



IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Checklist of the Birds of Clay County - 311 Species

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

Observers _____ Total Species _____ Total Individuals _____

Ducks, Geese, Swans

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

Upland Game Birds

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

Grebes

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

Pigeons, Doves

- ___ Rock Pigeon
- ___ Eurasian Collared-Dove
- ___ Mourning Dove

Cuckoos, Roadrunners, Anis

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

- ___ Black-billed Cuckoo

Nighthawks, Nightjars

- ___ Common Nighthawk
- ___ Eastern Whip-poor-will

Swifts, Hummingbirds

- ___ Chimney Swift
- ___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird
- ___ Rufous Hummingbird

Rails, Coots, Cranes

- ___ Yellow Rail
- ___ King Rail
- ___ Virginia Rail
- ___ Sora
- ___ Common Gallinule
- ___ American Coot
- ___ Sandhill Crane

Shorebirds

- ___ Black-necked Stilt
- ___ American Avocet
- ___ Black-bellied Plover
- ___ American Golden-Plover
- ___ Semipalmated Plover
- ___ Piping Plover
- ___ Killdeer
- ___ Upland Sandpiper
- ___ Hudsonian Godwit
- ___ Marbled Godwit
- ___ Ruddy Turnstone
- ___ Stilt 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

Gulls, Terns, Skimmers

- ___ Sabine's Gull

Bonaparte's Gull

- ___ Laughing Gull

Franklin's Gull

- ___ Mew Gull

Ring-billed Gull

- ___ California Gull

Herring Gull

- ___ Lesser Black-backed Gull

Glaucous Gull

- ___ Least Tern

Caspian Tern

- ___ Black Tern

Common Tern

- ___ Forster's Tern

Loons

- ___ Red-throated Loon
- ___ Common Loon

Frigatebirds, Cormorants,

- ___ Double-crested Cormorant

Pelicans, Herons, Ibises

- ___ American White Pelican
- ___ American Bittern
- ___ Least Bittern
- ___ Great Blue Heron
- ___ Great Egret
- ___ Snowy Egret
- ___ Little Blue Heron
- ___ Cattle Egret
- ___ Green Heron
- ___ Black-crowned Night-Heron
- ___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron
- ___ Glossy Ibis
- ___ White-faced Ibis

New World Vultures, Kites,

- ___ Turkey Vulture

Hawks, Eagles

- ___ Osprey
- ___ Golden Eagle
- ___ Northern Harrier
- ___ Sharp-shinned Hawk
- ___ Cooper's Hawk
- ___ Northern Goshawk
- ___ Bald Eagle
- ___ Red-shouldered Hawk
- ___ Broad-winged Hawk
- ___ Swainson's Hawk
- ___ Red-tailed Hawk
- ___ Rough-legged Hawk

Owls

- ___ Barn Owl
- ___ Eastern Screech-Owl

Great Horned Owl

- ___ Snowy Owl

Burrowing Owl

- ___ Barred Owl

Long-eared Owl

- ___ Short-eared Owl

Northern Saw-whet Owl

Kingfishers

- ___ Belted Kingfisher

Woodpeckers

- ___ Red-headed Woodpecker
- ___ Red-bellied Woodpecker
- ___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- ___ Downy Woodpecker
- ___ Hairy Woodpecker
- ___ Northern Flicker
- ___ Pileated Woodpecker

Falcons

- ___ American Kestrel
- ___ Merlin
- ___ Gyrfalcon
- ___ Peregrine Falcon
- ___ Prairie Falcon

Flycatchers

- ___ Western Kingbird
- ___ Eastern Kingbird
- ___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
- ___ Great Crested Flycatcher
- ___ Olive-sided Flycatcher
- ___ Eastern Wood-Pewee
- ___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
- ___ Acadian Flycatcher
- ___ Alder Flycatcher
- ___ Willow Flycatcher
- ___ Least Flycatcher
- ___ Eastern Phoebe

