

IOS Lister's Corner 2009

Category Lists: Family Group Big Days

In recent years, new Category List big days have rarely challenged the top tallies. Thus, the Cohen-Cohen-Duman-Sanders team recording 26 waterfowl species, tying the Northern region spring record, is quite noteworthy. It appears getting those three swan species in the Des Plaines 'Widewaters' is a must visit in order to have a chance to break this record.

A new category was added this year when Steve Bailey recorded five wren species in Union County. This might not seem that spectacular until one factors in the reality that these were found in mid-winter!

These lists have some of the oldest existing Lister's Corner records, including five from pre-1986! The oldest of all is the record nine winter finch species found by Balch-Kleen-Rosenband during early spring of 1972, which survives despite a significant winter finch invasion in early 2009. Their record pre-dates the existence of House Finches in Illinois! Other very old records still extant include Jeff Sanders' 21 shorebird species in the Lake Calumet region in 1975; Steve Mlodinow's five different loons/grebes in 1975; Kevin Richmond's 8 wader species in 1985, and Richmond's 11 raptor species at Rice Lake Conservation Area in 1985. When will these tallies be eclipsed?
(updated 2/6/10; compiled by Eric Walters & Joe Lill)

LOONS/GREBES (8)

Southern

7@	Lake Carlyle	11/04/06	B.Fisher, R.Hughes, D.Jacobson, D.Kassebaum, D.Stotz
5	Baldwin Lake	01/22/94	J. DeNeal, T. Fink, C. Smout

Central

6	Chautauqua N.W.R.	11/14/89	K. Richmond
6	Clinton Lake	11/15/92	R. Chapel
6	Clinton L./Moraine View S.P.	11/17/96	M. Retter

Northern

5	Cook & Lake Co.	11/08/75	S. Mlodinow
5	Saganashkee Slough	10/29/06	C. Fields, C. Fields, P. Moxon

Key: @= all but Red-necked Grebe

HERONS/EGRETS/BITTERN/IBIS (13)

Southern

11@	East St. Louis/Arcola	07/04/96	R. Chapel
10	Madison & St. Clair Co.	06/01/96	F. Holmes
9	northwest St. Clair Co.	07/16/96	V. Kleen
9	Jasper & Lawrence Co.	??/??/96	T. Esker, L. Harrison, E. Kirshner, J. Walk
9	Horseshoe Lake	08/02/98	F. Holmes
9	southern IL	08/05/00	M. Kutska, C. Taylor
9	southern IL	04/25/08	S. Bailey, T. Mahan, C. Taylor, D. Williams

Central

8	Peoria Co. (Bartonville)	07/12/85	K. Richmond
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Northern

8	Lake Calumet's Big Marsh	08/24/86	M. Madsen
7	Illinois Beach/Lake Renwick	08/23/86	J. Greenberg, A. Stokie

Key: @= all but Glossy Ibis & Tri-colored Heron

WATERFOWL (Ducks/Geese/Swans) (36)**Southern**

19	southern IL (significant for Jan.)	01/29/00	unknown observers
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Central

26	central IL	03/23/08	M. Baum
26	central IL	03/30/08	M. Baum, J. Mountjoy
25	Clinton Lake	03/09/96	R. Chapel
22	west-central IL	02/26/05	J. Mountjoy
21	DeWitt Co.	03/06/02	R. Chapel
21	Macon Co.	02/25/06	T. Mahan
20	Macon Co. (significant for Jan.)	01/21/06	T. Mahan
20	central IL	03/08/97	C. Taylor
19	central IL (significant for May)	05/09/94	D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, R. Randall, M. Ward, P. Ward

Northern

26	Bureau & Grundy Counties	03/02/08	M. Madsen, A. Sigler
26	Cook & Will Counties	03/09/08	R. Shonkwiler
26	Grundy Co.	03/14/09	R. Cohen, S. Cohen, B. Duman, J. Sanders
24	Cook & Du Page	03/12/95	J. Sanders, R. Seibert, A. Stokie
24	Lake Co.	03/19/00	C. Fields, J. Wittbold
23	Cook Co.	03/26/72	J. Sanders
23	Cook & Lake Counties	11/15/87	D. Hecklinger, A. Stokie
22	Cook Co.	03/19/78	S. Mlodinow
21	Cook Co.	10/20/73	S. Mlodinow
21	Hennepin-Hopper Lake	04/04/02	D. Stotz
21	Hennepin-Hopper Lake	03/23/04	D. Stotz
20	Barrington/Palatine	04/02/96	C. Fields
17	northern IL (significant for Jan.)	01/01/01	D. Johnson

