

IOS Listers Corner 2023

Category Lists: Family Group Big Days

There were three additions to these lists during 2023. Beau Schaefer & Jim Hampton had a great day for ducks and waterfowl in March, and the team of Stephanie Bielke, Chris Cochran, Carl Giometti & Jacob Vinsel tied the record for most warbler species in one day for the Northern Region.

*The number of possible species refers to the number of regularly occurring species.
Accidental and casual species (as defined on the Illinois State List) are not included.*

(updated 2/15/24)

WATERFOWL (Geese/Swans/Ducks) (36 possible)

Southern

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| 24 | Southern IL | 03/07/14 | N. Goldberg, A. Sigler |
| 23 | Southern IL | 03/15/19 | M. Seiffert, A. Sigler, C. Taylor |
| 19 | Southern IL (significant for Jan.) | 01/29/00 | unknown observers |

Central

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|----|----------------------------------|----------|---|
| 28 | Central IL | 03/15/14 | N. Goldberg, A. Sigler |
| 27 | Central IL | 03/14/14 | P. Moxon, E. Secker |
| 26 | Central IL | 03/23/08 | M. Baum |
| 26 | Central IL | 03/30/08 | M. Baum, J. Mountjoy |
| 25 | Clinton Lake | 03/09/96 | R. Chapel |
| 22 | West-central IL | 02/26/05 | J. Mountjoy |
| 21 | DeWitt Co. | 03/06/02 | R. Chapel |
| 21 | Macon Co. | 02/25/06 | T. Mahan |
| 20 | Macon Co. (significant for Jan.) | 01/21/06 | T. Mahan |
| 20 | Central IL | 03/08/97 | C. Taylor |
| 19 | Central IL (significant for May) | 05/09/94 | D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, R. Randall, M. Ward, P. Ward |

Northern

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| 27 | Will & DuPage Cos. (26 in Will) | 03/13/14 | P. Moxon, E. Secker |
| 26 | Bureau & Grundy Counties | 03/02/08 | M. Madsen, A. Sigler |
| 26 | Cook & Will Counties | 03/09/08 | R. Shonkwiler |
| 26 | Grundy Co. | 03/14/09 | R. Cohen, S. Cohen, B. Duman, J. Sanders |
| 25 | Lake Co. | 03/20/16 | B. Schaefer, A. Stewart |
| 25 | Lake Co. | 03/06/23 | B. Schaefer, J. Hampton |
| 24 | Cook & DuPage | 03/12/95 | J. Sanders, R. Seibert, A. Stokie |
| 24 | Lake Co. | 03/19/00 | C. Fields, J. Wittbold |
| 24 | Lake Co. | 03/21/15 | B. Schaefer |
| 23 | Cook & Lake Counties | 11/15/87 | D. Hecklinger, A. Stokie |
| 23 | Northern IL | 03/31/11 | P. Moxon, E. Secker |
| 22 | Cook Co. | 03/19/78 | S. Mlodinow |
| 21 | Cook Co. | 10/20/73 | S. Mlodinow |
| 21 | Hennepin-Hopper Lake | 04/04/02 | D. Stotz |
| 21 | Hennepin-Hopper Lake | 03/23/04 | D. Stotz |
| 20 | Barrington/Palatine | 04/02/96 | C. Fields |
| 17 | Northern Il (significant for Jan.) | 01/01/01 | D. Johnson |

Multi-region

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| 29 | Multi-region | 03/14/14 | P. Moxon, E. Secker |
| 23 | Multi-region | 03/30/02 | B. Fisher, K. Fisher, U. Geiser, E. Secker, J. Simms |

GEESE (6 possible)

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| 6 | Horseshoe Lake C.A. | 12/29/98 | S. Bailey |
| 5 | Multiple locations | | Multiple observers |

DUCKS (27 possible)Southern

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| 19 | Southern IL | 01/29/00 | F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen |
| 19 | Southern IL | 03/15/19 | M. Seiffert, A. Sigler, C. Taylor |

