

IOS Listers Corner 2023

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

Site Life Lists

Lake County's Wadsworth Wetlands has officially become Sedge Meadow Forest Preserve. Birders who added new locations to these lists include Ted Hartzler (very small – El Paso's Sewage Treatment Plant), Mike Madsen (very small – Romeoville's O'Hara Woods), Eric Walters (very small - Evanston's Lighthouse Beach, Patricia Andersen (very small – Steger's Evergreen Hill Cemetery), and Jarod Hitchings (small – Williamsville Lake Park). Marc Perkowitz's addition of 21 species at Isaak Walton Park is notable.

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

(updated 3/5/24)

Lake Michigan Ecosystem (east of I-94/US 41)		224	Wolf L.-Eggers Forest Pres.	D. Stotz	
(Large and Medium Sites only; 150 minimum)		222	Waukegan Beach & Harbor	A. Stokie	
343	Chicago's Lincoln Park	R. Hughes	217	Illinois Beach State Park	C. Taylor
310	Chicago's Lincoln Park	<i>J. Purcell</i>	216	Illinois Beach State Park	K. McMullen
310	Chicago's Lincoln Park	G. Williamson	211	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Jarosz
<u>303</u>	Chicago's Lincoln Park	<i>O. McHugh</i>	207	Waukegan Beach & Harbor	J. Solum
299	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Lill	<u>203</u>	Chicago's Lincoln Park	S. Burckhardt
299	Chicago's Lincoln Park	L. Muñoz	198	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Chapman
299	Chicago's Lincoln Park	G. Neise	196	Lake Calumet	E. Walters
298	Chicago's Lincoln Park	M. Cvetas	195	Lake Calumet	D. Stotz
293	Chicago's Lincoln Park	R. DeCoster	195	Sedge Meadow F.P.	<i>S. Hickman</i>
292	Illinois Beach State Park	E. Walters	193	Chicago's Jackson Park	<i>K. Hanson</i>
290	Illinois Beach State Park	A. Stokie	191	Lake Forest Nature Preserves	R. Peterson
286	Chicago's Jackson Park	P. Clyne	191	Skokie Lagoons	J. Bilsky
286	Chicago's Lincoln Park	E. Walters	187	Illinois Beach State Park	J. McDaniel
283	Chicago's Lincoln Park	D. Antieau	186	Skokie Lagoons	E. Walters
280	Chicago's Lincoln Park	<i>A. Aldrich</i>	184	Chicago's Jackson Park	S. Friscia
280	Chicago's Lincoln Park	K. Hirabayashi	184	Sedge Meadow F.P.	A. Stokie
280	Illinois Beach State Park	R. Erickson	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	175	Skokie Lagoons	A. Tichacek
267	Chicago's Lincoln Park	A. Meloy	173	Chicago's Burnham Park	E. Walters
261	Chicago's Lincoln Park	B. Heimer	173	Chicago's Jackson Park	E. Walters
259	Chicago's Lincoln Park	<i>J. Norek</i>	160	Illinois Beach State Park	M. Cvetas
258	Chicago's Burnham Park	D. Stotz	156	Chicago's Jackson Park	C. Taylor
258	Chicago's Lincoln Park	T. Lally			
256	Chicago's Lincoln Park	<i>W. Dreuth</i>			
256	Chicago's Lincoln Park	A. Stokie			
255	Waukegan Beach & Harbor	E. Walters	<u>325</u>	Chautauqua N.W.R.	K. Richmond
253	Chicago's Jackson Park	D. Anderson	299	Carlyle Lake	K. McMullen
<u>250</u>	Chicago's Jackson Park	R. Shonkwiler	298	Horseshoe Lake C.A.	F. Holmes
249	Chicago's Lincoln Park	I. O'Brien	290	Rice Lake C.A.	K. Richmond
244	Chicago's Lincoln Park	B. Fisher	278	Chautauqua N.W.R.	C. Dobson
244	Chicago's Lincoln Park	<i>K. Fisher</i>	270	Dixon Waterfowl Refuge	D. Stotz
238	Chicago's Jackson Park	S. Carpenter	270	Fermilab	P. Kasper
236	Chicago's Lincoln Park	P. Moxon	268	Pratt's Wayne Woods F.P.	P. Moxon
232	Illinois Beach State Park	<i>S. Hickman</i>	267	Carlyle Lake	C. Dobson
231	Illinois Beach State Park	D. Johnson	261	Emiquon N.W.R.	A. Gilbert
230	Waukegan Beach & Harbor	A. Sell	259	Carlyle Lake	T. Mahan
229	Chicago's Lincoln Park	C. Taylor	258	Chautauqua N.W.R.	A. Gilbert
227	Chicago's Lincoln Park	O. Woodhouse	257	Chautauqua N.W.R.	P. Moxon

