

IOS Lister's Corner 2007

Category Lists: Family Group Big Days

Here are state big day tallies for specific family groups. The number following the avian families represents the total non-vagrant species that could be found in Illinois. Some counts may not appear to be significant from a state perspective, but could represent the record for a specific region (i.e. northern, central, southern); some counts may represent the record for the season.

Who wouldn't have wanted to be with Travis Mahan back on Dec 18th, as he tied the state record after finding seven owl species in the Carlyle Lake area? An exciting day no doubt. The spring record for the Heron/Egret/Bittern/Ibis family was tied this past year by a team doing a Big Day.

(updated 12/31/08; compiled by Eric Walters & Joe Lill)

LOONS/GREBES (8)

7@	Lake Carlyle	11/04/06	B.Fisher, R.Hughes, D.Jacobson, D.Kassebaum, D.Stotz
6#	Clinton L./Moraine View S.P.	11/17/96	M. Retter
6*	Clinton Lake	11/15/92	R. Chapel
6	Chautauqua N.W.R.	11/14/89	K. Richmond
5**	Baldwin Lake	01/22/94	J. DeNeal, T. Fink, C. Smout
5	Cook & Lake Co.	11/08/75	S. Mlodinow
5	Saganashkee Slough	10/29/06	C. Fields, C. Fields, P. Moxon

Key: @= all but R-N Grebe * = 5 grebes ** = Red-necked/Eared Grebes # = Western/Red-necked Grebe/2 Loons

HERONS/EGRETS/BITTERNS/IBIS (13)

11*&#	East St. Louis/Arcola	07/04/96	R. Chapel
10@&%	Madison & St. Clair Co.	06/01/96	F. Holmes
9*&	Nw. St. Clair Co.	07/16/96	V. Kleen
9	Jasper & Lawrence Co.	??/??/96	T. Esker, L. Harrison, E. Kirshner, J. Walk
9@	Horseshoe Lake	08/02/98	F. Holmes
9*%@	Southern IL	08/05/00	M. Kutska, C. Taylor
8*	Peoria Co. (Bartonville)	07/12/85	K. Richmond
8*@	Lake Calumet's Big Marsh	08/24/86	M. Madsen
8	Sw. Madison County	05/07/94	F. Holmes, B. Wetteroth
8*	Alexander, Union, Jackson Co.	06/10/96	V. Kleen
8	Southern IL	04/25/98	K. McMullen, C. Taylor
8	Southern IL	08/07/99	C. Taylor
8	Southern IL	08/03/02	C. Taylor
8	Jackson, Massac, Pulaski Co.	04/28/07	S. Bailey, T. Mahan, C. Taylor, D. Williams
7	Illinois Beach/Lake Renwick	08/23/86	J. Greenberg, A. Stokie

Key: * = Snowy Egret # = both bitterns & = White-faced Ibis % = Glossy Ibis @ = Tri-colored Heron

WATERFOWL (Ducks/Geese/Swans) (36)

25&*	Clinton Lake	03/09/96	R. Chapel
24&	Cook & Du Page	03/12/95	J. Sanders, R. Seibert, A. Stokie
24^	Lake Co.	03/19/00	C. Fields, J. Wittbold
23@	Cook Co.	03/26/72	J. Sanders
23#	Cook & Lake	11/15/87	D. Hecklinger, A. Stokie
23	Multi-region	03/30/02	B. Fisher, K. Fisher, U. Geiser, E. Secker, J. Simms
22	Cook Co.	03/19/78	S. Mlodinow
22	west-central	02/26/05	J. Mountjoy
21	Cook Co.	10/20/73	S. Mlodinow
21	DeWitt Co.	03/06/02	R. Chapel
21	Hennepin-Hopper Lake	04/04/02	D. Stotz
21	Hennepin-Hopper Lake	03/23/04	D. Stotz
21	Macon Co.	02/25/06	T. Mahan
20	Barrington/Palatine	04/02/96	C. Fields
20	Macon Co.	01/21/06	T. Mahan
19%	Central IL	05/09/94	D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, R. Randall, M. Ward, P. Ward

19	Palos Forest Preserves	10/22/06	D. Stotz
18	Wilmette	10/31/91	R. Hughes, J. Koch, E. Walters
17	North-central IL/Lake Co.	01/01/01	D. Johnson

Key: &= White-fronted & Ross' Geese @= Black & White-winged Scoters
 #= Tundra Swan, Surf Scoter *= Barrow's Goldeneye
 ^= Eurasian Wigeon/Harlequin Duck/Greater White-fronted Goose/Tundra Swan
 %= A total of 19 species in Southern Illinois on 01/29/00 was also reported by unknown observers.

