

# IOS Lister's Corner 2007

## Big Days: State, Regional, Seasonal, Non-Motorized & County

### Illinois Big Days (by month)

In 2007, two experienced Big Day teams set out to break the April Illinois Big Day record. Their efforts were richly rewarded, as both teams broke the old record! Crowned as the 2007 (and, currently, alltime) April champs were the Bailey, Mahan, Taylor and Williams team, as they exceeded by one specie the amazing tally compiled by Kassebaum, McMullen and Seiffert. Stay tuned to the next installment in this intriguing competition in 2008, when we'll find out if the latter team can recover from the ecstasy (breaking the old record) and the agony (finding out they ended one species behind the winners). Congratulations on all of their efforts, as they also raised funds for wetlands restoration, since their Big Days were run in conjunction with the Birding Blitz Competition.

Also noteworthy, Keith McMullen managed to be only the second birder to exceed 100 species in a day in March in Illinois with his 111, good for 2nd best ever in that month.

**Key:** # = all-time IL Big Day record    **Big Day rules:** 95% of all species must be ID'd by all observers.  
*(updated 3/16/08; compiled by Eric Walters & Joe Lill)*

### Top Three All-time Illinois Big Days by Month

#### January

103	southern	01/29/00	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
93	southern	01/02/04	C. Litteken, K. McMullen
85	southern	01/02/05	C. Litteken, K. McMullen

#### February

100	southern	02/29/04	T. Mahan, K. McMullen
97	southern	02/19/00	F. Bennett, K. McMullen
75	east-central	02/25/06	C. Erb, B. Guarente, G. Lambeth

#### March

118	southern	03/25/00	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
111	southern	03/26/07	K. McMullen
91	east-central	03/18/00	R. Chapel
91	southern	03/19/07	K. McMullen

#### April

173	southern	04/28/07	S. Bailey, T. Mahan, C. Taylor, D. Williams
172	southern	04/28/07	D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen, M. Seiffert
171	southern	04/29/06	S. Bailey, T. Mahan, C. Taylor

#### May

184#	ne/east-central	05/17/97	S. Bailey, R. Hughes, D. Mandell, S. Mlodinow, J. O'Brien, S. Patti
176	nw/west-central	05/16/05	A. Frohlich, V. Kleen, K. McKay
175	southern	05/05/97	J. DeNeal, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
175	central	05/09/94	D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, R. Randall, M. Ward, P. Ward
175	central	05/13/97	D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, M. Ward, P. Ward, T. Ward

#### June

143	ne/east-central	06/02/04	C. Gordon, J. Lill, J. Sundberg, K. Sundberg
135	ne/east-central	06/02/03	C. Gordon, J. Lill, J. Sundberg, K. Sundberg
129	northern	06/02/06	C. Gordon, J. Lill, J. Sundberg, K. Sundberg

#### July

128	southern	07/31/03	D. Kassebaum, T. Mahan, K. McMullen
125	ne/east-central	07/17/02	C. Gordon, J. Lill, J. Sundberg, K. Sundberg
118	southern	07/29/00	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen

## August

136	southern/central	08/27/05	D. Kassebaum, T. Mahan
123	southern	08/19/00	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
120	north-central	08/25/05	D. Stotz

## September

141	southern	09/16/00	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
129	northeast	09/27/91	W. Marcisz, W. Serafin, E. Walters
120	Carlyle Lake	09/09/00	D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen

## October

127	southern	10/01/00	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
116	central	10/01/96	D. Bohlen, V. Kleen
113	northeast	10/01/67	C. Clark, one other birder

## November

105	southern	11/01/03	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, T. Mahan, K. McMullen
99	southern	11/05/00	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
83	n. central	11/03/05	D. Stotz

## December

100	southern	12/06/03	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, T. Mahan, K. McMullen
93	southern	12/02/00	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
93	central	12/17/00	D. Bohlen, B. Dyer

### Top Monthly Big Days in 2007

<b>January:</b>	52	DuPage Co.	01/07/07	M. Fletcher, P. Moxon, J. Skrentny
<b>February:</b>				
<b>March:</b>	111	southern	03/26/07	K. McMullen
<b>April:</b>	173	southern	04/28/07	S. Bailey, T. Mahan, C. Taylor, D. Williams
<b>May:</b>	161	central	05/05/07	T. Mahan
<b>June:</b>	82	central	06/23/07	J. Mountjoy
<b>July:</b>	117	west-central	7/30/07	J. Mountjoy
<b>August:</b>				
<b>September:</b>	94	central	09/08/07	J. Mountjoy
<b>October:</b>				
<b>November:</b>	76	central	11/03/07	J. Mountjoy
<b>December:</b>	87	Union Co.	12/29/07	D. Stotz