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

257	Fermilab	P. Moxon	176	Waterfall Glen F.P.	J. Chapman
257	Mermet Lake C.A.	F. Bennett	175	Pratt's Wayne Woods F.P.	U. Geiser
255	Fermilab	G. Perricone	174	Horseshoe Lake S.P.	E. Walters
252	Oak Run (Knox Co.)	M. Baum	174	Midewin Tallgrass N.P.	D. Stotz
252	Rock Cut S.P.	D. Williams	173	Rend Lake	E. Walters
250	Sanganois C.A.	K. Richmond	172	Dixon Waterfowl Refuge	<i>D. Shambaugh</i>
<u>250</u>	Spunky Bottoms	C. Dobson	172	Dixon Waterfowl Refuge	E. Walters
<u>246</u>	Emiquon N.W.R.	P. Moxon	171	Palos Forest Preserves	M. Cvetas
245	Spring Lake C.A.	K. Richmond	170	Lake Shelbyville	E. Walters
241	Carlyle Lake	E. Walters	168	Chautauqua N.W.R.	C. Taylor
237	Carlyle Lake	C. Taylor	167	Starved Rock S.P.	E. Walters
237	Lake Springfield	C. Dobson	167	Union County C.A.	E. Walters
237	Union County C.A.	V. Kleen	165	Des Plaines Cons. Area	J. Chapman
236	Prairie Ridge S.N.A.	J. Walk	163	Mermet Lake C.A.	E. Walters
232	Horseshoe Lake C.A.	K. McMullen	161	Chautauqua N.W.R.	E. Walters
228	Rock Cut S.P.	J. Donaldson	161	Jubilee College S.P.	E. Carlson
227	Lake Shelbyville	T. & K. Forcum	160	Rend Lake	D. Miller
226	Waterfall Glen F.P.	M. Madsen	159	Crab Orchard N.W.R.	E. Walters
222	Elden Hazlet S.P.	K. McMullen	159	Fermilab	D. Lafkas
221	Dixon Waterfowl Refuge	T. Hartzler	158	Busse Woods F.P.	I. O'Brien
221	Fermilab	E. Secker	157	Mississippi Palisades S.P.	E. Walters
219	Waterfall Glen F.P.	B. Fisher	156	Meredosia N.W.R.	E. Walters
217	Fermilab	U. Geiser	155	Jubilee College S.P.	M. Brucker
215	Fermilab	E. Walters	150	Pratt's Wayne Woods F.P.	E. Walters
213	Waterfall Glen F.P.	U. Geiser			
212	Fermilab	B. Fisher		Medium (from 1-3 sq.miles/640-1920 acres)	
212	Palos Forest Preserves	C. Taylor		(125 minimum)	
210	Chautauqua N.W.R.	K. McMullen	261	Crabtree Nature Center	C. Westcott
210	Rock Cut State Park	B. Grover	257	McGinnis Slough	<i>W. Serafin</i>
