

IOS Listers Corner 2013

Site and Area Lists: Life Lists, Big Days & Big Years

Site Life Lists

Chicago's Lincoln Park showed a lot of activity this year. Nine people turned in higher numbers for this location, including an increase of 18 species for Michelle Devlin. New sites to appear on the lists this year include Meredosia N.W.R. (large - Eric Walters), Springbrook Golf Club (small - Jeff Smith), Bunker Hill F.P. (small - Tom Lally), and Thompson Causeway R.A. (very small - Eric Walters). Sites showing double-figure increases over previous high totals were Des Plaines Conservation Area (Doug Stotz) and Lake Renwick Preserve (Andrew Aldrich).

Italics represent an inactive Illinois birder (i.e. deceased or lives out-of-state). (updated 4/26/14)

Lake Michigan Ecosystem (east of I-94/US 41)					
(Large and Medium Sites only; 150 minimum)					
324	Chicago's Lincoln Park	R. Hughes	195	Chicago's Lincoln Park	C. Taylor
308	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Purcell	195	Lake Calumet	D. Stotz
303	Chicago's Lincoln Park	O. McHugh	195	Wadsworth Wetlands	S. Hickman
294	Chicago's Lincoln Park	G. Williamson	195	Lake Calumet	D. Stotz
292	Chicago's Lincoln Park	G. Neise	191	Wadsworth Wetlands	<i>S. Hickman</i>
290	Chicago's Lincoln Park	L. Muñoz	189	Chicago's Jackson Park	<i>K. Hanson</i>
290	Illinois Beach State Park	A. Stokie	187	Lake Forest Nature Preserves	R. Peterson
286	Chicago's Jackson Park	P. Clyne	186	Lake Calumet	E. Walters
286	Illinois Beach State Park	E. Walters	184	Illinois Beach State Park	J. McDaniel
282	Chicago's Lincoln Park	E. Walters	184	Skokie Lagoons	E. Walters
280	Chicago's Lincoln Park	K. Hirabayashi	178	Chicago's Jackson Park	S. Friscia
279	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Sanders	175	Wadsworth Wetlands	A. Stokie
278	Chicago's Lincoln Park	T. Kelly	173	Chicago's Jackson Park	A. Stokie
278	Illinois Beach State Park	R. Erickson	171	Illinois Beach State Park	J. Chapman
276	Chicago's Lincoln Park	D. Antieau	167	Chicago's Jackson Park	E. Walters
270	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Lill		Chicago's Burnham Park	E. Walters
267	Chicago's Lincoln Park	A. Meloy		Wadsworth Wetlands	J. Sanders
263	Chicago's Lincoln Park	M. Devlin			
261	Chicago's Lincoln Park	F. Morel			
256	Chicago's Lincoln Park	<i>W. Dreuth</i>	325	Large (greater than 3 sq. miles/1920 acres)	
256	Chicago's Lincoln Park	A. Stokie	299	(150 minimum)	
253	Chicago's Jackson Park	D. Anderson	294	Chautauqua N.W.R.	K. Richmond
253	Chicago's Burnham Park	D. Stotz	290	Carlyle Lake	K. McMullen
253	Chicago's Lincoln Park	M. Cvetas	270	Horseshoe Lake C.A.	F. Holmes
<u>253</u>	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Engel	268	Rice Lake C.A.	K. Richmond
244	Chicago's Lincoln Park	B. Fisher	259	Fermilab	P. Kasper
244	Chicago's Lincoln Park	K. Fisher	257	Pratt's Wayne Woods F.P.	P. Moxon
243	Chicago's Lincoln Park	B. Heimer	257	Carlyle Lake	T. Mahan
243	Waukegan Beach & Harbor	E. Walters	257	Chautauqua N.W.R.	P. Moxon
238	Chicago's Jackson Park	S. Carpenter	257	Fermilab	P. Moxon
236	Chicago's Lincoln Park	P. Moxon	257	Mermet Lake C.A.	F. Bennett
235	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Norek	255	Hennepin & Hopper Lakes	D. Stotz
234	Chicago's Lincoln Park	T. Lally	253	Oak Run (Knox Co.)	M. Baum
232	Illinois Beach State Park	<i>S. Hickman</i>	<u>250</u>	Sanganois C.A.	K. Richmond
224	Wolf L.-Eggers Forest Pres.	D. Stotz	248	Rock Cut State Park	D. Williams
222	Waukegan Beach & Harbor	A. Stokie	246	Emiquon N.W.R.	P. Moxon
218	Skokie Lagoons	J. Sanders	245	Spring Lake C.A.	K. Richmond
207	Waukegan Beach & Harbor	J. Solum	237	Union County C.A.	V. Kleen
203	Chicago's Lincoln Park	S. Burckhardt	236	Prairie Ridge S.N.A.	J. Walk
201	Chicago's Jackson Park	J. Sanders	228	Rock Cut State Park	J. Donaldson
196	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Chapman	227	Lake Shelbyville	T. & K. Forcum
			222	Carlyle Lake	E. Walters
			221	Horseshoe Lake C.A.	K. McMullen

