

IOS Lister's Corner 2006

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

Total Ticks are the number calculated by adding the separate county lists together into one total, regardless of the time boundary used (i.e. a day, month, year or lifetime) -EW

(updated 4/11/07; compiled by Eric Walters & Joe Lill)

Total Illinois Counties List

(Total Ticks)

Key: * = last updated in 2005

= last updated pre-2005

The big news on this list is that there is a new lister at the top as Eric Walters has vaulted into that spot. With Jeff Chapman's amazing year (moving him into the third position), there are now three birders with over 12,000, separated by less than four species per county. A noteworthy achievement was Jeff and Doug Stotz both passing the 10,000 Total Tick mark. Also of note was Tim Kuesel passing 5,000.

Total	Birder	Average per county
12561	Eric Walters	123.2
12270	Vernon Kleen	120.3
12193	Jeff Chapman	119.5
<u>10583</u>	Doug Stotz	103.8
6687	Keith McMullen#	65.6
6119	Alan Stokie	60.0
5780	Jeffrey Sanders	56.7
5455	Darrell Shambaugh	53.5
5193	Urs Geiser	50.9
<u>5010</u>	Tim Kuesel	49.1
4779	Craig Taylor	
4592	<i>Robert Chapel</i>	
4575	Kevin Richmond#	
3805	Bob Fisher	
3474	Geoffrey A. Williamson	
3462	Eric Secker	
3327	Travis Mahan	
3177	Karen Fisher	
2945	Jim Mountjoy	
2687	Anthony Friend	
2258	Bill A. Bertrand	
2004	Thad Edmonds	
1893	Joe Lill	
1065	Larry L. Hood	
537	Wayne R. Wachholz#	

Total Illinois Counties Big Years

(Total Ticks Big Years)

Another Total Tick record was set this past year when Jeff Chapman recorded a new big year tally. Neither Jeff nor Eric Walters initially intended to do a TTBY, but when they finally decided to do one, they both traveled different routes. Eric reasoned that focusing on one month per season would yield a great number, so he targeted February, May, July and October during his 2004 year. On the other hand, Jeff chose to spend his energy on the migration period, extensively covering March-May and September/November. As can be seen from the top two tallies, either method achieved great results. Amazingly, a comparison of their month-end Total Tick tallies found that Jeff's and Eric's totals at the end of the respective October were 8616 (JC) and 8615 (EW). Their species numbers were nearly identical 10 months into their Big Years!

9275	Jeff Chapman	2006
9064	Eric Walters	2004
5253	Jeff Chapman	2005
4498	Doug Stotz	2006
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)

This list went through significant change last year, with over 40% of the list changed. Highlights among the new additions were the record Total Tick day tallies recorded during March, April, May and November (Chapman); and December (Stotz). In an interesting situation, Chapman broke Stotz's December record on the 28th only to have Stotz return the favor the very next day with a new record tally!

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
 152 central 02/23/06 J. Chapman

March
 397 w.central 03/30/06 J. Chapman
 336 central 03/19/04 E. Walters
 278 east-cent. 03/27/04 E. Walters
 276 w.central 03/31/06 J. Chapman
 208 w.cent/n.west 03/20/04 E. Walters

April
 655 southern 04/29/06 J. Chapman
 438 southeast/cent. 04/25/99 D. Stotz
 399 multi-region 04/29/06 D. Stotz
 343 southeast 04/30/05 E. Walters
 331 e.central 04/20/06 J. Chapman

May
 652 w.central 05/25/06 J. Chapman
 620 w.cent/central 05/11/04 E. Walters
 539 central/southern 05/08/06 J. Chapman
 526 multi-region 05/01/06 D. Stotz
 521 central 05/15/04 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
 392 northern/central 06/13/06 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
 280 w.central 09/12/06 J. Chapman
 265 central 09/11/06 J. Chapman
 177 w.central 09/02/06 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
 166 w.central 10/17/06 J. Chapman

November
 440 e.central/south. 11/20/06 J. Chapman
 317 southern 11/21/06 J. Chapman
 206 w.central 11/03/05 E. Walters
 196 northern 11/15/06 D. Stotz
 159 northern 11/26/05 D. Stotz