Central

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|----|-----------------|----------|---|
| 21 | Clinton Lake | 03/09/96 | R. Chapel |
| 18 | West-central IL | 02/26/05 | J. Mountjoy |
| 17 | Central IL | 03/08/97 | C. Taylor |
| 16 | Central IL | 05/09/94 | D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, R. Randall, M. Ward, P. Ward |

Northern

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|----|--------------------------|----------|--|
| 22 | Lake Co. | 03/20/16 | B. Schaefer, A. Stewart |
| 22 | Lake Co. | 03/06/23 | B. Schaefer, J. Hampton |
| 21 | Northern IL | 03/31/11 | P. Moxon, E. Secker |
| 21 | Northern IL | 03/23/22 | B. Schaefer |
| 20 | Cook & Lake Counties | 11/15/87 | D. Hecklinger, A. Stokie |
| 20 | Lake Co. | 03/19/00 | C. Fields, J. Wittbold |
| 20 | Grundy Co. | 03/14/09 | R. Cohen, S. Cohen, B. Duman, J. Sanders |
| 20 | Cook County | 03/29/13 | A. Stokie |
| 20 | Lake Co. | 03/21/15 | B. Schaefer |
| 19 | Cook Co. | 03/19/78 | S. Mlodinow |
| 19 | Cook & DuPage Counties | 03/12/95 | J. Sanders, R. Seibert, A. Stokie |
| 19 | Cook Co. | 11/08/97 | W. Serafin |
| 19 | Hennepin-Hopper Lake | 04/03/03 | D. Stotz |
| 19 | Bureau & Grundy Counties | 03/02/08 | M. Madsen, A. Sigler |
| 19 | Cook County | 03/29/13 | R. Erickson, A. Stokie |

GREBES/LOONS (8 possible)Southern

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| 7@ | Lake Carlyle | 11/04/06 | B. Fisher, R. Hughes, D. Jacobson, D. Kassebaum, D. Stotz |
| 5 | Baldwin Lake | 01/22/94 | J. DeNeal, T. Fink, C. Smout |

Central

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| 6 | Chautauqua N.W.R. | 11/14/89 | K. Richmond |
| 6 | Clinton Lake | 11/15/92 | R. Chapel |
| 6 | Clinton L./Moraine View S.P. | 11/17/96 | M. Retter |

Northern

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| 5 | Cook & Lake Co. | 11/08/75 | S. Mlodinow |
| 5 | Saganashkee Slough | 10/29/06 | C. Fields, C. Fields, P. Moxon |

Key: @ = all but Red-necked Grebe

SHOREBIRDS (36 possible)Southern

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| 25** | Rend Lake | 08/??/?? | T. Fink |
| 23 | Rend Lake | 09/??/?? | J. De Neal, T. Fink |
| 21 | Carlyle Lake | 09/09/00 | D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen |
| 18 | Clinton/Fayette Cos. (sig. for Oct) | 10/08/11 | D. Kassebaum, T. Mahan |

Central

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| 27 | Fulton and Mason Counties | 08/28/21 | D. Williams |
| 25# | Lake Chautauqua | 08/28/00 | R. Chapel, K. Richmond |
| 25 | Central IL | 08/30/10 | D. Johnson, A. Sigler |
| 25 | Mason and Fulton Counties | 08/28/21 | J. Mountjoy |
| 24 | Mason & Macon Counties | 08/21/04 | T. Mahan |
| 23 | Lake Chautauqua/Clinton Lake | 09/04/00 | R. Chapel |
| 23 | Macon & Mason Counties | 09/05/11 | T. Funk, T. Mahan |
| 23 | Fulton and Mason Counties | 08/25/22 | D. Williams |
| 22 | Lake Chautauqua | 08/26/04 | M. Deaton, T. Mahan |
| 21 | Lake Chautauqua | 08/18/00 | L. Augustine |
| 21 | Fulton & Macon Counties | 08/27/06 | S. Bailey, T. Mahan |
| 20 | Central IL | 09/03/88 | M. Baum |
| 20 | Macon Co. | 08/23/07 | T. Mahan |
| 20 | Brown & Fulton Counties | 08/29/10 | T. Kuesel, C. Taylor |
| 16 | Central IL (significant for May) | 05/09/94 | D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, R. Randall, M. Ward, P. Ward |
| 16 | Sangamon Co. (sig. for May) | 05/01/00 | D. Bohlen |

