

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), Burnidge 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)			232	Illinois Beach State Park	<i>S. Hickman</i>
(Large and Medium Sites only; 150 minimum)			224	Wolf L.-Eggers Forest Pres.	D. Stotz
324	Chicago's Lincoln Park	R. Hughes	222	Waukegan Beach & Harbor	A. Stokie
310	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Purcell	218	Skokie Lagoons	J. Sanders
303	Chicago's Lincoln Park	<i>O. McHugh</i>	216	Illinois Beach State Park	K. McMullen
299	Chicago's Lincoln Park	G. Neise	207	Waukegan Beach & Harbor	J. Solum
298	Chicago's Lincoln Park	G. Williamson	206	Chicago's Lincoln Park	C. Taylor
293	Chicago's Lincoln Park	L. Muñoz	203	Chicago's Jackson Park	J. Sanders
290	Illinois Beach State Park	A. Stokie	<u>203</u>	Chicago's Lincoln Park	S. Burckhardt
286	Chicago's Jackson Park	P. Clyne	198	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Chapman
286	Illinois Beach State Park	E. Walters	195	Lake Calumet	D. Stotz
284	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Sanders	195	Wadsworth Wetlands	<i>S. Hickman</i>
282	Chicago's Lincoln Park	E. Walters	193	Chicago's Jackson Park	<i>K. Hanson</i>
281	Chicago's Lincoln Park	D. Antieau	191	Lake Forest Nature Preserves	R. Peterson
280	Chicago's Lincoln Park	K. Hirabayashi	189	Lake Calumet	E. Walters
280	Illinois Beach State Park	R. Erickson	187	Illinois Beach State Park	J. McDaniel
279	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Lill	186	Skokie Lagoons	E. Walters
278	Chicago's Lincoln Park	T. Kelly	184	Chicago's Jackson Park	S. Friscia
274	Chicago's Lincoln Park	M. Devlin	184	Wadsworth Wetlands	A. Stokie
269	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Engel	178	Chicago's Jackson Park	A. Stokie
267	Chicago's Lincoln Park	A. Meloy	175	Illinois Beach State Park	J. Chapman
266	Chicago's Lincoln Park	M. Cvetas	173	Chicago's Jackson Park	E. Walters
265	Chicago's Lincoln Park	F. Morel	171	Chicago's Burnham Park	E. Walters
257	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Norek	167	Wadsworth Wetlands	J. Sanders
256	Chicago's Lincoln Park	<i>W. Dreuth</i>	154	Illinois Beach State Park	C. Taylor
256	Chicago's Lincoln Park	A. Stokie			
253	Chicago's Jackson Park	D. Anderson			
<u>253</u>	Chicago's Burnham Park	D. Stotz			
244	Chicago's Lincoln Park	B. Fisher			
244	Chicago's Lincoln Park	K. Fisher	325	Chautauqua N.W.R.	K. Richmond
243	Chicago's Lincoln Park	B. Heimer	299	Carlyle Lake	K. McMullen
243	Waukegan Beach & Harbor	E. Walters	294	Horseshoe Lake C.A.	F. Holmes
241	Chicago's Jackson Park	R. Shonkwiler	290	Rice Lake C.A.	K. Richmond
241	Chicago's Lincoln Park	A. Aldrich	270	Fermilab	P. Kasper
239	Chicago's Lincoln Park	T. Lally	268	Pratt's Wayne Woods F.P.	P. Moxon
238	Chicago's Jackson Park	S. Carpenter	263	Hennepin & Hopper Lakes	D. Stotz
236	Chicago's Lincoln Park	P. Moxon	259	Carlyle Lake	T. Mahan
			257	Chautauqua N.W.R.	P. Moxon
			257	Fermilab	P. Moxon

Large (greater than 3 sq. miles/1920 acres) (150 minimum)

