

IOS Listers Corner 2011

Yard Life Lists: Rural, Suburban & Urban

Of the various highlights in Yard Lists over the last year the most notable is Michael Baum joining the "200 Club!" He's only the second person able to reach that mark. Other noteworthy changes include Matt Fraker's increase of 14 species in his Carlock yard, tying him for second in the Rural category. The suburban yards of Matthew Cvetas (+12) and Doug Stotz (+8) had the largest overall increases of those with tallies over 125.

(updated 3/31/12; compiled by Eric Walters & Joe Lill)

Key: italics = final tally at site * = last updated in 2010 # = last updated pre-2010

Backyard Life List-Suburban

207	Richard Biss	Lake Villa	5#
194	Karen Fisher	Downers Grove	41
193	Bob Fisher	Downers Grove	41
178	Donnie Dann	Highland Park	26
176	<i>Muriel Smith</i>	<i>West Chicago</i>	13
175	Jeff Donaldson	Rockford	33#
163	Marilyn F. Campbell	Georgetown	30#
160	<i>Laurence C. Binford</i>	<i>Glencoe</i>	48
156	Kay Hanson	Hinsdale	18#
153	Jill Anderson	River Forest	25
152	David Brenner	Lincolnwood	42#
143	John McKee	Ottawa	30
143	Robert Q. Randall	Jacksonville	6#
142	<i>Craig Miller</i>	<i>Lake in the Hills</i>	4
140	Doug Stotz	Westchester	13
137	Jon J. Duerr	St. Charles	32
135	Josh Engel	Evanston	14#
135	Wes Serafin	Orland Park	28#
134	Eric Secker	Wheaton	19
133	Matthew Cvetas	Evanston	6
127	Mike Madsen	Woodridge	28*
125	Melinda Born Chapman	Woodridge	13
123	Cynthia McKee	Ottawa	10#
123	Donna Motherway	Riverwoods	14#
123	Richard Peiser	Glen Ellyn	14#
120	Jeff Chapman	Woodridge	12*
120	Carolyn Fields	Palatine	10#
120	Jeff Sundberg	Libertyville	20
120	Eric Walters	Zion	7
119	<i>Bob Vanderpoel</i>	<i>Des Plaines</i>	17
118	Ted Hartzler	Minonk	36
118	Alex Meloy	Evanston	30
115	Roy Peterson	Lake Forest	42#
114	Todd Anderson	Mundelein #2	2
113	Michael Hogg	Northbrook	30
113	Larry L. Hood	Bushnell	12#
112	Dick Young	Naperville	5#
110	Denis Bohm	Mettawa	8#
106	Julie Long	St. Charles	25#
106	<i>Eric Walters</i>	<i>Glen Ellyn</i>	5
104	Fran Morel	Evanston	7
104	Sid Steele	Charleston	7#
100	Amos Miner	Lake Bluff	18#
97	Bruce Heimer	Elmhurst	23
97	Marcia Lonergan	Lake Forest	18#

97	Cyndi Lubecke	Prospect Heights	22
95	Jerry Diederich	Morris	23#
95	<i>Mike Madsen</i>	<i>Lisle</i>	4
94	<i>Randall Mains</i>	<i>Naperville</i>	4
93	Jim Solum	Gurnee	21#
89	<i>Todd Anderson</i>	<i>Mundelein #1</i>	14
89	Joe Suchecki	Naperville	25
89	Craig Taylor	LaGrange	25
87	Cindy Alberico	Crest Hill	20#
87	Sue Friscia	Alsip	19
86	Myrna Deaton	Decatur	11#
86	Al Dierkes	Quincy	5#
85	John Baker	St. Charles	4*
85	Denis Kania	Naperville	12#
83	Bill A. Bertrand	Aledo	34
82	John P. Leonard	Glenview	11*
81	<i>Craig Litteken</i>	<i>Belleville</i>	3
79	<i>Marie Nilsson</i>	<i>Evanston</i>	4
78	Urs Geiser	Woodridge	20
76	Kevin Wright	Canton	7#
70	<i>George Roberts</i>	<i>Lake Forest</i>	3
69	Jean Lesniak	Niles	25#
66	Jay Jaeger	Minooka	7
65	Vernon Kleen	Springfield	6#
65	Ruth Lempert	Glenview	17#
57	<i>David Irons</i>	<i>Fairmount</i>	3
57	David B. Johnson	Buffalo Grove	9#

Backyard Life List-Rural

200	Michael Baum	Dahinda	23
196	Matt Fraker	Carlock	11
196	Michael Ward	Nortonville	12#
191	Dan Williams	Rockford	19
187	Judy De Neal	Harrisburg	13#
183	James O. Smith	Homer	50#
173	<i>Todd Fink</i>	<i>Ozark</i>	11
161	Darlene Fiske	Woodstock	44#
160	Bob Shelby	West Salem	27
147	<i>Vernon Kleen</i>	<i>Athens</i>	20
144	Todd Bugg	Lexington	7
140	Michael L. Retter	Colfax	5#
139	<i>Jeff Walk</i>	<i>Newton</i>	3
139	Laraine Wright	Makanda Twp.	22#
137	<i>Dan Miller</i>	<i>Murphysboro</i>	2
136	Rhonda Rothrock	Pomona	3#
132	Thad Edmonds	Dunlap	8
127	Matt Fraker	Bloomington	30

