



IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Checklist of the Birds of Clay County - 313 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

- ___ Northern Bobwhite

- ___ Partridges, Grouse, Turkeys, and Old World Quail
- ___ Wild Turkey
- ___ Gray Partridge
- ___ Ring-necked Pheasant

- ___ Grebes
- ___ Pied-billed Grebe
- ___ Horned Grebe
- ___ Red-necked Grebe

- ___ Eared Grebe
- ___ Western Grebe
- ___ Clark's Grebe
- ___ Pigeons, Doves
- ___ Rock Pigeon
- ___ Eurasian Collared-Dove

- ___ White-winged 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
- ___ King Rail
- ___ Virginia Rail
- ___ Sora
- ___ Common Gallinule
- ___ American Coot
- ___ Yellow Rail

- ___ Cranes
- ___ Sandhill Crane

- ___ Stilts and Avocets
- ___ Black-necked Stilt
- ___ American Avocet

- ___ Lapwings and Plovers
- ___ Black-bellied Plover
- ___ American Golden-Plover
- ___ Killdeer
- ___ Semipalmated Plover
- ___ Piping Plover

- ___ 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
- ___ Short-billed 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
- ___ Neotropic Cormorant

- ___ Pelicans
- ___ American White Pelican

- ___ Bitterns, Herons, and Allies
- ___ American Bittern
- ___ Least Bittern
- ___ Great Blue Heron
- ___ Great Egret
- ___ Snowy Egret
- ___ Little Blue Heron
- ___ Western 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
- ___ American Goshawk
- ___ Bald Eagle
- ___ Red-shouldered Hawk
- ___ Broad-winged Hawk
- ___ Swainson's Hawk
- ___ Red-tailed Hawk
- ___ Rough-legged Hawk

- ___ Barn Owls
- ___ American Barn Owl

- ___ Typical Owls
- ___ Eastern Screech-Owl
- ___ Great Horned Owl
- ___ Ring-billed Gull
- ___ California Gull
- ___ Herring Gull
- ___ Lesser Black-backed Gull
- ___ Glaucous Gull
- ___ Least Tern
- ___ Caspian Tern
- ___ Black Tern
- ___ Common Tern
- ___ Forster's Tern

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

- ___ Vireos
- ___ White-eyed Vireo
- ___ Bell's Vireo

- ___ Yellow-throated Vireo
- ___ Blue-headed Vireo
- ___ Philadelphia Vireo
- ___ Warbling Vireo
- ___ Red-eyed Vireo

- ___ Shrikes
- ___ Loggerhead Shrike
- ___ Northern Shrike

- ___ Jays, Magpies, Crows
- ___ Blue Jay
- ___ American Crow

- ___ Chickadees, Titmice
- ___ Black-capped Chickadee

- ___ Larks
- ___ Horned Lark

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

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

- ___ Waxwings
- ___ Bohemian Waxwing
- ___ Hairy Woodpecker
- ___ Northern Flicker
- ___ Pileated Woodpecker

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

- ___ Creepers
- ___ Brown Creeper

- ___ Gnatcatchers
- ___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

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

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

- ___ Starlings
- ___ European Starling
- ___ Thrushes
- ___ Eastern Bluebird
- ___ Mountain Bluebird
- ___ Townsend's Solitaire

- ___ Veery
- ___ Gray-cheeked Thrush
- ___ Swainson's Thrush
- ___ Hermit Thrush
- ___ Wood Thrush
- ___ American Robin
- ___ Varied Thrush

- ___ Old World Sparrows
- ___ House Sparrow
- ___ Eurasian Tree Sparrow

- ___ Pipits
- ___ American Pipit
- ___ Sprague's Pipit

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

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

- ___ Towhees, Sparrows
- ___ Grasshopper Sparrow
- ___ Lark Sparrow
- ___ Chipping Sparrow
- ___ Clay-colored Sparrow
- ___ Field Sparrow
- ___ Fox Sparrow
- ___ American Tree Sparrow
- ___ Dark-eyed Junco
- ___ White-crowned Sparrow
- ___ Harris's Sparrow
- ___ White-throated Sparrow
- ___ Vesper Sparrow
- ___ LeConte's Sparrow
- ___ Nelson's Sparrow
- ___ Henslow's Sparrow
- ___ Savannah Sparrow
- ___ Song Sparrow
- ___ Lincoln's Sparrow
- ___ Swamp Sparrow
- ___ Spotted Towhee
- ___ Eastern Towhee

- ___ 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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