

IOS Lister's Corner 2008

Month Lists: Top Three, Regional Top Five & County Big Months

All-time Illinois Big Months (top three per month)

Three new Big Month records were set in 2008, highlighted by Walters' 241 in May. He had broken his old record with a week to go, yet couldn't get to six regular breeding species and nine other rarities that spent more than a day at their found locations. He feels that a well-planned Big May by someone who can dedicate significant time to such an attempt could push this record to close to 260.

McMullen squeaked by his eight-year-old record, finding 140 species in March. As well, Walters bested the former November record, finding 149 species. It's interesting to see how the top three from November are higher than March, suggesting that bird variety could be higher in the former month, something that may be surprising to some. Of the other five new additions to this list, both Baum's August (180) and Stotz' September (195) stand out as they represent the second highest tallies ever achieved in those respective months. Since Big Months are very similar to Big Years, without the lengthy time commitment, this list could appeal to a larger variety of birders, especially those Big Year birders 'resting' between their annual attempts.

Key: • = list submitted # = all-time record (updated 2/10/09; compiled by Eric Walters & Joe Lill)

		January					July	
130	T. Fink	1994	multi-region	195•	E. Walters	2004	multi-region	
126	T. Fink	1992	multi-region	167	E. Secker	2003	multi-region	
120	J. De Neal	1992	southern	166	E. Secker	2004	multi-region	
		February					August	
121	K. McMullen	2000	multi-region	195	D. Stotz	2005	multi-region	
106	E. Walters	2004	multi-region	180	M. Baum	2008	multi-region	
99	C. Mowery Jr.	1995	southern	166	E. Secker	2004	ne/Chautauqua	
99	E. Walters	2008	multi-region					
		March					September	
				198	D. Stotz	2004	multi-region	
140	K. McMullen	2008	multi-region	195	D. Stotz	2008	multi-region	
138	K. McMullen	2000	multi-region	186	D. Stotz	1998	ne/east-central	
133	D. Stotz	2007	central/northern					
		April					October	
				181	E. Walters	1997	multi-region	
215	K. McMullen	2000	multi-region	179	D. Stotz	2006	multi-region	
214	K. McMullen	1999	multi-region	173	R. Seibert	1995	northeast	
214	K. McMullen	2008	multi-region					
		May					November	
				149•	E. Walters	2008	multi-region	
241•#	E. Walters	2008	multi-region	144	D. Stotz	2006	multi-region	
234•	E. Walters	2005	multi-region	136	D. Stotz	2005	multi-region	
228	E. Walters	1997	northeast					
		June					December	
				135•	E. Walters	2007	multi-region	
191	D. Stotz	2001	multi-region	128	D. Stotz	1998	multi-region	
179	D. Stotz	1999	multi-region	120	D. Stotz	2006	multi-region	
177	D. Stotz	2003	multi-region					
177	D. Stotz	2008	northern					

Regional Big Months (top five per region)

This list appears to be catching fire, as many new reports, including older data from Mike Baum, were sent in! These regional tallies are still in the process of maturing, but at this report pace, very challenging standards could soon be set for each list subset. At least 13 reports were new records: Baum's (central) and McMullen's (multi-region) March; Mountjoy's (central) April; Walters' (southern, multi-region) May; Baum's (central) and Stotz' (northern) June; Baum's (central) July; Baum's (central old report) August; Baum's (central) October; Walters' (southern and multi-region) and Mountjoy's (central) November. No Lister's Corner list had as many new top records this year!

				January								Multi-Region			
				<u>Southern</u>											
122	T. Fink	1992	southern	121	K. McMullen	2000		106	E. Walters	2004					
120	J. De Neal	1992	southern	99	E. Walters	2008		90	K. McMullen	1997					
108	T. Fink	1991	southern	87	D. Stotz	1998									
104	J. DeNeal	1991	southern												
82	F. Holmes	2005	Madison Co.												
				<u>Central</u>								March			
107	R. Chapel	1995	central					<u>Southern</u>							
68	C. Taylor	2006	central	112	R. Danley	1990	southern	98	F. Holmes	2003	Madison Co.				
64	C. Taylor	2008	central	67	C. Taylor	1998	southern	22	C. Taylor	2000	southern				
				<u>Northern</u>											
100	P. Sweet	2002	northern					<u>Central</u>							
100	A. Stokie	2002	northern	124	M. Baum	2008	central	93	D. Stotz	1998	central				
97	A. Stokie	1998	northern	85	J. Mountjoy	2005	central	79	C. Taylor	2006	Ford Co.				
94	D. Stotz	2006	northern	78	J. Mountjoy	2008	central								
88	J. Sanders	1970	northern												
				<u>Multi-Region</u>											
130	T. Fink	1994						<u>Northern</u>							
126	T. Fink	1992		129	D. Stotz	2007	northern	110	E. Walters	2008	northern				
117	K. McMullen	2000		109	A. Stokie	1996	northern	108	D. Stotz	2004	northern				
114	J. Sanders	1975		106	A. Friend	2006	northern	106	D. Stotz	2006	northern				
106	C. Litteken	2004		106	C. Taylor	2007	northern								
				February											
				<u>Southern</u>											
99	C. Mowery Jr.	1995	southern					<u>Multi-Region</u>							
90	F. Holmes	2007	Madison Co.	140	K. McMullen	2008		138	K. McMullen	2000					
83	F. Holmes	2004	Madison Co.	133	D. Stotz	2007		131	E. Walters	2008					
31	C. Taylor	2007	southern	130	M. Baum	2008									
				<u>Central</u>											
69	J. Mountjoy	2005	central												
55	C. Taylor	2007	central												
				<u>Northern</u>											
91	D. Stotz	1999	northern												
91	D. Stotz	2008	northern												
86	D. Stotz	2006	northern												
85	D. Stotz	2002	northern												
85	D. Stotz	2005	northern												