210	Sand Ridge S.F.	K. Richmond	254	Greene Valley F.P.	M. Madsen
206	Crab Orchard N.W.R.	L. Wright	<u>250</u>	Max McGraw Wildlife Fed.	R. Montgomery
206	Starved Rock S.P.	C. McKee	248	Greene Valley F.P.	Je. Smith
205	Dixon Waterfowl Refuge	B. Fisher	244	Springbrook Prairie	J. Suchecki
205	Fermilab	<i>K. Fisher</i>	239	Morton Arboretum	E. Walters
205	Palos Forest Preserves	E. Walters	236	Nygren Wetland Preserve	D. Williams
205	Waterfall Glen F.P.	<i>K. Fisher</i>	235	Herrick Lake F.P.	P. Moxon
204	Crab Orchard N.W.R.	R. Rothrock	234	Shabbona Lake S.P.	<i>D. Shambaugh</i>
204	Lowden-Miller State Forest	P. Moxon	233	Edgewood Farms	Ja. Smith
204	Pratt's Wayne Woods F.P.	E. Secker	231	Nelson Lake F.P.	J. Duerr
200	Clear Lake	K. Richmond	226	Morton Arboretum	P. Moxon
200	Deer Grove F.P.	C. Fields	225	Kennekuk County Park	S. Bailey
<u>200</u>	Illinois & Michigan Canal	<i>D. Shambaugh</i>	223	Greene Valley F.P.	P. Moxon
199	Dixon Waterfowl Refuge	<i>K. Fisher</i>	222	Greene Valley F.P.	J. Chapman
198	Fermilab	J. Chapman	220	Springbrook Prairie	P. Moxon
198	Rock Cut State Park	J. Longhenry	216	Blackwell F.P.	P. Moxon
195	Des Plaines Cons. Area	D. Stotz	213	Greene Valley F.P.	U. Geiser
192	Banner Marsh	E. Carlson	212	Morton Arboretum	M. Madsen
192	Chautauqua N.W.R.	T. Hartzler	212	Nelson Lake F.P.	P. Moxon
188	Busse Woods F.P.	E. Secker	211	Blackwell F.P.	E. Secker
188	Starved Rock State Park	<i>D. Shambaugh</i>	210	Morton Arboretum	J. Chapman
187	Pratt's Wayne Woods F.P.	G. Perricone	207	Shabbona Lake S.P.	R. Flemal
185	Fermilab	<i>A. Aldrich</i>	204	Morton Arboretum	J. Hardt
182	Emiquon Visitor's Center	T. Hartzler	<u>200</u>	Morton Arboretum	<i>T. Brown</i>
182	Fermilab	A. Stokie	197	Goose Lake Prairie S.P.	D. Stotz
180	Clinton Lake	E. Walters	196	Chicago Portage	J. Duran
179	Emiquon N.W.R.	K. McMullen	195	Burnidge F.P.	J. Wrinn
177	Two Rivers N.W.R.	E. Walters	194	Morton Arboretum	<i>F. Swink</i>