Northern

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| 21* | Montrose/Lake Calumet | 08/22/92 | D. Hecklinger, D. Mandell, J. Sanders, A. Stokie |
| 20^ | Waukegan/Lake Calumet | 09/07/68 | C. Clark, J. Greenberg |
| 20 | Lake Calumet | 08/17/75 | S. Mlodinow |
| 19 | Cook & Will Counties | 09/02/89 | A. Sigler, A. Stokie |
| 19 | n.e.Lake Co. (IL spring record) | 05/17/96 | R. Baade, S. DeVore, D. Johnson, E. Walters |
| 18 | Tinley Cr. Wetlands (sig. for May) | 05/13/10 | A. Ayyash |
| 16 | Waukegan Beach (sig. for May) | 05/18/01 | J. Engel, D. Johnson, E. Walters |

Key: # = 2 Godwits, 5 'peeps', Avocet, RN Phalarope * = Upland, White-rumped, Buff-breasted, Red Knot
 ** = Red Phalarope ^ = 2 Godwits, Whimbrel, Black-necked Stilt, Piping Plover

GULLS (12 possible)

(pre-2017 submissions may include Thayer's Gull)

Southern

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| 7# | Carlyle Lake | 10/20/91 | J. De Neal, T. Fink |
| 7 | Carlyle Lake | 09/23/06 | D. Kassebaum, T. Mahan, M. Retter, et al |

Central

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| 8 | Peoria Lock & Dam | 02/02/94 | T. Pucelik, K. Richmond |
| 8 | Peoria Lock & Dam | 01/07/99 | M. Retter |

Northern

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| 9# | Zion and vicinity | 01/02/88 | D. Williams |
| 9* | Chicago/Lake Calumet | 11/26/92 | J. Landing, C. Monday |
| 9* | Chicago lakefront | 11/26/92 | R. Biss |
| 8 | Zion & vicinity | 12/23/83 | M. Biss, R. Biss, D. Johnson |
| 8* | Chicago/Lake Calumet | 11/26/92 | R. Hughes, A. Sigler |
| 8 | Lake Calumet area | 03/12/94 | C. Alberico, S. Friscia, A. Stokie, G. Williamson |
| 8 | Montrose Harbor | 04/05/96 | R. Hughes |
| 8 | Montrose Harbor | 04/05/96 | E. Walters |
| 8 | Cook & Lake County | 04/06/96 | D. Hecklinger, A. Stokie |
| 8 | Evanston to Waukegan | 11/08/98 | M. Retter |

Key: * = 10 species present that day; California, Little, Franklin's, Kittiwake # = includes Little

BITTERNS/HERONS/EGRETS/IBISES (13 possible)Southern

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| 11 | East St. Louis/Arcola | 07/04/96 | R. Chapel |
| 10 | Madison & St. Clair Co. | 06/01/96 | F. Holmes |
| 9 | northwest St. Clair Co. | 07/16/96 | V. Kleen |
| 9 | Jasper & Lawrence Co. | ??/??/96 | T. Esker, L. Harrison, E. Kirshner, J. Walk |
| 9 | Horseshoe Lake | 08/02/98 | F. Holmes |
| 9 | Southern IL | 08/05/00 | M. Kutska, C. Taylor |
| 9 | Southern IL | 04/25/08 | S. Bailey, T. Mahan, C. Taylor, D. Williams |