218	Fermilab	E. Secker	231	Nelson Lake Forest Preserve	J. Duerr
217	Waterfall Glen Forest Pres.	B. Fisher	227	Springbrook Prairie	J. Suchecki
216	Fermilab	U. Geiser	226	Morton Arboretum	P. Moxon
211	Carlyle Lake	C. Taylor	225	Greene Valley Forest Pres.	Je. Smith
211	Fermilab	B. Fisher	225	Kennekuk County Park	S. Bailey
210	Rock Cut State Park	B. Grover	224	Crabtree Nature Center	J. Sanders
210	Sand Ridge S.F.	K. Richmond	223	Greene Valley Forest Pres.	P. Moxon
206	Crab Orchard N.W.R.	L. Wright	220	Springbrook Prairie	P. Moxon
206	Hennepin & Hopper Lakes	T. Hartzler	216	Blackwell Forest Preserve	P. Moxon
206	Starved Rock State Park	C. McKee	212	Nelson Lake Forest Preserve	P. Moxon
205	Fermilab	K. Fisher	211	Blackwell Forest Preserve	E. Secker
204	Fermilab	E. Walters	207	Shabbona Lake State Park	R. Flemal
204	Lowden-Miller State Forest	P. Moxon	205	Morton Arboretum	J. Sanders
204	Palos Forest Preserves	E. Walters	204	Morton Arboretum	<i>J. Hardt</i>
204	Pratt's Wayne Woods F.P.	E. Secker	201	Greene Valley Forest Pres.	U. Geiser
201	Waterfall Glen Forest Pres.	K. Fisher	200	Morton Arboretum	<i>T. Brown</i>
201	Waterfall Glen Forest Pres.	U. Geiser	198	Greene Valley Forest Pres.	J. Chapman
200	Clear Lake	K. Richmond	196	Chicago Portage	J. Duran
200	Deer Grove F.P.	C. Fields	195	Morton Arboretum	M. Madsen
200	Illinois & Michigan Canal	D. Shambaugh	194	Morton Arboretum	<i>F. Swink</i>
194	Fermilab	J. Chapman	190	Morton Arboretum	J. Chapman
188	Starved Rock State Park	D. Shambaugh	190	Morton Arboretum	M.B. Chapman
182	Fermilab	A. Stokie	190	Severson Dells Forest Pres.	J. Donaldson
178	Clinton Lake	E. Walters	188	Blackwell Forest Preserve	E. Walters
176	Des Plaines Cons. Area	D. Stotz	188	Goose Lake Prairie State Pk.	J. Chapman
175	Pratt's Wayne Woods F.P.	U. Geiser	186	Afton Forest Preserve	D. Shambaugh
174	Midewin Tallgrass N.P.	D. Stotz	185	Sand Lake	K. Richmond
174	Waterfall Glen Forest Pres.	M. Madsen	183	Morton Arboretum	E. Secker
171	Fermilab	A. Aldrich	182	Morton Arboretum	<i>R. Wason</i>
169	Rend Lake	E. Walters	179	Lake Renwick Preserve	A. Aldrich
167	Two Rivers N.W.R.	E. Walters	178	Green Oaks Field Station	J. Mountjoy
165	Des Plaines Cons. Area	J. Chapman	176	Morton Arboretum	U. Geiser
165	Starved Rock State Park	E. Walters	175	McGinnis Slough	E. Walters
164	Lake Shelbyville	E. Walters	174	Nelson Lake Marsh	E. Secker
164	Union County C.A.	E. Walters	174	Silver Springs State Park	D. Shambaugh
163	Hennepin & Hopper Lakes	D. Shambaugh	173	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	E. Walters
163	Hennepin & Hopper Lakes	E. Walters	173	Nelson Lake Marsh	N. Bent
160	Rend Lake	D. Miller	173	Springbrook Prairie	U. Geiser
158	Mermet Lake C.A.	E. Walters	172	Springbrook Golf Course	Je. Smith
156	Meredosia N.W.R.	E. Walters	170	Nelson Lake Marsh	R. Reason
155	Jubilee College S.P.	M. Brucker	169	Rockford's Anna Page Park	D. Williams
154	Crab Orchard N.W.R.	E. Walters	167	Herrick Lake Forest Pres.	U. Geiser
154	Waterfall Glen Forest Pres.	J. Chapman	166	Crabtree Nature Center	<i>J. McDaniel</i>
150	Mississippi Palisades S.P.	E. Walters	166	Nelson Lake Forest Preserve	A. Aldrich
150	Pratt's Wayne Woods F.P.	E. Walters	165	Woodford County C.A.	<i>J. Rink</i>

