

IOS Lister's Corner 2007

Big Days: State, Regional, Seasonal, Non-Motorized & County

Illinois Big Days (by month)

In 2007, two experienced Big Day teams set out to break the April Illinois Big Day record. Their efforts were richly rewarded, as both teams broke the old record! Crowned as the 2007 (and, currently, alltime) April champs were the Bailey, Mahan, Taylor and Williams team, as they exceeded by one specie the amazing tally compiled by Kassebaum, McMullen and Seiffert. Stay tuned to the next installment in this intriguing competition in 2008, when we'll find out if the latter team can recover from the ecstasy (breaking the old record) and the agony (finding out they ended one species behind the winners). Congratulations on all of their efforts, as they also raised funds for wetlands restoration, since their Big Days were run in conjunction with the Birding Blitz Competition.

Also noteworthy, Keith McMullen managed to be only the second birder to exceed 100 species in a day in March in Illinois with his 111, good for 2nd best ever in that month.

Key: # = all-time IL Big Day record **Big Day rules:** 95% of all species must be ID'd by all observers.
(updated 3/16/08; compiled by Eric Walters & Joe Lill)

Top Three All-time Illinois Big Days by Month

January

103	southern	01/29/00	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
93	southern	01/02/04	C. Litteken, K. McMullen
85	southern	01/02/05	C. Litteken, K. McMullen

February

100	southern	02/29/04	T. Mahan, K. McMullen
97	southern	02/19/00	F. Bennett, K. McMullen
75	east-central	02/25/06	C. Erb, B. Guarente, G. Lambeth

March

118	southern	03/25/00	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
111	southern	03/26/07	K. McMullen
91	east-central	03/18/00	R. Chapel
91	southern	03/19/07	K. McMullen

April

173	southern	04/28/07	S. Bailey, T. Mahan, C. Taylor, D. Williams
172	southern	04/28/07	D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen, M. Seiffert
171	southern	04/29/06	S. Bailey, T. Mahan, C. Taylor

May

184#	ne/east-central	05/17/97	S. Bailey, R. Hughes, D. Mandell, S. Mlodinow, J. O'Brien, S. Patti
176	nw/west-central	05/16/05	A. Frohlich, V. Kleen, K. McKay
175	southern	05/05/97	J. DeNeal, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
175	central	05/09/94	D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, R. Randall, M. Ward, P. Ward
175	central	05/13/97	D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, M. Ward, P. Ward, T. Ward

June

143	ne/east-central	06/02/04	C. Gordon, J. Lill, J. Sundberg, K. Sundberg
135	ne/east-central	06/02/03	C. Gordon, J. Lill, J. Sundberg, K. Sundberg
129	northern	06/02/06	C. Gordon, J. Lill, J. Sundberg, K. Sundberg

July

128	southern	07/31/03	D. Kassebaum, T. Mahan, K. McMullen
125	ne/east-central	07/17/02	C. Gordon, J. Lill, J. Sundberg, K. Sundberg
118	southern	07/29/00	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen

August

136	southern/central	08/27/05	D. Kassebaum, T. Mahan
123	southern	08/19/00	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
120	north-central	08/25/05	D. Stotz

September

141	southern	09/16/00	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
129	northeast	09/27/91	W. Marcisz, W. Serafin, E. Walters
120	Carlyle Lake	09/09/00	D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen

October

127	southern	10/01/00	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
116	central	10/01/96	D. Bohlen, V. Kleen
113	northeast	10/01/67	C. Clark, one other birder

November

105	southern	11/01/03	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, T. Mahan, K. McMullen
99	southern	11/05/00	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
83	n. central	11/03/05	D. Stotz

December

100	southern	12/06/03	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, T. Mahan, K. McMullen
93	southern	12/02/00	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
93	central	12/17/00	D. Bohlen, B. Dyer

Top Monthly Big Days in 2007

January:	52	DuPage Co.	01/07/07	M. Fletcher, P. Moxon, J. Skrentny
February:				
March:	111	southern	03/26/07	K. McMullen
April:	173	southern	04/28/07	S. Bailey, T. Mahan, C. Taylor, D. Williams
May:	161	central	05/05/07	T. Mahan
June:	82	central	06/23/07	J. Mountjoy
July:	117	west-central	7/30/07	J. Mountjoy
August:				
September:	94	central	09/08/07	J. Mountjoy
October:				
November:	76	central	11/03/07	J. Mountjoy
December:	87	Union Co.	12/29/07	D. Stotz

Top Illinois Big Days (170+)

