



IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Checklist of the Birds of Clay County - 314 Species

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

Observers _____ Total Species _____ Total Individuals _____

Ducks, Geese, Swans	<input type="checkbox"/> Eurasian Collared-Dove	<input type="checkbox"/> Spotted Sandpiper	<input type="checkbox"/> Sharp-shinned Hawk	<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-throated Vireo	<input type="checkbox"/> Townsend's Solitaire
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Pigeon	<input type="checkbox"/> Solitary Sandpiper	<input type="checkbox"/> Cooper's Hawk	<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-headed Vireo	<input type="checkbox"/> Veery
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Goose	<input type="checkbox"/> Cuckoos, Roadrunners, Anis	<input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Yellowlegs	<input type="checkbox"/> American Goshawk	<input type="checkbox"/> Philadelphia Vireo	<input type="checkbox"/> Gray-cheeked Thrush
<input type="checkbox"/> Ross's Goose	<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-billed Cuckoo	<input type="checkbox"/> Willet	<input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle	<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Warbling Vireo	<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Thrush
<input type="checkbox"/> Greater White-fronted Goose	<input type="checkbox"/> Black-billed Cuckoo	<input type="checkbox"/> Greater Yellowlegs	<input type="checkbox"/> Red-shouldered Hawk	<input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo	<input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Thrush
<input type="checkbox"/> Brant	<input type="checkbox"/> Goatsuckers	<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Phalarope	<input type="checkbox"/> Broad-winged Hawk	<input type="checkbox"/> Shrikes	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Thrush
<input type="checkbox"/> Cackling Goose	<input type="checkbox"/> Common Nighthawk	<input type="checkbox"/> Red-necked Phalarope	<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Hawk	<input type="checkbox"/> Loggerhead Shrike	<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose	<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Whip-poor-will	<input type="checkbox"/> Gulls, Terns, Skimmers	<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk	<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Shrike	<input type="checkbox"/> Varied Thrush
<input type="checkbox"/> Mute Swan	<input type="checkbox"/> Swifts	<input type="checkbox"/> Sabine's Gull	<input type="checkbox"/> Rough-legged Hawk	<input type="checkbox"/> Jays, Magpies, Crows	<input type="checkbox"/> Old World Sparrows
<input type="checkbox"/> Trumpeter Swan	<input type="checkbox"/> Chimney Swift	<input type="checkbox"/> Bonaparte's Gull	<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Owls	<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay	<input type="checkbox"/> House Sparrow
<input type="checkbox"/> Tundra Swan	<input type="checkbox"/> Hummingbirds	<input type="checkbox"/> Laughing Gull	<input type="checkbox"/> American Barn Owl	<input type="checkbox"/> Black-billed Magpie	<input type="checkbox"/> Eurasian Tree Sparrow
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-throated Hummingbird	<input type="checkbox"/> Franklin's Gull	<input type="checkbox"/> Typical Owls	<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow	<input type="checkbox"/> Pipits
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Teal	<input type="checkbox"/> Rufous Hummingbird	<input type="checkbox"/> Short-billed Gull	<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Screech-Owl	<input type="checkbox"/> Chickadees, Titmice	<input type="checkbox"/> American Pipit
<input type="checkbox"/> Cinnamon Teal	<input type="checkbox"/> Rails, Gallinules, and Coots	<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-billed Gull	<input type="checkbox"/> Great Horned Owl	<input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped Chickadee	<input type="checkbox"/> Sprague's Pipit
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Shoveler	<input type="checkbox"/> King Rail	<input type="checkbox"/> California Gull	<input type="checkbox"/> Snowy Owl	<input type="checkbox"/> Larks	<input type="checkbox"/> Finches
<input type="checkbox"/> Gadwall	<input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Rail	<input type="checkbox"/> American Herring Gull	<input type="checkbox"/> Burrowing Owl	<input type="checkbox"/> Horned Lark	<input type="checkbox"/> Brambling
<input type="checkbox"/> American Wigeon	<input type="checkbox"/> Sora	<input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Black-backed Gull	<input type="checkbox"/> Barred Owl	<input type="checkbox"/> Swallows	<input type="checkbox"/> Evening Grosbeak