257	Mermet Lake C.A.	F. Bennett	164	Union County C.A.	E. Walters
256	Chautauqua N.W.R.	C. Dobson	163	Hennepin & Hopper Lakes	E. Walters
253	Oak Run (Knox Co.)	M. Baum	160	Rend Lake	D. Miller
250	Sanganois C.A.	K. Richmond	158	Mermet Lake C.A.	E. Walters
<u>250</u>	Spunky Bottoms	C. Dobson	156	Meredosia N.W.R.	E. Walters
249	Rock Cut State Park	D. Williams	155	Jubilee College S.P.	M. Brucker
246	Emiquon N.W.R.	P. Moxon	154	Crab Orchard N.W.R.	E. Walters
245	Spring Lake C.A.	K. Richmond	154	Waterfall Glen Forest Pres.	J. Chapman
237	Union County C.A.	V. Kleen	150	Mississippi Palisades S.P.	E. Walters
236	Prairie Ridge S.N.A.	J. Walk	150	Pratt's Wayne Woods F.P.	E. Walters
232	Horseshoe Lake C.A.	K. McMullen			
228	Rock Cut State Park	J. Donaldson			
227	Lake Shelbyville	T. & K. Forcum			
222	Carlyle Lake	E. Walters		Medium (from 1-3 sq.miles/640-1920 acres)	
222	Elden Hazlet State Park	K. McMullen	261	(125 minimum)	
221	Chautauqua N.W.R.	A. Gilbert	256	Crabtree Nature Center	C. Westcott
221	Fermilab	E. Secker	<u>250</u>	McGinnis Slough	W. Serafin
219	Carlyle Lake	C. Taylor	<u>244</u>	Max McGraw Wildlife Fed.	R. Montgomery
218	Fermilab	U. Geiser	235	Greene Valley Forest Pres.	M. Madsen
218	Waterfall Glen Forest Pres.	B. Fisher	233	Herrick Lake Forest Pres.	P. Moxon
213	Fermilab	B. Fisher	233	Edgewood Farms	Ja. Smith
213	Hennepin & Hopper Lakes	T. Hartzler	233	Morton Arboretum	E. Walters
210	Chautauqua N.W.R.	K. McMullen	231	Shabbona Lake State Park	D. Shambaugh
210	Rock Cut State Park	B. Grover	231	Nelson Lake Forest Preserve	J. Duerr
210	Sand Ridge S.F.	K. Richmond	231	Springbrook Prairie	J. Suchecki
206	Crab Orchard N.W.R.	L. Wright	230	Greene Valley Forest Pres.	Je. Smith
206	Fermilab	K. Fisher	226	Morton Arboretum	P. Moxon
206	Starved Rock State Park	C. McKee	225	Kennekuk County Park	S. Bailey
204	Fermilab	E. Walters	224	Crabtree Nature Center	J. Sanders
204	Lowden-Miller State Forest	P. Moxon	223	Greene Valley Forest Pres.	P. Moxon
204	Palos Forest Preserves	E. Walters	220	Springbrook Prairie	P. Moxon
204	Pratt's Wayne Woods F.P.	E. Secker	216	Blackwell Forest Preserve	P. Moxon
204	Waterfall Glen Forest Pres.	K. Fisher	212	Nelson Lake Forest Preserve	P. Moxon
203	Waterfall Glen Forest Pres.	U. Geiser	211	Blackwell Forest Preserve	E. Secker
200	Clear Lake	K. Richmond	207	Shabbona Lake State Park	R. Flemal
200	Deer Grove F.P.	C. Fields	205	Morton Arboretum	J. Sanders
<u>200</u>	Illinois & Michigan Canal	D. Shambaugh	204	Greene Valley Forest Pres.	J. Chapman
199	Hennepin & Hopper Lakes	B. Fisher	204	Greene Valley Forest Pres.	U. Geiser
196	Fermilab	J. Chapman	204	Morton Arboretum	<i>J. Hardt</i>
191	Hennepin & Hopper Lakes	K. Fisher	200	Morton Arboretum	<i>T. Brown</i>
188	Starved Rock State Park	D. Shambaugh	<u>200</u>	Morton Arboretum	M. Madsen
186	Waterfall Glen Forest Pres.	M. Madsen	196	Chicago Portage	J. Duran
185	Fermilab	A. Aldrich	195	Burnidge Forest Preserve	J. Wrinn
184	Banner Marsh	E. Carlson	194	Morton Arboretum	<i>F. Swink</i>
182	Fermilab	A. Stokie	193	Morton Arboretum	J. Chapman
179	Emiquon N.W.R.	K. McMullen	192	Morton Arboretum	M.B. Chapman
178	Clinton Lake	E. Walters	190	Severson Dells Forest Pres.	J. Donaldson
178	Des Plaines Cons. Area	D. Stotz	188	Blackwell Forest Preserve	E. Walters
175	Pratt's Wayne Woods F.P.	U. Geiser	188	Goose Lake Prairie State Pk.	J. Chapman
174	Midewin Tallgrass N.P.	D. Stotz	186	Afton Forest Preserve	D. Shambaugh
171	Chautauqua N.W.R.	J. Sanders	185	Sand Lake	K. Richmond
169	Rend Lake	E. Walters	184	Lake Renwick Preserve	A. Aldrich
167	Two Rivers N.W.R.	E. Walters	183	Morton Arboretum	E. Secker
165	Des Plaines Cons. Area	J. Chapman	182	Morton Arboretum	<i>R. Wason</i>
165	Starved Rock State Park	E. Walters	180	Green Oaks Field Station	J. Mountjoy
164	Hennepin & Hopper Lakes	D. Shambaugh	178	Morton Arboretum	U. Geiser
164	Lake Shelbyville	E. Walters	176	Nelson Lake Forest Preserve	E. Secker
			175	McGinnis Slough	E. Walters