192	Morton Arboretum	M.B. Chapman	278	Montrose	G. Neise
190	Severson Dells F.P.	J. Donaldson	272	Montrose	<i>A. Aldrich</i>
188	Blackwell F.P.	E. Walters	269	Montrose	M. Devlin
188	Goose Lake Prairie S.P.	J. Chapman	268	Northwestern University	E. Walters
187	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	E. Walters	265	Montrose	S. Tolzmann
185	Sand Lake	K. Richmond	263	Montrose	J. Engel
184	Green Oaks Field Station	J. Mountjoy	254	Geneva's Peck Farm Park	C. Bowman
184	Lake Renwick Preserve	<i>A. Aldrich</i>	252	Chicago Botanic Garden	M. Hogg
184	Nelson Lake F.P.	<i>A. Aldrich</i>	248	West DuPage Woods	P. Moxon
183	Morton Arboretum	E. Secker	247	North Point Marina	E. Walters
182	Morton Arboretum	<i>R. Wason</i>	246	Montrose	T. Lally
180	Morton Arboretum	U. Geiser	244	Whalon Lake F.P.	M. Madsen
178	Nachusa Grasslands	E. Walters	242	Montrose	I. O'Brien
178	Springbrook Prairie	U. Geiser	239	Chicago's Grant Park	D. Stotz
176	Nelson Lake F.P.	E. Secker	234	Chicago Botanic Garden	<i>L. Binford</i>
176	Rockford's Anna Page Park	D. Williams	234	Whalon Lake F.P.	Je. Smith
175	Silver Springs S.P.	<i>D. Shambaugh</i>	230	Montrose	B. Fisher
173	Nelson Lake Marsh	N. Bent	227	Montrose	D. Johnson
170	Nelson Lake Marsh	R. Reason	226	Montrose	J. Cvetas
167	Herrick Lake F.P.	U. Geiser	226	Montrose	C. Taylor
166	Crabtree Nature Center	<i>J. McDaniel</i>	222	Montrose	<i>K. Fisher</i>
165	Woodford County C.A	<i>J. Rink</i>	221	Fraker Farm	M. Fraker
164	Blackwell F.P.	A. Stokie	219	Montrose	O. Woodhouse
164	Moraine Hills State Park	A. Stokie	217	Coal Miner's Trail (Minonk)	T. Hartzler
163	Lake Decatur Dredge Ponds	T. Mahan	213	Colored Sands F.P.	J. Longhenry
162	Moraine View S.P.	M. Retter	211	Chicago Botanic Garden	A. Stokie
161	Blackwell F.P.	U. Geiser	210	Montrose	B. Sanders
160	McGinnis Slough	E. Walters	207	Whalon Lake F.P.	P. Moxon
158	Greene Valley F.P.	M.B. Chapman	204	Glen Ellyn's Lake Ellyn	<i>B.T. Gault</i>
158	Herrick Lake F.P.	<i>P. Quagliana</i>	201	Fort Sheridan Preserve	J. Bilsky
158	Lake Renwick Preserve	D. Stotz	200	Great Lakes N.T.C.	E. Walters
158	Springbrook Prairie	H. Meade	200	LaBagh Woods F.P.	J. Skrentny
157	Canton's Lakeland Park	<i>K. Wright</i>	200	Montrose	K. Woodhouse
157	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	C. Taylor	200	Northwestern University	M. Cvetas
156	LaSalle Lake	<i>D. Shambaugh</i>	198	Chicago's Humboldt Park	S. Burckhardt
151	Goose Lake Prairie S.P.	<i>D. Shambaugh</i>	198	Chicago's Rainbow Beach Pk.	D. Stotz
147	Green River Cons. Area	<i>D. Shambaugh</i>	195	Hidden Lake F.P.	E. Walters
145	Lincoln Trails State Park	E. Walters	194	Spring Bluff F.P.	E. Walters
145	Morton Arboretum	G. Perricone	192	Montrose	A. Tedesco
144	McGinnis Slough	I. O'Brien	192	Northwestern University	I. O'Brien
144	Nelson Lake F.P.	<i>D. Shambaugh</i>	189	Afton Forest Preserve	<i>D. Shambaugh</i>
143	Shabbona Lake State Park	E. Walters	188	Greenview Wetland	T. Hartzler
140	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	<i>D. Shambaugh</i>	186	Chicago Botanic Garden	E. Walters
137	Illini State Park	<i>D. Shambaugh</i>	185	Caldwell Preserves	T. Lally
137	Washington County C.A.	E. Walters	185	Fox River Shores F.P.	E. Secker
135	Port Louisa N.W.R.	E. Walters	183	Fort Sheridan Preserve	T. Lally
134	Crabtree Nature Center	M. Perkowitz	182	Hidden Lake F.P.	U. Geiser
130	Decatur's Rock Springs N.C.	E. Walters	182	Springbrook Golf Club	J. Smith
			180	West DuPage Woods	E. Secker
			179	Chicago Botanic Garden	A. Anderson
			179	N. Galesburg Dog Walk Area	J. Mountjoy
339	Montrose	R. Hughes	179	Salt Creek Woods	D. Stotz
299	Montrose	G. Williamson	178	Oakhurst F.P.	<i>A. Aldrich</i>
298	Montrose	F. Morel	177	Lock & Dam #13	J. Chapman
292	Montrose	M. Cvetas	177	Montrose	B. Dolgan
292	Montrose	J. Lill	175	Chicago Botanic Garden	J. Sundberg
285	Montrose	R. DeCoster	173	Milford Treatment Plant	E. Schunke
	Small (between .25-1 sq.mile/160-640 acres)				
	(125 minimum)				

