

IOS Lister's Corner 2006

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

Site Life Lists

The most popular sites in the state include Chicago's Montrose Point, the Morton Arboretum, Fermilab and Carlyle Lake. We welcome site and area descriptions from around the state. Find an area and make it yours! You'd be surprised how useful these lists can be when a site needs defending. -JL

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

Key: # = last updated prior to 2005 * = last updated in 2005
Italics represent an inactive Illinois birder (i.e. deceased or lives out-of-state).

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

(Large and Medium Sites only; 150 minimum)

300#	Chicago's Lincoln Park	R. Hughes
286*	Chicago's Jackson Park	P. Clyne
281*	Chicago's Lincoln Park	G. Neise
280#	Chicago's Lincoln Park	K. Hirabayashi
277*	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Sanders
276	Illinois Beach State Park	R. Erickson
276#	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Purcell
276	Chicago's Lincoln Park	E. Walters
274	Chicago's Lincoln Park	G. Williamson
270	Chicago's Lincoln Park	L. Muñoz
260	Illinois Beach State Park	E. Walters
256	Chicago's Lincoln Park	W. Dreuth
253#	Chicago's Jackson Park	D. Anderson
247	Chicago's Lincoln Park	A. Meloy
246	Chicago's Burnham Park	D. Stotz
245#	Chicago's Lincoln Park	A. Stokie
241	Chicago's Lincoln Park	T. Kelly
238	Chicago's Jackson Park	S. Carpenter
232#	Illinois Beach State Park	S. Hickman
226	Chicago's Lincoln Park	T. Lally
226	Waukegan Beach-Harbor	E. Walters
222	Wolf L.-Eggers Forest Pres.	D. Stotz
218*	Skokie Lagoons	J. Sanders
214	Chicago's Lincoln Park	B. Fisher
214	Chicago's Lincoln Park	K. Fisher
207*	Waukegan Beach-Harbor	J. Solum
205#	Waukegan Beach-Harbor	A. Stokie
199*	Chicago's Jackson Park	J. Sanders
195#	Wadsworth Wetlands	S. Hickman
195	Lake Calumet	D. Stotz
193#	Chicago's Jackson Park	K. Hanson
188	Lake Calumet	E. Walters
187	Illinois Beach State Park	J. McDaniel
186	Skokie Lagoons	E. Walters
184#	Wadsworth Wetlands	A. Stokie
178#	Chicago's Jackson Park	A. Stokie
178#	Lake Forest Nature Preserve	R. Peterson
173	Chicago's Jackson Park	E. Walters
171	Chicago's Burnham Park	E. Walters
167*	Wadsworth Wetlands	J. Sanders
166#	Chicago's Jackson Park	S. Friscia
165	Illinois Beach State Park	J. Chapman
163	Chicago's Rainbow Beach Pk.	D. Stotz
162	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Chapman

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

(150 minimum)

319*	Carlyle Lake	D. Kassebaum
280	Horseshoe Lake C.A.	F. Holmes
275#	Rice Lake C.A.	K. Richmond
270	Fermilab	P. Kasper
259*	Carlyle Lake	T. Mahan
257*	Mermet Lake C.A.	F. Bennett
253	Palos Forest Preserves	W. Serafin
250#	Sanganois C.A.	K. Richmond
245#	Spring Lake C.A.	K. Richmond
240	Rock Cut State Park	D. Williams
237	Union County C.A.	V. Kleen
236#	Prairie Ridge S.N.A.	J. Walk
233	Hennepin & Hopper Lakes	D. Stotz
228#	Rock Cut State Park	J. Donaldson
226	Starved Rock State Park	J. McKee
217	Lake Shelbyville	T. & K. Forcum
213*	Fermilab	E. Secker
210	Fermilab	U. Geiser
210#	Rock Cut State Park	B. Grover
210#	Sand Ridge S.F.	K. Richmond
207	Fermilab	B. Fisher
206	Crab Orchard N.W.R.	L. Wright
206#	Starved Rock State Park	C. McKee
203	Fermilab	E. Walters
202	Fermilab	K. Fisher
200#	Deer Grove F.P.	C. Fields
200#	Clear Lake	K. Richmond
200	Waterfall Glen Forest Pres.	B. Fisher
198	Palos Forest Preserves	E. Walters
197	Illinois & Michigan Canal	D. Shambaugh
194	Waterfall Glen Forest Pres.	U. Geiser
189	Fermilab	J. Chapman
189	Palos Forest Preserves	K. Fisher
189	Waterfall Glen Forest Pres.	K. Fisher
182#	Fermilab	A. Stokie
178	Palos Forest Preserves	B. Fisher
176*	Pratt's Wayne Woods F.P.	E. Secker
173	Midewin Tallgrass N.P.	D. Stotz
170	Starved Rock State Park	D. Shambaugh
168	Carlyle Lake	E. Walters
167	Pratt's Wayne Woods F.P.	U. Geiser
165	Des Plaines Cons. Area	J. Chapman
160#	Rend Lake	D. Miller
156*	Green Oaks Field Station	J. Mountjoy

