

This checklist includes the 179 species of birds presently known to have occurred inside the boundaries of The Brenton Arboretum.

The list of species is arranged in accordance to the I.O.U. Checklist of Iowa Birds, 1999

Terry Shepherd, practicing ornithologist, from Dallas Center, Iowa started to compile this list of birds during his weekly visits to the arboretum from April 2001 to July 2002. The Checklist has been updated since then, and you are welcome and encouraged to report any new birds.

Habitats

The Brenton Arboretum offers a variety of birding opportunities, from the open grasslands which cover a large area, to the savanna zones filled with small trees, to wetlands and streams which are wet or dry depending on the season, to ponds which attract water fowl and shore birds.

Seasons	Relative Abundance
Sp - Spring - Mar., Apr., May	C - Common
Su - Summer - June, July, Aug.	U - Uncommon
F - Fall - Sept., Oct., Nov.	R - Rare
W - Winter - Dec., Jan., Feb.	A - Accidental

* Asterisk indicates species nesting at the arboretum

Common -

Indicates the species is *easily* found (seen or heard) in the appropriate habitat during the season indicated.

Uncommon -

Indicates the species *cannot always* be found unless searched for in the appropriate habitat during the season indicated.

Rare -

Indicates individuals are *seldom* found, and are not of regular annual occurrence.

Accidental -

Indicates the species which have been found within the checklist area, but of are of irregular occurrence.

	Sp	Su	F	W
Grebes				
___Pied-billed Grebe.....	C	R	C	
___Eared Grebe.....	R			
Pelicans				
___American White Pelican.....	R		R	

	Sp	Su	F	W
Cormorants				
___Double-crested Cormorant.....	R		R	
Bitterns and Herons				
___American Bittern.....	U		U	
___Great Blue Heron.....	C	C	C	
___Great Egret.....	U		U	
___Green Heron.....	R		R	
New World Vultures				
___Turkey Vulture.....	C	C	C	
Swans, Geese, and Ducks				
___Trumpeter Swan.....	R		R	R
___Greater White-fronted Goose.....	C		C	
___Snow Goose.....	C		C	
___Canada Goose*.....	C	C	C	C
___Wood Duck.....	C	C	C	
___Gadwall.....	C		C	
___American Wigeon.....	U		U	
___Mallard*.....	C	C	C	
___Blue-winged Teal.....	C	U	C	
___Northern Shoveler.....	C		C	
___Northern Pintail.....	U			
___Green-winged Teal.....	U		U	
___Canvasback.....	U			
___Redhead.....	R		R	
___Ring-necked Duck.....	C		C	
___Lesser Scaup.....	C		C	
___Bufflehead.....	C		C	
___Hooded Merganser.....	C	U	U	
___Common Merganser.....	R		R	
Kites, Hawks, and Eagles				
___Osprey.....	R		R	
___Bald Eagle.....	U	U	U	
___Northern Harrier.....	C		C	U
___Sharp-shinned Hawk.....	U		U	
___Cooper's Hawk.....	U	U	U	
___Broad-winged Hawk.....		U		
___Red-tailed Hawk.....	C	C	C	C
___Rough-legged Hawk.....				U
Falcons				
___American Kestrel*.....	C	C	C	C
___Merlin.....	R		R	R

