## IOS Listers Corner 2015

### Site, Area and Local Patch Lists: Life Lists, Big Days & Big Years

#### Site Life Lists

Sites and areas making their first appearance on the lists included Banner Marsh (large – Evan Carlson), Spunky Bottoms (large – Colin Dobson), Burnside Forest Preserve (medium – Justin Wrinn), LaBagh Woods (small – Joe Lill), Naperville’s Knoch Knolls Park (small-Mike Madsen), Bartonville’s Mendenhall Park (very small – Evan Carlson), Rockford’s Klehm Arboretum (very small – Dan Williams) and Lake Mauvaisterre (area – Colin Dobson). Also making its first appearance is one of the most popular birding sites in the state: Montrose! It qualifies as a small site; please see the “Definitions” section at the end of this document for the site description.

Individuals posting double digit gains over their previous totals included Eric Secker (+17) at Judson University, Josh Engel (+16) and Joan Norek (+11) at Chicago’s Lincoln Park, and Andrew Aldrich (+10) at Fermilab.

*Italics* = an inactive Illinois birder (i.e. deceased or lives out-of-state)  
(updated 5/16/16)

| Lake Michigan Ecosystem (east of I-94/US 41) | Sites and areas making their first appearance on the lists included Banner Marsh (large – Evan Carlson), Spunky Bottoms (large – Colin Dobson), Burnside Forest Preserve (medium – Justin Wrinn), LaBagh Woods (small – Joe Lill), Naperville’s Knoch Knolls Park (small-Mike Madsen), Bartonville’s Mendenhall Park (very small – Evan Carlson), Rockford’s Klehm Arboretum (very small – Dan Williams) and Lake Mauvaisterre (area – Colin Dobson). Also making its first appearance is one of the most popular birding sites in the state: Montrose! It qualifies as a small site; please see the “Definitions” section at the end of this document for the site description. Individuals posting double digit gains over their previous totals included Eric Secker (+17) at Judson University, Josh Engel (+16) and Joan Norek (+11) at Chicago’s Lincoln Park, and Andrew Aldrich (+10) at Fermilab. *Italics* = an inactive Illinois birder (i.e. deceased or lives out-of-state)  
(updated 5/16/16) |  |
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>324 Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>R. Hughes 222 Waukegan Beach &amp; Harbor A. Stokie</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>310 Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>J. Purcell 218 Skokie Lagoons J. Sanders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>303 Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>O. McHugh 216 Illinois Beach State Park K. McMullen</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>299 Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>G. Neise 207 Waukegan Beach &amp; Harbor J. Solum</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>298 Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>G. Williamson 206 Chicago’s Lincoln Park C. Taylor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>293 Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>L. Muñoz 203 Chicago's Jackson Park J. Sanders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>290 Illinois Beach State Park</td>
<td>A. Stokie 203 Chicago's Lincoln Park S. Burckhardt</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>286 Chicago's Jackson Park</td>
<td>P. Clyne 198 Chicago’s Lincoln Park J. Chapman</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>286 Illinois Beach State Park</td>
<td>E. Walters 195 Lake Calumet D. Stotz</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>284 Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>J. Sanders 195 Wadsworth Wetlands S. Hickman</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>282 Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>E. Walters 193 Chicago's Jackon Park K. Hanson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>281 Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>D. Antieau 191 Lake Forest Nature Preserves R. Peterson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>280 Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>K. Hirabayashi 189 Lake Calumet E. Walters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>280 Illinois Beach State Park</td>
<td>R. Erickson 187 Illinois Beach State Park J. McDaniel</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>279 Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>J. Lill 186 Skokie Lagoons E. Walters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>278 Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>T. Kelly 184 Chicago's Jackson Park S. Friscia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>274 Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>M. Devlin 184 Wadsworth Wetlands A. Stokie</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>269 Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>J. Engel 178 Chicago's Jackson Park A. Stokie</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>267 Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>A. Meloy 175 Illinois Beach State Park J. Chapman</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>266 Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>M. Cvetas 173 Chicago's Jackson Park E. Walters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>265 Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>F. Morel 171 Chicago's Burnham Park E. Walters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>257 Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>J. Norek 167 Wadsworth Wetlands J. Sanders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>256 Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>W. Dreuth 154 Illinois Beach State Park C. Taylor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>256 Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>A. Stokie 154 Illinois Beach State Park C. Taylor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>253 Chicago's Jackson Park</td>
<td>A. Stokie 154 Illinois Beach State Park C. Taylor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>244 Chicago's Jackson Park</td>
