

IOS Lister's Corner 2006

Year Lists: 2006 & Alltime Big Years

Congratulations to Keith McMullen, who finished with the top Illinois List in 2006! This is the second year he's finished on top (2002 was the last one) and he accomplished this feat in a challenging year where there were few vagrants and lingering rarities to be listed. In each the last eight years, Keith has finished with one of the top four Big Year tallies, a truly remarkable feat. The only birders who can boast of similar feats are the late Bob Chapel, who had a run of 13 out of 15 years in the top four, and Alan Stokie, whose run of being in the top five for 12 out of the last 13 years is still going strong. All three are amazing long-term streaks! -EW

Key: • = list submitted

(updated 4/5/07; compiled by Eric Walters & Joe Lill)

2006 Illinois Year List

303	<u>Keith McMullen</u>
287	Jeffrey Sanders
283	Alan Stokie
283	Doug Stotz
278	Bob Fisher
275	Eric Walters
270	Jeff Chapman
270	Mike Madsen
270	Travis Mahan
267	Dan Williams
265	Geoffrey A. Williamson
264	Karen Fisher
262	Jim Mountjoy
256	Jeff Sundberg
251	John McKee
248	Urs Geiser
245	Tim Kuesel
242	Eric Secker
241	Vernon Kleen
240	Craig Taylor
238	Thad Edmonds
237	Anthony Friend
235	Darrell Shambaugh
227	Christine Williamson
225	Cyndi Lubecke
223	Cindy Alberico
207	Joe Lill

Progression of the IL Big Year Record

75+	Robert Kennicott	c.1855
100+	F. Dayton	c.1895
117	Herbert & Alice Walter	1897
162+	Benjamin T. Gault	c.1925
170	William Dreuth	1932
182	William Dreuth	1933
187	William Dreuth	1937
203	William Dreuth	1938
225+	Charles C. Clark	c.1960
241	Betty & Harry Shaw	1970
290	Larry Balch	1971
308	Richard Biss	1978
314	Kevin Richmond	1986
317	Robert Chapel	1996
322	Bob Fisher	2004

Alltime Big Year Lists

Keith McMullen set a new Illinois listing record this past year. He achieved his eighth year of 300 or more species, breaking his tie with the late Bob Chapel as having the most Big Years over 300. Keith averaged 303.6 species during those years, so by his Big Year standards, his top 2006 tally was below average! Alan Stokie has broken 300 four times and four other birders hit this mark twice.

322	Bob Fisher	2004•
317	Robert Chapel	1996•
316	Karen Fisher	2004•
315	Robert Chapel	2000•
314	Keith McMullen	2004•
314	Kevin Richmond	1986•
314	Alan Stokie	2003•
310	Louise Augustine	1986•
310	Alan Stokie	2004•
309	Robert Chapel	1998
309	Travis Mahan	2003•
309	Michael Retter	1999•
309	Alan Stokie	2005•
309	Eric Walters	1990•
308	Richard Biss	1978
307	Tom Pucelik	1983
306	Robert Chapel	1999
306	Robert Chapel	2001
306	Keith McMullen	2000
306	Adam Reyburn	1999
305	Robert Chapel	1995•
305	Kevin Richmond	1985
303	Robert Chapel	1997
303	Keith McMullen	2001
303	Keith McMullen	2006
302	Louise Augustine	1988•
302	Keith McMullen	2005
302	Jeffrey Sanders	2005•
302	Eric Secker	2004
302	Eric Walters	1989
301	Myrna Deaton	1988
301	Todd Fink	1994
301	Mike Madsen	2005•
301	Keith McMullen	2003
300	Myrna Deaton	1994
300	Keith McMullen	1999•
300	Alan Stokie	1999
300	Keith McMullen	2002