### Top Illinois Big Days (170+)

184	ne/east-central	05/17/97	S. Bailey, R. Hughes, D. Mandell, S. Mlodinow, J. O'Brien, S. Patti
176	nw/west-central	05/16/05	A. Frohlich, V. Kleen, K. McKay
175	central	05/09/94	D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, R. Randall, M. Ward, P. Ward
175	southern	05/05/97	J. DeNeal, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
175	central	05/13/97	D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, M. Ward, P. Ward, T. Ward
174	ne/east-central	05/11/96	S. Bailey, R. Hughes, D. Mandell, S. Mlodinow, J. O'Brien, S. Patti
173	central	05/06/86	D. Bohlen, R. Mudd, R. Randall, P. Ward
173	southern	05/09/95	J. DeNeal, T. Fink, K. McMullen, M. Seiffert
173	ne/east-central	05/20/95	R. Hughes, D. Mandell, J. O'Brien, S. Patti
173	southern	04/28/07	S. Bailey, T. Mahan, C. Taylor, D. Williams
172	central	05/10/89	D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, S. Robinson, P. Ward
172	southern	04/28/07	D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen, M. Seiffert
171	southern	04/29/06	S. Bailey, T. Mahan, C. Taylor
171	ne/east-central	05/16/98	S. Bailey, R. Hughes, D. Mandell, S. Mlodinow, J. O'Brien, S. Patti
170	central	05/11/74	D. Bohlen, T. Crabtree, V. Kleen, W. O'Brien, R. Randall, P. Ward

## Top Five per Month by Region (top ten in May)

It was good to receive a number of submissions for this list subset. We already mentioned the two new top April tallies along with the 2nd best March tally. Three other Big Days merit recognition: Jim Mountjoy's July Big Day was the best ever in the Central Region and was the 4th best ever for that month, missing the front page by only one species. Another excellent March Big Day was reported, this one run by Jeff Chapman and Jeff Smith, setting a new Northern Region record of 84 species. In November, Mountjoy was at it again, establishing a new Central Region record with his tally of 76.

### **January**

#### Southern

103	southern	01/29/00	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
93	southern	01/02/04	C. Litteken, K. McMullen
85	southern	01/02/05	C. Litteken, K. McMullen

#### Central

80	Springfield	01/01/98	D. Bohlen
62	east-central	01/21/06	C. Erb, B. Guarente
59	Sangamon Co.	01/20/04	D. Bohlen, B. Dyer
52	Kankakee Co.	01/02/05	D. Stotz

#### Northern

66	northeast	01/04/64	L. Binford, A. Campbell, C. Clark, T. Nork, F. Swink, C. Westcott
56	northern	01/18/03	E. Walters, K. Wysocki
53	Kendall Co.	01/01/00	D. Stotz
52	DuPage Co.	01/07/07	M. Fletcher, P. Moxon, J. Skrentny

#### Multi-Region

### **February**

#### Southern

100	southern	02/29/04	T. Mahan, K. McMullen
97	southern	02/19/00	F. Bennett, K. McMullen
61	southern	02/04/95	C. Mowery Jr.

#### Central

75	east-central	02/25/06	C. Erb, B. Guarente, G. Lambeth
62	west-central	02/26/05	J. Mountjoy
54	Vermilion Co.	02/09/02	D. Stotz

#### Northern

56	Putnam Co.	02/16/05	P. Cruikshank, D. Stotz
54	northern	02/29/64	C. Clark, A. Campbell, F. Swink, D. Marshall, C. Westcott
54	LaSalle/Putnam	02/18/98	D. Stotz
52	north-central	02/27/99	D. Stotz
52	Will Co.	02/24/96	J. Engel, E. Walters

#### Multi-Region

### **March**

#### Southern

118	southern	03/25/00	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
111	southern	03/26/07	K. McMullen
91	southern	03/19/07	K. McMullen
78	southern	03/31/06	E. Walters
70	southeast	03/12/00	F. Bennett

## Central

91	east-central	03/18/00	R. Chapel
72	central	03/25/06	A. Friend
65	Sangamon Co.	03/15/03	P. Weber
58	central	03/08/03	M. Deaton, T. Mahan

## Northern

84	northern	03/31/07	J. Chapman, J. Smith
80	Will/Grundy	03/27/04	D. Stotz
79	northeast	03/26/98	D. Stotz
74	Kane/Kendall	03/23/03	D. Stotz
71	Henry	03/31/07	T. Kuesel, C. Taylor

## Multi-Region

80	multi-region	03/30/02	B. Fisher, K. Fisher, U. Geiser, E. Secker
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## **April**

### Southern

173	southern	04/28/07	S. Bailey, T. Mahan, C. Taylor, D. Williams
172	southern	04/28/07	D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen, M. Seiffert
171	southern	04/29/06	S. Bailey, T. Mahan, C. Taylor
168	southern	04/30/05	F. Bennett, K. McMullen, C. Wood
167	southern	04/29/06	F. Bennett, J. Chapman, K. McMullen

### Central

107	east-central	04/25/00	R. Chapel
104	McDonough Co.	04/29/01	D. Benson, H. Benson, A. Moorehouse, D. Moorehouse, J. Rink
93	Peoria Co.	04/28/02	L. Princen

