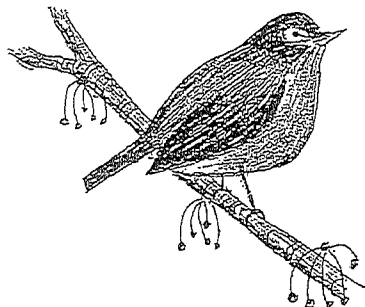


**Bird List
for
Cerro Gordo
County**



**North Iowa
Nature Club**

Geese, Swans, Ducks

- ___ Greater White-fronted Goose
- ___ Snow Goose
- ___ Ross's Goose
- ___ Cackling Goose
- ___ Canada Goose
- ___ Trumpeter Swan
- ___ Tundra Swan
- ___ Wood Duck
- ___ Gadwall
- ___ American Wigeon
- ___ American Black Duck
- ___ Mallard
- ___ Blue-winged Teal
- ___ Cinnamon Teal
- ___ Northern Shoveler
- ___ Northern Pintail
- ___ Green-winged Teal
- ___ Canvasback
- ___ Redhead
- ___ Ring-necked Duck
- ___ Greater Scaup
- ___ Lesser Scaup
- ___ Surf Scoter
- ___ White-winged Scoter
- ___ Black Scoter
- ___ Buffhead
- ___ Common Goldeneye
- ___ Hooded Merganser
- ___ Common Merganser
- ___ Red-breasted Merganser
- ___ Ruddy Duck

Partridge, Grouse, Turkeys

- ___ Gray Partridge
- ___ Ring-necked Pheasant
- ___ Wild Turkey

Loons, Grebes, Pelicans, Cormorants

- ___ Common Loon
- ___ Pied-billed Grebe
- ___ Horned Grebe
- ___ Red-necked Grebe
- ___ Eared Grebe
- ___ Western Grebe
- ___ American White Pelican
- ___ Double-crested Cormorant

Bitterns, Herons

- ___ American Bittern
- ___ Least Bittern
- ___ Great Blue Heron
- ___ Great Egret
- ___ Cattle Egret
- ___ Green Heron
- ___ Black-crowned Night Heron
- ___ White-faced Ibis

Vultures, Eagles, Hawks

- ___ Turkey Vulture
- ___ Osprey
- ___ Bald Eagle
- ___ Northern Harrier
- ___ Sharp-shinned Hawk
- ___ Cooper's Hawk
- ___ Northern Goshawk
- ___ Red-shouldered Hawk
- ___ Broad-winged Hawk
- ___ Swainson's Hawk
- ___ Red-tailed Hawk
- ___ Rough-legged Hawk
- ___ Golden Eagle
- ___ American Kestrel
- ___ Merlin
- ___ Peregrine Falcon

Rails, Cranes

- ___ Virginia Rail
- ___ Sora
- ___ American Coot
- ___ Sandhill Crane

Plovers, Sandpipers

- ___ Black-bellied Plover
- ___ American Golden Plover
- ___ Semipalmated Plover
- ___ Killdeer
- ___ Black-necked Stilt
- ___ American Avocet
- ___ Spotted Sandpiper
- ___ Solitary Sandpiper
- ___ Greater Yellowlegs
- ___ Willet
- ___ Lesser Yellowlegs
- ___ Upland Sandpiper
- ___ Hudsonian Godwit
- ___ Sanderling
- ___ Semipalmated Sandpiper
- ___ Least Sandpiper
- ___ White-rumped Sandpiper
- ___ Baird's Sandpiper
- ___ Pectoral Sandpiper
- ___ Dunlin
- ___ Stilt Sandpiper
- ___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper
- ___ Short-billed Dowitcher
- ___ Long-billed Dowitcher
- ___ Wilson's Snipe
- ___ American Woodcock
- ___ Wilson's Phalarope

Gulls, Terns

- ___ Bonaparte's Gull
- ___ Franklin's Gull
- ___ Ring-billed Gull

___ Herring Gull
___ Caspian Tern
___ Black Tern
___ Common Tern
___ Forster's Tern
Pigeons, Doves
___ Rock Pigeon
___ Eurasian Collared-Dove
___ Mourning Dove
Cuckoos
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo
___ Black-billed Cuckoo
Owls
___ Eastern Screech Owl
___ Great Horned Owl
___ Snowy Owl
___ Barred Owl
___ Long-eared Owl
___ Short-eared Owl
___ Northern Saw-whet Owl
Nightjars
___ Common Nighthawk
___ Whip-poor-will
Swifts
___ Chimney Swift
Hummingbirds
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Kingfishers
___ Belted Kingfisher
Woodpeckers, Sapsuckers
___ Red-headed Woodpecker
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
___ Downy Woodpecker
___ Hairy Woodpecker
___ Northern Flicker
___ Pileated Woodpecker
Flycatchers
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee
___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
___ Alder Flycatcher
___ Willow Flycatcher
___ Least Flycatcher
___ Eastern Phoebe
___ Great Crested Flycatcher
___ Western Kingbird
___ Eastern Kingbird
Shrikes
___ Loggerhead Shrike
___ Northern Shrike

Vireos
___ Yellow-throated Vireo
___ Blue-headed Vireo
___ Warbling Vireo
___ Philadelphia Vireo
___ Red-eyed Vireo
Crows, Jays
___ Blue Jay
___ American Crow
Larks
___ Homed Lark
Swallows
___ Purple Martin
___ Tree Swallow
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow
___ Bank Swallow
___ Cliff Swallow
___ Barn Swallow
Titmice, Nuthatches, Creepers
___ Black-capped Chickadee
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch
___ White-breasted Nuthatch
___ Brown Creeper
Wrens
___ Carolina Wren
___ House Wren
___ Winter Wren
___ Sedge Wren
___ Marsh Wren
Kinglets, Gnatcatchers
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Thrushes
___ Eastern Bluebird
___ Veery
___ Gray-checked Thrush
___ Swainson's Thrush
___ Hermit Thrush
___ Wood Thrush
___ American Robin
___ Varied Thrush
Mockingbirds, Thrashers
___ Gray Catbird
___ Brown Thrasher
Starlings
___ European Starling
Pipits
___ American Pipit
Waxwings
___ Cedar Waxwing