184	ne/east-central	05/17/97	S. Bailey, R. Hughes, D. Mandell, S. Mlodinow, J. O'Brien, S. Patti
176	nw/west-central	05/16/05	A. Frohlich, V. Kleen, K. McKay
175	central	05/09/94	D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, R. Randall, M. Ward, P. Ward
175	southern	05/05/97	J. DeNeal, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
175	central	05/13/97	D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, M. Ward, P. Ward, T. Ward
174	ne/east-central	05/11/96	S. Bailey, R. Hughes, D. Mandell, S. Mlodinow, J. O'Brien, S. Patti
173	central	05/06/86	D. Bohlen, R. Mudd, R. Randall, P. Ward
173	southern	05/09/95	J. DeNeal, T. Fink, K. McMullen, M. Seiffert
173	ne/east-central	05/20/95	R. Hughes, D. Mandell, J. O'Brien, S. Patti
173	southern	04/28/07	S. Bailey, T. Mahan, C. Taylor, D. Williams
172	central	05/10/89	D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, S. Robinson, P. Ward
172	southern	04/28/07	D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen, M. Seiffert
171	southern	04/29/06	S. Bailey, T. Mahan, C. Taylor
171	ne/east-central	05/16/98	S. Bailey, R. Hughes, D. Mandell, S. Mlodinow, J. O'Brien, S. Patti
170	central	05/11/74	D. Bohlen, T. Crabtree, V. Kleen, W. O'Brien, R. Randall, P. Ward

Top Five per Month by Region (top ten in May)

It was good to receive a number of submissions for this list subset. We already mentioned the two new top April tallies along with the 2nd best March tally. Three other Big Days merit recognition: Jim Mountjoy's July Big Day was the best ever in the Central Region and was the 4th best ever for that month, missing the front page by only one species. Another excellent March Big Day was reported, this one run by Jeff Chapman and Jeff Smith, setting a new Northern Region record of 84 species. In November, Mountjoy was at it again, establishing a new Central Region record with his tally of 76.

January

Southern

103	southern	01/29/00	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
93	southern	01/02/04	C. Litteken, K. McMullen
85	southern	01/02/05	C. Litteken, K. McMullen

Central

80	Springfield	01/01/98	D. Bohlen
62	east-central	01/21/06	C. Erb, B. Guarente
59	Sangamon Co.	01/20/04	D. Bohlen, B. Dyer
52	Kankakee Co.	01/02/05	D. Stotz

Northern

66	northeast	01/04/64	L. Binford, A. Campbell, C. Clark, T. Nork, F. Swink, C. Westcott
56	northern	01/18/03	E. Walters, K. Wysocki
53	Kendall Co.	01/01/00	D. Stotz
52	DuPage Co.	01/07/07	M. Fletcher, P. Moxon, J. Skrentny

Multi-Region

February

Southern

100	southern	02/29/04	T. Mahan, K. McMullen
97	southern	02/19/00	F. Bennett, K. McMullen
61	southern	02/04/95	C. Mowery Jr.

Central

75	east-central	02/25/06	C. Erb, B. Guarente, G. Lambeth
62	west-central	02/26/05	J. Mountjoy
54	Vermilion Co.	02/09/02	D. Stotz

Northern

56	Putnam Co.	02/16/05	P. Cruikshank, D. Stotz
54	northern	02/29/64	C. Clark, A. Campbell, F. Swink, D. Marshall, C. Westcott
54	LaSalle/Putnam	02/18/98	D. Stotz
52	north-central	02/27/99	D. Stotz
52	Will Co.	02/24/96	J. Engel, E. Walters

Multi-Region

March

Southern

118	southern	03/25/00	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
111	southern	03/26/07	K. McMullen
91	southern	03/19/07	K. McMullen
78	southern	03/31/06	E. Walters
70	southeast	03/12/00	F. Bennett

Central

91	east-central	03/18/00	R. Chapel
72	central	03/25/06	A. Friend
65	Sangamon Co.	03/15/03	P. Weber
58	central	03/08/03	M. Deaton, T. Mahan

Northern

84	northern	03/31/07	J. Chapman, J. Smith
80	Will/Grundy	03/27/04	D. Stotz
79	northeast	03/26/98	D. Stotz
74	Kane/Kendall	03/23/03	D. Stotz
71	Henry	03/31/07	T. Kuesel, C. Taylor

Multi-Region

80	multi-region	03/30/02	B. Fisher, K. Fisher, U. Geiser, E. Secker
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April

Southern

173	southern	04/28/07	S. Bailey, T. Mahan, C. Taylor, D. Williams
172	southern	04/28/07	D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen, M. Seiffert
171	southern	04/29/06	S. Bailey, T. Mahan, C. Taylor
168	southern	04/30/05	F. Bennett, K. McMullen, C. Wood
167	southern	04/29/06	F. Bennett, J. Chapman, K. McMullen

Central

107	east-central	04/25/00	R. Chapel
104	McDonough Co.	04/29/01	D. Benson, H. Benson, A. Moorehouse, D. Moorehouse, J. Rink
93	Peoria Co.	04/28/02	L. Princen