### Northern

136	Cook Co.	04/30/66	C. Clark, C. Westcott
111	Putnam Co.	04/30/04	P. Cruikshank, D. Stotz
92	DuPage/Kane	04/29/07	K. Mansfield, P. Moxon, J. Skrentny
84	L. Calumet area	04/25/04	W. Marcisz
82	Lake/McHenry	04/22/07	M. Fletcher, J. Skrentny

### Multi-Region

## **May**

### Southern

175	southern	05/05/97	J. DeNeal, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
173	southern	05/09/95	J. DeNeal, T. Fink, K. McMullen, M. Seiffert
162	southern	05/13/00	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
161	southern	05/04/94	J. DeNeal, T. Fink, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen, M. Seiffert
160	Massac Co.	05/05/07	F. Bennett
159	southern	05/04/92	L. Augustine, J. De Neal, T. Fink, D. Kassebaum
159	southern	05/12/97	D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
158	southern	05/03/96	L. Augustine, T. Fink, K. McMullen, S. Olson, D. Robinson
155	southern	05/01/99	F. Bennett, V. Lang, K. McMullen, R. Rothrock
154	Fayette Co.	05/08/04	T. Mahan

### Central

175	central	05/09/94	D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, R. Randall, M. Ward, P. Ward
175	central	05/13/97	D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, M. Ward, P. Ward, T. Ward
173	central	05/06/86	D. Bohlen, R. Mudd, R. Randall, P. Ward
172	central	05/10/89	D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, S. Robinson, P. Ward
170	central	05/11/74	D. Bohlen, T. Crabtree, V. Kleen, W. O'Brien, R. Randall, P. Ward
161	central	05/12/03	B. Atwood, D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, R. Randall, P. Ward, T. Ward
161	Knox Co.	05/12/96	M. Baum
161	central	05/05/07	T. Mahan
159	central	05/10/91	D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, R. Randall
159	central	05/10/95	D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, R. Randall, P. Ward
159	central	05/15/99	R. Chapel, E. Chato, G. Lambeth

### Northern

174	northwest	05/16/05	A. Frohlich, V. Kleen, K. McKay
165	Cook Co.	05/15/99	A. Boone, J. Engel, M. Retter, E. Walters
163	Lake Co.	05/20/97	R. Baade, S. De Vore, D. Johnson
162	northwest	05/19/99	K. McKay, Peer
161	northeast	05/19/89	E. Walters
160	northwest	05/10/00	V. Kleen, K. McKay
159	Lake Co.	05/17/96	R. Baade, S. De Vore, D. Johnson, E. Walters
158	northeast	05/14/78	B. Kirshner, J. Sanders
156	northwest	05/13/98	D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, K. McKay, R. Randall, M. Ward
155	northeast	05/17/89	T. Brown, E. Walters

### Multi-Region

184#	ne/east-central	05/17/97	S. Bailey, R. Hughes, D. Mandell, S. Mlodinow, J. O'Brien, S. Patti
176	nw/west-central	05/16/05	A. Frohlich, V. Kleen, K. McKay
174	ne/east-central	05/11/96	S. Bailey, R. Hughes, D. Mandell, S. Mlodinow, J. O'Brien, S. Patti
173	ne/east-central	05/20/95	R. Hughes, D. Mandell, J. O'Brien, S. Patti
171	ne/east-central	05/16/98	S. Bailey, R. Hughes, D. Mandell, S. Mlodinow, J. O'Brien, S. Patti
163	ne/east-central	05/15/93	D. Mandell, S. Mlodinow, J. O'Brien, S. Suter
161	all regions	05/19/86	D. Bohlen, J. Greenberg, V. Kleen, S. Robinson (aircraft assisted)
154	ne/east-central	05/14/94	R. Hughes, D. Mandell, S. Mlodinow, J. O'Brien, S. Suter
153	central/southern	05/07/72	D. Bohlen, W. Bremser, T. Crabtree, W. O'Brien, R. Randall, P. Ward
144	ne/east-central	05/18/05	J. Lill, J. Sundberg, K. Sundberg

(Special Mention: this was the Midwest record for a few years before State Big Days came into fashion)

167	ne IL./nw IN	05/18/63	C. Clark, R. Grow, C. Westcott
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## **June**

### Southern

122	southern	06/19/00	D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
102	southern	06/03/98	C. Hutcheson, V. Kleen

### Central

101	east-central	06/12/04	E. Walters
93	east-central	06/02/03	C. Gordon, J. Lill, J. Sundberg, K. Sundberg
93	east-central	06/02/04	C. Gordon, J. Lill, J. Sundberg, K. Sundberg
82	central	06/23/07	J. Mountjoy
67	Henderson Co.	06/13/06	D. Stotz

### Northern

129	northern	06/02/06	C. Gordon, J. Lill, J. Sundberg, K. Sundberg
104	Putnam Co.	06/03/04	D. Stotz
102	Putnam Co.	06/20/01	D. Stotz
100	Winnebago Co.	06/12/94	A. Branham, J. Donaldson
68	Palos (Cook)	06/10/89	E. Walters

