

IOS Listers Corner 2017

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

Site Life Lists

The largest increase occurred at the Chicago Botanic Garden where Al Stokie added 38 species to his previous total. Other large increases were recorded by Eric Walters at Glen Ellyn's Goer's Woods (12), Andrew Aldrich at Lincoln Park (11), and Matthew Cvetas at Montrose (10). Eric Walters added two locations to this list (small – Universal-Peabody Strip Mine in Edgar County and Northwestern University) as did Ted Hartzler (small – Greenview Wetland), Doug Stotz (small – Bemis Woods), and Darrell Shambaugh (very small – Shuh Shuh Gah Canoe Launch).

Italics = an inactive Illinois birder (i.e. deceased or lives out-of-state)

(updated 3/13/18)

Lake Michigan Ecosystem (east of I-94/US 41)

(Large and Medium Sites only; 150 minimum)

324	Chicago's Lincoln Park	R. Hughes	218	Chicago's Lincoln Park	C. Taylor
310	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Purcell	216	Illinois Beach State Park	K. McMullen
<u>303</u>	Chicago's Lincoln Park	<i>O. McHugh</i>	207	Waukegan Beach & Harbor	J. Solum
299	Chicago's Lincoln Park	G. Neise	203	Chicago's Jackson Park	J. Sanders
298	Chicago's Lincoln Park	G. Williamson	<u>203</u>	Chicago's Lincoln Park	S. Burckhardt
297	Chicago's Lincoln Park	L. Muñoz	198	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Chapman
290	Illinois Beach State Park	A. Stokie	195	Lake Calumet	D. Stotz
290	Illinois Beach State Park	E. Walters	195	Wadsworth Wetlands	<i>S. Hickman</i>
286	Chicago's Jackson Park	P. Clyne	194	Lake Calumet	E. Walters
284	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Sanders	193	Chicago's Jackson Park	<i>K. Hanson</i>
283	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Lill	191	Lake Forest Nature Preserves	R. Peterson
283	Chicago's Lincoln Park	E. Walters	187	Illinois Beach State Park	J. McDaniel
281	Chicago's Lincoln Park	D. Antieau	186	Skokie Lagoons	E. Walters
280	Chicago's Lincoln Park	K. Hirabayashi	184	Chicago's Jackson Park	S. Friscia
280	Illinois Beach State Park	R. Erickson	184	Wadsworth Wetlands	A. Stokie
279	Chicago's Lincoln Park	M. Cvetas	180	Chicago's Lincoln Park	B. Dolgan
278	Chicago's Lincoln Park	T. Kelly	178	Chicago's Jackson Park	A. Stokie
273	Chicago's Lincoln Park	M. Devlin	175	Illinois Beach State Park	J. Chapman
272	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Engel	173	Chicago's Burnham Park	E. Walters
267	Chicago's Lincoln Park	A. Meloy	173	Chicago's Jackson Park	E. Walters
265	Chicago's Lincoln Park	F. Morel	167	Wadsworth Wetlands	J. Sanders
261	Chicago's Lincoln Park	B. Heimer	166	Illinois Beach State Park	C. Taylor
259	Chicago's Lincoln Park	A. Aldrich	151	Chicago's Jackson Park	C. Taylor
259	Chicago's Lincoln Park	<i>J. Norek</i>			
258	Chicago's Burnham Park	D. Stotz			
256	Chicago's Lincoln Park	<i>W. Dreuth</i>			
256	Chicago's Lincoln Park	A. Stokie			
<u>253</u>	Chicago's Jackson Park	D. Anderson			
246	Chicago's Jackson Park	R. Shonkwiler			
244	Chicago's Lincoln Park	B. Fisher			
244	Chicago's Lincoln Park	K. Fisher			
243	Waukegan Beach & Harbor	E. Walters			
242	Chicago's Lincoln Park	T. Lally			
238	Chicago's Jackson Park	S. Carpenter			
236	Chicago's Lincoln Park	P. Moxon			
232	Illinois Beach State Park	<i>S. Hickman</i>			
230	Waukegan Beach & Harbor	A. Sell			
224	Wolf L.-Eggers Forest Pres.	D. Stotz			
222	Waukegan Beach & Harbor	A. Stokie			
219	Skokie Lagoons	J. Sanders			