Northern

136	Cook Co.	04/30/66	C. Clark, C. Westcott
111	Putnam Co.	04/30/04	P. Cruikshank, D. Stotz
92	DuPage/Kane	04/29/07	K. Mansfield, P. Moxon, J. Skrentny
84	L. Calumet area	04/25/04	W. Marcisz
82	Lake/McHenry	04/22/07	M. Fletcher, J. Skrentny

Multi-Region

May

Southern

175	southern	05/05/97	J. DeNeal, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
173	southern	05/09/95	J. DeNeal, T. Fink, K. McMullen, M. Seiffert
162	southern	05/13/00	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
161	southern	05/04/94	J. DeNeal, T. Fink, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen, M. Seiffert
160	Massac Co.	05/05/07	F. Bennett
159	southern	05/04/92	L. Augustine, J. De Neal, T. Fink, D. Kassebaum
159	southern	05/12/97	D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
158	southern	05/03/96	L. Augustine, T. Fink, K. McMullen, S. Olson, D. Robinson
155	southern	05/01/99	F. Bennett, V. Lang, K. McMullen, R. Rothrock
154	Fayette Co.	05/08/04	T. Mahan

Central

175	central	05/09/94	D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, R. Randall, M. Ward, P. Ward
175	central	05/13/97	D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, M. Ward, P. Ward, T. Ward
173	central	05/06/86	D. Bohlen, R. Mudd, R. Randall, P. Ward
172	central	05/10/89	D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, S. Robinson, P. Ward
170	central	05/11/74	D. Bohlen, T. Crabtree, V. Kleen, W. O'Brien, R. Randall, P. Ward
161	central	05/12/03	B. Atwood, D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, R. Randall, P. Ward, T. Ward
161	Knox Co.	05/12/96	M. Baum
161	central	05/05/07	T. Mahan
159	central	05/10/91	D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, R. Randall
159	central	05/10/95	D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, R. Randall, P. Ward
159	central	05/15/99	R. Chapel, E. Chato, G. Lambeth

Northern

174	northwest	05/16/05	A. Frohlich, V. Kleen, K. McKay
165	Cook Co.	05/15/99	A. Boone, J. Engel, M. Retter, E. Walters
163	Lake Co.	05/20/97	R. Baade, S. De Vore, D. Johnson
162	northwest	05/19/99	K. McKay, Peer
161	northeast	05/19/89	E. Walters
160	northwest	05/10/00	V. Kleen, K. McKay
159	Lake Co.	05/17/96	R. Baade, S. De Vore, D. Johnson, E. Walters
158	northeast	05/14/78	B. Kirshner, J. Sanders
156	northwest	05/13/98	D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, K. McKay, R. Randall, M. Ward
155	northeast	05/17/89	T. Brown, E. Walters

Multi-Region

184#	ne/east-central	05/17/97	S. Bailey, R. Hughes, D. Mandell, S. Mlodinow, J. O'Brien, S. Patti
176	nw/west-central	05/16/05	A. Frohlich, V. Kleen, K. McKay
174	ne/east-central	05/11/96	S. Bailey, R. Hughes, D. Mandell, S. Mlodinow, J. O'Brien, S. Patti
173	ne/east-central	05/20/95	R. Hughes, D. Mandell, J. O'Brien, S. Patti
171	ne/east-central	05/16/98	S. Bailey, R. Hughes, D. Mandell, S. Mlodinow, J. O'Brien, S. Patti
163	ne/east-central	05/15/93	D. Mandell, S. Mlodinow, J. O'Brien, S. Suter
161	all regions	05/19/86	D. Bohlen, J. Greenberg, V. Kleen, S. Robinson (aircraft assisted)
154	ne/east-central	05/14/94	R. Hughes, D. Mandell, S. Mlodinow, J. O'Brien, S. Suter
153	central/southern	05/07/72	D. Bohlen, W. Bremser, T. Crabtree, W. O'Brien, R. Randall, P. Ward
144	ne/east-central	05/18/05	J. Lill, J. Sundberg, K. Sundberg

(Special Mention: this was the Midwest record for a few years before State Big Days came into fashion)

167	ne IL./nw IN	05/18/63	C. Clark, R. Grow, C. Westcott
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June

Southern

122	southern	06/19/00	D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
102	southern	06/03/98	C. Hutcheson, V. Kleen

Central

101	east-central	06/12/04	E. Walters
93	east-central	06/02/03	C. Gordon, J. Lill, J. Sundberg, K. Sundberg
93	east-central	06/02/04	C. Gordon, J. Lill, J. Sundberg, K. Sundberg
82	central	06/23/07	J. Mountjoy
67	Henderson Co.	06/13/06	D. Stotz

Northern

129	northern	06/02/06	C. Gordon, J. Lill, J. Sundberg, K. Sundberg
104	Putnam Co.	06/03/04	D. Stotz
102	Putnam Co.	06/20/01	D. Stotz
100	Winnebago Co.	06/12/94	A. Branhagen, J. Donaldson
68	Palos (Cook)	06/10/89	E. Walters