### Multi-Region

143	ne/east-central	06/02/04	C. Gordon, J. Lill, J. Sundberg, K. Sundberg
135	ne/east-central	06/02/03	C. Gordon, J. Lill, J. Sundberg, K. Sundberg

## **July**

### Southern

128	southern	07/31/03	D. Kassebaum, T. Mahan, K. McMullen
118	southern	07/29/00	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
101	southern	07/21/97	C. Hutcheson, D. Kvernes, R. Rothrock

### Central

117	west-central	07/30/07	J. Mountjoy
101	west-central	07/01/07	J. Mountjoy
90	central	07/31/04	J. Mountjoy
90	Scott Co.	07/22/06	T. Kuesel, C. Taylor
89	east-central	07/17/02	C. Gordon, J. Lill, J. Sundberg, K. Sundberg

### Northern

109	Putnam/Ogle/Lee	07/15/04	D. Stotz
104	northeast	07/31/65	C. Clark, C. Westcott
101	Putnam/Bureau	07/02/04	D. Stotz
87	northeast	07/21/63	L. Binford, C. Clark
83	Ogle/McHn/Kane	07/01/07	M. Fletcher, J. Skrentny, C. Yon

### Multi-Region

125	ne/east-central	07/17/02	C. Gordon, J. Lill, J. Sundberg, K. Sundberg
116	ne/east-central	07/10/99	D. Stotz
109	ne/east-central	07/19/01	J. Lill, J. Sundberg, K. Sundberg
108	ne/east-central	07/27/99	J. Lill, J. Sundberg, K. Sundberg
98	multi-region	07/13/05	D. Stotz

## **August**

### Southern

123	southern	08/19/00	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
96	southern	08/22/05	K. McMullen

### Central

118	central	08/21/99	R. Chapel
105	L.Chautauqua	08/14/99	S. Bailey

### Northern

120	northern	08/25/05	D. Stotz
116	northern	08/10/05	D. Stotz
115	northeast	08/29/92	D. Mandell, J. O'Brien, W. Serafin
113	Cook/Lake	08/31/63	C. Clark, C. Westcott
89	northeast	08/31/77	K. Brock, T. Cable, M. Chaneske, M. Dani

### Multi-Region

136	southern/central	08/27/05	D. Kassebaum, T. Mahan
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## September

### Southern

141	southern	09/16/00	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
120	Carlyle Lake	09/09/00	D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
101	Carlyle Lake	09/30/01	K. McMullen
100	Carlyle Lake	09/01/01	K. McMullen

### Central

108	west-central	09/18/04	E. Walters
101	east-central	09/31/98	D. Stotz
94	central	09/08/07	J. Mountjoy
91	central	09/27/97	M. Piwoni, D. Thomas

### Northern

129	northeast	09/27/91	W. Marcisz, W. Serafin, E. Walters
117	Cook/Lake	09/06/65	L. Binford, C. Clark, C. Westcott
113	n. central	09/09/05	D. Stotz
108	northeast	09/14/76	S. Mlodinow
106	Will/Grundy	09/22/98	D. Stotz

### Multi-Region

## October

### Southern

127	southern	10/01/00	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
91	Carlyle Lake	10/01/97	K. McMullen

### Central

116	central	10/01/96	D. Bohlen, V. Kleen
109	McLean Co.	10/09/97	M. Retter, B. Wiltshire
91	Sangamon Co.	10/17/99	D. Bohlen

### Northern

113	northeast	10/01/67	C. Clark, one other birder
97	Lake Calumet	10/02/98	D. Stotz
97	northern	10/05/06	D. Stotz
89	IBSP	10/14/95	J. Engel, E. Walters
83	n. central	10/21/05	D. Stotz

### Multi-Region

## November

### Southern

105	southern	11/01/03	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, T. Mahan, K. McMullen
99	southern	11/05/00	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen

### Central

76	central	11/03/07	J. Mountjoy
66	central	11/20/02	B. Princen

### Northern

83	n. central	11/03/05	D. Stotz
81	northern	11/01/06	D. Stotz
78	Cook/DuPage	11/03/95	E. Walters
75	Cook/Lake	11/11/98	J. Engel
74	northern	11/15/06	D. Stotz

Multi-Region

79 south-central 11/20/06 J. Chapman

**December**

Southern

100 southern 12/06/03 F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, T. Mahan, K. McMullen  
93 southern 12/02/00 F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen  
87 Union Co. 12/29/07 D. Stotz  
81 southern 12/29/06 D. Stotz  
79 Alexander Co. 12/29/03 S. Bailey, T. Hinckley

Central

93 central 12/17/00 D. Bohlen, B. Dyer

Northern

73 northeast 12/16/98 D. Stotz  
63 northcentral 12/20/98 P. Boeing, J. Hampson, C. McKee, J. McKee  
62 northeast 12/24/71 L. Balch, L. Binford, C. Clark, B. Tweit  
62 Putnam/Bureau 12/18/04 D. Stotz  
59 northeast 12/06/69 C. Clark, 4 other birders