<td>B. Fisher 154 Illinois Beach State Park C. Taylor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>244 Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>K. Fisher 325 Chautauqua N.W.R. K. Richmond</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>243 Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>B. Heimer 299 Carlyle Lake K. McMullen</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>243 Waukegan Beach &amp; Harbor</td>
<td>E. Walters 294 Horseshoe Lake C.A. F. Holmes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>241 Chicago's Jackson Park</td>
<td>R. Shonkwiler 290 Rice Lake C.A. K. Richmond</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>241 Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>A. Aldrich 270 Fermilab P. Kasper</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>239 Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>T. Lally 268 Pratt’s Wayne Woods F.P. P. Moxon</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>238 Chicago's Jackson Park</td>
<td>S. Carpenter 263 Hennepin &amp; Hopper Lakes D. Stotz</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>236 Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>P. Moxon 259 Carlyle Lake T. Mahan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>257 Chautauqua N.W.R.</td>
<td>P. Moxon</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>257 Fermilab</td>
<td>P. Moxon</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Code</td>
<td>Park Name</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>------</td>
<td>----------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>257</td>
<td>Mermet Lake C.A.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>256</td>
<td>Chautauqua N.W.R.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>253</td>
<td>Oak Run (Knox Co.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>250</td>
<td>Sanganois C.A.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>250</td>
<td>Spunky Bottoms</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>249</td>
<td>Rock Cut State Park</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>246</td>
<td>Emiquon N.W.R.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>237</td>
<td>Union County C.A.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>236</td>
<td>Prairie Ridge S.N.A.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>222</td>
<td>Carlyle Lake</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>221</td>
<td>Chautauqua N.W.R.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>221</td>
<td>Fermilab</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>219</td>
<td>Carlyle Lake</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>218</td>
<td>Fermilab</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>213</td>
<td>Fermilab</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>213</td>
<td>Hennepin &amp; Hopper Lakes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>210</td>
<td>Chautauqua N.W.R.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>210</td>
<td>Rock Cut State Park</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>210</td>
<td>Sand Ridge S.F.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>206</td>
<td>Crab Orchard N.W.R.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>206</td>
<td>Fermilab</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>206</td>
<td>Starved Rock State Park</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>204</td>
<td>Fermilab</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>204</td>
<td>Lowden-Miller State Forest</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>204</td>
<td>Palos Forest Preserves</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>204</td>
<td>Pratt’s Wayne Woods F.P.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>204</td>
<td>Waterfall Glen Forest Pres.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>203</td>
<td>Waterfall Glen Forest Pres.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>200</td>
<td>Clear Lake</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>200</td>
<td>Deer Grove F.P.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>200</td>
<td>Illinois &amp; Michigan Canal</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>199</td>
<td>Hennepin &amp; Hopper Lakes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>196</td>
<td>Fermilab</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>191</td>
<td>Hennepin &amp; Hopper Lakes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>188</td>
<td>Starved Rock State Park</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>186</td>
<td>Waterfall Glen Forest Pres.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>185</td>
<td>Fermilab</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>184</td>
<td>Banner Marsh</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>182</td>
<td>Fermilab</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>179</td>
<td>Emiquon N.W.R.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>178</td>
<td>Clinton Lake</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>178</td>
<td>Des Plaines Cons. Area</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>175</td>
<td>Pratt’s Wayne Woods F.P.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>174</td>
<td>Midewin Tallgrass N.P.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>171</td>
<td>Chautauqua N.W.R.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>169</td>
<td>Rend Lake</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>167</td>
<td>Two Rivers N.W.R.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>165</td>
<td>Des Plaines Cons. Area</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>165</td>
<td>Starved Rock State Park</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>164</td>
<td>Hennepin &amp; Hopper Lakes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>164</td>
<td>Lake Shelbyville</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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