Multi-Region

143	ne/east-central	06/02/04	C. Gordon, J. Lill, J. Sundberg, K. Sundberg
135	ne/east-central	06/02/03	C. Gordon, J. Lill, J. Sundberg, K. Sundberg

July

Southern

128	southern	07/31/03	D. Kassebaum, T. Mahan, K. McMullen
118	southern	07/29/00	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
101	southern	07/21/97	C. Hutcheson, D. Kvernes, R. Rothrock

Central

117	west-central	07/30/07	J. Mountjoy
101	west-central	07/01/07	J. Mountjoy
90	central	07/31/04	J. Mountjoy
90	Scott Co.	07/22/06	T. Kuesel, C. Taylor
89	east-central	07/17/02	C. Gordon, J. Lill, J. Sundberg, K. Sundberg

Northern

109	Putnam/Ogle/Lee	07/15/04	D. Stotz
104	northeast	07/31/65	C. Clark, C. Westcott
101	Putnam/Bureau	07/02/04	D. Stotz
87	northeast	07/21/63	L. Binford, C. Clark
83	Ogle/McHn/Kane	07/01/07	M. Fletcher, J. Skrentny, C. Yon

Multi-Region

125	ne/east-central	07/17/02	C. Gordon, J. Lill, J. Sundberg, K. Sundberg
116	ne/east-central	07/10/99	D. Stotz
109	ne/east-central	07/19/01	J. Lill, J. Sundberg, K. Sundberg
108	ne/east-central	07/27/99	J. Lill, J. Sundberg, K. Sundberg
98	multi-region	07/13/05	D. Stotz

August

Southern

123	southern	08/19/00	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
96	southern	08/22/05	K. McMullen

Central

118	central	08/21/99	R. Chapel
105	L.Chautauqua	08/14/99	S. Bailey

Northern

120	northern	08/25/05	D. Stotz
116	northern	08/10/05	D. Stotz
115	northeast	08/29/92	D. Mandell, J. O'Brien, W. Serafin
113	Cook/Lake	08/31/63	C. Clark, C. Westcott
89	northeast	08/31/77	K. Brock, T. Cable, M. Chaneske, M. Dani

Multi-Region

136	southern/central	08/27/05	D. Kassebaum, T. Mahan
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September

Southern

141	southern	09/16/00	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
120	Carlyle Lake	09/09/00	D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
101	Carlyle Lake	09/30/01	K. McMullen
100	Carlyle Lake	09/01/01	K. McMullen

Central

108	west-central	09/18/04	E. Walters
101	east-central	09/31/98	D. Stotz
94	central	09/08/07	J. Mountjoy
91	central	09/27/97	M. Piwoni, D. Thomas

Northern

129	northeast	09/27/91	W. Marcisz, W. Serafin, E. Walters
117	Cook/Lake	09/06/65	L. Binford, C. Clark, C. Westcott
113	n. central	09/09/05	D. Stotz
108	northeast	09/14/76	S. Mlodinow
106	Will/Grundy	09/22/98	D. Stotz

Multi-Region

October

Southern

127	southern	10/01/00	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
91	Carlyle Lake	10/01/97	K. McMullen

Central

116	central	10/01/96	D. Bohlen, V. Kleen
109	McLean Co.	10/09/97	M. Retter, B. Wiltshire
91	Sangamon Co.	10/17/99	D. Bohlen

Northern

113	northeast	10/01/67	C. Clark, one other birder
97	Lake Calumet	10/02/98	D. Stotz
97	northern	10/05/06	D. Stotz
89	IBSP	10/14/95	J. Engel, E. Walters
83	n. central	10/21/05	D. Stotz

Multi-Region

November

Southern

105	southern	11/01/03	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, T. Mahan, K. McMullen
99	southern	11/05/00	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen

Central

76	central	11/03/07	J. Mountjoy
66	central	11/20/02	B. Princen

Northern

83	n. central	11/03/05	D. Stotz
81	northern	11/01/06	D. Stotz
78	Cook/DuPage	11/03/95	E. Walters
75	Cook/Lake	11/11/98	J. Engel
74	northern	11/15/06	D. Stotz

Multi-Region

79 south-central 11/20/06 J. Chapman

DecemberSouthern

100 southern 12/06/03 F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, T. Mahan, K. McMullen
 93 southern 12/02/00 F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
 87 Union Co. 12/29/07 D. Stotz
 81 southern 12/29/06 D. Stotz
 79 Alexander Co. 12/29/03 S. Bailey, T. Hinckley

Central

93 central 12/17/00 D. Bohlen, B. Dyer

Northern

73 northeast 12/16/98 D. Stotz
 63 northcentral 12/20/98 P. Boeing, J. Hampson, C. McKee, J. McKee
 62 northeast 12/24/71 L. Balch, L. Binford, C. Clark, B. Tweit
 62 Putnam/Bureau 12/18/04 D. Stotz
 59 northeast 12/06/69 C. Clark, 4 other birders

