

IOS Lister's Corner 2008

Total Tick Lists: Life, Big Years, Big Months, Big Days

Total Ticks are the number calculated by adding the separate county lists together into one total, regardless of the time boundary used (i.e. a day, month, year or lifetime). **Key:** * = last updated in 2007 # = last updated pre-2007
(updated 2/10/09; compiled by Eric Walters & Joe Lill)

Total Illinois Counties List (Total Ticks - 1000 minimum)

Once again the top position of this list has changed, as Walters' statewide 2008 adventure resulted in enough ticks to put him over the 15,000 total tick mark. When he first began total ticking, his long-term goal was to someday pass the 15k threshold. Only a few hundred more and his county average will be at 150!

Total	Birder	Average per county
15079	Eric Walters	147.8
14264	Jeff Chapman	139.1
12452	Vernon Kleen	122.1
<u>11267</u>	Doug Stotz	110.5
7337	Tim Kuesel	71.9
7205	Alan Stokie	70.6
7187	Craig Taylor	70.5
6687	Keith McMullen#	65.6
6165	Urs Geiser	60.4
6009	Jeffrey Sanders	58.9
5932	Darrell Shambaugh	58.2
<u>5227</u>	Maury Brucker	51.2
4865	Bob Fisher	
4640	Jim Mountjoy	
4592	<i>Robert Chapel</i>	
4575	Kevin Richmond#	
4301	Thad Edmonds	
4190	Travis Mahan	
4006	Geoffrey A. Williamson	
3859	Karen Fisher	
3786	Michael Baum	
3604	Eric Secker	
3007	Anthony Friend	
2668	Joe Lill	
2344	Bill A. Bertrand	
1083	Roy Peterson	
1065	Larry L. Hood#	

Regional Total Ticks Life List (1000 minimum)

A new leader has emerged in the northern region with Walters moving slightly ahead of Stotz, with the difference averaging about one species per county. This is one of the most competitive lists in all of Lister's Corner! Also noteworthy is Walters' new tallies of 5000+ in both the central and southern regions, only the second and third regional tallies to pass that threshold. Vern Kleen reports his regional lists for the first time and he enters the northern list at 7th, the highest tally of a non-northeast Illinois birder. His central tally stands at third while his excellent southern tally launches him right up to the second spot.

<u>northern</u>	
4752	Eric Walters
4720	Doug Stotz
4231	Jeff Chapman
4019	Alan Stokie
3422	Darrell Shambaugh
3342	Jeffrey Sanders
2941	Vernon Kleen
2818	Urs Geiser
2565	Tim Kuesel
2223	Craig Taylor
2026	Geoff Williamson
1754	Anthony Friend
1642	Joe Lill
1369	Jim Mountjoy
<u>central</u>	
5334	Jeff Chapman
5114	Eric Walters
4778	Vernon Kleen
3445	Doug Stotz
2914	Maury Brucker
2364	Jim Mountjoy
2276	Craig Taylor
2220	Thad Edmonds
2209	Michael Baum
2155	Tim Kuesel
1652	Urs Geiser
1601	Travis Mahan
1510	Jeffrey Sanders
1394	Darrell Shambaugh

	southern
5213	Eric Walters
4733	Vernon Kleen
4697	Jeff Chapman
3102	Doug Stotz
2688	Craig Taylor
2021	Travis Mahan
1695	Urs Geiser
1327	Tim Kuesel
1106	Darrell Shambaugh
1092	Geoff Williamson

Total Illinois Counties Big Years
(Total Ticks Big Years)

Eric Walters had an excellent total tick big year in 2008, amassing the fourth best tally ever. Stotz (12th best) and Chapman (13th) also sent in respectable annual totals. To amass an annual tally of 5000 requires an average of 49 per county. This doesn't sound very hard, but the real challenge comes from birding in all the counties. If you are only able to bird in half of the counties, then you'd have to average 98 in each of them - a far greater challenge than a mere 49!

9275	Jeff Chapman	2006
9064	Eric Walters	2004
7230	Jeff Chapman	2007
5728	Eric Walters	2008
<u>5253</u>	Jeff Chapman	2005
4498	Doug Stotz	2006
4448	Eric Walters	2005
4380	Eric Walters	2007
4182	Doug Stotz	2004
3988	Doug Stotz	2005
3845	Doug Stotz	2001
3781	Doug Stotz	2008
3690	Jeff Chapman	2008
3662	Doug Stotz	2007
3367	Jeff Chapman	2004
3267	Doug Stotz	1999
3255	Doug Stotz	2003

Total Illinois Counties Big Months
(Total Ticks Big Months - top five per month)

Submissions to this list are increasing each year, which will ultimately lead to a challenging set of top five monthly tallies. This year's highlight is Stotz' new September record, an increase of nearly 20% over the former tally! Other noteworthy monthly tallies include Walters' August and November, and Stotz' February, each of which is now the second best ever for their respective months.