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

278 Montrose  G. Neise  152   Hidden Lake Forest Preserve  E. Secker
270 Montrose  M. Devlin  151  Lock & Dam #13  E. Walters
268 Montrose  F. Morel  154  Redwing Slough S.N.A.  E. Walters
266 Montrose  J. Lill  152  Chicago's Grant Park  E. Walters
265 Montrose  J. Sanders  156  Fox River Shores F.P.  E. Secker
252 Chicago Botanic Garden  M. Hogg  156  Upper Spring Lake  E. Walters
252 Chicago Botanic Garden  M. Cvetas  156  Lyons Woods Forest Pres.  E. Walters
240 Chicago Botanic Garden  J. Sanders  235  Judson University  E. Seeker
237 Chicago's Grant Park  D. Stotz  194  North Shore Chan.- Evanston  E. Walters
234 Chicago Botanic Garden  L. Binford  194  Chicago's Navy Pier  R. Eiseman
234 Montrose  A. Aldrich  165  Chicago's Navy Pier  E. Walters
230 Montrose  B. Fisher  163  Oak Bluff Savanna  M. Brucker
230 Montrose  K. Fisher  162  Sannaun Forest Preserve  D. Shambaugh
223 Whalon Lake Forest Pres.  J. Smith  161  Chicago's Navy Pier  M. Cvetas
207 Fraker Farm  M. Fraker  157  Chicago’s Northerly Island  E. Walters
207 Whalon Lake Forest Pres.  M. Cvetas  157  Evanston’s James Park  M. Cvetas
205 Whalon Lake Forest Pres.  M. Madsen  157  North Shore Chan.- Evanston  M. Cvetas
204 Glen Ellyn’s Lake Ellyn  B.T. Gault  147  Zion’s Hosah Park  E. Walters