174	Nelson Lake Forest Preserve	A. Aldrich	203	Northpoint Marina	E. Walters
174	Silver Springs State Park	D. Shambaugh	<u>200</u>	Great Lakes N.T.C.	E. Walters
173	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	E. Walters	198	Chicago's Humboldt Park	S. Burckhardt
173	Nelson Lake Marsh	N. Bent	189	Hidden Lake Forest Preserve	E. Walters
173	Springbrook Prairie	U. Geiser	186	Chicago's Rainbow Beach Pk.	D. Stotz
170	Nelson Lake Marsh	R. Reason	184	Chicago Botanic Garden	E. Walters
170	Rockford's Anna Page Park	D. Williams	182	Springbrook Golf Club	J. Smith
167	Herrick Lake Forest Pres.	U. Geiser	179	Chicago Botanic Garden	A. Anderson
166	Crabtree Nature Center	<i>J. McDaniel</i>	179	Hidden Lake Forest Preserve	U. Geiser
165	Woodford County C.A	<i>J. Rink</i>	178	Oakhurst Forest Preserve	A. Aldrich
164	Blackwell Forest Preserve	A. Stokie	177	West DuPage Woods	E. Secker
164	Moraine Hills State Park	A. Stokie	175	Chicago Botanic Garden	J. Sundberg
163	Lake Decatur Dredge Ponds	T. Mahan	175	Lock & Dam #13	J. Chapman
162	Moraine View State Park	M. Retter	175	Salt Creek Woods	D. Stotz
159	Blackwell Forest Preserve	U. Geiser	173	Milford Treatment Plant	E. Schunke
158	Greene Valley Forest Pres.	M.B. Chapman	172	Beaubien Woods F.P.	D. Stotz
158	Herrick Lake Forest Pres.	P. Quagliana	168	N. Galesburg Dog Walk Area	J. Mountjoy
157	Canton's Lakeland Park	<i>K. Wright</i>	167	Chicago Botanic Garden	A. Stokie
157	Nachusa Grasslands	E. Walters	165	Chicago's Calumet Park	D. Stotz
153	LaSalle Lake	D. Shambaugh	164	Bunker Hill Forest Preserve	T. Lally
<u>151</u>	Lake Renwick Preserve	D. Stotz	162	Chicago's Rosehill Cemetery	M. Devlin
149	Goose Lake Prairie S.P.	D. Shambaugh	162	Hidden Lake Forest Preserve	J. Chapman
149	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	C. Taylor	159	Spring Bluff Forest Preserve	E. Walters
148	McGinnis Slough	J. Sanders	159	Whalon Lake Forest Pres.	A. Aldrich
145	Green River Cons. Area	D. Shambaugh	156	Fox River Shores F.P.	E. Secker
144	Nelson Lake Forest Preserve	D. Shambaugh	156	Upper Spring Lake	E. Walters
140	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	D. Shambaugh	155	Lyons Woods Forest Pres.	E. Walters
140	Shabbona Lake State Park	E. Walters	154	Redwing Slough S.N.A.	E. Walters
137	Illini State Park	D. Shambaugh	152	Chicago's Grant Park	E. Walters
135	Port Louisa N.W.R.	E. Walters	152	Hidden Lake Forest Preserve	E. Secker
132	Lincoln Trails State Park	E. Walters	151	Chicago's Rosehill Cemetery	C. Nelson
129	Decatur's Rock Springs N.C.	E. Walters	<u>151</u>	Lock & Dam #13	E. Walters
128	Crabtree Nature Center	M. Perkowitz	145	Ryerson Conservation Area	E. Walters
128	Washington County C.A.	E. Walters	143	Chicago's Rosehill Cemetery	J. Lill