Multi-Region

75 south-central 12/28/06 J. Chapman  
75 south-central 12/30/06 J. Chapman

**Records by Season**

*Southern dates:* Winter: 12/20-2/9 Spring: 2/10-5/31 Summer: 6/1-8/20 Fall: 8/21-12/19  
*Central dates:* Winter: 12/15-2/14 Spring: 2/15-6/5 Summer: 6/6-8/15 Fall: 8/16-12/14  
*Northern dates:* Winter: 12/10-2/19 Spring: 2/20-6/10 Summer: 6/11-8/10 Fall: 8/11-12/9

**Winter**

Southern

103 southern 01/29/00 F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen

Central

93 central 12/17/00 D. Bohlen, B. Dyer

Northern

73 northeast 12/16/98 D. Stotz

**Spring**

Southern

175 southern 05/05/97 J. DeNeal, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen

Central

175 central 05/09/94 D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, R. Randall, M. Ward, P. Ward  
175 central 05/13/97 D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, M. Ward, P. Ward, T. Ward

Northern

174 northwest 05/16/05 A. Frohlich, V. Kleen, K. McKay

Multi-Region

184# ne/east-central 05/17/97 S. Bailey, R. Hughes, D. Mandell, S. Mlodinow, J. O'Brien, S. Patti

**Summer**

Southern

128 southern 07/31/03 D. Kassebaum, T. Mahan, K. McMullen

Central

105 L.Chautauqua 08/14/99 S. Bailey

Northern

116 northern 08/10/05 D. Stotz

Multi-Region

125 ne/east-central 07/17/02 C. Gordon, J. Lill, J. Sundberg, K. Sundberg

**Fall**

Southern

141 southern 09/16/00 F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen

Central

118 central 08/21/99 R. Chapel

Northern

129 northeast 09/27/91 W. Marcisz, W. Serafin, E. Walters

**Non-motorized Big Days**

Also in conjunction with the Birding Blitz, the non-motorized category mirrored the tight competition seen in the Big Day tussle. The Williamson's record 2007 effort was nearly matched by the Juhlin, Lang, Mullison and Rothrock team. Both teams pedaled past the old record by more than 11%, with the Williamson team squeaking across the finish line a mere single species ahead! With their added experience and competitive juices stirred, it'll be interesting what will happen this April if they once again go head-to-head!

128	Union Co.	04/28/07	C. Williamson, G. Williamson (bicycle)
127	Johnson/Pulaski	04/28/07	S. Juhlin, V. Lang, D. Mullison, R. Rothrock (bicycle)
114	Jackson/Union	04/24/04	S. Juhlin, V. Lang, R. Rothrock (bicycle)
114	Union Co.	04/29/06	C. Williamson, G. Williamson (bicycle)
112	Jackson/Union	04/26/03	V. Lang, D. Mullison, R. Rothrock (bicycle)
111	southern	04/26/03	M. Baltz, J. Hoover, A. Pyle, J. Stevenson (bicycle)
102	southern	04/27/02	M. Baltz, J. Hoover, N. West (bicycle)
97	Jackson Co.	04/27/02	S. Juhlin, V. Lang, D. Mullison, R. Rothrock (bicycle/canoe)
87	Salt Creek (Cook)	05/15/05	D. Stotz (walking)
87	Rock Springs N.C.	05/05/06	T. Mahan, E. Walters (walking)
84	Lincoln Park	05/21/06	G. Williamson (walking)
83	Lincoln Park	05/13/06	G. Williamson (walking)
82	Salt Creek (Cook)	05/09/04	D. Stotz (walking)
80	Northwestern U.	05/15/01	E. Walters (walking)

**Top All-time County Big Days**

Last year we commented that only three tallies had broken into the top 10 of this list in the prior decade, suggesting it had become quite a challenge. Surprisingly, this past year broke that trend as three tallies muscled into the alltime top 10. Frank Bennett's Massac tally was only the 4th County Big Day to hit 160. The Ward's made it to #6 with their great Brown County effort. Finally, the Williamson County Big Day effort by Hinkley, LaSalle and Merkelbach became the 10th best tally in this category. Starting this year, we're including all County Big Day tallies of 150 or more.

1)	165	05/15/99	Cook Co.	A. Boone, J. Engel, M. Retter, E. Walters
2)	163	05/20/97	Lake Co.	R. Baade, S. De Vore, D. Johnson
3)	161	05/12/96	Knox Co.	M. Baum
4)	160	05/05/07	Massac Co.	F. Bennett
5)	159	05/17/96	Lake Co.	R. Baade, S. De Vore, D. Johnson, E. Walters
6)	158	05/05/07	Brown Co.	M. Ward, T. Ward
7)	155	05/07/05	Brown Co.	M. Ward, T. Ward
	155	05/09/94	Sangamon Co.	D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, R. Randall, M. Ward, P. Ward
9)	154	05/08/04	Fayette Co.	T. Mahan
10)	153	04/28/07	Williamson Co.	T. Hinkley, R. LaSalle, J. Merkelbach
	151	05/15/99	Cook Co.	W. Serafin, C. Williamson, G. Williamson, K. Wysocki
	151	05/22/06	Lake Co.	J. Engel, E. Walters
	151	05/05/07	Knox Co.	M. Baum, J. Mountjoy