126	Pete Fenner	East Peoria	14*
117	Renee Baade	Woodstock	6
115	Ken Vail	Quincy	9#
113	Larry L. Hood	Bushnell	12#
108	Sean Carroll	Lakemoor	4#
99	Ken Heinze	Quincy	6#
98	Richard Funk	Charleston	25#
81	Wayne Wachholz	Prophetstown	8#
75	Wilda D. Sutherland	Pleasant Hill	23#
74	Dustin Holschuh	Rock Falls	8*
70	Rosemarie Kirwan	Lake Villa	3#
68	Marilyn Hougland	Pleasant Hill	18#
51	Kathryn Schmid	Cissna Park	9#

Backyard Life List-Urban

170	Beth Chato	Urbana	46*
138	Helen I. Wuestenfeld	Jerseyville	28#
128	Jim Mountjoy	Galesburg #2	9
121	Tom Schulenberg	Chicago	12
113	Richard Biss	Franklin Park	11
111	Keith McMullen	O'Fallon	15#
100	Alex Bloss	Chicago	18
100	Tom Lally	Chicago	11#
97	Brad Grover	Belvidere	5#
92	Ronald C. Flemal	DeKalb	12#
92	Frank Holmes	Granite City	25
90	Michael Baum	Galesburg	4#
89	Mike Donahue	Danville	5#
87	Jim Mountjoy	Galesburg #1	2
84	Joe Lill	Chicago	22
77	Jane Pedersen	Chicago	18#
73	Paul Quagliana	Chicago	6#
66	Geoffrey Williamson	Chicago	7
63	Randy Wade	Chicago	49#
61	Roger Digges	Urbana	12
56	Jerry Arduino	Chicago	2#

Backyard Life List-Household

200	Bob & Karen Fisher	Downers Grove	41
164	Karen & Ted Forcum	Mode	42#
161	Binford Household	Glencoe	48
129	Jeff & Melinda Born Chapman	Woodridge	12*
126	Jim & Beth Harris	St. Anne	6
125	Judy & Scott Pollock	Evanston	13#
117	Joyce & Peter Boyle	Lake Forest	7#
106	Don & Ferne Rogers	Charleston	40#
95	Pete & Sally Fenner	East Peoria	12#
87	Joel/Dorothy Orlinsky	Ingleside	4#

Backyard Big Days (Big Sit)

A Backyard Big Day is defined as the number of species one identifies from a stationary location in one's yard during the course of one day.

85	M. Baum	Dahinda	05/10/96
78	R. Biss	Lake Villa	05/13/98
66	K. & B. Fisher	Downers Grove	09/09/00
65	K. & B. Fisher	Downers Grove	05/10/02
55	R. Biss	Lake Villa	10/17/99
41	D. Motherway	Riverwoods	05/16/02

Backyard Big Years

For the first time since 2003, a Backyard Big Year tally breached 100. Both Doug Stotz in Westchester (25% increase over past record) and Matthew Cvetas in Evanston (23% increase) were able to join only three others who've accomplished 100+ in a yard in one year. We'll take the top three best years of those who annually count the species passing through their yard. (50 species minimum)

158	Richard Biss	Lake Villa	1997
148	Richard Biss	Lake Villa	1998
142	Richard Biss	Lake Villa	1999
133	Karen/Bob Fisher	Downers Grove	2002
106	Doug Stotz	Westchester	2011
104	Jill Anderson	River Forest	2003
102	Matthew Cvetas	Evanston	2011
95	Eric Secker	Wheaton	2002
90	Tom Schulenberg	Chicago	2006
89	Tom Schulenberg	Chicago	2007
88	Darlene Fiske	Woodstock	2010
85	Doug Stotz	Westchester	2004
83	Matthew Cvetas	Evanston	2010
82	Matthew Cvetas	Evanston	2009
80	Tom Schulenberg	Chicago	2005
80	Eric Secker	Wheaton	2005
80	Darlene Fiske	Woodstock	2009
79	Eric Secker	Wheaton	2003
77	Pete Fenner	East Peoria	2008
76	Jeff/Melinda Chapman	Woodridge	2009
74	Eric Walters	Zion	2005
72	Fran Morel	Evanston	2011
72	Eric Walters	Zion	2011
66	Eric Walters	Zion	2010
66	Darlene Fiske	Woodstock	2011
59	Cyndi Lubecke	Prospect Hts.	2009
58	Todd Anderson	Mundelein	2009
56	Pete Fenner	East Peoria	2007
56	Todd Anderson	Mundelein	2008
54	Cyndi Lubecke	Prospect Hts.	2011

Updates & corrections?

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