

IOS Lister's Corner 2005

Total Tick Lists: Life, Big Years, Big Months, Big Days

Vernon Kleen is the person who pretty much started County Lists in Illinois. Here is how he got started: -*JL*

“For what it's worth, I started keeping track of county birds back in Maryland as a result of my early birding years there (1956 to 1965). One of the things that Chan Robbins (who finally retired as of December 31st after 60 years with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service) asked us Maryland birders to do was keep track of the birds throughout the state and make a tabulation every year of the birds recorded in every county. These results were often published in Maryland Birdlife. It was easier to keep county lists in Maryland -- only 23 counties. So, when I came to Illinois in the fall of 1969 (after a four-year absence from U.S. birding because of two years in the Army and 2 years of bird work for the Smithsonian Institution in the Pacific Islands), I was already "trained" for "listing" -- now in Illinois. At the time I started grad school, I had no idea I would continue to live and work in Illinois, but I was certainly going to keep track of the birds I saw while here (and I continue to do so). This record-keeping eventually led back in the early 1970s to the development of Illinois' four Seasonal Reports and, as you know, the Illinois Breeding Bird Atlas. Who knows what else might come of listing/record-keeping (with help from many participants). Personally, I'm extremely grateful that so many people do keep lists and record data; it provides an ongoing and meaningful history of Illinois' bird life.” -*Vernon Kleen*
(updated: 3/26/06)

Total Illinois Counties List (Total Ticks)

Key: * = last updated in 2004
= last updated pre-2004

Pretty amazing...all those birds, all those counties and only 10 species separate Vern and Eric! This list is really catching on. -*JL*

Total	Birder	Average per county
12132	Vernon Kleen	118.9
12122	Eric Walters	118.8
9683	Doug Stotz	94.9
8067	Jeff Chapman	79.1
6687	Keith McMullen#	65.6
5652	Alan Stokie	55.4
5491	Jeffrey Sanders	53.8
5139	Darrell Shambaugh	50.4
5077	Urs Geiser	49.8
4592	<i>Robert Chapel</i>	
4575	Kevin Richmond#	
4559	Tim Kuesel	
4123	Craig Taylor	
3169	Eric Secker	
3102	Geoffrey A. Williamson	
3090	Bob Fisher	
2998	Karen Fisher	
2651	Travis Mahan*	
2160	Jim Mountjoy	
2076	Bill A. Bertrand	
2017	Anthony Friend	
1657	Joe Lill	
1458	Thad Edmonds	
537	Wayne R. Wachholz*	

Total Illinois Counties Big Years (Total Ticks Big Years)

It's been shown that 4000 is a hard number to pull off in a year. Jeff Chapman's total is exceptional!

9064	Eric Walters	2004
5253	Jeff Chapman	2005
4448	Eric Walters	2005
4182	Doug Stotz	2004
3988	Doug Stotz	2005
3845	Doug Stotz	2001
3367	Jeff Chapman	2004
3267	Doug Stotz	1999
3255	Doug Stotz	2003

Total Illinois Counties Big Days (Total Ticks Big Days: top five per month)

Doug and Eric have set the bar for this list.
Feel free to join the club! -*JL*

January

207	southern/central	01/21/04	D. Stotz
185	southern/central	01/20/01	D. Stotz

February

292	south-central	02/26/04	E. Walters
250	southeast	02/14/04	E. Walters
179	n.cent/e.cent	02/15/04	E. Walters
161	w.cent/n.west	02/07/04	E. Walters
129	e.central	02/27/04	E. Walters

March			
336	central	03/19/04	E. Walters
278	east-cent.	03/27/04	E. Walters
208	w.cent/n.west	03/20/04	E. Walters
196	northwest	03/06/04	E. Walters
April			
438	southeast/cent.	04/25/99	D. Stotz
343	southeast	04/30/05	E. Walters
282	w.cent/n.west	04/11/04	E. Walters
268	southeast	04/03/04	E. Walters
May			
620	w.cent/central	05/11/04	E. Walters
521	central	05/15/04	E. Walters
506	southeast	05/07/04	E. Walters
470	s.cent/e.cent	05/10/04	E. Walters
464	southwest	05/09/04	E. Walters
June			
620	northern/central	06/16/05	D. Stotz
511	w.cent/central	06/18/04	D. Stotz
414	northern/central	06/07/05	D. Stotz
307	e.central/ne	06/12/04	E. Walters
July			
489	multi-region	07/13/05	D. Stotz
301	northern/central	07/08/05	D. Stotz
300	multi-region	07/23/05	D. Stotz
August			
347	northern	08/10/05	D. Stotz
306	northern	08/25/05	D. Stotz
300	northern	08/19/05	D. Stotz
September			
320	w.central	09/18/04	E. Walters
October			
306	w.central	10/17/04	E. Walters
219	s.central	10/30/04	E. Walters
218	northern	10/14/05	E. Walters
199	mid- & w.central	10/16/04	E. Walters
157	central	10/22/05	E. Walters
November			
206	w.central	11/03/05	E. Walters
159	northern	11/26/05	D. Stotz
147	northern	11/18/05	D. Stotz
141	northern	11/03/05	D. Stotz
137	w.cent./ s.cent.	11/29/04	E. Walters
December			
196	all regions	12/29/04	D. Stotz
190	all regions	12/19/02	D. Stotz
184	central/southern	12/29/03	D. Stotz
162	s.central	12/30/04	E. Walters
157	s.central	12/31/04	E. Walters

Total Illinois Counties Big Months (Total Ticks Big Months)		
<u>January</u>		
524	Doug Stotz	2001
505	Jeff Chapman	2005
494	Doug Stotz	2004
472	Eric Walters	2004
<u>February</u>		
1241	Eric Walters	2004
<u>March</u>		
1072	Eric Walters	2004
739	Jeff Chapman	2005
<u>April</u>		
1565	Doug Stotz	1999
925	Eric Walters	2004
784	Jeff Chapman	2005
<u>May</u>		
4882	Eric Walters	2004
2401	Eric Walters	2005
2078	Jeff Chapman	2005
2067	Doug Stotz	2001
<u>June</u>		
1979	Doug Stotz	2005
1141	Jeff Chapman	2005
<u>July</u>		
2340	Eric Walters	2004
1365	Doug Stotz	2005
<u>August</u>		
1185	Doug Stotz	2005
<u>September</u>		
1127	Doug Stotz	2005
<u>October</u>		
2111	Eric Walters	2004
631	Eric Walters	2005
<u>November</u>		
886	Doug Stotz	2005
707	Eric Walters	2004
394	Eric Walters	2005
<u>December</u>		
864	Eric Walters	2004

Regional Total Ticks
(1000 minimum)

This is a great list for a birder who tends to stay in their home region. Like me! -*JL*

northern
4187 Doug Stotz
3917 Eric Walters
3202 Jeff Chapman
1013 Joe Lill

central
4189 Eric Walters
3318 Jeff Chapman
3062 Doug Stotz

southern
4016 Eric Walters
2434 Doug Stotz

Regional Total Ticks Big Year

This is a new wrinkle that we added this year. -*JL*

northern
2546 Eric Walters 2004
2349 Doug Stotz 2005
1494 Eric Walters 2005

central
3380 Eric Walters 2004
1498 Eric Walters 2005
1347 Doug Stotz 2001

southern
3138 Eric Walters 2004
1456 Eric Walters 2005
916 Doug Stotz 2001

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