152	Clinton Lake	E. Walters
152	Hennepin & Hopper Lakes	D. Shambaugh
152	Union County C.A.	E. Walters
151	Mermet Lake C.A.	E. Walters
150	Pratt's Wayne Woods F.P.	E. Walters

Medium (from 1-3 sq.miles/640-1920 acres)
(125 minimum)

261#	Crabtree Nature Center	C. Westcott
250	Max McGraw Wildlife Fed.	R.Montgomery
233#	Edgewood Farms	J. Smith
231#	Nelson Lake Forest Preserve	J. Duerr
230	Morton Arboretum	E. Walters
225#	Kennekuk County Park	S. Bailey
224*	Crabtree Nature Center	J. Sanders
221	Shabbona Lake State Park	D. Shambaugh
214*	Springbrook Prairie	J. Suchecki
210#	Blackwell Forest Preserve	E. Secker
209	Greene Valley Forest Pres.	M. Madsen
207*	Shabbona Lake State Park	R. Flemal
205*	Morton Arboretum	J. Sanders
204	Morton Arboretum	J. Hardt
200	Morton Arboretum	T. Brown
194	Morton Arboretum	F. Swink
190#	Severson Dells Forest Pres.	J. Donaldson
188	Blackwell Forest Preserve	E. Walters
185#	Sand Lake	K. Richmond
184	Morton Arboretum	M. Madsen
182	Goose Lake Prairie State Pk.	J. Chapman
182*	Morton Arboretum	E. Secker
182	Morton Arboretum	R. Wason
179	Morton Arboretum	J. Chapman
175	Greene Valley Forest Pres.	U. Geiser
175	McGinnis Slough	E. Walters
172	Greene Valley Forest Pres.	J. Chapman
171	Silver Springs State Park	D. Shambaugh
170	Morton Arboretum	U. Geiser
170	Nelson Lake Marsh	N. Bent
167	Nelson Lake Marsh	R. Reason
167*	Nelson Lake Marsh	E. Secker
166	Crabtree Nature Center	J. McDaniel
166	Springbrook Prairie	U. Geiser
165	Woodford County C.A.	J. Rink
164#	Blackwell Forest Preserve	A. Stokie
164#	Moraine Hills State Park	A. Stokie
162#	Moraine View State Park	M. Retter
159	Afton Forest Preserve	D. Shambaugh
159	Herrick Lake Forest Pres.	U. Geiser
157*	Canton's Lakeland Park	K. Wright
153	Lake Decatur Dredge Ponds	T. Mahan
149	Blackwell Forest Preserve	U. Geiser
148	McGinnis Slough	J. Sanders
146	Goose Lake Prairie S.P.	D. Shambaugh
141	Green River Cons. Area	D. Shambaugh
139	LaSalle Lake	D. Shambaugh
135	Port Louisa N.W.R.	E. Walters
131	Johnson Sauk Trail S.P.	D. Shambaugh
129	Decatur's Rock Springs N.C.	E. Walters
127	Illini State Park	D. Shambaugh

Small (between .25-1 sq.mile/160-640 acres)
(125 minimum)

276	Evanston Lakefront	E. Walters
241*	Chicago Botanic Garden	J. Sanders
234	Chicago Botanic Garden	L. Binford
233#	Chicago Botanic Garden	M. Hogg
231	Chicago's Grant Park	D. Stotz
219#	Chicago's Grant Park	T. Schulenberg
204	Glen Ellyn's Lake Ellyn	B.T. Gault
199	Great Lakes N.T.C.	E. Walters
194	North Shore Chan.-Evanston	E. Walters
189	Hidden Lake Forest Preserve	E. Walters
180	Chicago Botanic Garden	E. Walters
179#	Chicago Botanic Garden	A. Anderson
174	Hidden Lake Forest Preserve	U. Geiser
170#	Chicago Botanic Garden	J. Sundberg
167#	Chicago Botanic Garden	A. Stokie
167	Lock & Dam 13	J. Chapman
164*	West DuPage Woods	E. Secker
161	Chicago's Calumet Park	D. Stotz
155	Hidden Lake Forest Preserve	J. Chapman
152	Chicago's Grant Park	E. Walters
152	Redwing Slough S. N.A.	E. Walters
151#	Chicago's Rosehill Cemetery	C. Nelson
151*	Hidden Lake Forest Preserve	E. Secker
142	Chicago's Calumet Park	E. Walters
140	North Park Village	J. Lill
139	Lyons Woods Forest Pres.	E. Walters
136	Ryerson Conservation Area	E. Walters
135	Chicago's Rosehill Cemetery	J. Lill
130	Lock & Dam 13	E. Walters
130*	Ryerson Conservation Area	J. Solum
129	Northpoint Marina	E. Walters
129	Plum Creek Forest Preserve	E. Walters
125	Upper Spring Lake	E. Walters