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

(150 minimum)

<u>325</u>	Chautauqua N.W.R.	K. Richmond
299	Carlyle Lake	K. McMullen
294	Horseshoe Lake C.A.	F. Holmes
290	Rice Lake C.A.	K. Richmond
270	Fermilab	P. Kasper
268	Pratt's Wayne Woods F.P.	P. Moxon
265	Dixon Waterfowl Refuge	D. Stotz
259	Carlyle Lake	T. Mahan
257	Chautauqua N.W.R.	P. Moxon
257	Fermilab	P. Moxon
257	Mermet Lake C.A.	F. Bennett
256	Chautauqua N.W.R.	C. Dobson
252	Oak Run (Knox Co.)	M. Baum
250	Rock Cut S.P.	D. Williams
250	Sanganois C.A.	K. Richmond
<u>250</u>	Spunky Bottoms	C. Dobson

246	Emiquon N.W.R.	P. Moxon	161	Mermet Lake C.A.	E. Walters
245	Spring Lake C.A.	K. Richmond	160	Rend Lake	D. Miller
237	Union County C.A.	V. Kleen	159	Fermilab	D. Lafkas
236	Prairie Ridge S.N.A.	J. Walk	157	Jubilee College S.P.	E. Carlson
234	Carlyle Lake	E. Walters	157	Mississippi Palisades S.P.	E. Walters
232	Chautauqua N.W.R.	A. Gilbert	156	Crab Orchard N.W.R.	E. Walters
232	Horseshoe Lake C.A.	K. McMullen	156	Meredosia N.W.R.	E. Walters
228	Rock Cut S.P.	J. Donaldson	156	Waterfall Glen F.P.	J. Chapman
227	Lake Shelbyville	T. & K. Forcum	155	Jubilee College S.P.	M. Brucker
225	Carlyle Lake	C. Taylor	153	Palos Forest Preserves	M. Cvetas
222	Elden Hazlet S.P.	K. McMullen	150	Horseshoe Lake S.P.	E. Walters
221	Fermilab	E. Secker	150	Pratt's Wayne Woods F.P.	E. Walters
218	Fermilab	U. Geiser			
218	Waterfall Glen F.P.	B. Fisher		Medium (from 1-3 sq.miles/640-1920 acres)	
217	Dixon Waterfowl Refuge	T. Hartzler		(125 minimum)	
212	Fermilab	B. Fisher	261	Crabtree Nature Center	C. Westcott
210	Chautauqua N.W.R.	K. McMullen	257	McGinnis Slough	<i>W. Serafin</i>
210	Rock Cut State Park	B. Grover	250	Greene Valley F.P.	M. Madsen
210	Sand Ridge S.F.	K. Richmond	<u>250</u>	Max McGraw Wildlife Fed.	R. Montgomery
209	Fermilab	E. Walters	238	Greene Valley F.P.	Je. Smith
206	Crab Orchard N.W.R.	L. Wright	236	Morton Arboretum	E. Walters
206	Starved Rock S.P.	C. McKee	235	Herrick Lake F.P..	P. Moxon
205	Dixon Waterfowl Refuge	B. Fisher	234	Shabbona Lake S.P.	D. Shambaugh
205	Fermilab	K. Fisher	233	Edgewood Farms	Ja. Smith
205	Waterfall Glen F.P.	U. Geiser	232	Springbrook Prairie	J. Suchecki