	Sp	Su	F	W
Partridge, Turkeys, and Quail				
___Gray Partridge.....	U	U	U	U
___Ring-necked Pheasant*.....	C	C	C	C
___Wild Turkey.....	R	R	R	R
___Northern Bobwhite*.....	C	C	C	C
Rails, Gallinules, and Coots				
___Sora.....	U		R	
___American Coot.....	C		C	
Plovers				
___American Golden-Plover.....	U		R	
___Semipalmated Plover.....	R		R	
___Killdeer*.....	C	C	C	
Sandpipers and Phalaropes				
___Greater Yellowlegs.....	U		U	
___Lesser Yellowlegs.....	U			
___Solitary Sandpiper.....	R		R	
___Willet.....	R		R	
___Spotted Sandpiper.....	U		U	
___Upland Sandpiper.....	R	R		
___Least Sandpiper.....	C		C	
___Pectoral Sandpiper.....	U			
___Wilson's Snipe.....	C		C	
Gulls and Terns				
___Franklin's Gull.....	R		R	
___Ring-billed Gull.....	U		U	
___Black Tern.....	R			
Pigeons and Doves				
___Rock Pigeon.....	C	C	C	C
___Mourning Dove*.....	C	C	C	C
Cuckoos				
___Black-billed Cuckoo.....	R	R	R	
___Yellow-billed Cuckoo*.....	C	C	C	
Owls				
___Great Horned Owl.....	U	U	U	U
___Barred Owl.....	R	R	R	R
___Long-eared Owl.....		U	U	
___Short-eared Owl.....		R	R	
Goatsuckers				
___Common Nighthawk.....	U	U	U	
Swifts				
___Chimney Swift.....	C	C	C	

	Sp	Su	F	W
Hummingbirds				
___Ruby-throated Hummingbird.....	U	U	C	
Kingfishers				
___Belted Kingfisher.....	C	C	C	U
Woodpeckers				
___Red-headed Woodpecker.....	U	U	U	
___Red-bellied Woodpecker.....	C	C	C	C
___Downy Woodpecker.....	C	C	C	C
___Hairy Woodpecker.....	U	U	U	U
___Northern Flicker.....	C	C	C	C
Tyrant Flycatchers				
___Olive-sided Flycatcher.....	R			R
___Eastern Wood-Pewee.....	C			C
___Yellow-bellied Flycatcher.....	R	R	R	
___Willow Flycatcher*.....	C	C	C	
___Least Flycatcher.....	C			C
___Eastern Phoebe.....	C	C	C	
___Great Crested Flycatcher.....	R	R	R	
___Eastern Kingbird*.....	C	C	C	
Shrikes				
___Northern Shrike.....				R
___Loggerhead Shrike*.....	U	U		
Vireos				
___Bell's Vireo.....	U	U	U	
___Blue-headed Vireo.....	U			U
___Warbling Vireo*.....	C	C	C	
___Red-eyed Vireo.....	U			U
Jays and Crows				
___Blue Jay.....	C	C	C	C
___American Crow.....	C	C	C	C
Larks				
___Horned Lark*.....	C	C	C	C
Swallows				
___Purple Martin.....	U	U	U	
___Tree Swallow*.....	C	C	C	
___Northern Rough-winged Swallow...	U	U	U	
___Cliff Swallow*.....	C	C	C	
___Barn Swallow*.....	C	C	C	
Titmice				
___Black-capped Chickadee.....	C	C	C	C

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	Sp	Su	F	W
Nuthatches				
___ White-breasted Nuthatch.....	C	C	C	C
Creepers				
___ Brown Creeper.....	U		U	
Wrens				
___ House Wren.....	C	C	C	
___ Winter Wren.....	U		U	
___ Sedge Wren.....	C	U	C	
___ Marsh Wren.....	U		C	
Kinglets				
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet.....	U		U	
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet.....	U		U	
Gnatcatchers				
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher.....	U	U	U	
Thrushes				
___ Eastern Bluebird*.....	C	C	C	
___ Veery.....	R			
___ Swainson's Thrush.....	U	U	U	
___ Hermit Thrush.....	R		R	
___ Wood Thrush.....	R		R	
___ American Robin*.....	C	C	C	
Mockingbirds and Thrashers				
___ Gray Catbird*.....	C	C	C	
___ Northern Mockingbird.....	U	R	U	
___ Brown Thrasher*.....	C	C	C	
Starlings				
___ European Starling*.....	C	C	C	C
Pipits				
___ American Pipit.....	U		U	
Waxwings				
___ Cedar Waxwing.....	U	U	U	R
Wood-Warblers				
___ Orange-crowned Warbler.....	U		U	
___ Nashville Warbler.....	U		U	
___ Yellow Warbler*.....	C		C	
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler.....	C		C	
___ Pine Warbler.....	A		A	
___ Palm Warbler.....	U		U	
___ Bay-breasted Warbler.....	R		R	
___ Blackpoll Warbler.....	U			
___ Black and White Warbler.....	U		U	