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

257	Wilmette's Gillson Park	E. Walters
165*	Chicago's Navy Pier	R. Eiseman
160	Chicago's Navy Pier	E. Walters
155	Sannauk Forest Preserve	D. Shambaugh
154	Salt Creek Bike Path	D. Stotz
145	Evanston's Calvary Cemetery	E. Walters
145	Wilkinson-Renwick Marsh	D. Shambaugh
144	Evanston's Perkins Woods	E. Walters
141*	Wilkinson-Renwick Marsh	R. Flemal
140	Oak Bluff Savanna	M. Brucker
129	Woodstock's Ryder's Woods	R. Baade
121	Zion's Hosah Park	E. Walters
118	Waukegan's Bowen Park	E. Walters
117	Evanston's Perkins Woods	A. Meloy
116	Evanston's James Park	E. Walters
114*	Waukegan's Bowen Park	J. Solum
113	Chief Shabbona F. Preserve	D. Shambaugh
113	Zion's Edina Park	E. Walters
112	Wolf Road Prairie	C. Taylor
104	Saw Wee Kee Park	D. Shambaugh
104	Wilmette's Gillson Park	J. Lill
103	Glen Ellyn's Goer's Woods	E. Walters

Area Life Lists

(150 minimum)

Key: # last updated before 2005

290	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	E. Walters	198	Upper Mississippi River	J. Chapman
282	Evanston/Gillson Park	E. Walters	197	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	D. Stotz
282#	Ill. Beach S.P /Northpoint	A. Stokie	191#	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	K. Hanson
281	Ill. Beach S.P /Northpoint	R. Erickson	186*	Fox River (Kane Co.)	E. Secker
278*	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	J. Sanders	183	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	D. Shambaugh
274*	Evanston/Gillson Park	J. Sanders	165	North Shore Channel	J. Sanders
271*	L. Calumet/Egger's Woods	J. Sanders	162	Zion Parks/Preserves	E. Walters
268	Ill. Beach S.P./Northpoint	J. Sanders	161	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	C. Taylor
262	DuPage Co. Forest Preserves	B. Fisher	152	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	B. Fisher
259	DuPage Co. Forest Preserves	K. Fisher	152	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	K. Fisher
250*	Ill. Beach S.P /Northpoint	J. Solum	150	DeKalb Forest Preserves	J. Sanders
250	Univ. of Ill. (Champaign)	R. Chapel			
249*	Du Page Co. For. Preserves	E. Secker			
245*	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters			
244#	Ill. Beach S.P /Northpoint	D. Johnson			
261	Greater Grant Pk. Ecosystem	D. Stotz			
259	L. Calumet/Egger's Woods	D. Stotz			
252	Evanston/Gillson Park	J. Engel			
252*	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	W. Serafin			
247	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters			
242#	Ill. Beach S.P /Northpoint	P. Sweet			
241*	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	J. Sanders			
240	Ill. Beach S.P /Northpoint	D. Williams			
238	McGinnis/Palos F. Preserves	J. Sanders			
236#	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	A. Stokie			
235*	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	E. Secker			
234	Lake Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters			
231	Du Page Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters			
230	Waukegan Parks/Lakefront	E. Walters			
222	DeKalb Co. Forest Preserves	D. Shambaugh			
218	Greater Grant Pk. Ecosystem	T. Schulenberg			
218#	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	S. Friscia			
210#	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	P. Dring			
208#	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	K. Wysocki			
206	L. Calumet/Egger's Woods	E. Walters			
206#	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	A. Stokie			
206	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	E. Walters			
205	Lake Forest Parks/Preserves	R. Peterson			
205	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	U. Geiser			
204	Mississippi River	E. Walters			
203	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	B. Fisher			
202	Du Page Co. Forest Preserves	J. Chapman			
202*	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	E. Secker			
201*	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	J. Sanders			
200	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	K. Fisher			
200#	L. Calumet/Egger's Woods	A. Stokie			
200	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	J. Chapman			

Site/Area Big Years (100 minimum)

The top Big Years for each designation are quite diverse. For the 'Lake Michigan Ecosystem', it was Geoff Williamson's 221 at Chicago's Lincoln Park. Frank Holmes had 208 at Horseshoe Lake Conservation Area, good enough for the top Big Year in the "Large" category. The 121 recorded at Great Lakes Naval Training Center by Eric Walters was the high for the 'Small' category. There were no 'Medium' Big Years reported and the highest 'Very Small' submitted only hit 82 species.