204	Lowden-Miller State Forest	P. Moxon	231	Nelson Lake F.P.	J. Duerr
204	Palos Forest Preserves	E. Walters	226	Morton Arboretum	P. Moxon
204	Pratt's Wayne Woods F.P.	E. Secker	225	Kennekuk County Park	S. Bailey
204	Waterfall Glen F.P.	K. Fisher	224	Crabtree Nature Center	J. Sanders
200	Clear Lake	K. Richmond	223	Greene Valley F.P.	P. Moxon
200	Deer Grove F.P.	C. Fields	220	Springbrook Prairie	P. Moxon
<u>200</u>	Illinois & Michigan Canal	D. Shambaugh	216	Blackwell F.P.	P. Moxon
199	Dixon Waterfowl Refuge	K. Fisher	215	Greene Valley F.P.	J. Chapman
198	Rock Cut State Park	J. Longhenry	212	Nelson Lake F.P.	P. Moxon
197	Fermilab	J. Chapman	211	Blackwell F.P.	E. Secker
194	Waterfall Glen F.P.	M. Madsen	207	Shabbona Lake S.P.	R. Flemal
192	Des Plaines Cons. Area	D. Stotz	205	Greene Valley F.P.	U. Geiser
191	Banner Marsh	E. Carlson	205	Morton Arboretum	J. Sanders
188	Starved Rock State Park	D. Shambaugh	204	Morton Arboretum	<i>J. Hardt</i>
185	Chautauqua N.W.R.	T. Hartzler	203	Morton Arboretum	J. Chapman
185	Fermilab	A. Aldrich	201	Morton Arboretum	M. Madsen
182	Fermilab	A. Stokie	<u>200</u>	Morton Arboretum	<i>T. Brown</i>
179	Emiquon N.W.R.	K. McMullen	196	Chicago Portage	J. Duran
178	Clinton Lake	E. Walters	195	Burnidge F.P.	J. Wrinn
177	Emiquon Visitor's Center	T. Hartzler	194	Morton Arboretum	<i>F. Swink</i>
177	Two Rivers N.W.R.	E. Walters	192	Morton Arboretum	M.B. Chapman
175	Pratt's Wayne Woods F.P.	U. Geiser	190	Severson Dells F.P.	J. Donaldson
174	Midewin Tallgrass N.P.	D. Stotz	189	Afton Forest Preserve	D. Shambaugh
171	Chautauqua N.W.R.	J. Sanders	188	Blackwell F.P.	E. Walters
171	Dixon Waterfowl Refuge	D. Shambaugh	188	Goose Lake Prairie S.P.	J. Chapman
170	Dixon Waterfowl Refuge	E. Walters	185	Sand Lake	K. Richmond
170	Lake Shelbyville	E. Walters	184	Lake Renwick Preserve	A. Aldrich
169	Rend Lake	E. Walters	184	Nelson Lake F.P.	A. Aldrich
167	Chautauqua N.W.R.	C. Taylor	183	Morton Arboretum	E. Secker
167	Starved Rock S.P.	E. Walters	182	Morton Arboretum	<i>R. Wason</i>
167	Union County C.A.	E. Walters	181	Green Oaks Field Station	J. Mountjoy
165	Des Plaines Cons. Area	J. Chapman	179	Morton Arboretum	U. Geiser

