

IOS Lister's Corner 2007

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

Site Life Lists

Dan Kassebaum's Carlyle Lake total has set a new standard for site lists, which is all the more impressive due to the fact that there aren't a great number of birders helping to cover the site. We welcome the addition of your favorite sites!
(updated 5/13/08; compiled by Eric Walters & Joe Lill)

Key: # = last updated prior to 2006 * = last updated in 2006

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
285	Chicago's Lincoln Park	G. Neise
282	Illinois Beach State Park	A. Stokie
280#	Chicago's Lincoln Park	K. Hirabayashi
279	Chicago's Lincoln Park	G. Williamson
277#	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Sanders
277	Chicago's Lincoln Park	E. Walters
276	Illinois Beach State Park	R. Erickson
276#	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Purcell
274	Chicago's Lincoln Park	L. Muñoz
269	Illinois Beach State Park	E. Walters
262	Chicago's Lincoln Park	D. Antieau
256*	Chicago's Lincoln Park	W. Dreuth
256	Chicago's Lincoln Park	A. Meloy
253#	Chicago's Jackson Park	D. Anderson
251	Chicago's Lincoln Park	T. Kelly
246	Chicago's Burnham Park	D. Stotz
245#	Chicago's Lincoln Park	A. Stokie
238*	Chicago's Jackson Park	S. Carpenter
232#	Illinois Beach State Park	S. Hickman
231	Waukegan Beach-Harbor	E. Walters
230	Chicago's Lincoln Park	T. Lally
225	Chicago's Lincoln Park	K. Fisher
224	Chicago's Lincoln Park	B. Fisher
223	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Lill
222	Wolf L.-Eggers Forest Pres.	D. Stotz
218	Skokie Lagoons	J. Sanders
209	Chicago's Lincoln Park	B. Heimer
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
181	Chicago's Jackson Park	S. Friscia
178#	Chicago's Jackson Park	A. Stokie
178#	Lake Forest Nature Preserve	R. Peterson
173	Chicago's Jackson Park	E. Walters
173	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Chapman

171	Chicago's Burnham Park	E. Walters
169	Illinois Beach State Park	J. Chapman
167#	Wadsworth Wetlands	J. Sanders

Large (greater than 3 sq. miles/1920 acres) (150 minimum)

329	Carlyle Lake	D. Kassebaum
283	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
241	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
217	Lake Shelbyville	T. & K. Forcum
214	Fermilab	E. Secker
211	Fermilab	U. Geiser
210#	Rock Cut State Park	B. Grover
210#	Sand Ridge S.F.	K. Richmond
209	Fermilab	B. Fisher
206*	Crab Orchard N.W.R.	L. Wright
206#	Starved Rock State Park	C. McKee
204	Fermilab	K. Fisher
203	Fermilab	E. Walters
201	Waterfall Glen Forest Pres.	B. Fisher
200#	Deer Grove F.P.	C. Fields
200#	Clear Lake	K. Richmond
198	Carlyle Lake	E. Walters
198	Palos Forest Preserves	E. Walters
197	Illinois & Michigan Canal	D. Shambaugh
196	Waterfall Glen Forest Pres.	U. Geiser
191	Fermilab	J. Chapman
191	Palos Forest Preserves	K. Fisher
189	Waterfall Glen Forest Pres.	K. Fisher
182#	Fermilab	A. Stokie
180	Palos Forest Preserves	B. Fisher
176#	Pratt's Wayne Woods F.P.	E. Secker
175	Starved Rock State Park	D. Shambaugh
173	Midewin Tallgrass N.P.	D. Stotz

172	Pratt's Wayne Woods F.P.	U. Geiser	157	Canton's Lakeland Park	<i>K. Wright</i>
165	Des Plaines Cons. Area	J. Chapman	150	Blackwell Forest Preserve	U. Geiser
163	Carlyle Lake	C. Taylor	149	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	C. Taylor
160#	Rend Lake	D. Miller	148*	McGinnis Slough	J. Sanders
155	Clinton Lake	E. Walters	147	Goose Lake Prairie S.P.	D. Shambaugh
154	Hennepin & Hopper Lakes	D. Shambaugh	141	Green River Cons. Area	D. Shambaugh
154	Waterfall Glen Forest Pres.	M. Madsen	140	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	D. Shambaugh
152	Union County C.A.	E. Walters	139	LaSalle Lake	D. Shambaugh
151	Mermet Lake C.A.	E. Walters	135	Port Louisa N.W.R.	E. Walters
151	Rend Lake	E. Walters	129	Decatur's Rock Springs N.C.	E. Walters
150	Pratt's Wayne Woods F.P.	E. Walters	129	Illini State Park	D. Shambaugh