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

287 Wilmette’s Gillson Park  E. Walters
287 Wilmette’s Gillson Park  J. Sanders
130 Plum Creek Forest Preserve  E. Walters
129 Ryerson Conservation Area  M. Perkowitz
128 Ryerson Conservation Area  M. Perkowitz
128 LaBagh Woods F.P.  J. Lill
125 Naperville’s Knoch Knolls Pk.  M. Madsen
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Area Life Lists</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>(150 minimum)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Joe Lill joined a select group when he surpassed 300 species for an area list this year. Jeff Chapman added an impressive 35 species to his total for DuPage County Forest Preserves. The next largest gains were recorded by Craig Taylor (+15) for Illinois State Parks and Josh Engel (+14) for the Greater Grant Park Ecosystem.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Area Life Lists</th>
<th>(150 minimum)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Joe Lill joined a select group when he surpassed 300 species for an area list this year. Jeff Chapman added an impressive 35 species to his total for DuPage County Forest Preserves. The next largest gains were recorded by Craig Taylor (+15) for Illinois State Parks and Josh Engel (+14) for the Greater Grant Park Ecosystem.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Site</td>
<td>Birder</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-------------------------------</td>
<td>-------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chautauqua N.W.R.</td>
<td>Kevin Richmond</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicago’s Lincoln Park</td>
<td>Robert Hughes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicago’s Lincoln Park</td>
<td>John Purcell</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>Geoff Williamson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>Michelle Devlin</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicago's Jackson Park</td>
<td>Paul Clyne</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>Kanae Hirabayashi</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>John Purcell</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>John Purcell</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>Geoff Williamson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>Kanae Hirabayashi</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>Geoff Williamson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Illinois Beach State Park</td>
<td>Eric Walters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Illinois Beach State Park</td>
<td>Eric Walters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>Kanae Hirabayashi</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicago’s Lincoln Park</td>
<td>Jeff Sanders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fermi National Accelerator Lab</td>
<td>Peter Kasper</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Illinois Beach State Park</td>
<td>Eric Walters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>Michelle Devlin</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fermi National Accelerator Lab</td>
<td>Peter Kasper</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fermi National Accelerator Lab</td>
<td>Peter Kasper</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicago's Grant Park</td>
<td>Doug Stotz</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Horseshoe Lake C.A.</td>
<td>Frank Holmes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicago’s Lincoln Park</td>
<td>Dave Antieau</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>Michelle Devlin</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>Josh Engel</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>William Dreuth</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
<td>Fran Morel</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicago's Jackson Park</td>
<td>Randy Shonkwiler</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Burnidge Forest Preserve</td>
<td>Justin Wrinn</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Horseshoe Lake</td>
<td>Frank Holmes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hennepin &amp; Hopper Lakes</td>
<td>Doug Stotz</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hennepin &amp; Hopper Lakes</td>
<td>Doug Stotz</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Prairie Ridge State Natural Area</td>
<td>Jeff Walk</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Waukegan Beach &amp; Harbor</td>
<td>Adam Sell</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gillson Park</td>
<td>Eric Walters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicago’s Lincoln Park</td>
<td>Joan Norek</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicago’s Lincoln Park</td>
<td>Joan Norek</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Carlyle Lake</td>
<td>Keith McMullen</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Skokie Lagoons</td>
<td>Jeff Sanders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gillson Park</td>
<td>Eric Walters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Location</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>---</td>
<td>---------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>182</td>
<td>Chicago Botanic Garden</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>182</td>
<td>Chicago’s Jackson Park</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>182</td>
<td>Hennepin &amp; Hopper Lakes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>182</td>
<td>Morton Arboretum</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>181</td>
<td>Gillson Park</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>180</td>
<td>Gillson Park</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>179</td>
<td>Morton Arboretum</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>179</td>
<td>Shabbona Lake State Park</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>179</td>
<td>Chicago’s Jackson Park</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>179</td>
<td>Chicago’s Lincoln Park</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>179</td>
<td>Skokie Lagoons</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>178</td>
<td>Blackwell F.P.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>172</td>
<td>Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>170</td>
<td>Hennepin &amp; Hopper Lakes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>169</td>
<td>Greene Valley Forest Preserve</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>169</td>
<td>Chicago's Lincoln Park</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>169</td>
<td>Skokie Lagoons</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>168</td>
<td>Shabbona Lake State Park</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>167</td>
<td>Shabbona Lake State Park</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>164</td>
<td>Waukegan Beach &amp; Harbor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>163</td>
<td>Deer Grove Forest Preserve</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>162</td>
<td>Illinois Beach State Park</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>160</td>
<td>Chicago’s Humboldt Park</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>159</td>
<td>Greene Valley Forest Preserve</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>156</td>
<td>Greene Valley Forest Preserve</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>156</td>
<td>Judson University</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>155</td>
<td>Woodford County Cons. Area</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>154</td>
<td>Springbrook Prairie</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>153</td>
<td>Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>152</td>
<td>Waukegan Beach &amp; Harbor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>151</td>
<td>Poplar Creek F.P.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>151</td>
<td>Springbrook Prairie</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>150</td>
<td>Chicago’s Humboldt Park</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>150</td>
<td>Waukegan Beach &amp; Harbor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>149</td>
<td>Clinton Lake</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>149</td>
<td>Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>146</td>
<td>Poplar Creek F.P.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>146</td>
<td>Moraine Hills State Park</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>145</td>
<td>Skokie Lagoons</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>142</td>
<td>Chautauqua N.W.R.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>141</td>
<td>Shabbona Lake State Park</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>141</td>
<td>West DuPage Woods F.P.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>140</td>
<td>Chicago’s Rainbow Beach Park</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>140</td>
<td>Judson University</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>135</td>
<td>Judson University</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>135</td>
<td>Whalon Lake F.P.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>133</td>
<td>Salt Creek Woods</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>133</td>
<td>Poplar Creek F.P.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>131</td>
<td>Northpoint Marina</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>130</td>
<td>Des Plaines Conservation Area</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>128</td>
<td>Chicago’s Beaubien Woods</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>127</td>
<td>Chautauqua N.W.R.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>127</td>
<td>Salt Creek Woods</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>126</td>
<td>Jubilee College S.P.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>125</td>
<td>Spring Bluff Forest Preserve</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Page</td>
<td>Location</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>------</td>
<td>-----------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>122</td>
<td>Evanston’s Perkins Woods</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>122</td>
<td>Shabbona Lake State Park</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>121</td>
<td>Chicago’s Grant Park</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>121</td>
<td>Great Lakes N.T.C.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>120</td>
<td>Chicago’s Museum Campus</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>118</td>
<td>Evanston’s Perkins Woods</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>117</td>
<td>Chicago’s Rosehill Cemetery</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>117</td>
<td>Northpoint Marina</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>115</td>
<td>North Galesburg Dog Walk Area</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>113</td>
<td>Chicago’s Rosehill Cemetery</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>113</td>
<td>Evanston’s Perkins Woods</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>113</td>
<td>Lyons Woods Forest Preserve</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>112</td>
<td>Chicago’s Northerly Island</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>112</td>
<td>Woodstock's Ryder's Woods</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>110</td>
<td>Woodstock's Ryder's Woods</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>108</td>
<td>Lyons Woods Forest Preserve</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>103</td>
<td>Northpoint Marina</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Area Big Years (150 minimum)