Multi-Region

75 south-central 12/28/06 J. Chapman
 75 south-central 12/30/06 J. Chapman

Records by Season

<i>Southern dates:</i>	Winter: 12/20-2/9	Spring: 2/10-5/31	Summer: 6/1-8/20	Fall: 8/21-12/19
<i>Central dates:</i>	Winter: 12/15-2/14	Spring: 2/15-6/5	Summer: 6/6-8/15	Fall: 8/16-12/14
<i>Northern dates:</i>	Winter: 12/10-2/19	Spring: 2/20-6/10	Summer: 6/11-8/10	Fall: 8/11-12/9

WinterSouthern

103 southern 01/29/00 F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen

Central

93 central 12/17/00 D. Bohlen, B. Dyer

Northern

73 northeast 12/16/98 D. Stotz

SpringSouthern

175 southern 05/05/97 J. DeNeal, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen

Central

175 central 05/09/94 D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, R. Randall, M. Ward, P. Ward
 175 central 05/13/97 D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, M. Ward, P. Ward, T. Ward

Northern

174 northwest 05/16/05 A. Frohlich, V. Kleen, K. McKay

Multi-Region

184# ne/east-central 05/17/97 S. Bailey, R. Hughes, D. Mandell, S. Mlodinow, J. O'Brien, S. Patti

SummerSouthern

128 southern 07/31/03 D. Kassebaum, T. Mahan, K. McMullen

Central

105 L.Chautauqua 08/14/99 S. Bailey

Northern

116 northern 08/10/05 D. Stotz

Multi-Region

125 ne/east-central 07/17/02 C. Gordon, J. Lill, J. Sundberg, K. Sundberg

Fall

Southern

141 southern 09/16/00 F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen

Central

118 central 08/21/99 R. Chapel

Northern

129 northeast 09/27/91 W. Marcisz, W. Serafin, E. Walters

Non-motorized Big Days

Also in conjunction with the Birding Blitz, the non-motorized category mirrored the tight competition seen in the Big Day tussle. The Williamson's record 2007 effort was nearly matched by the Juhlin, Lang, Mullison and Rothrock team. Both teams pedaled past the old record by more than 11%, with the Williamson team squeaking across the finish line a mere single species ahead! With their added experience and competitive juices stirred, it'll be interesting what will happen this April if they once again go head-to-head!

128	Union Co.	04/28/07	C. Williamson, G. Williamson (bicycle)
127	Johnson/Pulaski	04/28/07	S. Juhlin, V. Lang, D. Mullison, R. Rothrock (bicycle)
114	Jackson/Union	04/24/04	S. Juhlin, V. Lang, R. Rothrock (bicycle)
114	Union Co.	04/29/06	C. Williamson, G. Williamson (bicycle)
112	Jackson/Union	04/26/03	V. Lang, D. Mullison, R. Rothrock (bicycle)
111	southern	04/26/03	M. Baltz, J. Hoover, A. Pyle, J. Stevenson (bicycle)
102	southern	04/27/02	M. Baltz, J. Hoover, N. West (bicycle)
97	Jackson Co.	04/27/02	S. Juhlin, V. Lang, D. Mullison, R. Rothrock (bicycle/canoe)
87	Salt Creek (Cook)	05/15/05	D. Stotz (walking)
87	Rock Springs N.C.	05/05/06	T. Mahan, E. Walters (walking)
84	Lincoln Park	05/21/06	G. Williamson (walking)
83	Lincoln Park	05/13/06	G. Williamson (walking)
82	Salt Creek (Cook)	05/09/04	D. Stotz (walking)
80	Northwestern U.	05/15/01	E. Walters (walking)

Top All-time County Big Days

Last year we commented that only three tallies had broken into the top 10 of this list in the prior decade, suggesting it had become quite a challenge. Surprisingly, this past year broke that trend as three tallies muscled into the alltime top 10. Frank Bennett's Massac tally was only the 4th County Big Day to hit 160. The Ward's made it to #6 with their great Brown County effort. Finally, the Williamson County Big Day effort by Hinkley, LaSalle and Merkelbach became the 10th best tally in this category. Starting this year, we're including all County Big Day tallies of 150 or more.