### County Big Days

We've already mentioned the great County Big Days by Bennett in Massac, the Wards in Brown, and Hinkley, LaSalle and Merkelback in Williamson; all of which exceeded 152 species and set new County Big Day standards in the process. Another great Big Day was recorded in Knox County, where Mike Baum and Jim Mountjoy recorded 151 species. This was 2nd best ever in that county and one of the top 15 alltime County Big Days. Other noteworthy records set were Robert Randall's 128 in Cass, Matt Fraker/Matthew Winks' 126 in Woodford, Ron Bradley's 118 in Gallatin and Tim Kuesel/Craig Taylor's 115 in Henry. Fourteen new County Big Day records were submitted this year, with 11 of them having tallies of over 100 species. Plenty of counties would establish a new threshold if 100 species were to be recorded, a tally attainable in all counties during their spring peak. In addition, it's worth noting that any Big Day submission for Calhoun, Christian, Edgar, Jefferson or Pike Counties would immediately become that county's top record as those 5 have, as of now, no submissions!

(100 minimum, or top three totals; 135 in Cook)    **Key:** \* = alltime County Big Day Record

#### **ADAMS**

109 05/09/03 M. Gallagher, K. Vail  
107 05/04/01 M. Gallagher, K. Vail  
104 05/06/06 E. Walters

#### **ALEXANDER**

123 05/09/87 T. Fink  
79 12/29/03 S. Bailey, T. Hinckley  
73 12/28/07 K. McKay, C. Taylor

#### **BOND**

85 05/11/04 E. Walters

#### **BOONE**

105 05/21/02 D. Stotz  
68 05/08/06 E. Walters

#### **BROWN**

158 05/05/07 M. Ward, T. Ward  
155 05/07/05 M. Ward, T. Ward  
144 05/06/00 M. Ward, T. Ward

#### **BUREAU**

130 05/10/03 D. Stotz  
124 05/07/05 D. Stotz  
124 05/05/07 J. Lill, D. Stotz  
116 05/06/00 D. Stotz  
115 05/05/01 D. Stotz  
106 05/08/99 D. Stotz

#### **CALHOUN**

#### **CARROLL**

123 05/16/98 E. Walters

#### **CASS**

128 05/05/07 R. Randall  
111 05/05/01 R. Randall  
109 05/06/06 R. Randall  
108 05/09/87 R. Randall

#### **CHAMPAIGN**

131 05/08/04 G. Lambeth

## CHRISTIAN

### CLARK

89 05/07/04 E. Walters  
76 04/29/05 E. Walters

### CLAY

69 07/13/05 D. Stotz  
46 07/01/03 D. Stotz  
41 05/07/05 T. Esker

### CLINTON

100 05/16/04 C. Taylor  
94 09/22/07 E. Walters  
85 09/21/04 D. Stotz

### COLES

68 05/15/04 E. Walters

### COOK (135 minimum)

165\* 05/15/99 A. Boone, J. Engel, M. Retter, E. Walters  
151 05/15/99 W. Serafin, C. Williamson, G. Williamson, K. Wysocki  
149 05/19/96 J. Engel, E. Walters  
146 05/13/00 C. Alberico, W. Serafin, G. Williamson, K. Wysocki  
142 05/16/98 C. Alberico, S. Friscia, W. Serafin, K. Wysocki  
140 05/19/02 C. Gordon, B. Moskoff, J. Sundberg, K. Sundberg  
140 05/11/03 S. Huggins, W. Serafin, G. Williamson, K. Wysocki  
138 05/18/03 C. Gordon, B. Goluboff, J. Sundberg, K. Sundberg  
136 05/23/92 S. Friscia, D. Mandell, W. Marcisz, J. O'Brien, W. Serafin

### CRAWFORD

76 05/07/04 E. Walters

### CUMBERLAND

45 03/24/07 E. Walters

### DE KALB

103 05/06/00 F. Lenski, D. Shambaugh  
100 05/10/97 F. Lenski, D. Shambaugh

### DE WITT

90 05/17/06 D. Stotz  
72 05/05/06 E. Walters  
61 01/02/06 C. Taylor

### DOUGLAS

115 05/05/07 M. Alessi  
76 05/09/87 F. Harty  
65 05/10/86 F. Harty

### DU PAGE

132 05/15/99 D. Kania, J. Pomatto, J. Suchecki  
132 05/17/97 D. Kania, J. Pomatto, J. Suchecki  
123 05/13/89 E. Walters  
122 05/08/04 A. Secker, E. Secker  
119 05/16/87 V. Byre, J. Hardt, R. Wagner, E. Walters  
116 05/15/86 D. Burdick, H. Cohen, M. Smith, D. Young  
115 05/06/89 E. Walters  
115 05/17/86 V. Byre, J. Hardt, R. Wagner, E. Walters  
112 05/16/87 D. Burdick, H. Cohen, M. Smith, D. Young  
110 05/07/86 E. Walters  
109 05/04/91 E. Walters