177	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	E. Walters	216	Whalon Lake F.P.	Je. Smith
177	Springbrook Prairie	U. Geiser	214	Montrose	C. Taylor
176	Nelson Lake F.P.	E. Secker	213	Colored Sands F.P.	J. Longhenry
175	McGinnis Slough	E. Walters	213	Whalon Lake F.P.	M. Madsen
175	Silver Springs S.P.	D. Shambaugh	211	Coal Miner's Trail (Minonk)	T. Hartzler
173	Nelson Lake Marsh	N. Bent	207	Fraker Farm	M. Fraker
170	Nelson Lake Marsh	R. Reason	207	Whalon Lake F.P.	P. Moxon
170	Rockford's Anna Page Park	D. Williams	205	Chicago Botanic Garden	A. Stokie
167	Herrick Lake F.P.	U. Geiser	204	Glen Ellyn's Lake Ellyn	<i>B.T. Gault</i>
166	Crabtree Nature Center	<i>J. McDaniel</i>	<u>200</u>	Great Lakes N.T.C.	E. Walters
165	Woodford County C.A	<i>J. Rink</i>	198	Chicago's Humboldt Park	S. Burckhardt
164	Blackwell F.P.	A. Stokie	192	Chicago's Rainbow Beach Pk.	D. Stotz
164	Moraine Hills State Park	A. Stokie	192	Hidden Lake F.P.	E. Walters
163	Lake Decatur Dredge Ponds	T. Mahan	192	Montrose	A. Tedesco
162	Moraine View S.P.	M. Retter	184	Chicago Botanic Garden	E. Walters
159	Blackwell F.P.	U. Geiser	184	Greenview Wetland	T. Hartzler
158	Goose Lake Prairie S.P.	D. Stotz	182	Springbrook Golf Club	J. Smith
158	Greene Valley F.P.	M.B. Chapman	179	Chicago Botanic Garden	A. Anderson
158	Herrick Lake F.P.	P. Quagliana	179	Clayton Smith Preserves	T. Lally
157	Canton's Lakeland Park	<i>K. Wright</i>	179	Hidden Lake F.P.	U. Geiser
157	Nachusa Grasslands	E. Walters	179	Salt Creek Woods	D. Stotz
156	LaSalle Lake	D. Shambaugh	178	Oakhurst F.P.	A. Aldrich
152	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	C. Taylor	177	Montrose	B. Dolgan
152	Lake Renwick Preserve	D. Stotz	177	West DuPage Woods	E. Secker
<u>151</u>	Goose Lake Prairie S.P.	D. Shambaugh	175	Chicago Botanic Garden	J. Sundberg
148	McGinnis Slough	J. Sanders	175	Lock & Dam #13	J. Chapman
147	Green River Cons. Area	D. Shambaugh	175	Spring Bluff F.P.	E. Walters
144	Nelson Lake F.P.	D. Shambaugh	173	Milford Treatment Plant	E. Schunke
140	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	D. Shambaugh	172	Beaubien Woods F.P.	D. Stotz
140	Shabbona Lake State Park	E. Walters	171	N. Galesburg Dog Walk Area	J. Mountjoy
137	Illini State Park	D. Shambaugh	165	Chicago's Calumet Park	D. Stotz
137	Lincoln Trails State Park	E. Walters	162	Chicago's Rosehill Cemetery	M. Devlin
135	Port Louisa N.W.R.	E. Walters	162	Hidden Lake F.P.	J. Chapman
129	Crabtree Nature Center	M. Perkowitz	160	Whalon Lake F.P.	A. Aldrich
129	Decatur's Rock Springs N.C.	E. Walters	159	Lock & Dam #13	E. Walters
129	Washington County C.A.	E. Walters	158	Fox River Shores F.P.	E. Secker
Small (between .25-1 sq.mile/160-640 acres)			158	Lyons Woods F.P.	E. Walters
(125 minimum)			157	Upper Spring Lake	E. Walters
278	Montrose	G. Neise	155	Bemis Woods F.P.	D. Stotz
276	Montrose	F. Morel	154	Redwing Slough S.N.A.	E. Walters
273	Northwestern University	E. Walters	152	Chicago's Grant Park	E. Walters
272	Montrose	J. Lill	152	Hidden Lake F.P.	E. Secker
270	Montrose	R. DeCoster	<u>151</u>	Chicago's Rosehill Cemetery	C. Nelson
269	Montrose	M. Devlin	146	Universal-Peabody Strip Mine	E. Walters
268	Montrose	M. Cvetas	145	Ryerson Conservation Area	E. Walters
265	Montrose	J. Sanders	143	Chicago's Rosehill Cemetery	J. Lill
263	Montrose	J. Engel	142	Chicago's Calumet Park	E. Walters
<u>252</u>	Chicago Botanic Garden	M. Hogg	141	Chicago's North Park Village	J. Lill
248	West DuPage Woods	P. Moxon	133	Clayton Smith Preserves	J. Lill
240	Chicago Botanic Garden	J. Sanders	130	Ryerson Conservation Area	M. Perkowitz
238	Chicago's Grant Park	D. Stotz	130	Ryerson Conservation Area	J. Solum
234	Chicago Botanic Garden	<i>L. Binford</i>	129	Plum Creek F.P.	E. Walters
234	Montrose	A. Aldrich	128	Ryerson Conservation Area	J. Sanders
230	Montrose	B. Fisher	127	LaBagh Woods F.P.	J. Lill
225	North Point Marina	E. Walters	126	Naperville's Knoch Knolls Pk.	M. Madsen
222	Montrose	K. Fisher			