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
230	Illinois Beach State Park/Northpoint	Al Stokie	1994
226	Chicago's Jackson Park	Paul Clyne	1996
226	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Kanae Hirabayashi	1996
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
216	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Kanae Hirabayashi	1994
215	Evanston/Gillson Park	Josh Engel	1998
214	Fermi National Accelerator Lab	Peter Kasper	1994
214	Lake Calumet/Eggers Woods	Doug Stotz	1998
213	Illinois Beach State Park	Eric Walters	2006
212	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Geoff Williamson	2004
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	Illinois Beach State Park/Northpoint	Paul Sweet	2003
208	Horseshoe Lake C.A.	Frank Holmes	2006
207	Evanston/Gillson Park	Eric Walters	1996
207	Palos Forest Preserve/McGinnis	Wes Serafin	1994
204	Evanston/Gillson Park	Eric Walters	1990
203	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Geoff Williamson	2003
202	Illinois Beach State Park/Northpoint	Al Stokie	1990
201	LeVasseur Park/Perry Farm Trail	J.ed Hertz	2003
200	Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge	Kevin Richmond	1996
200	Evanston Lakefront	Eric Walters	1990
199	Chicago's Lincoln Park	William Dreuth	1938
196	Evanston/Gillson Park	Eric Walters	1995
195	Horseshoe Lake	Frank Holmes	2003
194	Hennepin & Hopper Lakes	Doug Stotz	2005
193	Lake Calumet/Eggers Woods	Walter Marcisz	1994
192	Evanston Lakefront	Eric Walters	1996
190	Hennepin & Hopper Lakes	Doug Stotz	2004
190	Prairie Ridge State Natural Area	Jeff Walk	1996
188	Gillson Park	Eric Walters	1996
186	Evanston Lakefront	Eric Walters	1997
185	Carlyle Lake	Keith McMullen	1999
185	Skokie Lagoons	Jeff Sanders	1972
183	Evanston Lakefront	Eric Walters	1995
183	Gillson Park	Eric Walters	1990
183	Illinois Beach State Park	Eric Walters	2001
182	Chicago Botanic Gardens	Laurie Binford	1993
182	Chicago's Jackson Park	Scott Carpenter	2003
182	Hennepin & Hopper Lakes	Doug Stotz	2003
182	Morton Arboretum	Eric Walters	1988
181	Gillson Park	Eric Walters	1995
180	Gillson Park	Eric Walters	1997
179	Morton Arboretum	Eric Secker	2003

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179	Shabbona Lake State Park	Ron Flemal	1996
179	Skokie Lagoons	Jeff Sanders	1972
177	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Eric Walters	1996
176	Skokie Lagoons	Jeff Sanders	1973
175	Palatine	Carolyn Fields	1996
173	Blackwell F.P.	Eric Secker	2003
173	Hennepin & Hopper Lakes	Doug Stotz	2005
172	Midwin National Tallgrass Prairie	Doug Stotz	1998
169	Skokie Lagoons	Jeff Sanders	1965
168	Shabbona Lake State Park	Darrell Shambaugh	1999
167	Shabbona Lake State Park	Darrell Shambaugh	1998
164	Palatine	Carolyn Fields	1995
163	Deer Grove Forest Preserve	Carolyn Fields	1996
162	Illinois Beach State Park	Paul Sweet	2001
156	Woodford County Cons. Area	Justin Rink	1998
155	Springbrook Prairie	Joe Suhecki	2002
153	Springbrook Prairie	Joe Suhecki	1995
152	Moraine View State Park	Michael Retter	1998
152	Poplar Creek F.P.	Judy Mellin	2004
151	Springbrook Prairie	Joe Suhecki	1996
149	Clinton Lake	Michael Retter	1997
146	Poplar Creek F.P.	Judy Mellin	2003
146	Moraine Hills State Park	Al Stokie	1989
145	Skokie Lagoons	Jeff Sanders	2005
142	Chautauqua N.W.R.	Jeff Sanders	1970
141	Shabbona Lake State Park	Ron Flemal	1995
141	West DuPage Woods F.P.	Eric Secker	2004
133	Poplar Creek F.P.	Judy Mellin	1996
127	Chautauqua N.W.R.	Jeff Sanders	1974
126	Jubilee College S.P.	Maury Brucker	2005
126	Waukegan Beach & Harbor	Eric Walters	2006
122	Evanston's Perkins Woods	Eric Walters	1995
122	Shabbona Lake State Park	Darrell Shambaugh	1995
121	Great Lakes N.T.C.	Eric Walters	2006
118	Evanston's Perkins Woods	Eric Walters	1996
113	Evanston's Perkins Woods	Eric Walters	1997
113	Lyons Woods Forest Preserve	Eric Walters	2006
112	Woodstock's Ryder's Woods	Renee Baade	1995
110	Woodstock's Ryder's Woods	Renee Baade	1996