Medium (from 1-3 sq.miles/640-1920 acres)
(125 minimum)

261	Crabtree Nature Center	C. Westcott	158	Herrick Lake Forest Pres.	P. Quagliana
252	McGinnis Slough	W. Serafin	157	Canton's Lakeland Park	<i>K. Wright</i>
<u>250</u>	Max McGraw Wildlife Fed.	R.Montgomery	157	Nachusa Grasslands	E. Walters
236	Greene Valley Forest Pres.	M. Madsen	154	Blackwell Forest Preserve	U. Geiser
235	Herrick Lake Forest Pres.	P. Moxon	153	LaSalle Lake	D. Shambaugh
233	Edgewood Farms	Ja. Smith	151	Lake Renwick Preserve	D. Stotz
233	Morton Arboretum	E. Walters	149	Goose Lake Prairie S.P.	D. Shambaugh
232	Shabbona Lake State Park	D. Shambaugh	149	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	C. Taylor

148	McGinnis Slough	J. Sanders	155	Lyons Woods Forest Pres.	E. Walters
145	Green River Cons. Area	D. Shambaugh	154	Redwing Slough S.N.A.	E. Walters
144	Nelson Lake Forest Preserve	D. Shambaugh	152	Chicago's Grant Park	E. Walters
140	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	D. Shambaugh	152	Hidden Lake Forest Preserve	E. Secker
140	Shabbona Lake State Park	E. Walters	151	Bunker Hill F.P.	T. Lally
137	Illini State Park	D. Shambaugh	151	Chicago's Rosehill Cemetery	C. Nelson
135	Port Louisa N.W.R.	E. Walters	151	Lock & Dam #13	E. Walters
132	Lincoln Trails State Park	E. Walters	149	Fox River Shores F.P.	E. Secker
129	Decatur's Rock Springs N.C.	E. Walters	146	Chicago's Rosehill Cemetery	M. Devlin
128	Washington County C.A.	E. Walters	145	Ryerson Conservation Area	E. Walters
127	Crabtree Nature Center	M. Perkowitz	142	Chicago's Calumet Park	E. Walters

Small (between .25-1 sq.mile/160-640 acres)
(125 minimum)

277	Evanston Lakefront	E. Walters
252	Chicago Botanic Garden	M. Hogg
<u>250</u>	Evanston Lakefront	J. Engel
248	West DuPage Woods	P. Moxon
240	Chicago Botanic Garden	J. Sanders
237	Chicago's Grant Park	D. Stotz
234	Chicago Botanic Garden	<i>L. Binford</i>
210	Whalon Lake Forest Pres.	Je. Smith
207	Whalon Lake Forest Pres.	P. Moxon
204	Glen Ellyn's Lake Ellyn	<i>B.T. Gault</i>
200	Great Lakes N.T.C.	E. Walters
200	Northpoint Marina	E. Walters
198	Chicago's Humboldt Park	S. Burckhardt
196	Whalon Lake Forest Pres.	M. Madsen
189	Hidden Lake Forest Preserve	E. Walters
186	Chicago's Rainbow Beach Pk.	D. Stotz
184	Chicago Botanic Garden	E. Walters
182	Fraker Farm (Carlock)	M. Fraker
179	Chicago Botanic Garden	A. Anderson
177	Hidden Lake Forest Preserve	U. Geiser
177	Springbrook Golf Club	J. Smith
175	Salt Creek Woods	D. Stotz
175	West DuPage Woods	E. Secker
174	Chicago Botanic Garden	J. Sundberg
173	Lock & Dam #13	J. Chapman
173	Milford Treatment Plant	E. Schunke
172	Beaubien Woods F.P.	D. Stotz
172	Evanston Lakefront	M. Cvetas
171	Oakhurst Forest Preserve	A. Aldrich
167	Chicago Botanic Garden	A. Stokie
167	N. Galesburg Dog Walk Area	J. Mountjoy
165	Chicago's Calumet Park	D. Stotz
159	Spring Bluff Forest Preserve	E. Walters
157	Hidden Lake Forest Preserve	J. Chapman
156	Upper Spring Lake	E. Walters
156	Whalon Lake Forest Pres.	A. Aldrich

