

IOS Lister's Corner 2007

Miscellaneous Lists: The Kitchen Sink

Key: * = last updated 2006 # = last updated pre-2006
(updated 4/10/08; compiled by Eric Walters & Joe Lill)

Early Dates (top five)

Craig Taylor appears to have set a standard for northern-based birders when he hit 100 annual species by March 17th last year. Will that be lowered this year by another northern birder?

With spring peaking in Southern IL by late April, it's obvious that any good active birder in the state that does some planning can get to 200 species before May. Reaching 250 species has the smallest window of difference - the top five early dates are only six days apart. This tally might be the best standard for birders to compare as it gives statewide birders more of an level field in terms of migration timing. This is also a good general guideline for Big Year birders - hitting 250 species by mid-May could position one for a nice 300+ annual tally. Uncovered from an archived letter from the late Bob Chapel was his comment that, in 2000, he had "over 300 by ...mid-August". This breaks the earliest 300 species date by more than a month!

EARLIEST DATE: 100 SPECIES IDENTIFIED

01/04/98 H. David Bohlen
01/04/04 Keith McMullen
03/17/07 Craig Taylor
03/19/06 Craig Taylor

EARLIEST DATE: 200 SPECIES IDENTIFIED

04/17/04 Keith McMullen
04/24/99 Doug Stotz
04/24/04 Travis Mahan
04/27/90 Eric Walters
04/27/06 Jeff Chapman
04/27/07 Craig Taylor

EARLIEST DATE: 250 SPECIES IDENTIFIED

05/13/90 Eric Walters
05/17/99 Doug Stotz
05/17/04 Bob Fisher
05/18/07 Eric Walters
05/19/06 Jeff Chapman

EARLIEST DATE: 300 SPECIES IDENTIFIED

08/15/00 Bob Chapel (mid-August)
09/17/04 Bob Fisher
09/25/90 Eric Walters
10/10/07 Keith McMullen
10/18/03 Travis Mahan
10/18/04 Karen Fisher

City Big Days

It's surprising that no reports for Rockford have been submitted for this list, as there is ample habitat to suggest reaching 100 species would be possible there. (100 species minimum)

124	Chicago	05/19/97	J.Engel, E.Walters
113	Chicago	05/09/96	P. Clyne
112	Chicago	05/04/00	S.Carpenter, P.Clyne
108	Chicago	05/09/89	S. Suter
108	Evanston	05/08/99	J.Engel, E.Walters
107	Chicago	05/10/96	K. Hirabayashi
104	Chicago	05/08/97	E.Walters
102	Chicago	05/20/94	W. Serafin
102	Chicago	05/20/02	E.Walters
102	Evanston	05/10/03	E.Walters

City Life List

We've modified this category to include any incorporated city, town or village. Birds need to be identified as occurring within recognized city limits. (150 species minimum)

311	Chicago	Eric Walters
297	Chicago	Geoff Williamson
282	Evanston	Eric Walters
280	Chicago	Joe Lill
279	Chicago	Ken Wysocki
269	Chicago	David K. Antieau
262	Chicago	Tom Lally
257	Chicago	Tom Schulenberg
257	Wilmette	Eric Walters
252	Evanston	Josh Engel
229	Naperville	Joe Suchecki
223	Chicago	Craig Taylor
220	Chicago	Jeff Chapman
190	Galesburg	Jim Mountjoy
186	Arlington Heights	Joan Bruchman
169	Zion	Eric Walters

County Big Months

(100 minimum; 150 in Cook & Lake)

COOK

200 W. Serafin May 2003
180 G. Williamson May 2005
169 G. Williamson May 2006
169 G. Williamson May 2003
168 G. Williamson May 2007
168 G. Williamson May 2004
166 G. Williamson May 2000

DU PAGE

167 E. Secker May 2005
131 E. Secker August 2004
110 E. Secker July 2003

FORD

141 C. Taylor May 2006
104 C. Taylor April 2006

HENRY

134 T. Kuesel May 2007
134 C. Taylor May 2007

LAKE

177 E. Walters May 2006

LOGAN

119 C. Taylor May 2005

MADISON

153 F. Holmes May 2005
153 F. Holmes May 2007
137 F. Holmes October 2006
119 F. Holmes May 2005
116 F. Holmes July 1990
113 F. Holmes June 2003
103 F. Holmes August 2002

SANGAMON

107 D. Bohlen December 2000

UNION

131 C. Williamson April 2007
131 G. Williamson April 2007
113 S. Bailey April 2007
113 T. Mahan April 2007
113 C. Taylor April 2007
113 D. Williams April 2007

SBC Life Lists

So many birders are involved with Spring Bird Counts that we invite you to collate your lists from over the years and join this bunch!