Site/Area Big Days

The top Area Big year was Jeff Chapman's 'Upper Mississippi River' with 110 species (see site/area definitions at end). The top Site Big Day was the 96 recorded at Siloam Springs State Park by Eric Walters. The top Site Big Day from the Fall was Walters' 67 at Meridosia Lake.

126	Illinois Beach State Park	05/18/00	E. Walters, J. Engel
120	Carlyle Lake	09/09/00	D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
113	Chicago's Jackson Park	05/09/96	P. Clyne
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
110	Hennepin Lake	05/06/03	D. Stotz
110	Upper Mississippi River	05/12/06	J. Chapman
109	Evanston/Gillson Park	05/08/99	J. Engel, M. Sherer, E. Walters
108	Chicago's Jackson Park	05/09/89	S. Suter
107	Chicago's Lincoln Park	05/10/96	K. Hirabayashi
106	Morton Arboretum	05/06/89	T. Brown, R. Wagner, E. Walters

104	Palos F.P./McGinnis Slough	05/06/00	S. Friscia, W. Serafin
103	Chicago Botanic Gardens	05/11/91	L. Binford, R. Biss, M. Hogg
103	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	09/09/98	D. Stotz
102	Evanston Lakefront/Canal	05/10/03	E. Walters
102	Fermi Lab	05/06/00	P.Kasper, J.Pomatto, D.Kania
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	Port Louisa N.W.R.	05/07/05	E. Walters
98	McGinnis Slough/Palos F.P.	05/23/98	W. Serafin
97	Illinois Beach State Park	05/18/94	A. Stokie
96	Siloam Springs State Park	05/06/06	E. Walters
93	Morton Arboretum	05/10/96	E. Walters (in just 2 hours)
91	Carlyle Lake	10/01/97	K. McMullen
91	Decatur's Rock Springs N.C.	05/05/06	T. Mahan, E. Walters
91	Morton Arboretum	05/08/04	J. Chapman
90	Chicago's Lincoln Park	05/15/02	E. Walters
89	Illinois Beach State Park	10/14/95	J. Engel, E. Walters
89	Washington Co. C.A.	05/02/05	E. Walters
88	Chain'O Lakes State Park	05/08/93	L. Binford, B. O'Shea
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
73	Clinton Lake	10/07/00	D. Thomas
73	Johnson-Sauk Trail State Park	05/07/06	E. Walters
72	Clinton Lake	05/05/06	E. Walters
72	Olympia Fields Country Club	05/08/99	M. Hahn
70	Evanston/Gillson Park	09/21/98	J. Engel
70	Hennepin Lake	11/20/01	D. Stotz
69	Northwestern University	05/21/78	J. Sanders
67	Meridosia Lake	09/02/06	E. Walters
65	Chicago's Jackson Park	03/31/05	P. Clyne
62	Plum Creek F.P. (Cook Co.)	06/24/02	E. Walters

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 which are not attached. However, in these cases the separate territories are described under the same political/legal name, so we will 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 along Lake Michigan can now be defined in terms of their boundaries.

Chicago's Burnham Park starts from the 55th Street Promontory on the south and extends to McFetridge/Solidarity Drive on the north and east of Lake Shore Drive (taking in McCormick Place, Northerly Island and Burnham Harbor).

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).

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

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 Hedge).

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

Great Lakes Naval Training Center is that portion of the Center which is east of Sheridan Road.

Waukegan Beach and Harbor are east of Pershing 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).

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.

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 power station that marks the state line.

North Shore Channel: The Chicago section of the Channel is between Peterson Ave. and Howard St. 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.

Upper Mississippi River (area): 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.

Illinois Beach State Park/Northpoint (area) includes both units of Illinois Beach S.P., Hosah Park, Spring Bluff F.P. and Northpoint Marina.

We welcome definitions of confusing sites from around the state.

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