Very Small (less than .25 sq.mile/160 acres)
(100 minimum)

257	Wilmette's Gillson Park	E. Walters
<u>231</u>	Wilmette's Gillson Park	J. Sanders
194	North Shore Chan.-Evanston	E. Walters
177	Judson University	E. Secker
165	Chicago's Navy Pier	R. Eiseman
161	Chicago's Navy Pier	E. Walters
159	Sannauk Forest Preserve	D. Shambaugh
158	Oak Bluff Savanna	M. Brucker
157	Chicago's Northerly Island	D. Stotz
155	Evanston's James Park	M. Cvetas
150	North Shore Chan.-Evanston	M. Cvetas
147	Zion's Hosah Park	E. Walters
146	Evanston's Calvary Cemetery	E. Walters
146	Wilkinson-Renwick Marsh	D. Shambaugh
144	Evanston's Perkins Woods	E. Walters
143	Glenview's The Grove	J. Sanders
141	Wilkinson-Renwick Marsh	R. Flemal
135	Zion's Edina Park	E. Walters
129	Woodstock's Ryder's Woods	<i>R. Baade</i>
127	Thomson Causeway R.A.	E. Walters
125	Chief Shabbona Forest Pres.	D. Shambaugh
124	Waukegan's Bowen Park	E. Walters
123	Wolf Road Prairie	C. Taylor
121	Wolf Road Prairie	D. Stotz
117	Evanston's Perkins Woods	A. Meloy
116	Evanston's James Park	E. Walters
115	Wilmette's Gillson Park	J. Lill
114	Waukegan's Bowen Park	J. Solum
106	Saw Wee Kee Park	D. Shambaugh
103	Glen Ellyn's Goer's Woods	E. Walters

Area Life Lists

(150 minimum)

A noteworthy addition to these lists is the 307 total for Eric Walters for the Illinois Beach S.P. area.

336	Illinois River N.F.W.R	K. Richmond	229	McGinnis/Palos F. Preserves	J. Sanders
307	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	E. Walters	227	Evanston/Gillson Park	M. Cvetas
303	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	A. Stokie	224	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	S. Friscia
296	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	E. Walters	222	Palisades Region	E. Walters
290	DuPage Co. Forest Preserves	B. Fisher	219	Du Page Co. Forest Preserves	J. Chapman
286	Chicago Park District Parks	J. Lill	219	Greater Grant Pk. Ecosystem	<i>T. Schulenberg</i>
285	DuPage Co. Forest Preserves	K. Fisher	218	Fox River (Kane Co.)	E. Secker
285	Evanston/Gillson Park	E. Walters	218	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	K. Wysocki
283	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	J. Sanders	213	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	K. Fisher
282	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	R. Erickson	212	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	D. Shambaugh
281	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	J. Lill	212	Zion Parks/Preserves	E. Walters
276	Evanston/Gillson Park	J. Sanders	210	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	B. Fisher
276	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	J. Sanders	210	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	P. Dring
274	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	A. Stokie	209	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	U. Geiser
271	L. Calumet/Egger's Woods	J. Sanders	209	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	E. Walters
267	Greater Grant Pk. Ecosystem	D. Stotz	207	L. Calumet/Egger's Woods	E. Walters
264	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	M. Devlin	206	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	A. Stokie
264	L. Calumet/Egger's Woods	D. Stotz	205	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	M. Cvetas
262	Du Page Co. For. Preserves	E. Secker	205	Greater Grant Pk. Ecosystem	J. Engel
261	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	W. Serafin	205	Lake Forest Parks/Preserves	R. Peterson
260	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	M. Cvetas	204	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	J. Chapman
258	Lake Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters	204	Palisades Region	J. Chapman
257	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	D. Stotz	203	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	J. Sanders
257	Evanston/Gillson Park	J. Engel	203	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	E. Secker
254	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	E. Secker	201	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	K. Fisher
254	Mississippi River	E. Walters	200	L. Calumet/Egger's Woods	J. Engel
250	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	J. Solum	200	L. Calumet/Egger's Woods	A. Stokie
250	Illinois State Parks	C. Taylor	198	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	D. Stotz
250	Univ. of Ill. (Champaign)	<i>R. Chapel</i>	195	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	M.B. Chapman
248	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters	193	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	B. Fisher
247	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	D. Williams	193	Two Rivers Region	E. Walters
245	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	J. Sanders	191	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	<i>K. Hanson</i>
244	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	D. Johnson	185	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters
244	Waukegan Parks/Lakefront	E. Walters	184	Chautauqua Region	E. Walters
242	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	P. Sweet	183	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	C. Taylor
238	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	J. Lill	174	Evanston/Gillson Park	J. Cvetas
236	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	A. Stokie	165	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	B. Fisher
236	DeKalb Co. Forest Preserves	D. Shambaugh	165	North Shore Channel	J. Sanders
236	Starved Rock/Mattheissen	J. McKee	162	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	K. Fisher
234	Du Page Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters	151	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	K. Wysocki
233	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	P. Moxon	150	DeKalb Forest Preserves	J. Sanders

