

165	Des Plaines Cons. Area	J. Chapman	157*	Canton's Lakeland Park	<i>K. Wright</i>
164	Waterfall Glen Forest Pres.	M. Madsen	156	Rockford's Anna Page Park	D. Williams
161	Rend Lake	E. Walters	151	Blackwell Forest Preserve	U. Geiser
160#	Rend Lake	D. Miller	149	Goose Lake Prairie S.P.	D. Shambaugh
160	Union County C.A.	E. Walters	149	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	C. Taylor
158	Clinton Lake	E. Walters	148#	McGinnis Slough	J. Sanders
155	Hennepin & Hopper Lakes	D. Shambaugh	143	LaSalle Lake	D. Shambaugh
152	Mermet Lake C.A.	E. Walters	141	Green River Cons. Area	D. Shambaugh
150	Mississippi Palisades S.P.	E. Walters	141	Nachusa Grasslands	E. Walters
150	Pratt's Wayne Woods F.P.	E. Walters	140*	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	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
226	Shabbona Lake State Park	D. Shambaugh
225#	Kennekuk County Park	S. Bailey
224#	Crabtree Nature Center	J. Sanders
224	Greene Valley Forest Pres.	M. Madsen
221	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>
196#	Chicago Portage	J. Duran
196	Greene Valley Forest Pres.	U. Geiser
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
187	Morton Arboretum	M. Madsen
186	Morton Arboretum	M.B. Chapman
185#	Sand Lake	K. Richmond
183	Morton Arboretum	E. Secker
182	Greene Valley Forest Pres.	J. Chapman
182	Morton Arboretum	J. Chapman
182*	Morton Arboretum	<i>R. Wason</i>
176	Afton Forest Preserve	D. Shambaugh
175	McGinnis Slough	E. Walters
173	Morton Arboretum	U. Geiser
171	Silver Springs State Park	D. Shambaugh
170	Green Oaks Field Station	J. Mountjoy
170*	Nelson Lake Marsh	N. Bent
169	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	E. Walters
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#	Moraine View State Park	M. Retter
158*	Herrick Lake Forest Pres.	P. Quagliana

157*	Canton's Lakeland Park	<i>K. Wright</i>
156	Rockford's Anna Page Park	D. Williams
151	Blackwell Forest Preserve	U. Geiser
149	Goose Lake Prairie S.P.	D. Shambaugh
149	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	C. Taylor
148#	McGinnis Slough	J. Sanders
143	LaSalle Lake	D. Shambaugh
141	Green River Cons. Area	D. Shambaugh
141	Nachusa Grasslands	E. Walters
140*	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	D. Shambaugh
135	Port Louisa N.W.R.	E. Walters
131	Illini State Park	D. Shambaugh
131	Lincoln Trails S.P.	E. Walters
129	Decatur's Rock Springs N.C.	E. Walters

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
237	Chicago Botanic Garden	M. Hogg
234*	Chicago Botanic Garden	L. Binford
233	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
189	Hidden Lake Forest Preserve	E. Walters
186	Chicago Botanic Garden	E. Walters
179#	Chicago Botanic Garden	A. Anderson
176	Hidden Lake Forest Preserve	U. Geiser
172	Lock & Dam #13	J. Chapman
170*	Chicago Botanic Garden	J. Sundberg
167#	Chicago Botanic Garden	A. Stokie
165	Chicago's Rainbow Beach Pk.	D. Stotz
165	West DuPage Woods	E. Secker
162	Westchester's Mann Woods	D. Stotz
161	Chicago's Calumet Park	D. Stotz
159	Northpoint Marina	E. Walters
157	Hidden Lake Forest Preserve	J. Chapman
153	Redwing Slough S. N.A.	E. Walters
152	Chicago's Grant Park	E. Walters
152	Hidden Lake Forest Preserve	E. Secker
151#	Chicago's Rosehill Cemetery	C. Nelson
149	Lyons Woods Forest Pres.	E. Walters
145	Upper Spring Lake	E. Walters
149	N. Galesburg Dog Walk Area	J. Mountjoy
142	Chicago's Calumet Park	E. Walters
140	Chicago's North Park Village	J. Lill
139	Chicago's Rosehill Cemetery	J. Lill
138	Ryerson Conservation Area	E. Walters
135	Lock & Dam #13	E. Walters
130#	Ryerson Conservation Area	J. Solum
129	Plum Creek Forest Preserve	E. Walters

Very Small (less than .25 sq.mile/160 acres)
(100 minimum)