1)	165	05/15/99	Cook Co.	A. Boone, J. Engel, M. Retter, E. Walters
2)	163	05/20/97	Lake Co.	R. Baade, S. De Vore, D. Johnson
3)	161	05/12/96	Knox Co.	M. Baum
4)	160	05/05/07	Massac Co.	F. Bennett
5)	159	05/17/96	Lake Co.	R. Baade, S. De Vore, D. Johnson, E. Walters
6)	158	05/05/07	Brown Co.	M. Ward, T. Ward
7)	155	05/07/05	Brown Co.	M. Ward, T. Ward
	155	05/09/94	Sangamon Co.	D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, R. Randall, M. Ward, P. Ward
9)	154	05/08/04	Fayette Co.	T. Mahan
10)	153	04/28/07	Williamson Co.	T. Hinkley, R. LaSalle, J. Merkelbach
	151	05/15/99	Cook Co.	W. Serafin, C. Williamson, G. Williamson, K. Wysocki
	151	05/22/06	Lake Co.	J. Engel, E. Walters
	151	05/05/07	Knox Co.	M. Baum, J. Mountjoy

County Big Days

We've already mentioned the great County Big Days by Bennett in Massac, the Wards in Brown, and Hinkley, LaSalle and Merkelback in Williamson; all of which exceeded 152 species and set new County Big Day standards in the process. Another great Big Day was recorded in Knox County, where Mike Baum and Jim Mountjoy recorded 151 species. This was 2nd best ever in that county and one of the top 15 alltime County Big Days. Other noteworthy records set were Robert Randall's 128 in Cass, Matt Fraker/Matthew Winks' 126 in Woodford, Ron Bradley's 118 in Gallatin and Tim Kuesel/Craig Taylor's 115 in Henry. Fourteen new County Big Day records were submitted this year, with 11 of them having tallies of over 100 species. Plenty of counties would establish a new threshold if 100 species were to be recorded, a tally attainable in all counties during their spring peak. In addition, it's worth noting that any Big Day submission for Calhoun, Christian, Edgar, Jefferson or Pike Counties would immediately become that county's top record as those 5 have, as of now, no submissions!

(100 minimum, or top three totals; 135 in Cook) **Key:** * = alltime County Big Day Record

ADAMS

109 05/09/03 M. Gallagher, K. Vail
107 05/04/01 M. Gallagher, K. Vail
104 05/06/06 E. Walters

ALEXANDER

123 05/09/87 T. Fink
79 12/29/03 S. Bailey, T. Hinckley
73 12/28/07 K. McKay, C. Taylor

BOND

85 05/11/04 E. Walters

BOONE

105 05/21/02 D. Stotz
68 05/08/06 E. Walters

BROWN

158 05/05/07 M. Ward, T. Ward
155 05/07/05 M. Ward, T. Ward
144 05/06/00 M. Ward, T. Ward

BUREAU

130 05/10/03 D. Stotz
124 05/07/05 D. Stotz
124 05/05/07 J. Lill, D. Stotz
116 05/06/00 D. Stotz
115 05/05/01 D. Stotz
106 05/08/99 D. Stotz

CALHOUN

CARROLL

123 05/16/98 E. Walters

CASS

128 05/05/07 R. Randall
111 05/05/01 R. Randall
109 05/06/06 R. Randall
108 05/09/87 R. Randall

CHAMPAIGN

131 05/08/04 G. Lambeth

CHRISTIAN

CLARK

89 05/07/04 E. Walters
76 04/29/05 E. Walters

CLAY

69 07/13/05 D. Stotz
46 07/01/03 D. Stotz
41 05/07/05 T. Esker

CLINTON

100 05/16/04 C. Taylor
94 09/22/07 E. Walters
85 09/21/04 D. Stotz

COLES

68 05/15/04 E. Walters

COOK (135 minimum)

165* 05/15/99 A. Boone, J. Engel, M. Retter, E. Walters
151 05/15/99 W. Serafin, C. Williamson, G. Williamson, K. Wysocki
149 05/19/96 J. Engel, E. Walters
146 05/13/00 C. Alberico, W. Serafin, G. Williamson, K. Wysocki
142 05/16/98 C. Alberico, S. Friscia, W. Serafin, K. Wysocki
140 05/19/02 C. Gordon, B. Moskoff, J. Sundberg, K. Sundberg
140 05/11/03 S. Huggins, W. Serafin, G. Williamson, K. Wysocki
138 05/18/03 C. Gordon, B. Goluboff, J. Sundberg, K. Sundberg
136 05/23/92 S. Friscia, D. Mandell, W. Marcisz, J. O'Brien, W. Serafin

CRAWFORD

76 05/07/04 E. Walters

CUMBERLAND

45 03/24/07 E. Walters

DE KALB

103 05/06/00 F. Lenski, D. Shambaugh
100 05/10/97 F. Lenski, D. Shambaugh

DE WITT

90 05/17/06 D. Stotz
72 05/05/06 E. Walters
61 01/02/06 C. Taylor

DOUGLAS

115 05/05/07 M. Alessi
76 05/09/87 F. Harty
65 05/10/86 F. Harty

DU PAGE

132 05/15/99 D. Kania, J. Pomatto, J. Suchecki
132 05/17/97 D. Kania, J. Pomatto, J. Suchecki
123 05/13/89 E. Walters
122 05/08/04 A. Secker, E. Secker
119 05/16/87 V. Byre, J. Hardt, R. Wagner, E. Walters
116 05/15/86 D. Burdick, H. Cohen, M. Smith, D. Young
115 05/06/89 E. Walters
115 05/17/86 V. Byre, J. Hardt, R. Wagner, E. Walters
112 05/16/87 D. Burdick, H. Cohen, M. Smith, D. Young
110 05/07/86 E. Walters
109 05/04/91 E. Walters