Site/Area Big Years (100 minimum)

Michelle Devlin stood out in this category by posting two totals that made the top seven for this list. Eric Walters turned in an older number that ranks as the third-highest total.

Tallies are limited to a birder's top three totals for a given site or area.

247	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Robert Hughes	1996
243	Chicago's Lincoln Park	John Purcell	1996
237	Illinois Beach State Park (area)	Eric Walters	2009
232	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Geoff Williamson	2007
230	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	Michelle Devlin	2013
230	Illinois Beach State Park/Northpoint	Al Stokie	1994
227	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Michelle Devlin	2013
226	Chicago's Jackson Park	Paul Clyne	1996
226	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Kanae Hirabayashi	1996
225	Chicago's Lincoln Park	John Purcell	1995
224	Chicago's Lincoln Park	John Purcell	1994
224	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Geoff Williamson	2005
222	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Kanae Hirabayashi	1995
221	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Geoff Williamson	2006
220	Illinois Beach State Park	Eric Walters	2007
219	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	Michelle Devlin	2012
217	Illinois Beach State Park	Eric Walters	2009
216	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Kanae Hirabayashi	1994
215	Evanston/Gillson Park	Josh Engel	1998
214	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Jeff Sanders	1971
214	Fermi National Accelerator Lab	Peter Kasper	1994
214	Lake Calumet/Eggers Woods	Doug Stotz	1998
213	Illinois Beach State Park	Eric Walters	2006
211	Illinois Beach State Park (area)	Eric Walters	2013
210	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Michelle Devlin	2012
210	Fermi National Accelerator Lab	Peter Kasper	1996
208	Fermi National Accelerator Lab	Peter Kasper	1991
208	Chicago's Grant Park	Doug Stotz	1998
208	Illinois Beach State Park/Northpoint	Paul Sweet	2003
208	Horseshoe Lake C.A.	Frank Holmes	2006
207	Evanston/Gillson Park	Eric Walters	1996
207	Palos Forest Preserve/McGinnis	Wes Serafin	1994
206	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Michelle Devlin	2011
204	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Josh Engel	2012
204	Evanston/Gillson Park	Eric Walters	1990
202	Illinois Beach State Park/Northpoint	Al Stokie	1990
201	LeVasseur Park/Perry Farm Trail	Jed Hertz	2003
200	Chautauqua N.W.R.	Kevin Richmond	1996
200	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Josh Engel	2011
200	Evanston Lakefront	Eric Walters	1990
199	Chicago's Lincoln Park	William Dreuth	1938
198	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Fran Morel	2012
197	Chicago's Jackson Park	Randy Shonkwiler	2013
196	Evanston/Gillson Park	Eric Walters	1995
195	Horseshoe Lake	Frank Holmes	2003
194	Hennepin & Hopper Lakes	Doug Stotz	2005
193	Lake Calumet/Eggers Woods	Walter Marcisz	1994
192	Evanston Lakefront	Eric Walters	1996
190	Hennepin & Hopper Lakes	Doug Stotz	2004
190	Prairie Ridge State Natural Area	Jeff Walk	1996
190	Waukegan Beach & Harbor	Adam Sell	2013
188	Gillson Park	Eric Walters	1996