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard	<input type="checkbox"/> Common Gallinule	<input type="checkbox"/> Glaucous Gull	<input type="checkbox"/> Long-eared Owl	<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Swallow	<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Grosbeak
<input type="checkbox"/> American Black Duck	<input type="checkbox"/> American Coot	<input type="checkbox"/> Least Tern	<input type="checkbox"/> Short-eared Owl	<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow	<input type="checkbox"/> House Finch
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<input type="checkbox"/> Green-winged Teal	<input type="checkbox"/> Cranes	<input type="checkbox"/> Black Tern	<input type="checkbox"/> Kingfishers	<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Martin	<input type="checkbox"/> Redpoll
<input type="checkbox"/> Canvasback	<input type="checkbox"/> Sandhill Crane	<input type="checkbox"/> Common Tern	<input type="checkbox"/> Belted Kingfisher	<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow	<input type="checkbox"/> Red Crossbill
<input type="checkbox"/> Redhead	<input type="checkbox"/> Stilts and Avocets	<input type="checkbox"/> Forster's Tern	<input type="checkbox"/> Woodpeckers	<input type="checkbox"/> Cliff Swallow	<input type="checkbox"/> White-winged Crossbill
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Duck	<input type="checkbox"/> Black-necked Stilt	<input type="checkbox"/> Red-throated Loon	<input type="checkbox"/> Red-headed Woodpecker	<input type="checkbox"/> Kinglets	<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Siskin
<input type="checkbox"/> Greater Scaup	<input type="checkbox"/> American Avocet	<input type="checkbox"/> Common Loon	<input type="checkbox"/> Red-bellied Woodpecker	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch
<input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Scaup	<input type="checkbox"/> Lapwings and Plovers	<input type="checkbox"/> Cormorants	<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	<input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned Kinglet	<input type="checkbox"/> Longspurs, Snow Bunting
<input type="checkbox"/> Surf Scoter	<input type="checkbox"/> Black-bellied Plover	<input type="checkbox"/> Double-crested Cormorant	<input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker	<input type="checkbox"/> Waxwings	<input type="checkbox"/> Lapland Longspur
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Scoter	<input type="checkbox"/> American Golden-Plover	<input type="checkbox"/> Neotropic Cormorant	<input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker	<input type="checkbox"/> Bohemian Waxwing	<input type="checkbox"/> Smith's Longspur
<input type="checkbox"/> Long-tailed Duck	<input type="checkbox"/> Kildeer	<input type="checkbox"/> Pelicans	<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker	<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing	<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Bunting
<input type="checkbox"/> Bufflehead	<input type="checkbox"/> Semipalmated Plover	<input type="checkbox"/> American White Pelican	<input type="checkbox"/> Pileated Woodpecker	<input type="checkbox"/> Nuthatches	<input type="checkbox"/> Towhees, Sparrows
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Goldeneye	<input type="checkbox"/> Piping Plover	<input type="checkbox"/> Bitterns, Herons, and Allies	<input type="checkbox"/> Caracaras and Falcons	<input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Nuthatch	<input type="checkbox"/> Grasshopper Sparrow
<input type="checkbox"/> Hooded Merganser	<input type="checkbox"/> Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies	<input type="checkbox"/> Least Bittern	<input type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel	<input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch	<input type="checkbox"/> Lark Sparrow
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Merganser	<input type="checkbox"/> Upland Sandpiper	<input type="checkbox"/> American Bittern	<input type="checkbox"/> Merlin	<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow	<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Merganser	<input type="checkbox"/> Hudsonian Godwit	<input type="checkbox"/> Little Blue Heron	<input type="checkbox"/> Gyrfalcon	<input type="checkbox"/> Clay-colored Sparrow	<input type="checkbox"/> Clay-colored Sparrow
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruddy Duck	<input type="checkbox"/> Marbled Godwit	<input type="checkbox"/> Snowy Egret	<input type="checkbox"/> Peregrine Falcon	<input type="checkbox"/> Field Sparrow	<input type="checkbox"/> Field Sparrow