December
 352 southern 12/29/06 D. Stotz
 302 central/southern 12/28/06 J. Chapman
 212 all regions 12/28/06 D. Stotz
 207 central/southern 12/30/06 J. Chapman
 196 all regions 12/29/04 D. Stotz

**Total Illinois Counties Big Months
 (Total Ticks Big Months - top five per month)**

With Jeff Chapman's successful Total Tick Big Year, it's not surprising that he set records in certain months. He now stands at the top of March, April, September and November. His November record broke the old by more than 85%! Doug Stotz also set new records in January (by a mere 17 ticks) and in December. There's plenty of room for future Total Tick listers in this category.

January

541 Doug Stotz 2006
 524 Doug Stotz 2001
 505 Jeff Chapman 2005
 494 Doug Stotz 2004
 472 Eric Walters 2004

February

1241 Eric Walters 2004
 398 Jeff Chapman 2006

March

1933 Jeff Chapman 2006
 1072 Eric Walters 2004
 739 Jeff Chapman 2005

April

3320 Jeff Chapman 2006
 1800 Eric Walters 2006
 1565 Doug Stotz 1999
 1396 Doug Stotz 2006
 925 Eric Walters 2004

May

4882	Eric Walters	2004
3942	Jeff Chapman	2006
2401	Eric Walters	2005
2078	Jeff Chapman	2005
2067	Doug Stotz	2001

June

1979	Doug Stotz	2005
1141	Jeff Chapman	2005

July

2340	Eric Walters	2004
1365	Doug Stotz	2005

August

1185	Doug Stotz	2005
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September

1550	Jeff Chapman	2006
1127	Doug Stotz	2005

October

2111	Eric Walters	2004
631	Eric Walters	2005
571	Jeff Chapman	2006

November

1648	Jeff Chapman	2006
886	Doug Stotz	2005
707	Eric Walters	2004
533	Doug Stotz	2006
394	Eric Walters	2005

December

1253	Doug Stotz	2006
864	Eric Walters	2004
761	Jeff Chapman	2006

Regional Total Ticks Life List (1000 minimum)
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Jeff Chapman moved to the top of the 'Central' list this past year by adding over 1500 ticks and moving past 4000 in the process. In the 'Northern' list, Eric Walters passed the 4000 barrier and Jeffrey Sanders passed the 3000 milestone. In the 'Southern' list, Chapman also was able to pass 3000 before year-end. It's interesting that all listers recorded are from northeast Illinois. Southern and central birders are invited to join in!

northern

4282	Doug Stotz
4109	Eric Walters
3744	Jeff Chapman
3151	Jeffrey Sanders
2540	Urs Geiser

2066	Tim Kuesel
1687	Geoff Williamson
1530	Craig Taylor
1415	Anthony Friend
1248	Joe Lill

central

4854	Jeff Chapman
4405	Eric Walters
3346	Doug Stotz
1571	Tim Kuesel
1555	Craig Taylor
1510	Jeffrey Sanders
1410	Urs Geiser

southern

4047	Eric Walters
3588	Jeff Chapman
2955	Doug Stotz
1715	Craig Taylor
1373	Tim Kuesel
1243	Urs Geiser

Regional Total Ticks Big Year (top five per region)
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Jeff Chapman moved to the top of the 'Central' and 'Southern' category this past year, which helped fuel his record-breaking Total Tick year. Only the top five tallies are listed here, but we are saving every submission for future list expansion, so keep sending these in!

northern

2546	Eric Walters	2004
2349	Doug Stotz	2005
2319	Jeff Chapman	2005
2276	Jeff Chapman	2006
1828	Doug Stotz	2006

central

3675	Jeff Chapman	2006
3380	Eric Walters	2004
2529	Jeff Chapman	2005
1498	Eric Walters	2005
1403	Doug Stotz	2006

southern

3324	Jeff Chapman	2006
3138	Eric Walters	2004
1456	Eric Walters	2005
1267	Doug Stotz	2006
916	Doug Stotz	2001