

IOS Lister's Corner 2008

Miscellaneous Lists: The Kitchen Sink

Key: * = last updated 2007 # = last updated pre-2007 • = list submitted
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Early Dates (top five)

A new record was established in 2008 when Keith McMullen was able to get to 250 annual species much earlier than anybody had before. Perhaps someday this threshold will be moved into April! Keith came up one day short of equaling the 200 annual species threshold date and put in a very respectable date for the "fastest to 300" threshold. With all the recent big year attempts, these lists could easily be filled with even more challenging date targets. If you try a big year in 2009, keep track of the date you pass one of these species thresholds and submit it for inclusion in next year's list.

EARLIEST DATE: 100 SPECIES IDENTIFIED

01/04/98 H. David Bohlen
01/04/04 Keith McMullen
01/29/00 Frank Bennett
01/29/00 Dan Kassebaum
01/29/00 Keith McMullen

EARLIEST DATE: 200 SPECIES IDENTIFIED

04/17/04 Keith McMullen
04/18/08 Keith McMullen
04/23/08 Craig Taylor
04/24/99 Doug Stotz
04/24/04 Travis Mahan

EARLIEST DATE: 250 SPECIES IDENTIFIED

05/03/08 Keith McMullen
05/12/08 Eric Walters
05/13/90 Eric Walters
05/17/99 Doug Stotz
05/17/04 Bob Fisher
05/17/08 Craig Taylor

EARLIEST DATE: 300 SPECIES IDENTIFIED

08/15/00 Bob Chapel (mid-August)
09/17/04 Bob Fisher
09/20/08 Keith McMullen
09/25/90 Eric Walters
10/10/07 Keith McMullen

Buddy List

Some birders have enjoyed the company of another kindred spirit over many field trips. Over the course of time, quite a species list can be amassed. As part of the definition of buddy species countability, both birders must be together and agree with the species identification. As this is a new list, we expect to get quite a few submissions within the coming year. The top total is truly amazing; a tally that most birders don't have on their personal Illinois life list. It will be published in another document and likely will be used as the standard for all future buddy lists.

(150 species minimum)

363 Louise Augustine & Kevin Richmond •
316 Jeff Sanders & Al Stokie
310 Leroy Harrison & Bob Shelby
306 Tim Kuesel & Craig Taylor
304 Michael Baum & Kevin Richmond
303 Dan Kassebaum & Travis Mahan
286 Ira Sanders & Jeff Sanders
277 Josh Engel & Eric Walters
265 Joe Lill & Jeff Sundberg
263 Toby Brown & Eric Walters
259 Jill Anderson & Walter Marcisz
258 Caitlin Lill & Joe Lill
256 Wes Serafin & Eric Walters
253 Michael Baum & Jim Mountjoy
243 Rena Cohen & Jeff Sanders
220 Joe Lill & Jeff Sanders
217 Jill Anderson & Dan Anzia
176 Mark Agnor & Joe Lill
170 Jill Anderson & Jeff Sundberg
168 Alan Anderson & Jill Anderson
163 Jill Anderson & Doris Johanson

City Big Days

Surprisingly, no new reports have been submitted in over three years. It also seems surprising that Rockford and Springfield are not listed, as both cities have ample variety of habitat to support a day tally of 100 or more. (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
109 Chicago 05/19/05 D. Stotz
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

Five new cities joined this list, highlighted by Kevin Richmond's 250 in Peoria, the highest city tally not on Lake Michigan. Birds need to be identified within a recognized incorporated city, town or village.