257	Wilmette's Gillson Park	E. Walters
194	North Shore Chan.-Evanston	E. Walters
165#	Chicago's Navy Pier	R. Eiseman
161	Chicago's Navy Pier	E. Walters

155	Sannauk Forest Preserve	D. Shambaugh	219*	Greater Grant Pk. Ecosystem	T. Schulenberg
154*	Salt Creek Bike Path	D. Stotz	218	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	K. Wysocki
146	Wilkinson-Renwick Marsh	D. Shambaugh	217	Du Page Co. Forest Preserves	J. Chapman
145	Evanston's Calvary Cemetery	E. Walters	210#	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	P. Dring
145	Oak Bluff Savanna	M. Brucker	206	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	K. Fisher
144	Evanston's Perkins Woods	E. Walters	206	L. Calumet/Egger's Woods	E. Walters
141#	Wilkinson-Renwick Marsh	R. Flemal	206#	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	A. Stokie
134	Zion's Hosah Park	E. Walters	206	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	E. Walters
129*	Woodstock's Ryder's Woods	R. Baade	205#	Lake Forest Parks/Preserves	R. Peterson
122	Wolf Road Prairie	C. Taylor	205	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	U. Geiser
121	Chief Shabbona Forest Pres.	D. Shambaugh	203	Palisades Region	E. Walters
120	Waukegan's Bowen Park	E. Walters	203*	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	E. Secker
118	Zion's Edina Park	E. Walters	203	Palisades Region	J. Chapman
117	Evanston's Perkins Woods	A. Meloy	202	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	J. Chapman
116	Evanston's James Park	E. Walters	201#	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	J. Sanders
114#	Waukegan's Bowen Park	J. Solum	200#	L. Calumet/Egger's Woods	A. Stokie
113	Evanston's James Park	M. Cvetas	199	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	B. Fisher
113	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	191#	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	K. Hanson

Area Life Lists

(150 minimum)

336	Illinois River N.F.W.R	K. Richmond	188	Fox River (Kane Co.)	E. Secker
291	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	E. Walters	188	Zion Parks/Preserves	E. Walters
286*	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	A. Stokie	186*	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	D. Shambaugh
282	Evanston/Gillson Park	E. Walters	183	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters
281*	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	R. Erickson	169	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	C. Taylor
280*	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	J. Sanders	165#	North Shore Channel	J. Sanders
276	DuPage Co. Forest Preserves	B. Fisher	152	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	B. Fisher
275*	Evanston/Gillson Park	J. Sanders	152	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	K. Fisher
273	DuPage Co. Forest Preserves	K. Fisher	151	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	K. Wysocki
271	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	J. Sanders	150#	DeKalb Forest Preserves	J. Sanders
271#	L. Calumet/Egger's Woods	J. Sanders			
264	Greater Grant Pk. Ecosystem	D. Stotz			
259	L. Calumet/Egger's Woods	D. Stotz			
257	Du Page Co. For. Preserves	E. Secker			
252#	Evanston/Gillson Park	J. Engel			
252	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	W. Serafin			
250#	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	J. Solum			
250*	Univ. of Ill. (Champaign)	R. Chapel			
247	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters			
244	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	J. Lill			
244#	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	D. Johnson			
244	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	D. Williams			
242#	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	P. Sweet			
242	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	E. Secker			
241#	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	J. Sanders			
241	Lake Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters			
236#	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	A. Stokie			
236*	Starved Rock/Mattheissen	J. McKee			
232	Illinois State Parks	C. Taylor			
232	Mississippi River	E. Walters			
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			

Site/Area Big Years (100 minimum)

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
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
202	Illinois Beach State Park/Northpoint	Al Stokie	1990
201	LeVasseur Park/Perry Farm Trail	J.ed Hertz	2003
200	Chautauqua N.W.R.	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	Midewin 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 Suhecki	2002
154	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	Eric Walters	2007
154	Waukegan Beach & Harbor	Eric Walters	2007
153	Springbrook Prairie	Joe Suhecki	1995
152	Moraine View State Park	Michael Retter	1998
152	Poplar Creek F.P.	Judy Mellin	2004
151	Springbrook Prairie	Joe Suhecki	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 2008.
It might make for an interesting 2008 Big Day to 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	Palisades Region	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
105	Lake Chautauqua	08/14/99	S. Bailey
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

Site Number	Site Name	Date	Lead
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	Johnson-Sauk Trail State Park	05/11/07	C. Taylor
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
67	Two Rivers N.W.R.	10/17/08	E. Walters
65	Chicago's Jackson Park	03/31/05	P. Clyne
64	Johnson-Sauk Trail State Park	05/05/07	C. Taylor
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 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.

Palisades Region: 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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