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

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<u>258</u>	Wilmette's Gillson Park	E. Walters	140	Klehm Arboretum	D. Williams
<u>235</u>	Wilmette's Gillson Park	J. Sanders	138	Thomson Causeway R.A.	E. Walters
209	Chicago's Northerly Island	D. Stotz	135	Zion's Edina Park	E. Walters
<u>205</u>	Judson University	E. Secker	134	Wolf Road Prairie	D. Stotz
194	North Shore Chan.-Evanston	E. Walters	131	Peoria's Iris Park	E. Carlson
165	Chicago's Navy Pier	R. Eiseman	129	Chief Shabbona F.P.	D. Shambaugh
163	Oak Bluff Savanna	M. Brucker	129	Woodstock's Ryder's Woods	R. Baade
163	Sannauk F.P.	D. Shambaugh	124	Waukegan's Bowen Park	E. Walters
162	Zion's Hosah Park	E. Walters	124	Wolf Road Prairie	C. Taylor
161	Chicago's Navy Pier	E. Walters	122	Zion's Shiloh Park	E. Walters
157	Evanston's James Park	M. Cvetas	117	Evanston's Perkins Woods	A. Meloy
<u>157</u>	North Shore Chan.-Evanston	M. Cvetas	117	Wilmette's Gillson Park	J. Lill
146	Evanston's Calvary Cemetery	E. Walters	116	Evanston's James Park	E. Walters
146	Wilkinson-Renwick Marsh	D. Shambaugh	115	Glen Ellyn's Goer's Woods	E. Walters
144	Evanston's Perkins Woods	E. Walters	114	Waukegan's Bowen Park	J. Solum
143	Glenview's The Grove	J. Sanders	109	Bartonville's Mendenhall Park	E. Carlson
141	Wilkinson-Renwick Marsh	R. Flemal	106	Saw Wee Kee Park	D. Shambaugh
			100	Shuh Shuh Gah Canoe Launch	D. Shambaugh
			100	West Ridge Nature Preserve	M. Devlin

Area Life Lists (150 minimum)

Craig Taylor upped his McGinnis/Palos Forest Preserves by 24 species and, on a broader front, added 12 species to his Illinois State Parks total. Another double-digit increase was Eric Walters' increase of 10 species for the Chautauqua Region. Matthew Cvetas increased his Lakefront Parks list by six species, as did Dan Williams at Illinois Beach S.P.