January

541	Doug Stotz	2006
524	Doug Stotz	2001
505	Jeff Chapman	2005
494	Doug Stotz	2004
472	Eric Walters	2004

February

1241	Eric Walters	2004
417	Doug Stotz	2008
398	Jeff Chapman	2006

March

1933	Jeff Chapman	2006
1072	Eric Walters	2004
962	Jeff Chapman	2007
925	Jeff Chapman	2008
739	Jeff Chapman	2005

April

3320	Jeff Chapman	2006
1896	Jeff Chapman	2007
1800	Eric Walters	2006
1565	Doug Stotz	1999
1460	Jeff Chapman	2008

May

4882	Eric Walters	2004
3942	Jeff Chapman	2006
3815	Jeff Chapman	2007
2401	Eric Walters	2005
2078	Jeff Chapman	2005

June

1979	Doug Stotz	2005
1361	Doug Stotz	2007
1277	Jeff Chapman	2007
1222	Doug Stotz	2008
1141	Jeff Chapman	2005

July

2340	Eric Walters	2004
1365	Doug Stotz	2005

August

1185	Doug Stotz	2005
1082	Eric Walters	2008
1066	Doug Stotz	2008
553	Jeff Chapman	2007

September

1849	Doug Stotz	2008
1550	Jeff Chapman	2006
1327	Eric Walters	2007
1127	Doug Stotz	2005

October

2111	Eric Walters	2004
631	Eric Walters	2005
571	Jeff Chapman	2006

November

1648	Jeff Chapman	2006
1493	Eric Walters	2008
886	Doug Stotz	2005
707	Eric Walters	2004
657	Doug Stotz	2008

December

1253	Doug Stotz	2006
864	Eric Walters	2004
761	Jeff Chapman	2006

Total Illinois Counties Big Days (Total Ticks Big Days: top five per month)

Nine submissions were added to this slowly growing list. Keeping a total tick tally on a given day isn't that hard, so it won't be surprising to see continued growth in submissions. August's two submissions each broke the former record by a good amount. Congratulations to Stotz for his top tally and to Serafin/Walters for their second-best report. For the second year in a row, Stotz set the September record, this time with a 23% jump in total. If you want to see a lot of birds in the early fall, it appears hooking up with Doug could guarantee that desire's fulfillment. Third best tallies were set in February (Walters) and in November (Stotz).

January

207	southern/central	01/21/04	D. Stotz
200	southeast	01/27/07	E. Walters
185	southern/central	01/20/01	D. Stotz
171	southern	01/28/07	E. Walters

February

292	southern	02/26/04	E. Walters
250	southeast	02/14/04	E. Walters
196	e.cent/southeast	02/24/08	E. Walters
179	n.cent/e.cent	02/15/04	E. Walters
161	w.cent/northwest	02/07/04	E. Walters

March

397	w.central	03/30/06	J. Chapman
336	central	03/19/04	E. Walters
278	e.central	03/27/04	E. Walters
276	w.central	03/31/06	J. Chapman
263	w.cent/northwest	03/10/07	E. Walters

April

655	southern	04/29/06	J. Chapman
438	southeast/central	04/25/99	D. Stotz
399	multi-region	04/29/06	D. Stotz
343	southeast	04/30/05	E. Walters
331	e.central	04/20/06	J. Chapman

May

652	w.central	05/25/06	J. Chapman
620	mid- & w.central	05/11/04	E. Walters
539	central/southern	05/08/06	J. Chapman
526	multi-region	05/01/06	D. Stotz
521	central	05/15/04	E. Walters

June

620	northern/central	06/16/05	D. Stotz
564	northern/central	06/24/07	D. Stotz
511	mid- & w.central	06/18/04	D. Stotz
460	northwestern	06/16/08	D. Stotz
414	northern/central	06/07/05	D. Stotz

July

489	multi-region	07/13/05	D. Stotz
301	northern/central	07/08/05	D. Stotz
300	multi-region	07/23/05	D. Stotz
266	northern	07/25/08	D. Stotz
252	southern	07/14/08	J.Lill/J.Sundberg

August

408	northern	08/15/08	D. Stotz
396	central/southwest	08/16/08	W.Serafin/E.Walters
347	northern	08/10/05	D. Stotz
306	northern	08/25/05	D. Stotz
300	northern	08/19/05	D. Stotz

September

426	southern	09/20/08	D. Stotz
345	northern	09/21/07	D. Stotz
320	w.central	09/18/04	E. Walters
288	northern	09/10/08	D. Stotz
280	w.central	09/12/06	J. Chapman

October

306	w.central	10/17/04	E. Walters
219	southern	10/30/04	E. Walters
218	northern	10/14/05	E. Walters
199	mid- & w.central	10/16/04	E. Walters
166	w.central	10/17/06	J. Chapman

November

440	e.central/southern	11/20/06	J. Chapman
317	southern	11/21/06	J. Chapman
214	northern	11/20/08	D. Stotz
206	w.central	11/03/05	E. Walters
196	northern	11/15/06	D. Stotz

December

352	southern	12/29/06	D. Stotz
302	central/southern	12/28/06	J. Chapman
212	all regions	12/28/06	D. Stotz
207	central/southern	12/30/06	J. Chapman
196	all regions	12/29/04	D. Stotz

Regional Total Ticks Big Year

Thus far, only northeastern Illinois birders have submitted to this list. The big news here is for the second year in a row, Doug Stotz has set a new northern total tick big year standard, this time smashing his old record by over 400 species. His northern county average works out to be over 123 species per county. Putting this in perspective, the highest annual average from the other two regions is only 91.

(2000 minimum, or top five totals)

northern

2955	Doug Stotz	2008
2549	Doug Stotz	2007
2546	Eric Walters	2004
2349	Doug Stotz	2005
2319	Jeff Chapman	2005
2276	Jeff Chapman	2006
2241	Eric Walters	2008
2072	Jeff Chapman	2007

central

3675	Jeff Chapman	2006
3380	Eric Walters	2004
2529	Jeff Chapman	2005
2164	Jeff Chapman	2007
1660	Eric Walters	2008

southern

3324	Jeff Chapman	2006
3138	Eric Walters	2004
2994	Jeff Chapman	2007
1951	Eric Walters	2007
1827	Eric Walters	2008

Updates & corrections?

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