Area Life Lists (150 minimum)

Amanda Tichacek added a new area: Techny Basin – North and South.

336	Illinois River N.F.W. Refuges	K. Richmond	236	Starved Rock/Mattheissen	J. McKee
324	Chicago Park District Parks	J. Lill	234	Palisades Region	E. Walters
318	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	E. Walters	233	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	P. Moxon
315	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	J. Lill	228	Evanston/Gillson Park	J. Cvetas
307	Chautauqua Region	A. Gilbert	228	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	C. Taylor
307	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	M. Cvetas	226	Greater Grant Pk. Ecosystem	J. Engel
303	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	A. Stokie	224	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	S. Friscia
<u>301</u>	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	E. Walters	220	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	J. Chapman
298	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	R. DeCoster	219	Greater Grant Pk. Ecosystem	<i>T. Schulenberg</i>
296	Illinois State Parks	C. Taylor	218	Evanston Lakefront	M. Cvetas
295	DuPage Co. Forest Preserves	B. Fisher	218	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	K. Wysocki
289	DuPage Co. Forest Preserves	<i>K. Fisher</i>	216	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	B. Fisher
289	Emiquon/Thompson Lake	C. Dobson	216	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	C. Taylor
286	Evanston/Gillson Park	E. Walters	215	Chautauqua Region	E. Walters
285	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	D. Stotz	215	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	<i>K. Fisher</i>
282	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	R. Erickson	215	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	U. Geiser
282	Meredosia/Four Corners	C. Dobson	212	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	<i>D. Shambaugh</i>
281	Lake Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters	211	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	E. Walters
278	DuPage Co. For. Preserves	M. Madsen	210	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	P. Dring
274	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	M. Devlin	210	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	E. Walters
274	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	A. Stokie	206	Evanston/Gillson Park	I. O'Brien
273	DuPage Co. For. Preserves	G. Perricone	206	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	A. Stokie
272	Greater Grant Pk. Ecosystem	D. Stotz	205	Lake Forest Parks/Preserves	R. Peterson
270	Illinois State Parks	J. Lill	205	Palisades Region	J. Chapman
269	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	E. Secker	203	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	E. Secker
268	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	<i>W. Serafin</i>	202	Chautauqua Region	C. Taylor
267	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	J. Lill	202	Two Rivers Region	E. Walters
266	DuPage Co. For. Preserves	E. Secker	201	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	M. Cvetas
265	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	D. Williams	201	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	<i>K. Fisher</i>
264	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	D. Stotz	200	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	J. Wrinn
262	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	D. Stotz	200	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	J. Engel
261	DuPage Co. For. Preserves	J. Chapman	<u>200</u>	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	A. Stokie
260	Mississippi River	E. Walters	198	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	D. Stotz
259	Evanston/Gillson Park	J. Engel	196	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	P. Andersen
259	Waukegan Parks/Lakefront	E. Walters	195	Bemis Woods/Salt Creek	D. Stotz
258	DuPage Co. For. Preserves	J. Smith	195	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	M.B. Chapman
256	Evanston/Gillson Park	M. Cvetas	193	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	B. Fisher
253	Lake Mauvaisterre (area)	C. Dobson	191	Evanston Lakefront	J. Cvetas
250	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters	191	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	<i>K. Hanson</i>
250	Evanston Lakefront	J. Engel	188	Techny Basin (north & south)	A. Tichacek
250	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	J. Solum	187	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters
<u>250</u>	Univ. of Ill. (Champaign)	<i>R. Chapel</i>	181	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	M. Cvetas
<u>246</u>	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	M. Cvetas	165	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	B. Fisher
244	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	D. Johnson	162	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	<i>K. Fisher</i>
242	Fox River (Kane Co.)	E. Secker	158	Evanston Lakefront	E. Walters
242	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	P. Sweet	152	McHenry Co. Cons. District	E. Walters
241	Zion Parks/Preserves	E. Walters	151	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	K. Wysocki
237	DuPage Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters			
236	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	A. Stokie			
236	DeKalb Co. Forest Preserves	<i>D. Shambaugh</i>			

Site Big Years (100 minimum).