336	Illinois River N.F.W.R	K. Richmond	258	Du Page Co. For. Preserves	J. Smith
307	Chicago Park District Parks	J. Lill	257	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	D. Stotz
303	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	A. Stokie	256	Du Page Co. For. Preserves	J. Chapman
<u>301</u>	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	E. Walters	253	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	D. Williams
297	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	J. Lill	253	Lake Mauvaisterre (area)	C. Dobson
297	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	E. Walters	250	Evanston Lakefront	J. Engel
294	DuPage Co. Forest Preserves	B. Fisher	250	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	J. Solum
288	DuPage Co. Forest Preserves	K. Fisher	<u>250</u>	Univ. of Ill. (Champaign)	R. Chapel
287	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	M. Cvetas	249	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	J. Lill
287	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	J. Sanders	249	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	J. Sanders
285	Evanston/Gillson Park	E. Walters	248	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters
283	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	D. Stotz	244	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	D. Johnson
282	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	R. Erickson	244	Waukegan Parks/Lakefront	E. Walters
282	Illinois State Parks	C. Taylor	242	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	P. Sweet
279	Lake Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters	236	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	A. Stokie
278	Evanston/Gillson Park	J. Sanders	236	DeKalb Co. Forest Preserves	D. Shambaugh
278	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	J. Sanders	236	Starved Rock/Mattheissen	J. McKee
274	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	M. Devlin	234	Du Page Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters
274	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	A. Stokie	234	Evanston/Gillson Park	M. Cvetas
273	Emiquon/Thompson Lake	C. Dobson	234	Palisades Region	E. Walters
271	L. Calumet/Egger's Woods	J. Sanders	233	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	P. Moxon
268	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	W. Serafin	232	Fox River (Kane Co.)	E. Secker
269	Greater Grant Pk. Ecosystem	D. Stotz	229	McGinnis/Palos F. Preserves	J. Sanders
264	Du Page Co. For. Preserves	E. Secker	227	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	M. Cvetas
264	L. Calumet/Egger's Woods	D. Stotz	226	Greater Grant Pk. Ecosystem	J. Engel
264	Meredosia/Four Corners	C. Dobson	224	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	S. Friscia
262	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	E. Secker	221	Zion Parks/Preserves	E. Walters
259	Evanston/Gillson Park	J. Engel	219	Greater Grant Pk. Ecosystem	T. Schulenberg
259	Mississippi River	E. Walters	218	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	K. Wysocki

218	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	J. Chapman	200	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	J. Wrinn
216	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	B. Fisher	200	L. Calumet/Egger's Woods	J. Engel
215	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	K. Fisher	<u>200</u>	L. Calumet/Egger's Woods	A. Stokie
213	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	U. Geiser	199	Chautauqua Region	C. Taylor
212	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	J. Sanders	198	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	D. Stotz
212	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	D. Shambaugh	195	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	M.B. Chapman
212	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	C. Taylor	193	Evanston/Gillson Park	J. Cvetas
211	L. Calumet/Egger's Woods	E. Walters	193	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	B. Fisher
210	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	P. Dring	191	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	K. Hanson
209	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	E. Walters	190	Bemis Woods/Salt Creek	D. Stotz
206	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	A. Stokie	187	Evanston Lakefront	M. Cvetas
205	Chautauqua Region	E. Walters	186	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters
205	Lake Forest Parks/Preserves	R. Peterson	165	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	B. Fisher
204	Palisades Region	J. Chapman	165	North Shore Channel	J. Sanders
203	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	E. Secker	162	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	K. Fisher
202	Two Rivers Region	E. Walters	154	DeKalb Forest Preserves	J. Sanders
201	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	K. Fisher	151	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	K. Wysocki

Site Big Years (100 minimum)

Andy Gilbert added a very overdue Emiquon N.W.R. to this category. Jeff Smith makes his first appearance on this list (two sites). Mike Madsen established a new high for Greene Valley F.P.