<input type="checkbox"/> New World Quail	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruddy Turnstone	<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-crowned Night Heron	<input type="checkbox"/> Prairie Falcon	<input type="checkbox"/> American Tree Sparrow	<input type="checkbox"/> American Tree Sparrow
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Bobwhite	<input type="checkbox"/> Stilt Sandpiper	<input type="checkbox"/> Black-crowned Night Heron	<input type="checkbox"/> Great Crested Flycatcher	<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco	<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco
<input type="checkbox"/> Partridges, Grouse, Turkeys, and Old World Quail	<input type="checkbox"/> Sanderling	<input type="checkbox"/> Green Heron	<input type="checkbox"/> Western Kingbird	<input type="checkbox"/> Carolina Wren	<input type="checkbox"/> White-crowned Sparrow
<input type="checkbox"/> Wild Turkey	<input type="checkbox"/> Dunlin	<input type="checkbox"/> Great Egret	<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird	<input type="checkbox"/> Northern House Wren	<input type="checkbox"/> Harris's Sparrow
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Partridge	<input type="checkbox"/> Baird's Sandpiper	<input type="checkbox"/> Western Cattle Egret	<input type="checkbox"/> Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	<input type="checkbox"/> Winter Wren	<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Pheasant	<input type="checkbox"/> Least Sandpiper	<input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron	<input type="checkbox"/> Olive-sided Flycatcher	<input type="checkbox"/> Sedge Wren	<input type="checkbox"/> Vesper Sparrow
<input type="checkbox"/> Grebes	<input type="checkbox"/> White-rumped Sandpiper	<input type="checkbox"/> Ibises and Spoonbills	<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Wood-Pewee	<input type="checkbox"/> Marsh Wren	<input type="checkbox"/> LeConte's Sparrow
<input type="checkbox"/> Pied-billed Grebe	<input type="checkbox"/> Buff-breasted Sandpiper	<input type="checkbox"/> Glossy Ibis	<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	<input type="checkbox"/> Mimids	<input type="checkbox"/> Nelson's Sparrow
<input type="checkbox"/> Horned Grebe	<input type="checkbox"/> Pectoral Sandpiper	<input type="checkbox"/> White-faced Ibis	<input type="checkbox"/> Acadian Flycatcher	<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird	<input type="checkbox"/> Henslow's Sparrow
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-necked Grebe	<input type="checkbox"/> Semipalmated Sandpiper	<input type="checkbox"/> New World Vultures	<input type="checkbox"/> Alder Flycatcher	<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher	<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow
<input type="checkbox"/> Eared Grebe	<input type="checkbox"/> Western Sandpiper	<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture	<input type="checkbox"/> Willow Flycatcher	<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Mockingbird	<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Grebe	<input type="checkbox"/> Short-billed Dowitcher	<input type="checkbox"/> Ospreys	<input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher	<input type="checkbox"/> European Starling	<input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln's Sparrow
<input type="checkbox"/> Clark's Grebe	<input type="checkbox"/> Long-billed Dowitcher	<input type="checkbox"/> Osprey	<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe	<input type="checkbox"/> Starlings	<input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow
<input type="checkbox"/> Pigeons, Doves	<input type="checkbox"/> American Woodcock	<input type="checkbox"/> Hawks, Kites, Eagles, and Allies	<input type="checkbox"/> Vireos	<input type="checkbox"/> Thrushes	<input type="checkbox"/> Spotted Towhee
<input type="checkbox"/> White-winged Dove	<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Snipe	<input type="checkbox"/> Golden Eagle	<input type="checkbox"/> White-eyed Vireo	<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Bluebird	<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Towhee
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove		<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier	<input type="checkbox"/> Bell's Vireo	<input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Bluebird	<input type="checkbox"/> 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

The taxonomic sequence and nomenclature used in this list follow the Checklist of North American Birds, 7th Edition, American Ornithologists' Union, 1998, updated through the 64th Supplement (Chesser et al. 2023).

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