

Iowa IBA Bird Observations Field Checklist

Observer(s): _____ Location: _____ Date: _____

Please include the number counted for each species. Add details of concentration species as a note.

Species	Number	Adults & Juveniles	Breeding Pairs	Males Only	Adults Only	Unknown	Breeding Status*
ENDANGERED SPECIES							
Bald Eagle							
Northern Harrier							
Red-shouldered Hawk							
Peregrine Falcon							
King Rail							
Piping Plover							
Least Tern							
Barn Owl							
Short-eared Owl							
THREATENED SPECIES							
Long-eared Owl							
Henslow's Sparrow							
HIGH CONSERVATION PRIORITY							
American Bittern							
Least Bittern							
Black-crowned Night-Heron							
Broad-winged Hawk							
Greater Prairie-Chicken							
Common Moorhen							
American Woodcock							
Forster's Tern							
Black Tern							
Black-billed Cuckoo							
Chuck-will's-widow							
Pileated Woodpecker							
Loggerhead Shrike							
White-eyed Vireo							
Bell's Vireo							
Bewick's Wren							
Veery							
Wood Thrush							
Cerulean Warbler							
Prothonotary Warbler							
Worm-eating Warbler							
Kentucky Warbler							
Hooded Warbler							
Yellow-breasted Chat							
Grasshopper Sparrow							
Bobolink							
CONCENTRATIONS BY BIRD GROUPS WITH MINIMUM THRESHOLDS							
Waterfowl - 500 minimum in winter or 1000 in migration (Canada Geese excluded)							
Gulls and Terns - 1000 gulls or 100 terns minimum except Franklin's Gulls (5000) or Black Tern (250)							
Shorebirds - 500 minimum							
Wading Birds - 25 breeding pairs minimum or minimum 100 feeding or migratory birds							
Raptors - 1000 minimum in migration (for the season) or 100 minimum for wintering Bald Eagles							
Single-species Concentration - with the following minimum numbers Common Loon--50 Pied-billed Grebe--50 American White Pelican--750 Double-crested Cormorant--500 Bald Eagle (migrants) 75 American Coot--2,500							

***Definitions of Breeding Status (from Breeding Bird Atlas)**

OB Observed

- O** Species (male or female) observed during the breeding season but no evidence of breeding observed.

PO Possible

- H** Species (male or female) observed in suitable nesting habitat during its breeding season
- X** Less than 7 singing males present in suitable nesting habitat during the breeding season

PR Probable

- P** Pair observed in suitable nesting habitat during its breeding season
- T** Permanent territory presumed through defense (e.g., chasing of other birds, or song or display at the same location on at least 2 occasions a week or more apart)
- C** Courtship behavior or copulation observed
- N** Visiting of probable nest site
- A** Agitated behavior or anxiety calls from adult(s)
- B** Nest building by wrens or excavation of holes by woodpeckers. (NOTE: nest construction by other species falls under the Confirmed - NB category).
- M** 7 or more males singing in suitable nesting habitat during the breeding season

CO Confirmed

- NB** Nest building by all species except wrens and woodpeckers
- PE** Physiological evidence of breeding: brood patch or egg in oviduct (based on bird in hand)
- DD** Distraction display or injury feigning by adult
- UN** Used nest or eggshells found. CAUTION: These must be carefully identified if the record is to be accepted.
- FL** Recently fledged young (of altricial species) incapable of sustained flight, or downy young (of precocial species) restricted to the natal area by dependence on adults or by limited mobility.
- ON** Occupied nest: Adults entering or leaving nest (includes high nests or nest holes, the contents of which cannot be seen) OR adult incubating or brooding
- AY** Attending young: Adult carrying fecal sac or food for young, or feeding recently fledged young
- NE** Nest with egg(s)
- NY** Nest with young seen or heard