104 05/07/88 J. Hardt
104 05/15/87 J. Hardt, E. Walters
102 05/04/91 T. Brown

EDGAR

EDWARDS

54 05/01/06 D. Stotz

EFFINGHAM

60 05/15/04 E. Walters

FAYETTE

154 05/08/04 T. Mahan

FORD

103 05/13/06 T. Kuesel, C.Taylor
101 05/15/04 D. Stotz
101 05/06/06 T. Kuesel, C.Taylor

FRANKLIN

114 05/05/90 R. Danley
111 05/04/91 R. Danley
104 05/05/01 L. Stanley
102 05/06/89 R. Danley

FULTON

102 05/10/03 L.H. Princen
95 05/09/05 E. Walters
90 07/01/07 J. Mountjoy

GALLATIN

118 05/05/07 R. Bradley
106 05/06/06 R. Bradley
105 05/06/89 R. Bradley
103 05/05/90 R. Bradley
102 05/07/88 R. Bradley
101 05/04/91 R. Bradley

GREENE

64 05/11/04 E. Walters

GRUNDY

117 05/13/05 D. Stotz
108 05/10/98 D. Stotz

HAMILTON

35 12/29/03 D. Stotz

HANCOCK

96 05/06/05 E. Walters
62 06/18/04 D. Stotz

HARDIN

93 04/29/07 E. Walters
75 05/01/05 E. Walters
66 04/30/06 D. Stotz

HENDERSON

67 06/13/06 D. Stotz
62 06/18/04 D. Stotz

HENRY

115 05/05/07 T. Kuesel, C. Taylor
108 05/11/07 T. Kuesel, C. Taylor
105 05/10/06 D. Stotz

IROQUOIS

96 05/22/02 D. Stotz

JACKSON

146 05/09/92 J. De Neal, T. Fink
97 04/27/02 S. Juhlin, V. Lang, D. Mullison, R. Rothrock

JASPER

128 05/04/96 E. Kirshner, J. Walk

JEFFERSON**JERSEY**

75 05/19/01 D. Stotz

JO DAVIESS

93 05/05/90 D. Cederstrom
92 05/07/88 D. Cederstrom
92 05/22/04 D. Stotz

JOHNSON

77 04/25/99 D. Stotz

KANE

133 05/15/05 S. Cohrs
100 05/01/04 S. Cohrs, J. Duerr

KANKAKEE

108 05/16/02 J. Chapman
94 05/12/01 D. Stotz
52 01/02/05 D. Stotz

KENDALL

124 05/07/00 D. Stotz
117 05/11/99 D. Stotz
53 01/01/00 D. Stotz

KNOX

161 05/12/96 M. Baum
151 05/05/07 M. Baum, J. Mountjoy
148 05/06/06 M. Baum, J. Mountjoy
147 05/08/04 M. Baum, J. Mountjoy
147 05/07/05 M. Baum, J. Mountjoy
146 05/10/03 M. Baum, J. Mountjoy
138 05/08/99 A. Reyburn

LAKE

163 05/20/97 R. Baade, S. De Vore, D. Johnson
159 05/17/96 R. Baade, S. De Vore, D. Johnson, E. Walters
151 05/22/06 J. Engel, E. Walters
115 05/13/88 D. Hecklinger, A. Stokie

LA SALLE

144 05/12/96 C. McKee, J. McKee, J. Hampson

LAWRENCE

56 05/07/04 E. Walters

LEE

98 05/08/06 E. Walters
96 05/17/03 D. Stotz

LIVINGSTON

106 05/02/03 D. Stotz

LOGAN

90 05/19/05 T. Kuesel, C. Taylor
78 05/10/05 T. Kuesel, C. Taylor
73 05/09/05 T. Kuesel, C. Taylor

MACON

141 05/07/05 T. Mahan
138 05/10/90 R. Palmer
132 05/05/06 T. Mahan, E. Walters

MACOUPIN

104 05/05/07 V. Hedrick
82 08/18/07 T. Kuesel, C. Taylor
79 05/07/01 D. Stotz

MADISON

127 05/04/96 F. Holmes, B. Wetteroth
126 05/08/99 F. Holmes
117 05/07/94 F. Holmes, B. Wetteroth
114 05/06/00 F. Holmes