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| 8 | Peoria Co. (Bartonville) | 07/12/85 | K. Richmond |
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| 8 | Lake Calumet's Big Marsh | 08/24/86 | M. Madsen |
| 7 | Illinois Beach/Lake Renwick | 08/23/86 | J. Greenberg, A. Stokie |

RAPTORS: All (27 possible)

(includes vultures, Osprey, kites, eagles, hawks, harrier, falcons and owls)

Southern

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| 12 | Cypress Creek area | 02/19/99 | B. Holliday |
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| 11 | Rice Lake Conservation Area | 09/26/85 | K. Richmond |
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| 15* | Illinois Beach S.P. | 10/14/95 | E. Walters, J. Engel |
| 14 | Illinois Beach S.P. | 11/03/01 | P. Sweet |
| 13 | Wilmette to northeast Chicago | 11/02/91 | E. Walters |
| 12# | Northern IL | 02/12/12 | S. Bailey, P. Moxon, J. Smith |
| 11 | Illinois Beach S.P. | 09/22/90 | A. Stokie |
| 11 | Ogle and Lee County | 12/23/00 | D. Shambaugh, E. Walters |

Key: * = both eagles, 3 accipters, 3 falcons, Broad-winged & Red-shouldered Hawk, Osprey # = all 8 owls

RAPTORS: All but Owls (19 possible)SouthernCentral

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| 11 | Rice Lake Conservation Area | 09/26/85 | K. Richmond |
| 11 | DeWitt & Champaign Counties | 10/21/95 | R. Chapel |

Northern

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| 14* | Illinois Beach S.P. | 11/03/01 | P. Sweet |
| 13 | Illinois Beach S.P. | 10/14/95 | E. Walters, J. Engel |
| 12 | Wilmette to northeast Chicago | 11/02/91 | E. Walters |
| 10 | Illinois Beach S.P. | 09/22/90 | A. Stokie |
| 10 | Greene Valley F.P. | 11/25/17 | J. Smith |
| 8 | Winnebago Co. (significant date) | 11/26/94 | J. Donaldson, E. Walters |

Key: * = both eagles, three accipters, three falcons, Red-shouldered Hawk, Osprey

Of note were 4 falcon species seen by numerous observers on various days during January 1991 in LaSalle County.

RAPTORS: Owls (8 possible)Southern

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| 7 | Clinton/Fayette Co. | 12/18/07 | T. Mahan |
| 6 | Southern IL | 01/29/00 | F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen |

Central

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| 7* | Central IL | 01/15/95 | R. Chapel |
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Northern

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| 8 | Northern IL | 02/12/12 | S. Bailey, P. Moxon, J. Smith |
| 7* | Northeast IL | 01/01/94 | A. Welby |
| 6 | Lake Co. | 12/02/17 | B. Schaefer |

Key: * = all but Barn Owl

FLYCATCHERS (12 possible)Southern

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| 10 | Southern IL/E. St.Louis | 05/19/95 | T. Fink |
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Central

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| 10 | Knox Co. | 05/28/96 | M. Baum |
| 10 | Central IL | 05/29/96 | K. Richmond |

Northern

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| 10 [^] | Northeast IL | 06/07/03 | A. Stokie, P. Sweet |
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Key: ^ = 9 species at Illinois Beach State Park

WRENS (6 possible)Southern

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| 5 | Union Co. (significant date) | 12/29/09 | S. Bailey |
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WINTER FINCHES (10 possible)SouthernCentral

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| 7 | Central IL | 01/25/96 | M. Baum, K. Richmond |
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Northern

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| 9* | North-central IL | 03/05/72 | L. Balch, V. Kleen, G. Rosenband |
| 8 | McHenry Co. | 11/04/12 | E. Secker |

Key: * = missed House Finch due to its lack of presence in the state at the time.

The Winter Finch category is noteworthy in that the all time record is now 50 years old - one of the oldest existing records in Listers Corner.