GEESE (6)

6*	Horseshoe Lake C.A.	12/29/98	S. Bailey
5#	Union County C.A.	12/23/92	V. Kleen
5	Crab Orchard N.W.R.	11/29/04	E. Walters
5	Union County C.A.	12/30/04	K. McKay, E. Walters
5	Horseshoe Lake C.A.	03/06/05	F. Holmes
5	DuPage & DeKalb Cos.	11/03/06	C. Fields, J. Wittbold
5	Macoupin Co.	12/28/06	D. Stotz
5	Baldwin Lake	12/29/06	D. Stotz
5	Storey Lake	12/04/07	J. Mountjoy

Key: *= Brant, Ross, White-fronted, Cackling # = Brant, Ross, White-fronted

DUCKS (27)

21	Clinton Lake @	03/09/96	R. Chapel
20	Cook & Lake	11/15/87	D. Hecklinger, A. Stokie
20	Lake Co.	03/19/00	C. Fields, J. Wittbold
19	Cook County	03/19/78	S. Mlodinow
19	Cook & Du Page	03/12/95	J. Sanders, R. Seibert, A. Stokie
19	Cook Co.	11/08/97	W. Serafin
19	Southern IL	01/29/00	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
19	Hennepin-Hopper Lake	04/03/03	D. Stotz
18	Cook County	10/20/73	S. Mlodinow
18	Barrington/Palatine	04/02/96	C. Fields
18	Hennepin-Hopper Lake	03/12/04	D. Stotz
18	west-central	02/26/05	J. Mountjoy
16	Central IL	05/09/94	D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, R. Randall, M. Ward, P. Ward

@= Barrow's Goldeneye

RAPTORS: All but Owls (18)

14*#	Illinois Beach S.P.	11/03/01	P. Sweet
13*^	Illinois Beach S.P.	10/14/95	E. Walters, J. Engel
12	Wilmette to Ne. Chicago	11/02/91	E. Walters
11	Rice Lake Cons. Area	09/26/85	K. Richmond
11	DeWitt/Champaign Co.	10/21/95	R. Chapel
10	Illinois Beach S.P.	09/22/90	A. Stokie
8	Winnebago County	11/26/94	J. Donaldson, E. Walters

Key: *= both eagles, three accipters, three falcons, RS Hawks #= Osprey ^= BW Hawk

Of note were 4 falcon species seen by numerous observers on various days during January 1991 in LaSalle County.

RAPTORS: Owls (8)

7^	Carlyle Lake	12/04-1/05	D. Kassebaum
7*	Northeast Illinois	01/01/94	A. Welby
7*	Central Illinois	01/15/95	R. Chapel
7	Clinton/Fayette Co.	12/18/07	T. Mahan
6	Southern IL	01/29/00	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen

Key: ^= all but Snowy Owl (tally recorded on multiple dates during those months) * = all but Barn Owl

RAPTORS: All (26)

15*	Illinois Beach S.P.	10/14/95	E. Walters, J. Engel
14	Illinois Beach S.P.	11/03/01	P. Sweet
13**	Wilmette to Ne. Chicago	11/02/91	E. Walters
12^	Cypress Creek area	02/19/99	B. Holliday
11	Ogle and Lee County	12/23/00	D. Shambaugh, E. Walters
11	Illinois Beach S.P.	09/22/90	A. Stokie
11	Rice Lake C.A.	09/26/85	K. Richmond

Key: * = both eagles, 3 accipters,3 falcons, BW/RS Hawks, SE Owl ** = Osprey,both Eagles,SE Owl ^= Barn Owl

SHOREBIRDS (35)

25#	Lake Chautauqua	08/28/00	R. Chapel, K. Richmond
25**	Rend Lake	08/??/??	T. Fink
24	Mason & Macon Counties	08/21/04	T. Mahan
23	Lake Chautauqua/Clinton Lake	09/04/00	R. Chapel
23	Rend Lake	09/??/??	J. De Neal, T. Fink
22	Lake Chautauqua	08/26/04	M. Deaton, T. Mahan
21	Lake Calumet Region	08/17/75	J. Sanders
21*	Montrose/Lake Calumet	08/22/92	D. Hecklinger, D. Mandell, J. Sanders, A. Stokie
21	Lake Chautauqua	08/18/00	L. Augustine
21	Carlyle Lake	09/09/00	D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
21	Fulton/Macon Cos.	08/27/06	S. Bailey,T. Mahan
20^	Waukegan/L. Calumet	09/07/68	C. Clark, J. Greenberg
20	Lake Calumet	08/17/75	S. Mlodinow
20	Macon Co.	08/23/07	T. Mahan
19@	Ne. Lake County	05/17/96	R. Baade, S. DeVore, D. Johnson, E. Walters
19	Cook & Will Counties	09/02/89	A. Sigler, A. Stokie
16	Central Illinois	05/09/94	D. Bohlen,V. Kleen,R. Randall, M.Ward, P. Ward
16	Waukegan Beach	05/18/01	J. Engel, D. Johnson, E. Walters
16	Sangamon County	05/01/00	D. Bohlen