The highest total among the six new entries was 190 species for Glenn Perricone at Fermilab. Mike Madsen had a record year for Whalon Lake F.P., as did Frank Holmes for Horseshoe Lake C.A. (in 2022). First-time Big Years were submitted for Black Walnut Creek Preserve (Patricia Andersen) and the DuPage River Greenway (Mike Madsen)

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	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Matthew Cvetas	2022
217	Illinois Beach S.P.	Eric Walters	2009
216	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Kanae Hirabayashi	1994
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	Chautauqua N.W.R.	Kevin Richmond	2018
210	Fermi National Accelerator Lab	Peter Kasper	1996
210	Horseshoe Lake C.A.	Frank Holmes	2022
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
202	Fermi National Accelerator Lab	Glenn Perricone	2019
200	Chautauqua N.W.R.	Kevin Richmond	1996
200	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Josh Engel	2011
200	Fermi National Accelerator Lab	Glenn Perricone	2015
199	Chicago's Lincoln Park	William Dreuth	1938
198	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Fran Morel	2012
197	Chicago's Jackson Park	Randy Shonkwiler	2013
196	Greene Valley F.P.	Mike Madsen	2020
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
192	Waterfall Glen F.P.	Mike Madsen	2019
191	Chicago's Park No. 566	Dan Lory	2019
190	Dixon Waterfowl Refuge	Doug Stotz	2004
190	Fermi National Accelerator Lab	Glenn Perricone	2023
190	Prairie Ridge State Natural Area	Jeff Walk	1996
190	Waukegan Beach & Harbor	Adam Sell	2013
189	Waterfall Glen F.P.	Mike Madsen	2020
189	Whalon Lake F.P.	Mike Madsen	2023
188	Chicago's Park No. 566	Dan Lory	2018
188	Gillson Park	Eric Walters	1996

188	Greene Valley F.P.	Mike Madsen	2021
187	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Joan Norek	2013
186	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Joan Norek	2015
185	Carlyle Lake	Keith McMullen	1999
185	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Isoo O'Brien	2020
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
177	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Eric Walters	1996
177	Montrose	Isoo O'Brien	2020
176	Greene Valley F.P.	Jeff Smith	2014
176	Whalon Lake F.P.	Mike Madsen	2022
174	Waterfall Glen F.P.	Mike Madsen	2021
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
169	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Sam Burckhardt	2011
168	Shabbona Lake S.P.	Darrell Shambaugh	1999
167	Morton Arboretum	Mike Madsen	2022
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
161	Skokie Lagoons	Jeff Bilsky	2021
160	Chicago's Humboldt Park	Sam Burckhardt	2012
156	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Matthew Cvetas	2023
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
152	Whalon Lake F.P.	Mike Madsen	2021
151	DuPage River Greenway	Mike Madsen	2022
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
147	Chicago's Park No. 566	Dan Lory	2020
146	Poplar Creek F.P.	Judy Mellin	2003
146	Moraine Hills S.P.	Al Stokie	1989
143	Helmick Nature Preserve	Isoo O'Brien	2020
143	Whalon Lake F.P.	Jeff Smith	2014
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
139	DuPage River Greenway	Mike Madsen	2023
139	Greene Valley F.P.	Jeff Chapman	2016
135	Jubilee College S.P.	Evan Carlson	2017
135	Judson University	Eric Secker	2015
135	McGinnis Slough	Isoo O'Brien	2020
135	Northwestern University	Isoo O'Brien	2020
134	Chicago's Jackson Park	Isoo O'Brien	2020
133	Helmick Nature Preserve	Patricia Andersen	2023
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	Helmick Nature Preserve	Patricia Andersen	2020
130	Morton Arboretum	Jeff Chapman	2016
128	Chicago's Beaubien Woods	Doug Stotz	2008
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
120	DuPage River Park	Mike Madsen	2022
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
114	Busse Woods F.P.	Isoo O'Brien	2020
113	Chicago's Rosehill Cemetery	Michelle Devlin	2012
113	Evanston's Perkins Woods	Eric Walters	1997
113	Homewood's Izaak Walton Preserve	Patricia Andersen	2020
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
109	Black Walnut Creek Preserve	Patricia Andersen	2023
108	Chicago's Steelworker's Park	Isoo O'Brien	2020
108	Lyons Woods F.P.	Eric Walters	2009
103	Northpoint Marina	Eric Walters	2010
102	Burnham Prairie N.P.	Isoo O'Brien	2020
101	Black Walnut Creek Preserve	Patricia Andersen	2022