(150 species minimum)

326	Chicago	Jeff Sanders
311	Chicago	Eric Walters
305	Chicago	Alan Stokie
301	Chicago	Geoff Williamson
293	Chicago	Doug Stotz
285	Chicago	Joe Lill
282	Evanston	Eric Walters
281	Chicago	Ken Wysocki
269	Chicago	David K. Antieau
264	Chicago	Tom Lally
257	Chicago	Tom Schulenberg
257	Wilmette	Eric Walters
252	Evanston	Josh Engel
250	Peoria	Kevin Richmond
241	Chicago	Craig Taylor
230	Naperville	Joe Suchecki
229	Chicago	Jeff Chapman
209	Lake Forest	Roy Peterson
205	Winnetka	Jeff Sanders
192	Zion	Eric Walters
190	Galesburg	Jim Mountjoy
186	Arlington Heights	Joan Bruchman
171	Evanston	Jeff Sanders
171	Glencoe	Jeff Sanders
164	Waukegan	Jeff Sanders
152	De Kalb	Jeff Sanders
151	Zion	Jeff Sanders
150	Morton	Kevin Richmond

Most Counties with 150+ Species

Walters' tally tops this new list. He is just five counties away from having over 150 species in half of Illinois' counties! Those with 10 or more have nearly 10% of the state over this threshold.

(10 minimum)

46	Eric Walters
36	Jeff Chapman
33	Doug Stotz
27	Vernon Kleen
18	Keith McMullen
17	Alan Stokie
17	Dan Williams
16	Kevin Richmond
15	Jeff Sanders
14	Richard Palmer
13	Darrell Shambaugh
12	Robert Chapel
11	Craig Taylor
10	Leroy Harrison
10	Mike Madsen
10	Doug Robinson

Most Counties with 200+ Species

It's a far greater challenge to amass 200 as compared to 150. There seems to be a challenging barrier one goes through after hitting 175. For most counties, it takes more than a year of focus to break through the 200 barrier. It would seem active birders might only add a couple counties past this threshold per year, so it's likely the list will stay close from top to bottom. For this first edition, congratulations are in order to McMullen, Stokie and Walters for starting at the top.

(5 minimum)

12	Keith McMullen
12	Alan Stokie
12	Eric Walters
11	Vernon Kleen
10	Robert Chapel
9	Jeff Sanders
9	Doug Stotz
8	Steve Bailey
8	Michael Baum
8	Todd Fink
7	Jeff Chapman
7	Leroy Harrison
7	Doug Robinson
7	Dan Williams
6	Mike Madsen
6	Richard D. Palmer
6	Kevin Richmond
5	Louise Augustine
5	Bob Shelby
5	Maury Brucker

Most Counties with 250+ Species

This threshold is typically only achieved over a long period of active birding, perhaps at least a decade. Even then, by the time one passes 225, you're often talking about only rarities and vagrants left to be added. The late Louise Augustine has set a starting point in this list for other birders to reach. She birded heavily over a long period of time in the Illinois River valley in the region of Lake Chautauqua.

(3 minimum)

5	Louise Augustine
4	Michael Baum
4	Robert Chapel
4	Leroy Harrison
4	Kevin Richmond
4	Jeff Sanders
3	Steve Bailey
3	Todd Fink
3	Mike Madsen
3	Travis Mahan
3	Richard D. Palmer
3	Robert Q. Randall
3	Alan Stokie
3	Eric Walters
3	Dan Williams

SBC Life Lists

Michael Baum enters this list for the first time and immediately jumps to the second position with his excellent Knox County total. Among the top tallies, Walters added four new species, topped only by Mahan's five. (100 minimum)

229	Eric Walters
221	Michael Baum (all in Knox Co.)
214	Travis Mahan
204	Doug Stotz
<u>203</u>	Frank Holmes (all in Madison Co.)
196#	Jim Solum
188*	Jeff Sanders
183	Bill A. Bertrand
179	Geoff Williamson (all in Cook Co.)
175	Darrell Shambaugh (all in DeKalb Co.)
158	Jeff Chapman (all in Du Page Co.)
156	Mike Madsen (all in Du Page Co.)
154	Craig Taylor
<u>150*</u>	Karen & Ted Forcum
133#	Eric Secker
121#	Larry L. Hood

CBC Life Lists

Kleen and Bailey continue to hold large leads in this life list. This might not change in the near future as both do a number of CBCs each winter. Of note, Dave Johnson reports for the first time and has the fifth highest tally on record.