Tallies are limited to a birder’s top three totals for a given area.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Page</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Author</th>
<th>Year</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>237</td>
<td>Illinois Beach State Park (area)</td>
<td>Eric Walters</td>
<td>2009</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>230</td>
<td>Chicago's Lakefront Parks</td>
<td>Michelle Devlin</td>
<td>2013</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>230</td>
<td>Illinois Beach State Park/Northpoint</td>
<td>Al Stokie</td>
<td>1994</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>219</td>
<td>Chicago's Lakefront Parks</td>
<td>Michelle Devlin</td>
<td>2012</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>215</td>
<td>Evanston/Gillon Park</td>
<td>Josh Engel</td>
<td>1998</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>214</td>
<td>Lake Calumet/Eggers Woods</td>
<td>Doug Stotz</td>
<td>1998</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>211</td>
<td>Illinois Beach State Park (area)</td>
<td>Eric Walters</td>
<td>2013</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>208</td>
<td>Illinois Beach State Park/Northpoint</td>
<td>Paul Sweet</td>
<td>2003</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>207</td>
<td>Evanston/Gillon Park</td>
<td>Eric Walters</td>
<td>1996</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>207</td>
<td>Palos Forest Preserves/McGinnis</td>
<td>Wes Serafin</td>
<td>1994</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>204</td>
<td>Evanston/Gillon Park</td>
<td>Eric Walters</td>
<td>1990</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>202</td>
<td>Illinois Beach State Park/Northpoint</td>
<td>Al Stokie</td>
<td>1990</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>201</td>
<td>LeVasseur Park/Perry Farm Trail</td>
<td>Jed Hertz</td>
<td>2003</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>200</td>
<td>Evanston Lakefront</td>
<td>Eric Walters</td>
<td>1990</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>196</td>
<td>Evanston/Gillon Park</td>
<td>Eric Walters</td>
<td>1995</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>193</td>
<td>Lake Calumet/Eggers Woods</td>
<td>Walter Marcisz</td>
<td>1994</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>192</td>
<td>Evanston Lakefront</td>
<td>Eric Walters</td>
<td>1996</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>186</td>
<td>Evanston Lakefront</td>
<td>Eric Walters</td>
<td>1997</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>183</td>
<td>Evanston Lakefront</td>
<td>Eric Walters</td>
<td>1995</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>175</td>
<td>Palatine</td>
<td>Carolyn Fields</td>
<td>1996</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>167</td>
<td>Greater Grant Park Ecosystem</td>
<td>Josh Engel</td>
<td>2011</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>164</td>
<td>Palatine</td>
<td>Carolyn Fields</td>
<td>1995</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Site Big Days

The state-record Site Big Day was tied by the Spring Bird Count team of Danny Diaz, Adam Sell and Jim Solum, also as Illinois Beach State Park. Eric Secker recorded the second best Single Observer Big Day with his 114 total at Rock Cut State Park, a new location for this particular list. Other new locations included Fort Massac State Park and Lincoln Trails State Park, where Eric Walters birded on consecutive days in May.