		<u>April</u>				<u>Multi-Region</u>		
		<u>Southern</u>						
181	C. Taylor	2007	southern	241	E. Walters	2008		
173	C. Taylor	2008	southern	234	E. Walters	2005		
167	R. Danley	1993	southern	226	K. Richmond	1986		
153	C. Taylor	2004	southern	221	D. Stotz	2004		
153	C. Taylor	2005	southern	220	M. Baum	1996		
				220	E. Walters	2006		
		<u>Central</u>						
126	J. Mountjoy	2008	Knox Co.					<u>June</u>
107	C. Taylor	2006	central					<u>Southern</u>
104	C. Taylor	2003	central	113	F. Holmes	2003	Madison Co.	
101	T. Edmonds	2005	central	101	F. Holmes	2001	southern	
95	C. Taylor	2008	central	101	C. Taylor	2003	southern	
				100	F. Holmes	2008	Madison Co.	
		<u>Northern</u>		89	C. Taylor	2001	southern	
188	E. Walters	1990	northeast					
170	D. Stotz	2004	northern					<u>Central</u>
159	J. Sanders	1972	northeast	133	M. Baum	2008	central	
150	D. Stotz	2006	northern	130	J. Mountjoy	2008	central	
147	W. Serafin	1997	northeast	129	M. Baum	1990	central	
				125	K. Richmond	1996	central	
		<u>Multi-Region</u>		110	J. Mountjoy	2007	central	
215	K. McMullen	2000						
214	K. McMullen	1999						<u>Northern</u>
214	K. McMullen	2008		177	D. Stotz	2008	northern	
212	J. Chapman	2006		173	D. Stotz	2001	northern	
199	D. Stotz	1999		163	D. Stotz	2005	northern	
199	C. Taylor	2006		161	D. Stotz	2004	northern	
				153	A. Stokie	1997	northern	
		<u>May</u>						
		<u>Southern</u>						<u>Multi-Region</u>
178	E. Walters	2008	southern	191	D. Stotz	2001		
157	F. Holmes	2008	Madison Co.	179	D. Stotz	1999		
153	F. Holmes	2005	Madison Co.	177	D. Stotz	2003		
153	F. Holmes	2007	Madison Co.	169	D. Stotz	2005		
152	E. Walters	2004	southern	164	D. Stotz	2004		
		<u>Central</u>						<u>July</u>
218	K. Richmond	1996	central					<u>Southern</u>
215	K. Richmond	1994	central	129	E. Walters	2004	southern	
209	M. Baum	2008	central	125	E. Secker	2003	southern	
205	M. Baum	1996	Knox Co.	116	F. Holmes	2002	Madison Co.	
195	J. Mountjoy	2006	central	107	R. Danley	1990	southern	
				91	F. Holmes	2001	southern	
		<u>Northern</u>						
228	E. Walters	1997	northeast					<u>Central</u>
217	D. Stotz	2004	northern	141	M. Baum	2008	central	
211	E. Walters	1996	northeast	138	J. Mountjoy	2007	central	
210	E. Walters	2006	northern	125	J. Mountjoy	2004	central	
210	E. Walters	2008	northern	106	E. Walters	2004	central	
				96	C. Taylor	2006	central	

Northern
 165 E. Walters 2004 northern
 159 D. Stotz 2005 northern
 151 D. Stotz 2004 northern
 145 D. Stotz 2006 northern
 142 R. Seibert 1995 northeast

Northern
 185 D. Stotz 2004 northern
 184 D. Stotz 2008 northern
 181 R. Fisher 1997 northeast
 180 J. Sanders 1964 northeast
 180 D. Stotz 2007 northern

Multi-Region
 195 E. Walters 2004
 167 E. Secker 2003
 166 E. Secker 2004
 163 D. Stotz 2004
 163 D. Stotz 2005

Multi-Region
 198 D. Stotz 2004
 195 D. Stotz 2008
 186 D. Stotz 1998
 182 E. Walters 2007
 179 D. Irons 1996

August
Southern
 137 R. Danley 1993 southern
 130 K. McMullen 1997 southern
 121 E. Walters 2008 southern
 103 F. Holmes 2002 Madison Co.
 99 C. Taylor 1999 southern

October
Southern
 142 R. Danley 1993 southern
 139 K. McMullen 1997 southern
 119 F. Holmes 2006 Madison Co.