187	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Joan Norek	2013
186	Evanston Lakefront	Eric Walters	1997
185	Carlyle Lake	Keith McMullen	1999
185	Skokie Lagoons	Jeff Sanders	1971
183	Evanston Lakefront	Eric Walters	1995
183	Gillson Park	Eric Walters	1990
182	Chicago Botanic Garden	Laurie Binford	1993
182	Chicago's Jackson Park	Scott Carpenter	2003
182	Hennepin & Hopper Lakes	Doug Stotz	2003
182	Morton Arboretum	Eric Walters	1988
181	Gillson Park	Eric Walters	1995
181	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Geoff Williamson	2013
180	Gillson Park	Eric Walters	1997
179	Morton Arboretum	Eric Secker	2003
179	Shabbona Lake State Park	Ron Flemal	1996
179	Skokie Lagoons	Jeff Sanders	1972
177	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Eric Walters	1996
176	Skokie Lagoons	Jeff Sanders	1973
175	Palatine	Carolyn Fields	1996
173	Blackwell F.P.	Eric Secker	2003
172	Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie	Doug Stotz	1998
171	Hennepin & Hopper Lakes	Doug Stotz	2010
170	Greene Valley Forest Preserve	Mike Madsen	2007
169	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Sam Burckhardt	2011
169	Skokie Lagoons	Jeff Sanders	1965
168	Shabbona Lake State Park	Darrell Shambaugh	1999
167	Greater Grant Park Ecosystem	Josh Engel	2011
167	Shabbona Lake State Park	Darrell Shambaugh	1998
164	Palatine	Carolyn Fields	1995
164	Waukegan Beach & Harbor	Eric Walters	2009
163	Deer Grove Forest Preserve	Carolyn Fields	1996
162	Illinois Beach State Park	Paul Sweet	2001
160	Chicago's Humboldt Park	Sam Burckhardt	2012
160	Greene Valley Forest Preserve	Mike Madsen	2005
156	Greene Valley Forest Preserve	Mike Madsen	2008
156	Woodford County Cons. Area	Justin Rink	1998
155	Springbrook Prairie	Joe Suchecki	2002
154	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	Eric Walters	2007
154	Waukegan Beach & Harbor	Eric Walters	2007
153	Springbrook Prairie	Joe Suchecki	1995
152	Moraine View State Park	Michael Retter	1998
152	Poplar Creek F.P.	Judy Mellin	2004
151	Springbrook Prairie	Joe Suchecki	1996
150	Chicago's Humboldt Park	Sam Burckhardt	2010
150	Waukegan Beach & Harbor	Eric Walters	2011
149	Clinton Lake	Michael Retter	1997
149	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	Craig Taylor	2007
146	Poplar Creek F.P.	Judy Mellin	2003
146	Moraine Hills State Park	Al Stokie	1989
145	Skokie Lagoons	Jeff Sanders	2005
142	Chautauqua N.W.R.	Jeff Sanders	1970
141	Shabbona Lake State Park	Ron Flemal	1995
141	West DuPage Woods F.P.	Eric Secker	2004
140	Chicago's Rainbow Beach Park	Doug Stotz	2010
140	Judson University	Eric Secker	2012
135	Whalon Lake F.P.	Mike Madsen	2013
133	Salt Creek Woods	Doug Stotz	2004

133	Poplar Creek F.P.	Judy Mellin	1996
131	Northpoint Marina	Eric Walters	2011
130	Des Plaines Conservation Area	Doug Stotz	2010
128	Chicago's Beaubien Woods	Doug Stotz	2008
127	Chautauqua N.W.R.	Jeff Sanders	1974
127	Salt Creek Woods	Doug Stotz	2010
126	Jubilee College S.P.	Maury Brucker	2005
126	Judson University	Eric Secker	2013
125	Spring Bluff Forest Preserve	Eric Walters	2009
122	Evanston's Perkins Woods	Eric Walters	1995
122	Shabbona Lake State Park	Darrell Shambaugh	1995
121	Chicago's Grant Park	Doug Stotz	2010
121	Great Lakes N.T.C.	Eric Walters	2006
120	Chicago's Museum Campus	Doug Stotz	2010
118	Evanston's Perkins Woods	Eric Walters	1996
117	Chicago's Rosehill Cemetery	Michelle Devlin	2013
117	Northpoint Marina	Eric Walters	2009
115	North Galesburg Dog Walk Area	Jim Mountjoy	2013
113	Chicago's Rosehill Cemetery	Michelle Devlin	2012
113	Evanston's Perkins Woods	Eric Walters	1997
113	Lyons Woods Forest Preserve	Eric Walters	2006
112	Chicago's Northerly Island	Doug Stotz	2010
112	Woodstock's Ryder's Woods	Renee Baade	1995
110	Woodstock's Ryder's Woods	Renee Baade	1996
108	Lyons Woods Forest Preserve	Eric Walters	2009
103	Northpoint Marina	Eric Walters	2010