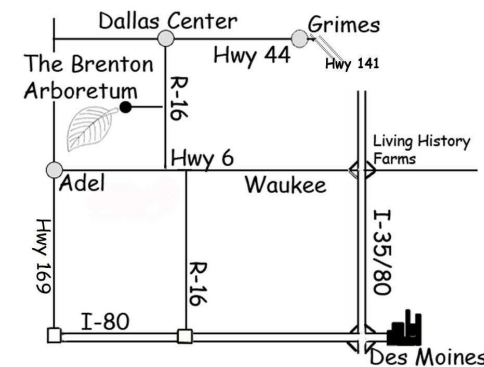
	Sp	Su	F	W
Wood-Warblers, continued				
___ American Redstart.....	U	U	U	
___ Prothonotary Warbler.....	R			
___ Northern Waterthrush.....	C		C	
___ Common Yellowthroat*.....	C	C	C	
___ Wilson's Warbler.....	U		U	
___ Canada Warbler.....	R		R	
___ Yellow-breasted Chat.....	R			
Sparrows				
___ Eastern Towhee.....	U		U	
___ American Tree Sparrow.....	C		C	
___ Chipping Sparrow*.....	C	C	C	
___ Clay-colored Sparrow.....	U		U	
___ Field Sparrow.....	U	U	R	
___ Vesper Sparrow*.....	C	C	C	
___ Lark Sparrow.....	U	R		
___ Savannah Sparrow.....	C	R	C	
___ Grasshopper Sparrow*.....	C	C	C	
___ Henslow's Sparrow.....	U	U		
___ Le Conte's Sparrow.....			U	
___ Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow.....			R	
___ Fox Sparrow.....	C		C	
___ Song Sparrow*.....	C	C	C	U
___ Lincoln's Sparrow.....	U		U	
___ Swamp Sparrow.....	C	C	C	U
___ White-throated Sparrow.....	C		C	
___ Harris's Sparrow.....	C		C	
___ White-crowned Sparrow.....	U		U	
___ Dark-eyed Junco.....	C		C	C
___ Lapland Longspur.....	U		U	C
___ Snow Bunting.....				R
Cardinals				
___ Northern Cardinal.....	C	C	C	C
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak.....	C	C	U	
___ Indigo Bunting.....	C	C	U	
___ Dickcissel*.....	C	C	C	
Blackbirds				
___ Bobolink*.....	C	C	U	
___ Red-winged Blackbird*.....	C	C	C	
___ Eastern Meadowlark*.....	C	C	U	
___ Western Meadowlark*.....	C	C	C	

	Sp	Su	F	W
Blackbirds, continued				
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird.....	R	R	R	
___ Rusty Blackbird.....	U		U	
___ Brewer's Blackbird.....	R		R	
___ Common Grackle*.....	C	C	C	R
___ Great-tailed Grackle.....	R			
___ Brown-headed Cowbird*.....	C	C	C	R
___ Orchard Oriole*.....	U	U	U	
___ Baltimore Oriole*.....	C	C	U	
Finches				
___ Purple Finch.....				U
___ House Finch*.....	C	C	C	C
___ American Goldfinch*.....	C	C	C	C

The Mission of The Brenton Arboretum

The mission of The Brenton Arboretum is to bring joy to all through the beauty and knowledge of the natural world of trees. The Arboretum will promote the study of trees which are planted in informal groupings and include both introduced as well as most all Iowa native trees. The Arboretum will serve as an example of land conservation and will provide a place for quiet enjoyment.

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