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

---

Team Big Days

*(the 95% Rule applies; 80 minimum)*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Total</th>
<th>Site Name</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Team</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>126</td>
<td>Illinois Beach State Park</td>
<td>05/18/00</td>
<td>J. Engel, E. Walters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>126</td>
<td>Illinois Beach State Park (South Unit)</td>
<td>05/09/15</td>
<td>D. Diaz, A. Sell, J. Solum</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>120</td>
<td>Carlyle Lake</td>
<td>09/09/00</td>
<td>D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>115</td>
<td>West DuPage Woods/Elsen’s Hill</td>
<td>05/07/11</td>
<td>A. Secker, E. Secker</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>112</td>
<td>Chicago’s Jackson Park</td>
<td>05/04/00</td>
<td>S. Carpenter, P. Clyne</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>111</td>
<td>West DuPage Woods/Elsen’s Hill</td>
<td>05/08/04</td>
<td>A. Secker, E. Secker</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>106</td>
<td>Morton Arboretum</td>
<td>05/06/89</td>
<td>T. Brown, R. Wagner, E. Walters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>103</td>
<td>Chicago Botanic Garden</td>
<td>05/11/91</td>
<td>L. Binford, R. Biss, M. Hogg</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>102</td>
<td>Fermilab</td>
<td>05/06/00</td>
<td>P. Kasper, J. Pomatto, D. Kania</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>91</td>
<td>Chicago’s Lincoln Park</td>
<td>05/13/12</td>
<td>C. Williamson, G. Williamson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>91</td>
<td>Decatur’s Rock Springs N.C.</td>
<td>05/05/06</td>
<td>T. Mahan, E. Walters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>91</td>
<td>Iroquois County C.A.</td>
<td>05/16/10</td>
<td>T. Kelly, G. Williamson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>89</td>
<td>Illinois Beach State Park</td>
<td>10/14/95</td>
<td>J. Engel, E. Walters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>88</td>
<td>Chain’O Lakes State Park</td>
<td>05/08/93</td>
<td>L. Binford, B. O’Shea</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