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

278	Montrose	G. Neise
270	Montrose	M. Devlin
268	Montrose	F. Morel
266	Montrose	J. Lill
265	Montrose	J. Sanders
252	Chicago Botanic Garden	M. Hogg
252	Montrose	M. Cvetas
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>
234	Montrose	A. Aldrich
230	Montrose	B. Fisher
230	Montrose	K. Fisher
213	Whalon Lake Forest Pres.	Je. Smith
207	Fraker Farm	M. Fraker
207	Whalon Lake Forest Pres.	P. Moxon
205	Whalon Lake Forest Pres.	M. Madsen
204	Glen Ellyn's Lake Ellyn	<i>B.T. Gault</i>

203	Northpoint Marina	E. Walters
<u>200</u>	Great Lakes N.T.C.	E. Walters
198	Chicago's Humboldt Park	S. Burckhardt
189	Hidden Lake Forest Preserve	E. Walters
186	Chicago's Rainbow Beach Pk.	D. Stotz
184	Chicago Botanic Garden	E. Walters
182	Springbrook Golf Club	J. Smith
179	Chicago Botanic Garden	A. Anderson
179	Hidden Lake Forest Preserve	U. Geiser
178	Oakhurst Forest Preserve	A. Aldrich
177	West DuPage Woods	E. Secker
175	Chicago Botanic Garden	J. Sundberg
175	Lock & Dam #13	J. Chapman
175	Salt Creek Woods	D. Stotz
173	Milford Treatment Plant	E. Schunke
172	Beaubien Woods F.P.	D. Stotz
168	N. Galesburg Dog Walk Area	J. Mountjoy
167	Chicago Botanic Garden	A. Stokie
165	Chicago's Calumet Park	D. Stotz
164	Bunker Hill Forest Preserve	T. Lally
162	Chicago's Rosehill Cemetery	M. Devlin
162	Hidden Lake Forest Preserve	J. Chapman
159	Spring Bluff Forest Preserve	E. Walters
159	Whalon Lake Forest Pres.	A. Aldrich
156	Fox River Shores F.P.	E. Secker
156	Upper Spring Lake	E. Walters
155	Lyons Woods Forest Pres.	E. Walters
154	Redwing Slough S.N.A.	E. Walters
152	Chicago's Grant Park	E. Walters
152	Hidden Lake Forest Preserve	E. Secker
151	Chicago's Rosehill Cemetery	C. Nelson
<u>151</u>	Lock & Dam #13	E. Walters
145	Ryerson Conservation Area	E. Walters
143	Chicago's Rosehill Cemetery	J. Lill
142	Chicago's Calumet Park	E. Walters
141	Chicago's North Park Village	J. Lill
130	Ryerson Conservation Area	J. Solum
129	Plum Creek Forest Preserve	E. Walters
128	Ryerson Conservation Area	M. Perkowitz
126	LaBagh Woods F.P.	J. Lill
125	Naperville's Knoch Knolls Pk.	M. Madsen