Site/Area Big Days

One new and one old submission have given us new tallies for the #2 position on the Team Big Days list and a new #1 tally in the Single Observer category.

Tallies are limited to a birder's (or team's) top three totals for a given site or area.

Team Big Days

(the 95% Rule applies; 80 minimum)

126	Illinois Beach State Park	05/18/00	J. Engel, E. Walters
124	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	05/19/97	J. Engel, E. Walters
120	Carlyle Lake	09/09/00	D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
118	Palos/Orland Forest Preserves	05/01/12	C. Hillegonds, W. Serafin
115	West DuPage Woods/Elsen's Hill	05/07/11	A. Secker, E. Secker
112	Chicago's Jackson Park	05/04/00	S. Carpenter, P. Clyne
111	West DuPage Woods/Elsen's Hill	05/08/04	A. Secker, E. Secker
109	Evanston/Gillson Park	05/08/99	J. Engel, M. Sherer, E. Walters
106	Morton Arboretum	05/06/89	T. Brown, R. Wagner, E. Walters
104	Palos F.P./McGinnis Slough	05/06/00	S. Friscia, W. Serafin
103	Chicago Botanic Garden	05/11/91	L. Binford, R. Biss, M. Hogg
102	Fermilab	05/06/00	P. Kasper, J. Pomatto, D. Kania
91	Chicago's Lincoln Park	05/13/12	C. Williamson, G. Williamson
91	Decatur's Rock Springs N.C.	05/05/06	T. Mahan, E. Walters
91	Iroquois County C.A.	05/16/10	T. Kelly, G. Williamson
89	Illinois Beach State Park	10/14/95	J. Engel, E. Walters
88	Chain'O Lakes State Park	05/08/93	L. Binford, B. O'Shea

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(60 minimum)

123	Illinois Beach State Park	05/15/13	E. Walters
113	Chicago's Jackson Park	05/09/96	P. Clyne
110	Hennepin-Hopper Lake	05/06/03	D. Stotz
110	Palisades Region	05/12/06	J. Chapman
108	Chicago's Jackson Park	05/09/89	S. Suter
107	Chicago's Lincoln Park	05/10/96	K. Hirabayashi
105	Lake Chautauqua	08/14/99	S. Bailey
104	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	05/08/97	E. Walters
103	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	09/09/98	D. Stotz
103	Nachusa Grasslands	05/15/10	E. Walters
102	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	05/20/02	E. Walters
102	Evanston Lakefront/Canal	05/10/03	E. Walters
101	Carlyle Lake	09/30/01	K. McMullen
101	Morton Arboretum	05/05/90	E. Walters
100	Carlyle Lake	09/01/01	K. McMullen
100	Port Louisa N.W.R.	05/07/05	E. Walters
98	McGinnis Slough/Palos F.P.	05/23/98	W. Serafin
97	Illinois Beach State Park	05/18/94	A. Stokie
96	Siloam Springs State Park	05/06/06	E. Walters
95	Hennepin-Hopper Lake	08/25/05	D. Stotz
93	Morton Arboretum	05/10/96	E. Walters (in just 2 hours)
91	Carlyle Lake	10/01/97	K. McMullen
91	Morton Arboretum	05/08/04	J. Chapman
90	Chicago's Lincoln Park	05/15/02	E. Walters
90	Illinois Beach State Park	05/17/12	E. Walters
89	Washington Co. C.A.	05/02/05	E. Walters
87	Nachusa Grasslands	05/08/06	E. Walters
82	Clinton Lake	10/02/04	E. Walters
81	Skokie Lagoons	05/15/65	J. Sanders
79	Skokie Lagoons	09/04/64	J. Sanders
73	Clinton Lake	10/07/00	D. Thomas
73	Johnson-Sauk Trail State Park	05/07/06	E. Walters
72	Clinton Lake	05/05/06	E. Walters
72	Johnson-Sauk Trail State Park	05/11/07	C. Taylor
72	Olympia Fields Country Club	05/08/99	M. Hahn
70	Evanston/Gillson Park	09/21/98	J. Engel
70	Hennepin-Hopper Lake	11/20/01	D. Stotz
69	Northwestern University	05/21/78	J. Sanders
67	Meredosia N.W.R.	09/02/06	E. Walters
67	Two Rivers N.W.R.	10/18/08	E. Walters
65	Chicago's Jackson Park	03/31/05	P. Clyne
64	Johnson-Sauk Trail State Park	05/05/07	C. Taylor
62	Plum Creek F.P. (Cook Co.)	06/24/02	E. Walters

