



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
- New World Quail**
- Northern Bobwhite
- Partridges, Grouse, Turkeys, and Old World Quail**
- 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
- Goatsuckers**
- Common Nighthawk
- Eastern Whip-poor-will
- Swifts**
- Chimney Swift
- Hummingbirds**
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird
- Rufous Hummingbird
- Rails, Gallinules, and Coots**
- Yellow Rail
- King Rail
- Virginia Rail
- Sora
- Common Gallinule
- American Coot
- Cranes**
- Sandhill Crane
- Stilts and Avocets**
- Black-necked Stilt
- American Avocet
- Lapwings and Plovers**
- Black-bellied Plover
- American Golden-Plover
- Semipalmated Plover
- Piping Plover
- Killdeer
- Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies**
- 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
- Cormorants**
- Double-crested Cormorant
- Pelicans**
- American White Pelican
- Bitterns, Herons, and Allies**
- 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
- Ibises and Spoonbills**
- Glossy Ibis
- White-faced Ibis
- New World Vultures**
- Turkey Vulture
- Ospreys**
- Osprey
- Hawks, Kites, Eagles, and Allies**
- 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
- Barn Owls**
- Barn Owl
- Typical Owls**
- 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
- Caracaras and 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
- Sedge Wren
- Marsh Wren
- Carolina Wren
- Gnatcatchers**
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- Gray Catbird
- Brown Thrasher
- Northern Mockingbird
- 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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