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

261#	Crabtree Nature Center	C. Westcott
251	McGinnis Slough	W. Serafin
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
224	Shabbona Lake State Park	D. Shambaugh
219	Greene Valley Forest Pres.	M. Madsen
219	Springbrook Prairie	J. Suchecki
210	Blackwell Forest Preserve	E. Secker
207#	Shabbona Lake State Park	R. Flemal
205#	Morton Arboretum	J. Sanders
204	Morton Arboretum	<i>J. Hardt</i>
200	Morton Arboretum	<i>T. Brown</i>
194	Morton Arboretum	<i>F. Swink</i>
190#	Severson Dells Forest Pres.	J. Donaldson
188	Blackwell Forest Preserve	E. Walters
188	Goose Lake Prairie State Pk.	J. Chapman
188	Greene Valley Forest Pres.	U. Geiser
185	Morton Arboretum	M.B. Chapman
185	Morton Arboretum	M. Madsen
185#	Sand Lake	K. Richmond
182#	Morton Arboretum	E. Secker
182	Morton Arboretum	<i>R. Wason</i>
181	Morton Arboretum	J. Chapman
178	Greene Valley Forest Pres.	J. Chapman
175	McGinnis Slough	E. Walters
171	Morton Arboretum	U. Geiser
171	Silver Springs State Park	D. Shambaugh
170	Nelson Lake Marsh	N. Bent
168	Afton Forest Preserve	D. Shambaugh
167	Nelson Lake Marsh	R. Reason
167	Nelson Lake Marsh	E. Secker
166	Crabtree Nature Center	<i>J. McDaniel</i>
166	Herrick Lake Forest Pres.	U. Geiser
166	Springbrook Prairie	U. Geiser
165	Woodford County C.A.	<i>J. Rink</i>
164#	Blackwell Forest Preserve	A. Stokie
164#	Moraine Hills State Park	A. Stokie
163	Lake Decatur Dredge Ponds	T. Mahan
162	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	E. Walters
162#	Moraine View State Park	M. Retter
158	Green Oaks Field Station	J. Mountjoy
158	Herrick Lake Forest Pres.	P. Quagliana

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

276	Evanston Lakefront	E. Walters
250*	Evanston Lakefront	J. Engel
239	Chicago Botanic Garden	J. Sanders
234	Chicago Botanic Garden	L. Binford
234	Chicago Botanic Garden	M. Hogg
231	Chicago's Grant Park	D. Stotz
204	Glen Ellyn's Lake Ellyn	<i>B.T. Gault</i>
200	Great Lakes N.T.C.	E. Walters
194	North Shore Chan.-Evanston	E. Walters
189	Hidden Lake Forest Preserve	E. Walters
181	Chicago Botanic Garden	E. Walters
179#	Chicago Botanic Garden	A. Anderson
175	Hidden Lake Forest Preserve	U. Geiser
170	Chicago Botanic Garden	J. Sundberg
169	Lock & Dam 13	J. Chapman
167#	Chicago Botanic Garden	A. Stokie
164#	West DuPage Woods	E. Secker
163	Chicago's Rainbow Beach Pk.	D. Stotz
161	Chicago's Calumet Park	D. Stotz
155	Hidden Lake Forest Preserve	J. Chapman
153	Redwing Slough S. N.A.	E. Walters
152	Chicago's Grant Park	E. Walters
151#	Chicago's Rosehill Cemetery	C. Nelson
151#	Hidden Lake Forest Preserve	E. Secker
151	Northpoint Marina	E. Walters
147	Lyons Woods Forest Pres.	E. Walters
143	N. Galesburg Dog Walk Area	J. Mountjoy
142	Chicago's Calumet Park	E. Walters
140	Chicago's North Park Village	J. Lill
138	Ryerson Conservation Area	E. Walters
136	Chicago's Rosehill Cemetery	J. Lill
133	Lock & Dam 13	E. Walters
130#	Ryerson Conservation Area	J. Solum
129	Plum Creek Forest Preserve	E. Walters
129	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
161	Chicago's Navy Pier	E. Walters
156	Sannauk Forest Preserve	D. Shambaugh
154	Salt Creek Bike Path	D. Stotz
146	Wilkinson-Renwick Marsh	D. Shambaugh
145	Evanston's Calvary Cemetery	E. Walters
144	Evanston's Perkins Woods	E. Walters

