



# IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Checklist of the Birds of Clayton County - 258 Species

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Locality \_\_\_\_\_ Sky \_\_\_\_\_ Wind \_\_\_\_\_ Temp \_\_\_\_\_

Observers \_\_\_\_\_ Total Species \_\_\_\_\_ Total Individuals \_\_\_\_\_

**Ducks, Geese, Swans**

- Snow Goose
- Ross's Goose
- Greater White-fronted Goose
- Cackling Goose
- Canada Goose
- Mute Swan
- Trumpeter Swan
- Tundra Swan
- Wood Duck
- Blue-winged 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
- Bufflehead
- Common Goldeneye
- Hooded Merganser
- Common Merganser
- Red-breasted Merganser
- Ruddy Duck

**New World Quail**

- Northern Bobwhite

**Partridges, Grouse, Turkeys, and Old World Quail**

- Wild Turkey
- Ruffed Grouse
- Gray Partridge
- Ring-necked Pheasant

**Grebes**

- Pied-billed Grebe
- Horned Grebe
- Red-necked Grebe
- Western 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**

- King Rail
- Virginia Rail
- Sora
- Common Gallinule
- American Coot

**Cranes**

- Sandhill Crane

**Lapwings and Plovers**

- Killdeer

**Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and**

**Allies**

- Hudsonian Godwit
- Baird's Sandpiper
- Least Sandpiper
- White-rumped Sandpiper
- Pectoral Sandpiper
- Semipalmated Sandpiper
- American Woodcock
- Wilson's Snipe
- Spotted Sandpiper
- Solitary Sandpiper
- Lesser Yellowlegs
- Willet
- Greater Yellowlegs
- Wilson's Phalarope

**Gulls, Terns, Skimmers**

- Bonaparte's Gull
- Franklin's Gull
- Ring-billed Gull
- Herring Gull
- Caspian Tern
- Black Tern
- Common Tern
- Forster's Tern

**Loons**

- Common Loon

**Cormorants**

- Double-crested Cormorant

**Pelicans**

- American White Pelican

**Bitterns, Herons, and Allies**

- American Bittern
- Least Bittern
- Great Blue Heron

Great Egret

Western Cattle Egret

Green Heron

Black-crowned Night Heron

Yellow-crowned Night Heron

**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
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Rough-legged Hawk

**Typical Owls**

- Eastern Screech-Owl
- Great Horned Owl
- Snowy 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
- Peregrine Falcon

**Flycatchers**

- Great Crested Flycatcher
- Eastern Kingbird
- 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**

- Northern Shrike

**Jays, Magpies, Crows**

- Blue Jay
- American Crow

**Chickadees, Titmice**

- Black-capped Chickadee
- Tufted Titmouse

**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
- Cedar Waxwing

**Nuthatches**

- Red-breasted Nuthatch
- White-breasted Nuthatch

**Creepers**

- Brown Creeper

**Gnatcatchers**

- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

**Wrens**

- Rock Wren
- Carolina Wren
- Northern House Wren
- Winter Wren
- Sedge Wren
- Marsh Wren

**Mimids**

- Gray Catbird
- Brown Thrasher
- Northern Mockingbird

**Starlings**

European Starling

**Thrushes**

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

**Old World Sparrows**

- House Sparrow
- Eurasian Tree Sparrow

**Pipits**

- American Pipit

**Finches**

- House Finch
- Purple Finch
- Redpoll
- Red Crossbill
- White-winged Crossbill
- Pine Siskin
- American Goldfinch

**Longspurs, Snow Bunting**

- Lapland 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
- 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

Baltimore Oriole

Red-winged Blackbird

Brown-headed Cowbird

Rusty Blackbird

Brewer's Blackbird

Common Grackle

Great-tailed Grackle

**Wood-warblers**

- Ovenbird
- Worm-eating Warbler
- Louisiana Waterthrush
- Northern Waterthrush
- Golden-winged Warbler
- Blue-winged Warbler
- Black-and-white Warbler
- Prothonotary Warbler
- Tennessee Warbler
- Orange-crowned Warbler
- Nashville 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
- Northern Cardinal
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- Black-headed Grosbeak
- Indigo Bunting
- Dickcissel

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