
___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper

___ Pectoral Sandpiper
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper
___ Western Sandpiper
___ Short-billed Dowitcher
___ Long-billed Dowitcher
___ American Woodcock
___ Wilson's Snipe
___ Spotted Sandpiper
___ Solitary Sandpiper
___ Lesser Yellowlegs
___ Willet
___ Greater Yellowlegs
___ Wilson's Phalarope
___ Red-necked Phalarope
___ Red Phalarope

Jaegers

___ Pomarine Jaeger
___ Parasitic Jaeger
___ Long-tailed Jaeger

Auks, Murres, and Allies

___ Ancient Murrelet

Gulls and Terns

___ Black-legged Kittiwake
___ Sabine's Gull
___ Bonaparte's Gull
___ Black-headed Gull
___ Little Gull
___ Ross's Gull
___ Laughing Gull
___ Franklin's Gull
___ Short-billed Gull
___ Ring-billed Gull
___ Western Gull
___ California Gull
___ Herring Gull
___ Iceland Gull
___ Lesser Black-backed Gull
___ Glaucous-winged Gull
___ Glaucous Gull
___ Great Black-backed Gull
___ Least Tern
___ Caspian Tern
___ Black Tern
___ Common Tern
___ Arctic Tern
___ Forster's Tern
___ Royal Tern

Loons

___ Red-throated Loon
___ Pacific Loon
___ Common Loon
___ Yellow-billed Loon

Storks

___ Wood Stork

Frigatebirds

___ Magnificent Frigatebird

Boobies and Gannets

___ Brown Booby

Darters

___ Anhinga

Cormorants

___ Double-crested Cormorant
___ Neotropic Cormorant

Pelicans

___ American White Pelican
___ Brown Pelican

Bitterns and Herons

___ Least Bittern
___ American Bittern
___ Little Blue Heron
___ Tricolored Heron
___ Reddish Egret
___ Snowy Egret
___ Yellow-crowned Night Heron
___ Black-crowned Night Heron
___ Green Heron
___ Great Egret
___ Western Cattle-Egret
___ Great Blue Heron

Ibises and Spoonbills

___ White Ibis
___ Glossy Ibis
___ White-faced Ibis
___ Roseate Spoonbill

American Vultures

___ Black Vulture
___ Turkey Vulture

Osprey

___ Osprey

Kites, Hawks, Eagles, and Allies

___ White-tailed Kite
___ Swallow-tailed Kite
___ Golden Eagle
___ Northern Harrier
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk

___ Cooper's Hawk

___ American Goshawk

___ Bald Eagle

___ Mississippi Kite

___ Harris's Hawk

___ Red-shouldered Hawk

___ Broad-winged Hawk

___ Swainson's Hawk

___ Zone-tailed Hawk

___ Red-tailed Hawk

___ Rough-legged Hawk

___ Ferruginous Hawk

Barn Owls

___ American Barn Owl

Typical Owls

___ Eastern Screech-Owl
___ Great Horned Owl
___ Snowy Owl
___ Northern Hawk Owl
___ Burrowing Owl
___ Barred Owl
___ Great Gray Owl
___ Long-eared Owl
___ Short-eared Owl
___ Boreal Owl
___ Northern Saw-whet Owl

Kingfishers

___ Belted Kingfisher

Woodpeckers

___ Lewis's Woodpecker
___ Red-headed Woodpecker
___ Acorn Woodpecker
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker
___ Williamson's Sapsucker
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
___ Red-naped Sapsucker
___ American Three-toed Woodpecker
___ Downy Woodpecker
___ Hairy Woodpecker
___ Northern Flicker
___ Pileated Woodpecker

Falcons

___ Crested Caracara
___ American Kestrel
___ Merlin
___ Gyrfalcon
___ Peregrine Falcon

___Prairie Falcon

Parrots

___Carolina Parakeet

Tyrant Flycatchers

___Ash-throated Flycatcher
___Great Crested Flycatcher
___Great Kiskadee
___Couch's Kingbird
___Cassin's Kingbird
___Western Kingbird
___Eastern Kingbird
___Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
___Olive-sided Flycatcher
___Western Wood-Pewee
___Eastern Wood-Pewee
___Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
___Acadian Flycatcher
___Alder Flycatcher
___Willow Flycatcher
___Least Flycatcher
___Hammond's Flycatcher
___Gray Flycatcher
___Dusky Flycatcher
___Western Flycatcher
___Black Phoebe
___Eastern Phoebe
___Say's Phoebe
___Vermilion Flycatcher

Vireos

___Black-capped Vireo
___White-eyed Vireo
___Bell's Vireo
___Yellow-throated Vireo
___Cassin's Vireo
___Blue-headed Vireo
___Plumbeous Vireo
___Philadelphia Vireo
___Warbling Vireo
___Red-eyed Vireo

Shrikes

___Loggerhead Shrike
___Northern Shrike

Jays, Magpies, and Crows

___Canada Jay
___Pinyon Jay
___Steller's Jay
___Blue Jay
___Clark's Nutcracker
___Black-billed Magpie
___American Crow
___Fish Crow
___Chihuahuan Raven
___Common Raven