Area Big Years (150 minimum)

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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
227	DuPage County Forest Preserves	Glenn Perricone	2020
225	DuPage County Forest Preserves	Glenn Perricone	2021
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	DuPage County Forest Preserves	Glenn Perricone	2022
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
150	Lake Calumet Area	Patricia Andersen	2022

Site Big Days

Adam Sell & Jim Solum's 2018 Big Day goes right to the top of the list!
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Team Big Days

(the 95% Rule applies; 80 minimum)

132	Illinois Beach S.P.	05/05/18	A. Sell, J. Solum
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
104	Plum Creek F.P.	05/16/21	I. O'Brien, S. Tolzmann
103	Chicago Botanic Garden	05/11/91	L. Binford, R. Biss, M. Hogg
103	Fermilab	05/15/16	P. Kasper, G. Perricone
103	Fermilab	05/06/23	P. Kasper, D. Kubik, G. Perricone
102	Fermilab	05/06/00	P. Kasper, J. Pomatto, D. Kania
98	Fermilab	05/14/15	J. Lopez, G. Perricone
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
81	Pratt's Wayne Woods F.P.	06/20/20	G. Perricone, K. Wiktor

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	Fermilab	05/18/19	G. Perricone

120	Illinois Beach S.P.	05/17/17	E. Walters
115	Chicago's Lincoln Park	05/19/19	G. Williamson
114	Rock Cut S.P.	05/15/15	E. Secker
113	Chicago's Jackson Park	05/09/96	P. Clyne
112	Busse Woods F.P.	05/14/21	I. O'Brien
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	Montrose	05/19/19	G. Williamson
100	Port Louisa N.W.R.	05/07/05	E. Walters
97	Illinois Beach S.P.	05/18/94	A. Stokie
97	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	North Point 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
84	Elsen's Hill	05/15/20	G. Perricone
83	Fermilab	05/18/13	G. Perricone
82	Clinton Lake	10/02/04	E. Walters
75	Illinois Beach S.P.	10/01/06	E. Walters
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
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

Beau Schaefer added a total for the Rollins Savanna Area.

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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	Evanston/Gillson Park	05/02/20	J. Cvetas, M. Cvetas, F. Morel, I. O'Brien
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
109	DuPage County Forest Preserves	05/15/20	G. Perricone
108	Rollins Savanna Area	05/04/21	B. Schaefer
108	Rollins Savanna Area	05/06/23	B. Schaefer
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 – 5MR and 7.5MR

Due to increased nationwide popularity we've added the 5MR (five-mile radius) version of the Local Patch lists. We plan to keep the 7.5MR version, too. Here are the rules: draw a circle 5 (and/or 7.5) miles in radius from your home. The resultant 10-mile wide (or 15-mile wide) circle is one's Local Patch. The 7.5 version 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. If you need help defining the circles there are apps that can help.

Matthew Cvetas continues to rack up 5MR Big Years of over 200 species. Jim Jarosz submitted his first entry for the 5MR lists. Patricia Andersen increased her 5MR total by 27 species, and Glenn Perricone added 26 species to his current patch.