WARBLERS (36 possible)

(includes Yellow-breasted Chat)

Southern

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|-----|-------------|----------|---------|
| 33# | Southern IL | 05/12/95 | T. Fink |
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Central

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|-----|------------|----------|---------------------------|
| 35* | Central IL | 05/12/01 | K. Richmond |
| 32 | Mason Co. | 05/08/93 | L. Augustine, K. Richmond |
| 32 | Piatt Co. | 05/08/93 | R. Chapel |
| 29 | Central IL | 05/14/96 | M. Baum, K. Richmond |
| 29 | Knox Co. | 05/08/02 | M. Baum |

Northern

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| 32 | Chicago's Jackson Park | 05/09/93 | S. Suter |
| 32 | Cook Co. | 05/16/23 | S. Bielke, C. Cochrane, C. Giometti, J. Vinsel |
| 30 | Northeast IL | 05/13/89 | R. Hughes, A. Sigler |
| 30 | Elsen's Hill (West DuPage Woods) | 05/08/04 | E. Secker |
| 29 | Northeast IL | 05/19/84 | J. Greenberg, S. Mlodinow |
| 29 | Chicago Botanic Garden | 05/16/93 | A. Anderson, C. Lee, S. Lee, W. Marcisz |
| 29 | Cook Co. | 05/19/08 | S. Friscia |
| 29 | Rock Cut State Park | 05/15/15 | E. Secker |
| 29 | Lake Co. | 05/17/17 | B. Schaefer |
| 28 | Cook Co. | 05/09/93 | A. Stokie |
| 28 | Elsen's Hill (West DuPage Woods) | 05/07/11 | E. Secker |
| 28 | Busse Woods F.P. | 05/17/16 | E. Secker |

Multi-region

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| 34^ | Northern/Southern IL | 05/19/86 | D. Bohlen, J. Greenberg, V. Kleen, S. Robinson |
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Key: # = all in 3.5 hours * = all but Connecticut ^ = another 34 tally by R. Chapel is rumored

SPARROWS (21 possible)

(includes towhees, Lark Bunting and Dark-eyed Junco; does not include longspurs, Snow Bunting, House Sparrow or Eurasian Tree Sparrow)

SouthernCentral

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| 15 | Mason & Fulton Counties | 05/03/96 | K. Richmond |
| 13 | Knox Co. | 05/12/96 | M. Baum |

Northern

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|-----|------------------------------------|----------|--|
| 17 | Chicago's Lincoln Park | 10/15/00 | S. Bailey, S. De Vore, R. Hughes |
| 16 | Lake/Cook lakefront | 10/09/10 | T. Kuesel, C. Taylor |
| 14+ | Chicago's Grant Park | 10/01/97 | D. Stotz |
| 14+ | Chicago's Grant Park | 10/06/97 | D. Stotz |
| 14 | Chicago lakefront | 10/18/08 | T. Kuesel, C. Taylor |
| 14 | DeKalb & Henry Counties | 10/09/10 | E. Walters |
| 13 | Chicago lakefront | 10/03/92 | D. Mandell, J. O'Brien, A. Sigler, A. Stokie |
| 13 | Chicago lakefront | 10/01/95 | J. Sanders, R. Seibert, A. Stokie |
| 13 | Chicago's McCormick Place | 10/20/95 | J. O'Brien |
| 13 | Chicago lakefront | 10/22/95 | D. Lane, M. Madsen, R. Seibert, A. Stokie |
| 13 | North-central/Northeast IL | 05/13/99 | S. Bailey, D. Bohlen, M. Ward, P. Ward |
| 13 | Evanston | 10/15/00 | E. Walters |
| 12 | Henry Co. (significant for region) | 05/05/07 | T. Kuesel, C. Taylor |

Multi-region

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|----|---------------------------|----------|---|
| 14 | Northeast/East-central IL | 05/17/97 | S. Bailey, R. Hughes, D. Mandell, S. Mlodinow, J. O'Brien, S. Patti |
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Key: + = 17 species present in Grant Park between October 1-6, 1997

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