Single Observer Big Days

*(60 minimum)*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Total</th>
<th>Site Name</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Birder(s)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>123</td>
<td>Illinois Beach State Park</td>
<td>05/15/13</td>
<td>E. Walters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>114</td>
<td>Rock Cut State Park</td>
<td>05/15/15</td>
<td>E. Secker</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>113</td>
<td>Chicago’s Jackson Park</td>
<td>05/09/96</td>
<td>P. Clyne</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>110</td>
<td>Hennepin-Hopper Lake</td>
<td>05/06/03</td>
<td>D. Stotz</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>108</td>
<td>Chicago’s Jackson Park</td>
<td>05/09/89</td>
<td>S. Suter</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>107</td>
<td>Chicago’s Lincoln Park</td>
<td>05/10/96</td>
<td>K. Hirabayashi</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>105</td>
<td>Lake Chautauqua</td>
<td>08/14/99</td>
<td>S. Bailey</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>103</td>
<td>Montrose</td>
<td>05/08/14</td>
<td>R. Hughes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>103</td>
<td>Montrose</td>
<td>05/21/14</td>
<td>R. Hughes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>103</td>
<td>Nachusa Grasslands</td>
<td>05/15/10</td>
<td>E. Walters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>102</td>
<td>Chicago’s Lincoln Park</td>
<td>05/15/15</td>
<td>G. Williamson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>101</td>
<td>Carlyle Lake</td>
<td>09/30/01</td>
<td>K. McMullen</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>101</td>
<td>Morton Arboretum</td>
<td>05/05/90</td>
<td>E. Walters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>100</td>
<td>Carlyle Lake</td>
<td>09/01/01</td>
<td>K. McMullen</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>100</td>
<td>Port Louisa N.W.R.</td>
<td>05/07/05</td>
<td>E. Walters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>97</td>
<td>Illinois Beach State Park</td>
<td>05/18/94</td>
<td>A. Stokie</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>96</td>
<td>Siloam Springs State Park</td>
<td>05/06/06</td>
<td>E. Walters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>95</td>
<td>Hennepin-Hopper Lake</td>
<td>08/25/05</td>
<td>D. Stotz</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>93</td>
<td>Illinois Beach S.P.</td>
<td>05/21/15</td>
<td>E. Walters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>93</td>
<td>Morton Arboretum</td>
<td>05/10/96</td>
<td>E. Walters (in just 2 hours)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>91</td>
<td>Carlyle Lake</td>
<td>10/01/97</td>
<td>K. McMullen</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>91</td>
<td>Morton Arboretum</td>
<td>05/08/04</td>
<td>J. Chapman</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>90</td>
<td>Chicago’s Lincoln Park</td>
<td>05/15/02</td>
<td>E. Walters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>90</td>
<td>Illinois Beach State Park</td>
<td>05/17/12</td>
<td>E. Walters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>90</td>
<td>Illinois Beach State Park</td>
<td>05/18/14</td>
<td>E. Walters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>89</td>
<td>Washington Co. C.A.</td>
<td>05/02/05</td>
<td>E. Walters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>87</td>
<td>Nachusa Grasslands</td>
<td>05/08/06</td>
<td>E. Walters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>82</td>
<td>Clinton Lake</td>
<td>10/02/04</td>
<td>E. Walters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Location</td>
<td>Date</td>
<td>Name</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>----</td>
<td>---------------------------------</td>
<td>------------</td>
<td>--------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>81</td>
<td>Skokie Lagoons</td>
<td>05/15/65</td>
<td>J. Sanders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>79</td>
<td>Skokie Lagoons</td>
<td>09/04/64</td>
<td>J. Sanders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>74</td>
<td>Fort Massac S.P.</td>
<td>05/09/15</td>
<td>E. Walters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>73</td>
<td>Clinton Lake</td>
<td>10/07/00</td>
<td>D. Thomas</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>73</td>
<td>Johnson-Sauk Trail State Park</td>
<td>05/07/06</td>
<td>E. Walters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>72</td>
<td>Clinton Lake</td>
<td>05/05/06</td>
<td>E. Walters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>72</td>
<td>Johnson-Sauk Trail State Park</td>
<td>05/11/07</td>
<td>C. Taylor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>72</td>
<td>Lincoln Trails S.P.</td>
<td>05/10/15</td>
<td>E. Walters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>72</td>
<td>Olympia Fields Country Club</td>
<td>05/08/99</td>
<td>M. Hahn</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>70</td>
<td>Hennepin-Hopper Lake</td>
<td>11/20/01</td>
<td>D. Stotz</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>69</td>
<td>Northwestern University</td>
<td>05/21/78</td>
<td>J. Sanders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>67</td>
<td>Meredosia N.W.R.</td>
<td>09/02/06</td>
<td>E. Walters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>67</td>
<td>Two Rivers N.W.R.</td>
<td>10/18/08</td>
<td>E. Walters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>65</td>
<td>Chicago’s Jackson Park</td>
<td>03/31/05</td>
<td>P. Clyne</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>64</td>
<td>Johnson-Sauk Trail State Park</td>
<td>05/05/07</td>
<td>C. Taylor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>62</td>
<td>Plum Creek F.P. (Cook Co.)</td>
<td>06/24/02</td>
<td>E. Walters</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Area Big Days**

The team of Cary Hillegonds & Wes Serafin exceeded their previous efforts at the Palos/Orland Forest Preserves. *Tallies are limited to a birder’s (or team’s) top three totals for a given area.*