161#	Vernon Kleen
<u>157</u>	Steve Bailey
142*	Jeff Sanders
142	Eric Walters
141	David B. Johnson
130	Rhonda Rothrock
127	Doug Stotz
<u>125</u>	Travis Mahan
123	Craig Taylor
117	Jeff Chapman
117	Geoff Williamson
112	Frank Holmes (all on Collinsville CBC)
109	Michael Baum
108	Jeff Smith
<u>100</u>	Darrell Shambaugh
99	Joe Suchecki
92	Mike Madsen
81	Bill A. Bertrand
71#	Jim Solum
65#	Larry L. Hood

Regional State Life List

Kevin Richmond released his central life list number and it not only zooms up to the top of that list, but it's also the highest tally within any state region. Congratulations to Kevin on amassing such a large tally! Baum also reports for the first time and has the second most for this region.

Also significant is the new southern region life list leader, with Dan reporting for the first time and having a tally over 350. With all the excellent birds found in this region during 2008, a number of birders are approaching a southern regional life list of 300. The late Jim Landing left behind his state life list and we were able to work through it to calculate his tally for the northern region, currently the second highest on record. Stokie, Johnson and Madsen report for the first time, all with excellent regional tallies. The regional map can be found in the Lister's Corner section of the IOS website. (www.illinoisbirds.org) (200 minimum; **Key:** • = list submitted)

northern

374•	Jeff Sanders
367•	Jim Landing
366	Eric Walters
363	Alan Stokie
362	David B. Johnson
341	Mike Madsen
334	Craig Taylor
327	Joe Lill
323	Urs Geiser
316	Tom Lally
310	Kevin Richmond
302	Ken Wysocki
299	Anthony Friend
218	Travis Mahan
210	Jim Mountjoy

central

387	Kevin Richmond
321	Michael Baum
305	Travis Mahan
294	Eric Walters
286	Jim Mountjoy
272	Craig Taylor
223	Urs Geiser

southern

351	Dan Kassebaum
310	Travis Mahan
296	Kevin Richmond
294	Craig Taylor
287	Eric Walters
230	Urs Geiser
208	Jim Mountjoy

Regional Big Years

The main highlight of the dozen new additions to this list was Dan Kassebaum's exceptional new record for a Southern Illinois Big Year. It's a challenge to exceed 300 species for the whole of Illinois, but to do it two years in a row within a single region is amazing. He had broken his former record by mid-fall!

The top two central reports broke the former record by a sizable amount. Baum's 264 sets a challenging standard for future birders.

New northern reports include the second and third best ever (Stokie's 282 and Madsen's 280). With the current volume and timeliness of sightings available to birders, it would seem the top spot in this list (one of the oldest existing in Lister's Corner) could fall someday. Also noteworthy are Stotz's 277 (6th best all-time) and Secker's 273 (8th best). It appears a northern 275 tally would represent an excellent achievement.

(200 minimum)

northern

286	Eric Walters	1990	northeast
282	Alan Stokie	2008	northern
280	Mike Madsen	2008	northern
279	Eric Walters	2007	northern
278	Doug Stotz	2005	northern
277	Doug Stotz	2008	northern
273	Doug Stotz	1998	northern
273	Eric Secker	2008	northeast
271	Eric Walters	1997	northeast
271	Joe Lill	2008	northern
270	Doug Stotz	2007	northern
269	Eric Walters	2008	northern
268	Eric Walters	1991	northeast
267	Eric Walters	2006	northern
266	Scott Cohrs	2008	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
256	Craig Taylor	2008	northern
241	Anthony Friend	2005	northern
232	Craig Taylor	2007	northern
230	Eric Walters	2005	northern
204	Craig Taylor	2004	northern

central

264	Michael Baum	2008	central
247	Jim Mountjoy	2008	central
236	Michael Baum	2006	Knox Co.
235	Jim Mountjoy	2007	central
232	Eric Walters	2008	central
125	Eric Walters	2005	central

southern

306	Dan Kassebaum	2008	southern
301	Dan Kassebaum	2007	southern
246	Eric Walters	2008	southern
228	Craig Taylor	2008	southern
225	Craig Taylor	2007	southern
203	Craig Taylor	2004	southern

Updates & corrections?

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