Central
 158 M. Baum 1988 central
 157 M. Baum 2008 central
 114 J. Mountjoy 2004 central
 111 C. Taylor 2007 central

Central
 141 M. Baum 2008 central
 134 E. Walters 2004 central
 117 J. Mountjoy 2008 central
 66 C. Taylor 2006 central
 50 C. Taylor 2005 central

Northern
 185 D. Stotz 2005 northern
 160 D. Stotz 2008 northern
 158 E. Secker 2004 northeast
 155 D. Stotz 2007 northern
 147 R. Seibert 1996 northern

Northern
 175 E. Walters 1997 northeast
 173 R. Seibert 1995 northeast
 171 J. Sanders 1995 northeast
 171 D. Stotz 2006 northern
 167 A. Stokie 1995 northeast

Multi-Region
 195 D. Stotz 2005
 180 M. Baum 2008
 166 E. Secker 2004
 163 D. Stotz 1998
 162 E. Walters 2008

Multi-Region
 181 E. Walters 1997
 179 D. Stotz 2006
 165 D. Irons 1996
 161 D. Stotz 2005
 157 K. McMullen 2000

September
Southern
 155 R. Danley 1992 southern
 143 E. Walters 2007 southern
 137 F. Holmes 2006 Madison Co.
 115 D. Stotz 2008 southern
 86 C. Taylor 2002 southern

November
Southern
 127 E. Walters 2008 southern
 97 J. Chapman 2006 southern
 91 F. Holmes 2003 Madison Co.
 82 C. Taylor 2007 southern

Central
 174 K. Richmond 1996 central
 140 J. Mountjoy 2008 central
 57 C. Taylor 2008 central
 51 C. Taylor 2005 central

Central
 108 J. Mountjoy 2008 central
 102 J. Mountjoy 2007 central
 95 E. Walters 2008 central
 82 E. Walters 2004 central
 74 E. Walters 2005 central

Northern

131	D. Stotz	2006	northern
130	A. Stokie	1997	northeast
127	D. Stotz	2005	northern
124	A. Stokie	1995	northern
123	R. Seibert	1995	northern

Multi-Region

149	E. Walters	2008	
144	D. Stotz	2006	
136	D. Stotz	2005	
135	M. Baum	2008	
130	K. McMullen	1997	

December

Southern

96	E. Walters	2007	southern
95	J. Chapman	2006	southern
94	C. Taylor	2007	southern
89	D. Miller	1995	southern
84	F. Holmes	2006	Madison Co.

Central

107	D. Bohlen	2000	Sangamon Co.
79	J. Mountjoy	2008	central
49	C. Taylor	2001	central
40	C. Taylor	2008	central
35	C. Taylor	2004	central

Northern

115	E. Walters	2007	northern
114	D. Stotz	1998	northern
100	D. Stotz	2007	northern
96	E. Walters	2004	northern
95	D. Stotz	2006	northern

Multi-Region

135	E. Walters	2007	
128	D. Stotz	1998	
120	D. Stotz	2006	
118	D. Stotz	2003	
118	D. Stotz	2004	
118	E. Walters	2004	

County Big Months

Six new reports were added to this slowly growing list. Both Knox (Mountjoy's 126) and Alexander (Taylor's 125) Counties have first time reports, which, naturally, establish a new target.
(100 minimum; 150 in Cook & Lake)

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125	C. Taylor	April 2008
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BUREAU

130	D. Stotz	May 2003
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COOK

200	W. Serafin	May 2003
180	G. Williamson	May 2005
170	G. Williamson	May 2008
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

GRUNDY

125	D. Stotz	May 2005
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HENRY

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

KENDALL

139	D. Stotz	May 2000
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KNOX

126	J. Mountjoy	April 2008
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LAKE

177	E. Walters	May 2006
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LEE

113	D. Stotz	May 2003
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LIVINGSTON

128	D. Stotz	May 2003
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LOGAN

119	C. Taylor	May 2005
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MADISON

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

PUTNAM

151	D. Stotz	May 2004
140	D. Stotz	May 2003
128	D. Stotz	April 2004
122	D. Stotz	June 2004
115	D. Stotz	October 2006
104	D. Stotz	August 2008
101	D. Stotz	September 2005

SANGAMON

107	D. Bohlen	December 2000
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UNION

131	C. Williamson	April 2007
131	G. Williamson	April 2007
125	C. Williamson	April 2008
125	G. Williamson	April 2008
118	C. Taylor	April 2008
113	S. Bailey	April 2007
113	T. Mahan	April 2007
113	C. Taylor	April 2007
113	D. Williams	April 2007

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