**Team Big Days**

(_the 95% Rule applies; 80 minimum_)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>124</td>
<td>Chicago’s Lakefront Parks</td>
<td>05/19/97</td>
<td>J. Engel, E. Walters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>121</td>
<td>Palos/Orland SBC Area</td>
<td>05/09/15</td>
<td>C. Hillegonds, W. Serafin</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>118</td>
<td>Palos/Orland SBC Area</td>
<td>05/01/12</td>
<td>C. Hillegonds, W. Serafin</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>118</td>
<td>Palos/Orland SBC Area</td>
<td>05/10/14</td>
<td>C. Hillegonds, W. Serafin, J. Skrentny</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>109</td>
<td>Evanston/Gillson Park</td>
<td>05/08/99</td>
<td>J. Engel, M. Sherer, E. Walters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>104</td>
<td>Palos Forest Preserves/McGinnis</td>
<td>05/06/00</td>
<td>S. Friscia, W. Serafin</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>94</td>
<td>Chicago’s Lakefront Parks</td>
<td>05/17/14</td>
<td>J. Anderson, J. Lill</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Single Observer Big Days**

(_60 minimum_)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>110</td>
<td>Palisades Region</td>
<td>05/12/06</td>
<td>J. Chapman</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>104</td>
<td>Chicago’s Lakefront Parks</td>
<td>05/08/97</td>
<td>E. Walters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>103</td>
<td>Lake Calumet/Egger’s Woods</td>
<td>09/09/98</td>
<td>D. Stotz</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>102</td>
<td>Chicago’s Lakefront Parks</td>
<td>05/20/02</td>
<td>E. Walters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>102</td>
<td>Evanston Lakefront/Canal</td>
<td>05/10/03</td>
<td>E. Walters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>98</td>
<td>McGinnis Slough/Palos F.P.</td>
<td>05/23/98</td>
<td>W. Serafin</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>70</td>
<td>Evanston/Gillson Park</td>
<td>09/21/98</td>
<td>J. Engel</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Local Patch Life Lists

Here are the rules: draw a circle 7.5 miles in radius from your home. The resultant 15-mile wide circle is one's Local Patch. This is the same diameter used for Christmas Bird Counts. Any state-listed bird identified within your patch counts. If a portion of a site falls within your count circle you may count anything from the site as long as a considerable portion (over 50% is a suggested guideline) falls within your circle. If only a small portion of a site lies within your circle, you should not count species from the entire site, only from the part that falls within your circle.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Life Lists (150 minimum)</th>
<th>Big Years (100 minimum)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Josh Engel</td>
<td>Colin Dobson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Matthew Cvetas</td>
<td>Beau Schaefer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Michelle Devlin</td>
<td>Fran Morel</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mike Madsen</td>
<td>Andrew Aldrich</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Beau Schaefer</td>
<td>Matthew Cvetas</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Eric Secker (Judson)</td>
<td>Mike Madsen</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Andrew Aldrich</td>
<td>Justin Wrinn</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Andy Gilbert (past)</td>
<td>Michelle Devlin</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Andy Gilbert (current)</td>
<td>Eric Secker</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Joe Lill</td>
<td>Joe Lill</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jim Mountjoy</td>
<td>Jim Mountjoy</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Justin Wrinn</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jeffrey Sanders</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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 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).

Montrose is technically a subsite within Chicago's Lincoln Park. However, as one of the most popular birding locations in the Midwest, many birders keep a separate Montrose list. For listing purposes, the site is bounded by Lake Shore Drive on the west, Wilson Drive/Lawrence-Wilson Drive on the north (with a line extending the angle of Lawrence Ave. out to the beach or Lake Michigan), and the base of the western breakwater of Montrose Harbor on the south, with a line westward to Lake Shore Drive. The land area of the point, all of the beach, the fishhook pier, the northernmost end of the golf course (including the pond), the harbor, and the harbor breakwaters are considered to be part of the site, and all birds seen on Lake Michigan while the observer is within the site boundaries are countable.
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 Millenium Park).

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.

Updates & corrections? Email Joe Lill at trptjoe@aol.com