Warblers
___ 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
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler
___ Black-throated Green Warbler
___ Blackburnian Warbler
___ Palm Warbler
___ Bay-breasted Warbler
___ Blackpoll Warbler
___ Black-and-white Warbler
___ American Redstart
___ Ovenbird
___ Northern Waterthrush
___ Louisiana Waterthrush
___ Connecticut Warbler
___ Mourning Warbler
___ Common Yellowthroat
___ Wilson's Warbler
___ Canada Warbler
Tanagers
___ Scarlet Tanager
Sparrows, Longspurs
___ Spotted Towhee
___ Eastern Towhee
___ American Tree Sparrow
___ Chipping Sparrow
___ Clay-colored Sparrow
___ Field Sparrow
___ Vesper Sparrow
___ Lark Sparrow
___ Savannah Sparrow
___ Grasshopper Sparrow
___ Henslow's Sparrow
___ Le Conte's Sparrow
___ Nelson's Sh-tailed Sparrow
___ Fox Sparrow
___ Song Sparrow
___ Lincoln's Sparrow
___ Swamp Sparrow
___ White-throated Sparrow
___ Harris's Sparrow
___ White-crowned Sparrow
___ Dark-eyed Junco
___ Lapland Longspur
___ Smith's Longspur

___ Snow Bunting
Cardinals, Grosbeaks, Buntings

- ___ Northern Cardinal
 ___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak
 ___ Indigo Bunting
 ___ Dickcissel

Blackbirds

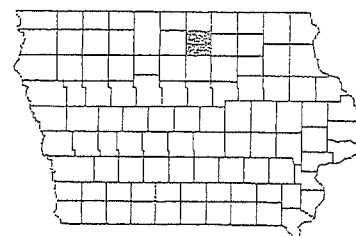
- ___ Bobolink
 ___ Red-winged Blackbird
 ___ Eastern Meadowlark
 ___ Western Meadowlark
 ___ Yellow-headed Blackbird
 ___ Rusty Blackbird
 ___ Brewer's Blackbird
 ___ Common Grackle
 ___ Great-tailed Grackle
 ___ Brown-headed Cowbird
 ___ Orchard Oriole
 ___ Baltimore Oriole

Finches

- ___ Purple Finch
 ___ House Finch
 ___ Common Redpoll
 ___ Pine Siskin
 ___ American Goldfinch
 ___ House Sparrow

The following birds have been seen in Cerro Gordo County only very rarely.

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| ___ Brant | ___ Bell's Vireo |
| ___ Long-tailed Duck | ___ Tufted Titmouse |
| ___ Red-throated Loon | ___ Northern Mockingbird |
| ___ Pacific Loon | ___ Bohemian Waxwing |
| ___ Yellow-billed Loon | ___ Yellow-throated Warbler |
| ___ Magnificent Frigatebird | ___ Pine Warbler |
| ___ Snowy Egret | ___ Prairie Warbler |
| ___ Little Blue Heron | ___ Cerulean Warbler |
| ___ Yellow-crowned Night Heron | |
| ___ Common Moorhen | ___ Prothonotary Warbler |
| ___ Snowy Plover | ___ Kentucky Warbler |
| ___ Piping Plover | ___ Hooded Warbler |
| ___ Marbled Godwit | ___ Summer Tanager |
| ___ Western Sandpiper | ___ Western Tanager |
| ___ Red-necked Phalarope | ___ Chestnut-collared Longspur |
| ___ Sabine's Gull | ___ Blue Grosbeak |
| ___ White-winged Dove | ___ Red Crossbill |
| ___ Say's Phoebe | ___ White-winged Crossbill |



Cerro Gordo County is located in north central Iowa. The largest city is Mason City, with a population of about 30,000.

The surface topography of Cerro Gordo County is split down the middle, north to south, by the effects of the Des Moines Lobe glacial event in the west, and the Iowan Surface in the east. The western half of the county features Clear Lake, Iowa's 3rd-largest natural body of water, and the eastern half is cut by two scenic rivers, the Winnebago River and the Shellrock River.

Cerro Gordo County has many fine parks and natural areas, including,

- Clear Lake State Park (DNR), 55 ac.
- McIntosh Woods State Park (DNR), 62 ac.
- McIntosh Wildlife Area (DNR), 219 ac.
- Ventura Marsh (DNR), 782 ac.
- Lime Creek Conservation Area, 450 ac.
- Zirbel Slough, 330 ac.
- Shellrock R. Greenbelt & Preserve, 590 ac.
- Wilkinson Pioneer Park, 80 ac.
- Mallard Marsh, 227 ac.
- Union Hills WPA, 1740 ac.

The North Iowa Nature Club was organized in 1977. Meetings with programs are held monthly, usually at the Lime Creek Nature Center at 7 PM on the second Wednesday of the month. Some contacts are: Rita Goranson (641) 423-1699, Curt Nelson (641) 696-5600, Carolyn Fischer (641) 423-9909, Ellen Montgomery at *The Basic Birder* (641) 424-3758, Paul Hertzell (641) 421-1844.

The Lime Creek Nature Center is located north of Mason City, east of U.S. Highway 65. The naturalist is Todd VonEhwegen.
 Phone: (641) 423-5309.