5MR Local Patch Life Lists

(150 minimum)

314	Matthew Cvetas	223	Eric Walters #2 (past residence; DuPage)
312	Eric Walters	215	Sigrid Schmidt
286	Andrew Aldrich	214	Amanda Tichacek
272	Eric Walters #1 (past residence; Cook)	211	Joe Lill
244	Eric Secker	195	John P. Leonard
229	Rich DeCoster	186	Jim Jarosz
		183	Patricia Andersen
		173	Tamima Itani

5MR Local Patch Big Years

(100 minimum)

(limited to a birder's top three years)

251	Matthew Cvetas	2022
229	<i>Andrew Aldrich</i>	2019
223	Matthew Cvetas	2018
214	Eric Walters	2007
211	Matthew Cvetas	2020
211	Matthew Cvetas	2023
162	Tamima Itani	2019
153	Patricia Andersen	2023
149	Tamima Itani	2018
139	Joe Lill	2018
130	Joe Lill	2020
130	Joe Lill	2022
129	Dustin Holschuh	2019
128	Sigrid Schmidt	2021
116	Patricia Andersen	2022

7.5MR Local Patch Life Lists

(150 minimum)

321	Eric Walters
315	Matthew Cvetas
308	Rich DeCoster
300	Josh Engel
298	Mike Madsen
294	<i>Andrew Aldrich</i>
282	Michelle Devlin
280	Jeff Chapman
278	Urs Geiser
278	Amanda Tichacek
274	<i>Eric Walters #1 (past residence; Cook)</i>
272	Jeff Smith
267	Eric Secker
266	Joe Lill
263	<i>Glenn Perricone #1 (past residence)</i>
262	<i>Joan Norek</i>
257	Beau Schaefer
249	<i>Andy Gilbert #1 (past residence)</i>
243	Jim Mountjoy_
241	Evan Carlson
239	Andy Gilbert #2
235	Patricia Andersen
225	Glenn Perricone #2
<u>204</u>	Justin Wrinn
187	Tamima Itani

7.5MR Local Patch Big Years

(100 minimum)

(limited to a birder's top three years)

253	Matthew Cvetas	2022
252	Colin Dobson	2015
236	Mike Madsen	2020
234	<i>Andrew Aldrich</i>	2019
232	Mike Madsen	2021
231	Matthew Cvetas	2017
230	Beau Schaefer	2015
229	Fran Morel	2015
226	Matthew Cvetas	2018
226	Beau Schaefer	2016
225	<i>Andrew Aldrich</i>	2015
225	<i>Andrew Aldrich</i>	2017
223	Mike Madsen	2019
223	Mike Madsen	2022
215	<i>Glenn Perricone #1</i>	2020
214	<i>Glenn Perricone #1</i>	2017
214	<i>Glenn Perricone #1</i>	2019
214	Eric Walters	2007
204	Justin Wrinn	2015
203	Michelle Devlin	2015
198	Glenn Perricone #2	2023
197	Eric Secker	2015
197	Patricia Andersen	2023
196	Patricia Andersen	2022
178	Patricia Andersen	2020
173	Evan Carlson	2016
172	Glenn Perricone #2	2022
170	Tamima Itani	2019
168	Joe Lill	2020
166	Jim Mountjoy	2023
157	Joe Lill	2022
155	Jim Mountjoy	2022
154	Tamima Itani	2018
153	Glenn Perricone #2	2021
152	Joe Lill	2018
151	Jim Mountjoy	2016

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). Northerly Island is a popular enough location that it is also included as a separate site.

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.

Illinois State Parks includes any State Park, State Natural Area (S.N.A.), State Fish & Wildlife Area (S.F.W.A.) and State Recreational Area (S.R.A.). State Forests and other IDNR properties are not included.

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..

Rollins (area) includes Rollins Savanna, Druce Lake, Third Lake and the segments of the Millennium Trail that directly connect to Rollins.

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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