Key: #= 2 Godwits,5 'peeps',Avocet,RN Phalarope *= Upland,White-rumped,Buff-breasted,Knot

@= White-rumped, Stilt Sandpiper, Snipe, R.Turnstone **= Red Phalarope

^= 2 Godwits, Whimbrel, Black-necked Stilt,Piping Plover

GULLS (13)

9**	Zion and vicinity	01/02/88	D. Williams
9*	Chicago/Lake Calumet	11/26/92	J. Landing, C. Monday
9*	Chicago lakefront	11/26/92	R. Biss
8	Montrose Harbor	04/05/96	R. Hughes
8	Cook & Lake County	04/06/96	D. Hecklinger, A. Stokie
8	Lake Calumet area	03/12/94	C. Alberico, S. Friscia, A. Stokie, G. Williamson
8	Peoria Lock & Dam	02/02/94	T. Pucelik, K. Richmond
8	Peoria Lock & Dam	01/07/99	M. Retter
8	Chicago/Lake Calumet	11/26/92	R. Hughes, A. Sigler
8	Zion & vicinity	12/23/83	M. Biss, R. Biss, D. Johnson
8	Evanston to Waukegan	11/08/98	M. Retter
7#	Carlyle Lake	10/20/91	J. De Neal, T. Fink
7	Lake Calumet	02/08/03	C. Taylor
7	Carlyle Lake	09/23/06	D. Kassebaum, T. Mahan, M. Retter, et al
7	Northpoint Marina	many winter dates;	various observers

Key: *= 10 species present that day; California, Little, Franklin's, Kittiwake

**= Iceland, Great Black-backed, Kittiwake, Little #= Little, Sabine's, Kittiwake

FLYCATCHERS (10)

10	Central Illinois	05/29/96	K. Richmond
10*	Southern Illinois/E. St.Louis	05/19/95	T. Fink
10^	northeast Illinois	06/07/03	A. Stokie, P. Sweet

Key: *= Western Kingbird ^= 9 species at Illinois Beach State Park

WARBLERS (36)

35*	West-central/Central Illinois	05/12/01	K. Richmond
34^	Northern/Southern Illinois	05/19/86	D. Bohlen, J. Greenberg, V. Kleen, S. Robinson
33#	Southern Illinois	05/12/95	T. Fink
32	Chicago's Jackson Park	05/09/93	S. Suter
32	Mason County	05/08/93	L. Augustine, K. Richmond
32	Piatt County	05/08/93	R. Chapel
30	Northeast Illinois	05/13/89	R. Hughes, A. Sigler
29	Northeast Illinois	05/19/84	J. Greenberg, S. Mlodinow
29	Chicago Botanic Gardens	05/16/93	A. Anderson, C. Lee, S. Lee, W. Marcisz
28	Cook County	05/09/93	A. Stokie

Key: *= missed Connecticut #= all in 3.5 hours ^= another 34 tally by R. Chapel is rumored

SPARROWS (19)

17**	Lincoln Park (Chicago)	10/15/00	S. Bailey, R. Hughes, S. De Vore
15##	Mason/Fulton	05/03/96	K. Richmond
14@+	Grant Park (Chicago)	10/01/97	D. Stotz
14^	Grant Park (Chicago)	10/06/97	D. Stotz
14#	Northeast	05/06/72	J. Sanders
14#	Northeast/East-central IL	05/17/97	S. Bailey, R. Hughes, D. Mandell, S. Mlodinow, J. O'Brien, S. Patti
13	McCormick Pl. (Chicago)	10/20/95	J. O'Brien
13	Evanston	10/15/00	E. Walters
13**	Chicago lakefront	10/03/92	D. Mandell, J. O'Brien, A. Sigler, A. Stokie
13	Chicago lakefront	10/22/95	D. Lane, M. Madsen, R. Seibert, A. Stokie
13#	Chicago lakefront	10/01/95	J. Sanders, R. Seibert, A. Stokie
13	North-central/Northeast IL	05/13/99	S. Bailey, D. Bohlen, M. Ward, P. Ward
12	Cook Co.	04/30/76	S. Mlodinow
11	Montrose Harbor (Chgo)	04/03/97	K. Hirabayashi

Key: ##= Clay-colored, Fox, Lark, Henslow's, Junco
**= Clay-colored, Sharp-tailed, LeConte's & Harris'
^= Le Conte's, Henslow, Clay-colored, Sharp-tailed
+= 17 species present in Grant Park between 1-6 Oct'97

#= LeConte's, Clay-colored, Vesper, Grasshopper
@= Sharp-tailed, Grasshopper, Clay-colored

The Winter Finch category is noteworthy in that the all time record is now over 30 years old - one of the oldest existing records in Lister's Corner.

WINTER FINCHES (10)

9*	North-central IL	03/05/72	L. Balch, V. Kleen, G. Rosenband
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Key: *= missed House Finch due to its lack of presence in the state at the time.

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