Definitions

A 'Site' can be generally defined as a single entity with a known legal/political contiguous boundary. An 'Area' can be generally defined as an entity made up of two or more similar legal/political or contiguous sites. There are a few situations where a defined legal/political site is not contiguous. Locations such as Illinois Beach State Park (north and south units), Pyramid State Park (main and Denmark sections), Panther Creek and Bellrose National Wildlife Refuge have separate sections which are not attached. However, in these cases the separate territories are described under the same political/legal name, so we call them a 'site' for purposes of our listing. Over many years, there are a number of sites that have added territory or in a few examples have lost territory.

Applying common sense, if new territory is added to a known site, then upon official addition, species found in the new additional territory can be added as part of the site list. In the same vein, if a site territory shrinks, then, moving forward, species can no longer be added from the old territory. Applying the definitions above, a few commonly birded sites can now be defined in terms of their boundaries.

Chicago's Burnham Park starts from the 55th Street Promontory on the south and extends to McFetridge/Solidarity Drive on the north and east of Lake Shore Drive (taking in McCormick Place, Northerly Island and Burnham Harbor).

Chicago's Calumet Park: Please note that Illinois waters only extend to about 20 yards offshore; most of Lake Michigan viewable from this site is in Indiana. There is an obelisk near the power station which marks the state line.

Chicago's Grant Park is north of McFetridge/Solidarity Drive northward to Randolph Street and east of Michigan Avenue (taking in the Field Museum campus, Monroe Harbor and Grant and Millennium Park).

Chicago's Lincoln Park is North Avenue on the south up to Hollywood Avenue on the north and east of Marine/Lake Shore Drive/Lakeview/Lincoln Park West (taking in North Avenue Beach, Lincoln Park Zoo, North Pond, Belmont Harbor, Jarvis Bird Sanctuary, Montrose Harbor, Beach and Point).

Navy Pier includes the Pier, Olive Park and the harbor and breakwaters around the pier.

Evanston Lakefront covers the whole Evanston lakefront east of Sheridan Road.

Great Lakes Naval Training Center is that portion of the Center which is east of Sheridan Road.

Waukegan Beach and Harbor are east of Pershing Road.

Illinois Beach State Park (site) consists of the sum of the north and south units added together (but not including the territory separating them).

Northpoint Marina is north of the north unit of Illinois Beach State Park and east of Spring Bluff Forest Preserve up to the Wisconsin state line.

North Shore Channel: The Chicago section of the Channel is between Howard St. and the waterfall south of Foster Ave. and includes Chicago, Lincolnwood and a small part of Skokie; the Evanston section is between Howard St. and Sheridan Rd. and includes Evanston, Skokie and Wilmette. Sheridan Road is the dividing point between the Channel and Gillson Park.

Palisades Region: The Illinois section of the Mississippi River area north of US Route 30. Includes Mississippi Palisades S.P., Lost Mound, Spring Lake, Lock & Dam 13 and all other sites west of Highway 84.

Illinois Beach State Park (area) includes both units of Illinois Beach S.P., Hosah Park, Spring Bluff F.P., Northpoint Marina, Waukegan Beach and Harbor.

Two Rivers Region: Two Rivers N.W.R., Batchtown N.W.R., Gibert, Swan, Fuller, Upper & Lower Stump Lakes, Dabbs Road Marsh, Pere Marquette.

Chautauqua Region: Chautauqua N.W.R., Emiquon N.W.R., Banner Marsh, Quiver, Rice, Clear, Spring Goose & Thompson Lakes, Sand Ridge S.F.

N.F.W.R. = National Fish & Wildlife Refuge(s)

We welcome definitions of confusing sites/areas from around the state.

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