104 05/07/88 J. Hardt  
104 05/15/87 J. Hardt, E. Walters  
102 05/04/91 T. Brown

## **EDGAR**

## **EDWARDS**

54 05/01/06 D. Stotz

## **EFFINGHAM**

60 05/15/04 E. Walters

## **FAYETTE**

154 05/08/04 T. Mahan

## **FORD**

103 05/13/06 T. Kuesel, C.Taylor  
101 05/15/04 D. Stotz  
101 05/06/06 T. Kuesel, C.Taylor

## **FRANKLIN**

114 05/05/90 R. Danley  
111 05/04/91 R. Danley  
104 05/05/01 L. Stanley  
102 05/06/89 R. Danley

## **FULTON**

102 05/10/03 L.H. Princen  
95 05/09/05 E. Walters  
90 07/01/07 J. Mountjoy

## **GALLATIN**

118 05/05/07 R. Bradley  
106 05/06/06 R. Bradley  
105 05/06/89 R. Bradley  
103 05/05/90 R. Bradley  
102 05/07/88 R. Bradley  
101 05/04/91 R. Bradley

## **GREENE**

64 05/11/04 E. Walters

## **GRUNDY**

117 05/13/05 D. Stotz  
108 05/10/98 D. Stotz

## **HAMILTON**

35 12/29/03 D. Stotz

## **HANCOCK**

96 05/06/05 E. Walters  
62 06/18/04 D. Stotz

## **HARDIN**

93 04/29/07 E. Walters  
75 05/01/05 E. Walters  
66 04/30/06 D. Stotz

## **HENDERSON**

67 06/13/06 D. Stotz  
62 06/18/04 D. Stotz

**HENRY**

115 05/05/07 T. Kuesel, C. Taylor  
108 05/11/07 T. Kuesel, C. Taylor  
105 05/10/06 D. Stotz

**IROQUOIS**

96 05/22/02 D. Stotz

**JACKSON**

146 05/09/92 J. De Neal, T. Fink  
97 04/27/02 S. Juhlin, V. Lang, D. Mullison, R. Rothrock

**JASPER**

128 05/04/96 E. Kirshner, J. Walk

**JEFFERSON****JERSEY**

75 05/19/01 D. Stotz

**JO DAVIESS**

93 05/05/90 D. Cederstrom  
92 05/07/88 D. Cederstrom  
92 05/22/04 D. Stotz

**JOHNSON**

77 04/25/99 D. Stotz

**KANE**

133 05/15/05 S. Cohrs  
100 05/01/04 S. Cohrs, J. Duerr

**KANKAKEE**

108 05/16/02 J. Chapman  
94 05/12/01 D. Stotz  
52 01/02/05 D. Stotz

**KENDALL**

124 05/07/00 D. Stotz  
117 05/11/99 D. Stotz  
53 01/01/00 D. Stotz

**KNOX**

161 05/12/96 M. Baum  
151 05/05/07 M. Baum, J. Mountjoy  
148 05/06/06 M. Baum, J. Mountjoy  
147 05/08/04 M. Baum, J. Mountjoy  
147 05/07/05 M. Baum, J. Mountjoy  
146 05/10/03 M. Baum, J. Mountjoy  
138 05/08/99 A. Reyburn

**LAKE**

163 05/20/97 R. Baade, S. De Vore, D. Johnson  
159 05/17/96 R. Baade, S. De Vore, D. Johnson, E. Walters  
151 05/22/06 J. Engel, E. Walters  
115 05/13/88 D. Hecklinger, A. Stokie

**LA SALLE**

144 05/12/96 C. McKee, J. McKee, J. Hampson

**LAWRENCE**

56 05/07/04 E. Walters

**LEE**

98 05/08/06 E. Walters  
96 05/17/03 D. Stotz

**LIVINGSTON**

106 05/02/03 D. Stotz

**LOGAN**

90 05/19/05 T. Kuesel, C. Taylor  
78 05/10/05 T. Kuesel, C. Taylor  
73 05/09/05 T. Kuesel, C. Taylor

**MACON**

141 05/07/05 T. Mahan  
138 05/10/90 R. Palmer  
132 05/05/06 T. Mahan, E. Walters

**MACOUPIN**

104 05/05/07 V. Hedrick  
82 08/18/07 T. Kuesel, C. Taylor  
79 05/07/01 D. Stotz

**MADISON**

127 05/04/96 F. Holmes, B. Wetteroth  
126 05/08/99 F. Holmes  
117 05/07/94 F. Holmes, B. Wetteroth  
114 05/06/00 F. Holmes