MARION

85 05/05/07 T. Esker
69 09/23/07 E. Walters
64 03/25/07 E. Walters

MARSHALL

99 05/06/06 M. Brucker, E. Yang
80 04/10/02 D. Stotz

MASON

145 05/08/04 S. Bjorklund, S. Cohrs
130 05/04/02 S. Bjorklund, S. Cohrs

MASSAC

160 05/05/07 F. Bennett
89 04/25/99 D. Stotz
74 04/27/07 C. Taylor

MC DONOUGH

104 04/29/01 D. Benson, H. Benson, A. Moorehouse, D. Moorehouse, J. Rink

MC HENRY

128 05/17/98 R. Baade, D. Fiske, B. Meding
117 05/15/02 'Birding Buddies'
82 09/18/97 R. Baade, E. Walters

MC LEAN

146 05/10/00 T. Bugg, M. Retter
144 05/09/99 J. Rink, M. Retter, B. Wiltshire
132 05/08/99 R. Frissora, J. Kincade, M. Retter, B. Wiltshire
118 05/17/98 T. Dilley, J. Engel, M. Retter, J. Rink

MENARD

45 07/24/04 D. Stotz

MERCER

131 05/09/92 P. Peterson
111 05/08/76 P. Peterson, W. Zuurdeeg
100 05/07/05 E. Walters

MONROE

128 05/10/86 R. Goetz
116 05/09/87 R. Goetz
64 05/08/01 D. Stotz

MONTGOMERY

105 05/07/05 L. Acs, R. Jack
93 05/08/04 L. Acs, R. Jack
86 05/10/03 L. Acs, R. Jack

MORGAN

132 05/09/96 P. Ward
71 05/08/06 E. Walters

MOULTRIE

38 12/31/06 D. Stotz

OGLE

101 05/14/05 D. Stotz
95 06/06/01 D. Stotz
83 05/08/06 E. Walters

PEORIA

93 04/28/02 L. Princen
75 05/09/05 E. Walters

PERRY

106 05/05/07 B. Chandler
103 05/04/02 B. Chandler

PIATT

58 05/05/06 E. Walters

PIKE**POPE**

127 05/04/91 J. De Neal
75 05/09/87 L. Stritch
68 05/01/05 E. Walters

PULASKI

146 05/08/93 J. Andrews, J. De Neal, T. Fink, R. Lindsey
84 05/06/89 A. West
81 04/27/06 E. Secker, C. Taylor

PUTNAM

125 05/19/04 D. Stotz
115 05/06/03 D. Stotz
111 04/30/04 P. Cruikshank, D. Stotz
110 06/03/04 D. Stotz
102 06/20/01 D. Stotz

RANDOLPH

47 12/29/06 D. Stotz

RICHLAND

39 07/13/05 D. Stotz

ROCK ISLAND

54 06/18/04 D. Stotz

ST. CLAIR

70 05/08/02 D. Stotz

SALINE

90 05/08/04 E. Walters

SANGAMON

155 05/09/94 D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, R. Randall, M. Ward, P. Ward

145 05/14/96 D. Bohlen

136 05/01/00 D. Bohlen

SCHUYLER

77 05/11/04 E. Walters

SCOTT

89 07/22/06 T. Kuesel, C. Taylor

51 05/18/01 D. Stotz

SHELBY

39 07/13/05 D. Stotz

36 05/20/01 D. Stotz

STARK

112 05/08/04 J. Walk

106 05/06/06 J. Walk

STEPHENSON

106 05/15/07 D. Stotz

76 05/27/05 D. Stotz

56 04/27/02 D. Stotz

TAZEWELL

52 05/18/01 D. Stotz

UNION

149 05/06/78 J.T. Erwin, V. Kleen

140 05/07/76 V. Kleen

137 05/08/99 S. Bailey, P. Weber

135 05/07/05 S. Bailey

128 05/09/92 V. Kleen

114 04/29/06 C. Williamson, G. Williamson (bicycle)

113 04/28/07 S. Bailey, T. Mahan, C. Taylor, D. Williams

VERMILION

104 05/11/04 B. Chato, J. Smith

WABASH

78 05/07/04 E. Walters

50 03/24/07 E. Walters

WARREN

47 06/18/04 D. Stotz

WASHINGTON

90 05/02/05 E. Walters

WAYNE

99 05/04/02 G. Rose
89 05/01/06 D. Stotz
58 05/09/87 M. Marti

WHITE

84 05/05/07 J. Horn
52 04/30/06 D. Stotz

WHITESIDE

113 05/13/07 D. Stotz
73 09/11/04 D. Stotz

WILL

115 05/13/98 D. Stotz

WILLIAMSON

153 04/28/07 T. Hinkley, R. LaSalle, J. Merkelbach
75 05/09/04 E. Walters

WINNEBAGO

145 05/19/96 A. Branhagen, J. Donaldson
115 05/15/95 B. Grover
112 05/11/96 A. Branhagen

WOODFORD

126 05/05/07 M. Fraker, M. Winks
61 09/18/04 D. Stotz

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