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

<u>257</u>	Wilmette's Gillson Park	E. Walters
<u>235</u>	Wilmette's Gillson Park	J. Sanders
194	Judson University	E. Secker
194	North Shore Chan.-Evanston	E. Walters
165	Chicago's Navy Pier	R. Eiseman
163	Oak Bluff Savanna	M. Brucker
162	Sannauk Forest Preserve	D. Shambaugh
161	Chicago's Navy Pier	E. Walters
157	Chicago's Northerly Island	D. Stotz
157	Evanston's James Park	M. Cvetas
<u>157</u>	North Shore Chan.-Evanston	M. Cvetas
147	Zion's Hosah Park	E. Walters

146	Evanston's Calvary Cemetery	E. Walters	124	Waukegan's Bowen Park	E. Walters
146	Wilkinson-Renwick Marsh	D. Shambaugh	123	Wolf Road Prairie	C. Taylor
144	Evanston's Perkins Woods	E. Walters	121	Wolf Road Prairie	D. Stotz
143	Glenview's The Grove	J. Sanders	117	Evanston's Perkins Woods	A. Meloy
141	Wilkinson-Renwick Marsh	R. Flemal	116	Evanston's James Park	E. Walters
140	Klehm Arboretum	D. Williams	115	Wilmette's Gillson Park	J. Lill
135	Zion's Edina Park	E. Walters	114	Waukegan's Bowen Park	J. Solum
129	Chief Shabbona Forest Pres.	D. Shambaugh	109	Bartonville's Mendenhall Park	E. Carlson
129	Woodstock's Ryder's Woods	R. Baade	106	Saw Wee Kee Park	D. Shambaugh
127	Peoria's Iris Park	E. Carlson	103	Glen Ellyn's Goer's Woods	E. Walters
127	Thomson Causeway R.A.	E. Walters	100	West Ridge Nature Preserve	M. Devlin

Area Life Lists

(150 minimum)

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.