**MARION**

85 05/05/07 T. Esker  
69 09/23/07 E. Walters  
64 03/25/07 E. Walters

**MARSHALL**

99 05/06/06 M. Brucker, E. Yang  
80 04/10/02 D. Stotz

**MASON**

145 05/08/04 S. Bjorklund, S. Cohrs  
130 05/04/02 S. Bjorklund, S. Cohrs

**MASSAC**

160 05/05/07 F. Bennett  
89 04/25/99 D. Stotz  
74 04/27/07 C. Taylor

**MC DONOUGH**

104 04/29/01 D. Benson, H. Benson, A. Moorehouse, D. Moorehouse, J. Rink

**MC HENRY**

128 05/17/98 R. Baade, D. Fiske, B. Meding  
117 05/15/02 'Birding Buddies'  
82 09/18/97 R. Baade, E. Walters

**MC LEAN**

146 05/10/00 T. Bugg, M. Retter  
144 05/09/99 J. Rink, M. Retter, B. Wiltshire  
132 05/08/99 R. Frissora, J. Kincade, M. Retter, B. Wiltshire  
118 05/17/98 T. Dilley, J. Engel, M. Retter, J. Rink

**MENARD**

45 07/24/04 D. Stotz

**MERCER**

131 05/09/92 P. Peterson  
111 05/08/76 P. Peterson, W. Zuurdeeg  
100 05/07/05 E. Walters

**MONROE**

128 05/10/86 R. Goetz  
116 05/09/87 R. Goetz  
64 05/08/01 D. Stotz

**MONTGOMERY**

105 05/07/05 L. Acs, R. Jack  
93 05/08/04 L. Acs, R. Jack  
86 05/10/03 L. Acs, R. Jack

**MORGAN**

132 05/09/96 P. Ward  
71 05/08/06 E. Walters

**MOULTRIE**

38 12/31/06 D. Stotz

**OGLE**

101 05/14/05 D. Stotz  
95 06/06/01 D. Stotz  
83 05/08/06 E. Walters

**PEORIA**

93 04/28/02 L. Princen  
75 05/09/05 E. Walters

**PERRY**

106 05/05/07 B. Chandler  
103 05/04/02 B. Chandler

**PIATT**

58 05/05/06 E. Walters

**PIKE****POPE**

127 05/04/91 J. De Neal  
75 05/09/87 L. Stritch  
68 05/01/05 E. Walters

**PULASKI**

146 05/08/93 J. Andrews, J. De Neal, T. Fink, R. Lindsey  
84 05/06/89 A. West  
81 04/27/06 E. Secker, C. Taylor

**PUTNAM**

125 05/19/04 D. Stotz  
115 05/06/03 D. Stotz  
111 04/30/04 P. Cruikshank, D. Stotz  
110 06/03/04 D. Stotz  
102 06/20/01 D. Stotz

**RANDOLPH**

47 12/29/06 D. Stotz

**RICHLAND**

39 07/13/05 D. Stotz

**ROCK ISLAND**

54 06/18/04 D. Stotz

**ST. CLAIR**

70 05/08/02 D. Stotz

**SALINE**

90 05/08/04 E. Walters

**SANGAMON**

155 05/09/94 D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, R. Randall, M. Ward, P. Ward

145 05/14/96 D. Bohlen

136 05/01/00 D. Bohlen

**SCHUYLER**

77 05/11/04 E. Walters

**SCOTT**

89 07/22/06 T. Kuesel, C. Taylor

51 05/18/01 D. Stotz

**SHELBY**

39 07/13/05 D. Stotz

36 05/20/01 D. Stotz

**STARK**

112 05/08/04 J. Walk

106 05/06/06 J. Walk

**STEPHENSON**

106 05/15/07 D. Stotz

76 05/27/05 D. Stotz

56 04/27/02 D. Stotz

**TAZEWELL**

52 05/18/01 D. Stotz

**UNION**

149 05/06/78 J.T. Erwin, V. Kleen

140 05/07/76 V. Kleen

137 05/08/99 S. Bailey, P. Weber

135 05/07/05 S. Bailey

128 05/09/92 V. Kleen

114 04/29/06 C. Williamson, G. Williamson (bicycle)

113 04/28/07 S. Bailey, T. Mahan, C. Taylor, D. Williams

**VERMILION**

104 05/11/04 B. Chato, J. Smith

**WABASH**

78 05/07/04 E. Walters

50 03/24/07 E. Walters

**WARREN**

47 06/18/04 D. Stotz

**WASHINGTON**

90 05/02/05 E. Walters

**WAYNE**

99 05/04/02 G. Rose  
89 05/01/06 D. Stotz  
58 05/09/87 M. Marti

**WHITE**

84 05/05/07 J. Horn  
52 04/30/06 D. Stotz

**WHITESIDE**

113 05/13/07 D. Stotz  
73 09/11/04 D. Stotz

**WILL**

115 05/13/98 D. Stotz

**WILLIAMSON**

153 04/28/07 T. Hinkley, R. LaSalle, J. Merkelbach  
75 05/09/04 E. Walters

**WINNEBAGO**

145 05/19/96 A. Branhagen, J. Donaldson  
115 05/15/95 B. Grover  
112 05/11/96 A. Branhagen

**WOODFORD**

126 05/05/07 M. Fraker, M. Winks  
61 09/18/04 D. Stotz

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