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
226	Emiquon N.W.R.	Andy Gilbert	2017
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 S.P.	Eric Walters	2007
217	Illinois Beach S.P.	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 S.P.	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 C.A.	Frank Holmes	2003

194	Dixon Waterfowl Refuge	Doug Stotz	2005
192	Greene Valley F.P.	Mike Madsen	2017
190	Dixon Waterfowl Refuge	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	Dixon Waterfowl Refuge	Doug Stotz	2003
182	Morton Arboretum	Eric Walters	1988
181	Gillson Park	Eric Walters	1995
180	Busse Woods F.P.	Eric Secker	2016
180	Gillson Park	Eric Walters	1997
179	Morton Arboretum	Eric Secker	2003
179	Shabbona Lake S.P.	Ron Flemal	1996
179	Skokie Lagoons	Jeff Sanders	1972
177	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Eric Walters	1996
176	Greene Valley F.P.	Jeff Smith	2014
176	Skokie Lagoons	Jeff Sanders	1973
173	Blackwell F.P.	Eric Secker	2003
172	Greene Valley F.P.	Jeff Smith	2017
172	Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie	Doug Stotz	1998
171	Dixon Waterfowl Refuge	Doug Stotz	2010
170	Greene Valley F.P.	Mike Madsen	2007
169	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Sam Burckhardt	2011
169	Skokie Lagoons	Jeff Sanders	1965
168	Greene Valley F.P.	Mike Madsen	2016
168	Shabbona Lake S.P.	Darrell Shambaugh	1999
167	Shabbona Lake S.P.	Darrell Shambaugh	1998
164	Waukegan Beach & Harbor	Eric Walters	2009
163	Deer Grove F.P.	Carolyn Fields	1996
162	Illinois Beach S.P.	Paul Sweet	2001
161	Montrose	Aerin Tedesco	2016
160	Chicago's Humboldt Park	Sam Burckhardt	2012
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 S.P.	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 S.P.	Al Stokie	1989
145	Skokie Lagoons	Jeff Sanders	2005
143	Whalon Lake F.P.	Jeff Smith	2014
142	Chautauqua N.W.R.	Jeff Sanders	1970

141	Shabbona Lake S.P.	Ron Flemal	1995
141	West DuPage Woods F.P.	Eric Secker	2004
141	Whalon Lake F.P.	Jeff Smith	2011
140	Chicago's Rainbow Beach Park	Doug Stotz	2010
140	Judson University	Eric Secker	2012
140	Whalon Lake F.P.	Mike Madsen	2016
139	Greene Valley F.P.	Jeff Chapman	2016
135	Jubilee College S.P.	Evan Carlson	2017
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
130	Morton Arboretum	Jeff Chapman	2016
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 F.P.	Eric Walters	2009
122	Evanston's Perkins Woods	Eric Walters	1995
122	Shabbona Lake S.P.	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 F.P.	Eric Walters	2006
112	Chicago's Northerly Island	Doug Stotz	2010
112	Woodstock's Ryder's Woods	Renee Baade	1995
111	North Galesburg Dog Walk Area	Jim Mountjoy	2017
110	Woodstock's Ryder's Woods	Renee Baade	1996
108	Lyons Woods F.P.	Eric Walters	2009
103	Northpoint Marina	Eric Walters	2010

Area Big Years (150 minimum)

Jeff Smith submitted the first 2 totals for Greene Valley/Whalon Lake.
Tallies are limited to a birder's top three totals for a given area.

237	Illinois Beach S.P. (area)	Eric Walters	2009
230	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	Michelle Devlin	2013
230	Illinois Beach S.P./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 S.P. (area)	Eric Walters	2013
208	Illinois Beach S.P./Northpoint	Paul Sweet	2003
207	Evanston/Gillson Park	Eric Walters	1996
207	Palos Forest Preserves/McGinnis	Wes Serafin	1994
206	Greene Valley/Whalon Lake	Jeff Smith	2017
205	Greene Valley/Whalon Lake	Jeff Smith	2014
204	Evanston/Gillson Park	Eric Walters	1990
202	Illinois Beach S.P./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
175	Palatine	Carolyn Fields	1996
167	Greater Grant Park Ecosystem	Josh Engel	2011
164	Palatine	Carolyn Fields	1995