142	Oak Bluff Savanna	M. Brucker	206	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	E. Walters
141#	Wilkinson-Renwick Marsh	R. Flemal	205*	Lake Forest Parks/Preserves	R. Peterson
134	Zion's Hosah Park	E. Walters	205	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	U. Geiser
129	Woodstock's Ryder's Woods	<i>R. Baade</i>	204	Mississippi River	E. Walters
120	Waukegan's Bowen Park	E. Walters	203	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	K. Fisher
118	Zion's Edina Park	E. Walters	203	Du Page Co. Forest Preserves	J. Chapman
117	Evanston's Perkins Woods	A. Meloy	203	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	E. Secker
116	Evanston's James Park	E. Walters	202	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	J. Chapman
115	Chief Shabbona F. Preserve	D. Shambaugh	201#	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	J. Sanders
115	Wolf Road Prairie	C. Taylor	200#	L. Calumet/Egger's Woods	A. Stokie
114#	Waukegan's Bowen Park	J. Solum	200	Upper Mississippi River	J. Chapman
108	Wilmette's Gillson Park	J. Lill	197	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	D. Stotz
104	Saw Wee Kee Park	D. Shambaugh	195	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	M.B. Chapman
103	Glen Ellyn's Goer's Woods	E. Walters	193	Fox River (Kane Co.)	E. Secker

Area Life Lists

(150 minimum)

291	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	E. Walters	191#	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	K. Hanson
286	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	A. Stokie	186	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	D. Shambaugh
282	Evanston/Gillson Park	E. Walters	179	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters
281	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	R. Erickson	169	Zion Parks/Preserves	E. Walters
280	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	J. Sanders	165*	North Shore Channel	J. Sanders
280	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	E. Walters	161	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	C. Taylor
275	Evanston/Gillson Park	J. Sanders	152	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	B. Fisher
271#	L. Calumet/Egger's Woods	J. Sanders	152	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	K. Fisher
270	DuPage Co. Forest Preserves	B. Fisher	150*	DeKalb Forest Preserves	J. Sanders
270	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	J. Sanders	150	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	K. Wysocki
267	DuPage Co. Forest Preserves	K. Fisher			
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			
251	Du Page Co. For. Preserves	E. Secker			
250#	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	J. Solum			
250	Univ. of Ill. (Champaign)	<i>R. Chapel</i>			
247	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters			
245#	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters			
244#	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	D. Johnson			
243	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	D. Williams			
242#	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	P. Sweet			
241#	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	J. Sanders			
241	Lake Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters			
238	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	J. Lill			
236#	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	A. Stokie			
236	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	E. Secker			
236	Starved Rock/Mattheissen	J. McKee			
231	Du Page Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters			
230	Waukegan Parks/Lakefront	E. Walters			
228	McGinnis/Palos F. Preserves	J. Sanders			
227	DeKalb Co. Forest Preserves	D. Shambaugh			
224	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	S. Friscia			
219	Greater Grant Pk. Ecosystem	T. Schulenberg			
218	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	K. Wysocki			
210#	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	P. Dring			
206	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	B. Fisher			
206	L. Calumet/Egger's Woods	E. Walters			
206#	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	A. Stokie			

Site/Area Big Years (100 minimum)

Geoff Williamson attained a new personal high in Lincoln Park during 2007 and, when it ended, it also stood as the 3rd best alltime for this list. Considering others weren't doing a Big Year at this site (which often will lead to additional rarities found), his tally is all the more amazing. Eric Walters' 220 at Illinois Beach State Park finished as 12th best in this category as well as the highest reported annual tally limited to only that site. Outside of northeast Illinois, Walters and Craig Taylor reported the highest annual site tallies from Henry County's Johnson-Sauk Trail State Park, where Walters' 154 tally finished slightly ahead of Taylor's.

Tallies are limited to a birder's top three totals for a given site or area.

247	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Robert Hughes	1996
243	Chicago's Lincoln Park	John Purcell	1996
232	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Geoff Williamson	2007
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
220	Illinois Beach State Park	Eric Walters	2007
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	1971
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
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
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 Suchecki	2002
-	154 Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	Eric Walters	2007
154	Waukegan Beach & Harbor	Eric Walters	2007
153	Springbrook Prairie	Joe Suchecki	1995
152	Moraine View State Park	Michael Retter	1998
152	Poplar Creek F.P.	Judy Mellin	2004
151	Springbrook Prairie	Joe Suchecki	1996
149	Clinton Lake	Michael Retter	1997
149	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	Craig Taylor	2007
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

There were no additions to this list during 2007. It might make for an interesting 2007 Big Day to take a day and focus on one site or area!

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
95	Hennepin-Hopper Lake	08/25/05	D. Stotz
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 Point).

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

We welcome definitions of confusing sites from around the state.

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