336	Illinois River N.F.W.R	K. Richmond	247	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	D. Williams
308	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	E. Walters	244	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	D. Johnson
303	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	A. Stokie	244	Waukegan Parks/Lakefront	E. Walters
301	Chicago Park District Parks	J. Lill	242	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	P. Sweet
296	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	E. Walters	241	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	J. Lill
294	DuPage Co. Forest Preserves	B. Fisher	236	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	A. Stokie
292	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	J. Lill	236	DeKalb Co. Forest Preserves	D. Shambaugh
288	DuPage Co. Forest Preserves	K. Fisher	236	Starved Rock/Mattheissen	J. McKee
287	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	J. Sanders	235	Evanston/Gillson Park	M. Cvetas
285	Evanston/Gillson Park	E. Walters	234	Du Page Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters
282	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	R. Erickson	233	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	P. Moxon
279	Lake Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters	229	Fox River (Kane Co.)	E. Secker
278	Evanston/Gillson Park	J. Sanders	229	McGinnis/Palos F. Preserves	J. Sanders
278	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	J. Sanders	224	McGinnis/Palos F. Preserves	S. Friscia
277	Evanston Lakefront	E. Walters	222	Palisades Region	E. Walters
275	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	M. Cvetas	219	Du Page Co. Forest Preserves	J. Chapman
275	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	M. Devlin	219	Greater Grant Pk. Ecosystem	J. Engel
274	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	A. Stokie	219	Greater Grant Pk. Ecosystem	T. Schulenberg
273	Emiquon/Thompson Lake	C. Dobson	218	McGinnis/Palos F. Preserves	K. Wysocki
271	L. Calumet/Egger's Woods	J. Sanders	217	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	M. Cvetas
270	Illinois State Parks	C. Taylor	215	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	K. Fisher
268	McGinnis/Palos F. Preserves	W. Serafin	212	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	J. Sanders
267	Greater Grant Pk. Ecosystem	D. Stotz	212	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	D. Shambaugh
264	Du Page Co. For. Preserves	E. Secker	212	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	J. Chapman
264	L. Calumet/Egger's Woods	D. Stotz	212	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	U. Geiser
264	Meredosia/Four Corners	C. Dobson	212	Zion Parks/Preserves	E. Walters
259	Evanston/Gillson Park	J. Engel	211	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	B. Fisher
257	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	D. Stotz	210	McGinnis/Palos F. Preserves	P. Dring
257	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	E. Secker	209	McGinnis/Palos F. Preserves	E. Walters
254	Du Page Co. For. Preserves	J. Chapman	207	L. Calumet/Egger's Woods	E. Walters
254	Mississippi River	E. Walters	206	McGinnis/Palos F. Preserves	A. Stokie
253	Lake Mauvaisterre (area)	C. Dobson	205	Lake Forest Parks/Preserves	R. Peterson
250	Evanston Lakefront	J. Engel	204	Palisades Region	J. Chapman
250	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	J. Solum	203	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	E. Secker
250	Univ. of Ill. (Champaign)	R. Chapel	201	McGinnis/Palos F. Preserves	K. Fisher
248	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	J. Sanders	200	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	J. Wrinn
248	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters	200	L. Calumet/Egger's Woods	J. Engel

200	L. Calumet/Egger's Woods	A. Stokie	185	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters
198	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	D. Stotz	184	Chautauqua Region	E. Walters
195	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	M.B. Chapman	181	Evanston/Gillson Park	J. Cvetas
193	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	B. Fisher	165	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	B. Fisher
193	Two Rivers Region	E. Walters	165	North Shore Channel	J. Sanders
191	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	K. Hanson	162	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	K. Fisher
188	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	C. Taylor	154	DeKalb Forest Preserves	J. Sanders
185	Evanston Lakefront	M. Cvetas	151	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	K. Wysocki

Site Big Years (100 minimum)

Justin Wrinn makes his first appearance on this list with his tally from Burnidge F.P. (Kane County) and Dave Antieau adds another name to the list of contributors for Chicago's Lincoln Park.

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

247	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Robert Hughes	1996
243	Chicago's Lincoln Park	John Purcell	1996
232	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Geoff Williamson	2007
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
217	Illinois Beach State Park	Eric Walters	2009
216	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Kanae Hirabayashi	1994
214	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Jeff Sanders	1971
214	Fermi National Accelerator Lab	Peter Kasper	1994
213	Illinois Beach State Park	Eric Walters	2006
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	Horseshoe Lake C.A.	Frank Holmes	2006
208	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Dave Antieau	2015
206	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Michelle Devlin	2011
204	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Josh Engel	2012
200	Chautauqua N.W.R.	Kevin Richmond	1996
200	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Josh Engel	2011
199	Chicago's Lincoln Park	William Dreuth	1938
198	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Fran Morel	2012
197	Chicago's Jackson Park	Randy Shonkwiler	2013
195	Burnidge Forest Preserve	Justin Wrinn	2015
195	Horseshoe Lake	Frank Holmes	2003
194	Hennepin & Hopper Lakes	Doug Stotz	2005
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	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Joan Norek	2015
185	Carlyle Lake	Keith McMullen	1999
185	Skokie Lagoons	Jeff Sanders	1971
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
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
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	Shabbona Lake State Park	Darrell Shambaugh	1998
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	Judson University	Eric Secker	2014
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	Judson University	Eric Secker	2015
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
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