Site Big Days

Evan Carlson sent in the first Single Observer Big Day total for Jubilee College State Park.
Eric Walters had another excellent day (120) at IBSP. There were no new Team Big Days.
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 S.P.	05/18/00	J. Engel, E. Walters
126	Illinois Beach S.P. (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 S.P.	10/14/95	J. Engel, E. Walters
88	Chain'O Lakes S.P.	05/08/93	L. Binford, B. O'Shea

Single Observer Big Days

(60 minimum)

126	Busse Woods F.P.	05/17/16	E. Secker
123	Illinois Beach S.P.	05/15/13	E. Walters
120	Illinois Beach S.P.	05/17/17	E. Walters
114	Rock Cut S.P.	05/15/15	E. Secker
113	Chicago's Jackson Park	05/09/96	P. Clyne
110	Dixon Waterfowl Refuge	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	Illinois Beach S.P.	05/16/16	E. Walters
100	Port Louisa N.W.R.	05/07/05	E. Walters
97	Illinois Beach S.P.	05/18/94	A. Stokie

96	Siloam Springs S.P.	05/06/06	E. Walters
95	Dixon Waterfowl Refuge	08/25/05	D. Stotz
93	Illinois Beach S.P.	05/21/15	E. Walters
93	Morton Arboretum	05/10/96	E. Walters (in 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
89	Northpoint Marina	05/11/16	E. Walters
89	Washington Co. C.A.	05/02/05	E. Walters
88	Jubilee College S.P.	05/06/17	E. Carlson
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 S.P.	05/07/06	E. Walters
72	Clinton Lake	05/05/06	E. Walters
72	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	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	Dixon Waterfowl Refuge	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 S.P.	05/05/07	C. Taylor
62	Plum Creek F.P. (Cook Co.)	06/24/02	E. Walters

Area Big Days

Area Big Days remained unchanged in 2017.

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)

127	Palos/Orland Forest Preserves	05/15/16	J. Lill, W. Serafin
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.

Once again, Andrew Aldrich had the most additions (+12) to the Local Patch life list.
Matthew Cvetas had the second highest Local Patch Big Year so far.

Local Patch Life Lists

(150 minimum)

300	Josh Engel
293	Rich DeCoster
291	Matthew Cvetas
283	Mike Madsen
282	Michelle Devlin
272	Andrew Aldrich
272	Jeff Smith
262	Joan Norek
262	Eric Secker (Judson location)
257	Beau Schaefer
249	Andy Gilbert (past residence)
240	Joe Lill
239	Andy Gilbert (current residence)
239	Evan Carlson
225	Jim Mountjoy
204	Justin Wrinn
184	Jeffrey Sanders

Local Patch Big Years

(100 minimum)

(limited to a birder's top three years)

252	Colin Dobson	2015
231	Matthew Cvetas	2017
230	Beau Schaefer	2015
229	Fran Morel	2015
226	Beau Schaefer	2016
225	Andrew Aldrich	2015
225	Andrew Aldrich	2017
222	Matthew Cvetas	2016
221	Matthew Cvetas	2015
221	Mike Madsen	2016
220	Andrew Aldrich	2016
219	Mike Madsen	2017
213	Mike Madsen	2015
204	Justin Wrinn	2015
203	Michelle Devlin	2015
197	Eric Secker	2015
173	Evan Carlson	2016
151	Jim Mountjoy	2016
146	Jim Mountjoy	2017
136	Joe Lill	2016
116	Joe Lill	2017
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 that 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.

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

Chicago's Burnham Park starts from the 55th Street Promontory on the south, extends to McFetridge/Solidarity

Drive on the north, and is 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 former power station that 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).

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.

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

Great Lakes Naval Training Center covers the portion of the Center that is east of Sheridan 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).

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.

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

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

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..

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

Waukegan Beach and Harbor are east of Pershing Road.

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

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