Shrikes

- ___ Loggerhead Shrike
- ___ Northern Shrike

Vireos

- ___ White-eyed Vireo
- ___ Bell's Vireo
- ___ Yellow-throated Vireo
- ___ Blue-headed Vireo
- ___ Philadelphia Vireo
- ___ Warbling Vireo
- ___ Red-eyed Vireo

Jays, Magpies, Crows

- ___ Blue Jay
- ___ American Crow

Larks

- ___ Horned Lark

Swallows

- ___ Purple Martin
- ___ Tree Swallow
- ___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow
- ___ Bank Swallow
- ___ Cliff Swallow
- ___ Barn Swallow

Chickadees, Titmice

- ___ Black-capped Chickadee

Nuthatches

- ___ Red-breasted Nuthatch
- ___ White-breasted Nuthatch

Creepers

- ___ Brown Creeper

Wrens

- ___ House Wren
- ___ Winter Wren
- ___ Sedge Wren
- ___ Marsh Wren
- ___ Carolina Wren

Gnatcatchers

- ___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

Kinglets

- ___ Golden-crowned Kinglet
- ___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Thrushes

- ___ Eastern Bluebird
- ___ Mountain Bluebird
- ___ Townsend's Solitaire
- ___ Veery
- ___ Gray-cheeked Thrush
- ___ Swainson's Thrush
- ___ Hermit Thrush
- ___ Wood Thrush
- ___ American Robin
- ___ Varied Thrush

Mimids

- ___ Gray Catbird
- ___ Brown Thrasher
- ___ Northern Mockingbird

Starlings

- ___ European Starling

Waxwings

- ___ Bohemian Waxwing
- ___ Cedar Waxwing

Old World Sparrows

- ___ House Sparrow

Pipits

- ___ American Pipit
- ___ Sprague's Pipit

Finches

Brambling

- ___ Evening Grosbeak
- ___ Pine Grosbeak
- ___ House Finch
- ___ Purple Finch
- ___ Common Redpoll
- ___ Hoary Redpoll
- ___ Red Crossbill
- ___ White-winged Crossbill
- ___ Pine Siskin
- ___ American Goldfinch

Longspurs, Snow Bunting

- ___ Lapland Longspur
- ___ Smith's Longspur
- ___ Snow Bunting

Towhees, Sparrows

- ___ 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
- ___ LeConte's Sparrow
- ___ Nelson's Sparrow
- ___ Fox Sparrow
- ___ Song Sparrow
- ___ Lincoln's Sparrow
- ___ Swamp Sparrow
- ___ White-throated Sparrow
- ___ Harris's Sparrow
- ___ White-crowned Sparrow
- ___ Dark-eyed Junco

- ___ Chats
- ___ Yellow-breasted Chat
- ___ Blackbirds, Orioles
- ___ Yellow-headed Blackbird
- ___ Bobolink
- ___ Eastern Meadowlark
- ___ Western Meadowlark
- ___ Orchard Oriole
- ___ Bullock's Oriole
- ___ Baltimore Oriole
- ___ Red-winged Blackbird
- ___ Brown-headed Cowbird
- ___ Rusty Blackbird
- ___ Brewer's Blackbird
- ___ Common Grackle

- Great-tailed Grackle
- Wood-warblers**
- Ovenbird
- Northern Waterthrush
- Golden-winged Warbler
- Blue-winged Warbler
- Black-and-white Warbler
- Prothonotary Warbler
- Tennessee Warbler
- Orange-crowned Warbler
- Nashville Warbler
- Connecticut 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
- Black-throated Green Warbler
- Canada Warbler
- Wilson's Warbler

Tanagers, Cardinals,

Grosbeaks, Buntings

- Summer Tanager
- Scarlet Tanager
- Western Tanager
- Northern Cardinal
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- Black-headed Grosbeak
- Blue Grosbeak
- Lazuli Bunting
- Indigo Bunting
- Dickcissel

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