225 Eric Walters
209 Travis Mahan
204 Doug Stotz
201* Frank Holmes (all in Madison Co.)
196# Jim Solum
188 Jeff Sanders
182 Bill A. Bertrand
176 Geoff Williamson (all in Cook Co.)
174# Darrell Shambaugh (all in DeKalb Co.)
150 Karen & Ted Forcum
138 Jeff Chapman (all in Du Page Co.)
137 Craig Taylor
133* Eric Secker
121# Larry L. Hood
91# Wayne R. Wachholz

CBC Life Lists

As with the Spring Bird Count, the numerous birders who take part in the various Christmas Bird Counts are invited to tally up your species and send in the number next year!

161* Vernon Kleen
150# Steve Bailey
142 Jeff Sanders
142 Eric Walters
126 Doug Stotz
125 Travis Mahan
119 Craig Taylor
117 Geoff Williamson
116 Jeff Chapman
110 Frank Holmes (all on Collinsville CBC)
99# Darrell Shambaugh
98 Joe Suchecki
79 Bill A. Bertrand
71# Jim Solum
65# Larry L. Hood

Regional State Life List

This is a fairly new list that's just beginning to take off. We especially welcome more birders who hail from the central and southern regions. The regional map can be found in the Lister's Corner section of the IOS website.

(200 minimum; **Key:** • = list submitted)

<u>northern</u>	
373•	Jeff Sanders
367+	Jim Landing
364	Eric Walters
329	Craig Taylor
320	Joe Lill
319	Urs Geiser
315	Tom Lally
302	Ken Wysocki
291	Anthony Friend
213	Travis Mahan

<u>central</u>	
305	Travis Mahan
287	Eric Walters
280	Jim Mountjoy
265	Craig Taylor
215	Urs Geiser

<u>southern</u>	
307	Travis Mahan
284	Craig Taylor
274	Eric Walters
220	Urs Geiser

Regional Big Years

Dan Kassebaum spent most of his year in Southern Illinois and the end results lead to the first ever 300+ annual tally within a single region. That is a record that could stand for a long time. Two northern region tallies were excellent compared to the standards of the last 15+ years. Eric Walters' 279 (2nd best ever) and Doug Stotz's 270 (5th best) both came as a result of being active in key times of the year within that region. Jim Mountjoy set the central region Big Year record, although it is suspected that he (or others) will break it again in the near future. Northern Illinois has the fewest counties and smallest overall region size, but it appears one might be able to reach 260+ species per year if one has the time, especially during the migrations and if one knows where and when to go for breeders and rare visitors. With the significant increase of current birding information now available to help pad the annual tally, it wouldn't be surprising if the threshold of what would be considered a great northern region Big Year would fall in the range of 270-280.

<u>northern</u>			
286	Eric Walters	1990	northeast
279	Eric Walters	2007	northern
278	Doug Stotz	2005	northern
271	Eric Walters	1997	northeast
270	Doug Stotz	2007	northern
268	Eric Walters	1991	northeast
267	Eric Walters	2006	northern
265	Eric Walters	1988	northeast
264	Robert Hughes	1996	Cook Co.
263	Eric Walters	1989	northeast
260	Sue Friscia	1992	Cook Co.
260	Wes Serafin	2003	Cook Co.
258	Scott Cohrs	2004	northern
241	Anthony Friend	2005	northern
232	Craig Taylor	2007	northern
230	Eric Walters	2005	northern
204	Craig Taylor	2004	northern

<u>central</u>			
235	Jim Mountjoy	2007	central
215	Eric Walters	2005	central
199	Craig Taylor	2006	central

<u>southern</u>			
301	Dan Kassebaum	2007	southern
225	Craig Taylor	2007	southern
203	Craig Taylor	2004	southern

Updates & corrections?

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