Area Big Years (150 minimum)

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

237	Illinois Beach State Park (area)	Eric Walters	2009
230	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	Michelle Devlin	2013
230	Illinois Beach State Park/Northpoint	Al Stokie	1994
219	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	Michelle Devlin	2012
215	Evanston/Gillson Park	Josh Engel	1998
214	Lake Calumet/Eggers Woods	Doug Stotz	1998
211	Illinois Beach State Park (area)	Eric Walters	2013
208	Illinois Beach State Park/Northpoint	Paul Sweet	2003
207	Evanston/Gillson Park	Eric Walters	1996
207	Palos Forest Preserves/McGinnis	Wes Serafin	1994
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	Evanston Lakefront	Eric Walters	1990
196	Evanston/Gillson Park	Eric Walters	1995
193	Lake Calumet/Eggers Woods	Walter Marcisz	1994
192	Evanston Lakefront	Eric Walters	1996
186	Evanston Lakefront	Eric Walters	1997
183	Evanston Lakefront	Eric Walters	1995
175	Palatine	Carolyn Fields	1996
167	Greater Grant Park Ecosystem	Josh Engel	2011
164	Palatine	Carolyn Fields	1995

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)

126	Illinois Beach State Park	05/18/00	J. Engel, E. Walters
126	Illinois Beach State Park (South Unit)	05/09/15	D. Diaz, A. Sell, J. Solum
120	Carlyle Lake	09/09/00	D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
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
106	Morton Arboretum	05/06/89	T. Brown, R. Wagner, E. Walters
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

Single Observer Big Days

(60 minimum)

123	Illinois Beach State Park	05/15/13	E. Walters
114	Rock Cut State Park	05/15/15	E. Secker
113	Chicago's Jackson Park	05/09/96	P. Clyne
110	Hennepin-Hopper Lake	05/06/03	D. Stotz
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
103	Montrose	05/08/14	R. Hughes
103	Montrose	05/21/14	R. Hughes
103	Nachusa Grasslands	05/15/10	E. Walters
102	Chicago's Lincoln Park	05/15/15	G. Williamson
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
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	Illinois Beach S.P.	05/21/15	E. Walters
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
90	Illinois Beach State Park	05/18/14	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
74	Fort Massac S.P.	05/09/15	E. Walters
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	Lincoln Trails S.P.	05/10/15	E. Walters
72	Olympia Fields Country Club	05/08/99	M. Hahn
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

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)

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

Single Observer Big Days

(60 minimum)

110	Palisades Region	05/12/06	J. Chapman
104	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	05/08/97	E. Walters
103	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	09/09/98	D. Stotz
102	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	05/20/02	E. Walters
102	Evanston Lakefront/Canal	05/10/03	E. Walters
98	McGinnis Slough/Palos F.P.	05/23/98	W. Serafin
70	Evanston/Gillson Park	09/21/98	J. Engel

Local Patch 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.

Local Patch Life Lists

(150 minimum)

300	Josh Engel
284	Matthew Cvetas
282	Michelle Devlin
280	Mike Madsen
257	Beau Schaefer
256	Eric Secker (Judson location)
251	Andrew Aldrich
249	Andy Gilbert (past residence)
239	Andy Gilbert (current residence)
236	Joe Lill
218	Jim Mountjoy
204	Justin Wrinn
184	Jeffrey Sanders

Local Patch Big Years

(100 minimum)

252	Colin Dobson	2015
230	Beau Schaefer	2015
229	Fran Morel	2015
225	Andrew Aldrich	2015
221	Matthew Cvetas	2015
213	Mike Madsen	2015
204	Justin Wrinn	2015
203	Michelle Devlin	2015
197	Eric Secker	2015
112	Joe Lill	2015
104	Jim Mountjoy	2015

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 Millennium 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.

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