Titmice

___Black-capped Chickadee
___Mountain Chickadee
___Tufted Titmouse

Larks

___Horned Lark

Swallows

___Bank Swallow
___Tree Swallow
___Violet-green Swallow
___Northern Rough-winged Swallow
___Purple Martin
___Barn Swallow
___Cliff Swallow
___Cave Swallow

Kinglets

___Ruby-crowned Kinglet
___Golden-crowned Kinglet

Waxwings

___Bohemian Waxwing
___Cedar Waxwing

Silky-flycatchers

___Phainopepla

Nuthatches

___Red-breasted Nuthatch
___White-breasted Nuthatch
___Pygmy Nuthatch
___Brown-headed Nuthatch

Creepers

___Brown Creeper

Gnatcatchers

___Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

Wrens

___Rock Wren
___Canyon Wren
___Bewick's Wren
___Carolina Wren
___Northern House Wren
___Pacific Wren
___Winter Wren
___Sedge Wren
___Marsh Wren

Mockingbirds and Thrashers

___Gray Catbird
___Curve-billed Thrasher
___Brown Thrasher
___Sage Thrasher
___Northern Mockingbird

Starlings

___European Starling

Dippers

___American Dipper

Thrushes and Allies

___Eastern Bluebird
___Western Bluebird
___Mountain Bluebird
___Townsend's Solitaire
___Veery
___Gray-cheeked Thrush
___Swainson's Thrush
___Hermit Thrush
___Wood Thrush
___American Robin

___Varied Thrush

Old World Sparrows

___House Sparrow
___Eurasian Tree Sparrow

Pipits

___American Pipit
___Sprague's Pipit

Finches

___Brambling
___Evening Grosbeak
___Pine Grosbeak
___Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch
___Black Rosy-Finch
___House Finch
___Purple Finch
___Cassin's Finch
___Redpoll
___Red Crossbill
___White-winged Crossbill
___Pine Siskin
___Lesser Goldfinch
___American Goldfinch

Longspurs and Snow Bunting

___Lapland Longspur
___Chestnut-collared Longspur
___Smith's Longspur
___Thick-billed Longspur
___Snow Bunting

Towhees, Sparrows

___Cassin's Sparrow
___Grasshopper Sparrow
___Black-throated Sparrow
___Lark Sparrow
___Lark Bunting
___Chipping Sparrow
___Clay-colored Sparrow
___Field Sparrow
___Brewer's Sparrow
___Fox Sparrow
___American Tree Sparrow
___Dark-eyed Junco
___White-crowned Sparrow
___Golden-crowned Sparrow
___Harris's Sparrow
___White-throated Sparrow
___Sagebrush Sparrow
___Vesper Sparrow
___LeConte's Sparrow
___Nelson's Sparrow
___Baird's Sparrow
___Henslow's Sparrow
___Savannah Sparrow
___Song Sparrow
___Lincoln's Sparrow
___Swamp Sparrow
___Green-tailed Towhee
___Spotted Towhee
___Eastern Towhee

Yellow-breasted Chat

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Meadowlarks, Blackbirds,

Orioles, and Allies

___Yellow-headed Blackbird
___Bobolink
___Eastern Meadowlark
___Western Meadowlark
___Orchard Oriole
___Hooded Oriole
___Bullock's Oriole
___Baltimore Oriole
___Scott's Oriole
___Red-winged Blackbird
___Brown-headed Cowbird
___Rusty Blackbird
___Brewer's Blackbird
___Common Grackle
___Great-tailed Grackle

Wood Warblers

___Ovenbird
___Worm-eating Warbler
___Louisiana Waterthrush
___Northern Waterthrush
___Golden-winged Warbler
___Blue-winged Warbler
___Black-and-white Warbler
___Prothonotary Warbler
___Swainson's Warbler
___Tennessee Warbler
___Orange-crowned Warbler
___Nashville Warbler
___Virginia's Warbler
___Connecticut Warbler
___MacGillivray's Warbler
___Mourning Warbler
___Kentucky Warbler
___Common Yellowthroat
___Hooded Warbler
___American Redstart
___Cape May Warbler
___Cerulean Warbler
___Northern Parula
___Magnolia Warbler
___Bay-breasted Warbler
___Blackburnian Warbler
___Yellow Warbler
___Chestnut-sided Warbler
___Blackpoll Warbler
___Black-throated Blue Warbler
___Palm Warbler
___Pine Warbler
___Yellow-rumped Warbler
___Yellow-throated Warbler
___Prairie Warbler
___Grace's Warbler
___Black-throated Gray Warbler
___Townsend's Warbler
___Hermit Warbler
___Black-throated Green Warbler

___Canada Warbler

___Wilson's Warbler

Tanagers, Cardinals,

Grosbeaks, and Allies

___Hepatic Tanager
___Summer Tanager
___Scarlet Tanager
___Western Tanager
___Northern Cardinal
___Rose-breasted Grosbeak
___Black-headed Grosbeak
___Blue Grosbeak
___Lazuli Bunting
___Indigo Bunting
___Painted Bunting
___Dickcissel

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