Multi-region

23	multi-region	03/30/02	B. Fisher, K. Fisher, U. Geiser, E. Secker, J. Simms
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GEESE (6)

6	Horseshoe Lake C.A.	12/29/98	S. Bailey
5	Multiple locations		Multiple observers

DUCKS (27)**Southern**

19	southern IL	01/29/00	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
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Central

21@	Clinton Lake	03/09/96	R. Chapel
18	west-central IL	02/26/05	J. Mountjoy
17	central IL	03/08/97	C. Taylor
16	central IL	05/09/94	D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, R. Randall, M. Ward, P. Ward

Northern

20	Cook & Lake Counties	11/15/87	D. Hecklinger, A. Stokie
20	Lake Co.	03/19/00	C. Fields, J. Wittbold
20	Grundy Co.	03/14/09	R. Cohen, S. Cohen, B. Duman, J. Sanders
19	Cook Co.	03/19/78	S. Mlodinow
19	Cook & Du Page Counties	03/12/95	J. Sanders, R. Seibert, A. Stokie
19	Cook Co.	11/08/97	W. Serafin
19	Hennepin-Hopper Lake	04/03/03	D. Stotz
19	Bureau & Grundy Counties	03/02/08	M. Madsen, A. Sigler

Key: @ = Barrow's Goldeneye

RAPTORS: All but Owls (18)**Southern****Central**

11	Rice Lake Conservation Area	09/26/85	K. Richmond
11	DeWitt & Champaign Counties	10/21/95	R. Chapel

Northern

14*	Illinois Beach S.P.	11/03/01	P. Sweet
13	Illinois Beach S.P.	10/14/95	E. Walters, J. Engel
12	Wilmette to northeast Chicago	11/02/91	E. Walters
10	Illinois Beach S.P.	09/22/90	A. Stokie
8	Winnebago Co. (significant date)	11/26/94	J. Donaldson, E. Walters

Key: * = both eagles, three accipters, three falcons, Red-shoulderd Hawk, Osprey

Of note were 4 falcon species seen by numerous observers on various days during January 1991 in LaSalle County.

RAPTORS: Owls (8)**Southern**

7^	Carlyle Lake	12/04-1/05	D. Kassebaum
7	Clinton/Fayette Co.	12/18/07	T. Mahan
6	Southern IL	01/29/00	F. Bennett, D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen

Central

7*	central IL	01/15/95	R. Chapel
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Northern

7*	northeast IL	01/01/94	A. Welby
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Key: ^ = all but Snowy Owl (tally recorded on multiple dates during those months) * = all but Barn Owl

RAPTORS: All (26)**Southern**

12^	Cypress Creek area	02/19/99	B. Holliday
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Central

11	Rice Lake Conservation Area	09/26/85	K. Richmond
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Northern

15*	Illinois Beach S.P.	10/14/95	E. Walters, J. Engel
14	Illinois Beach S.P.	11/03/01	P. Sweet
13	Wilmette to northeast Chicago	11/02/91	E. Walters
11	Illinois Beach S.P.	09/22/90	A. Stokie
11	Ogle and Lee County	12/23/00	D. Shambaugh, E. Walters

Key: * = both eagles, 3 accipters, 3 falcons, BW/RS Hawks, SE Owl ^= Barn Owl

SHOREBIRDS (35)

Southern

25**	Rend Lake	08/??/??	T. Fink
23	Rend Lake	09/??/??	J. De Neal, T. Fink
21	Carlyle Lake	09/09/00	D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen

Central

25#	Lake Chautauqua	08/28/00	R. Chapel, K. Richmond
24	Mason & Macon Counties	08/21/04	T. Mahan
23	Lake Chautauqua/Clinton Lake	09/04/00	R. Chapel
22	Lake Chautauqua	08/26/04	M. Deaton, T. Mahan
21	Lake Chautauqua	08/18/00	L. Augustine
21	Fulton & Macon Counties	08/27/06	S. Bailey, T. Mahan
20	central IL	09/03/88	M. Baum
20	Macon Co.	08/23/07	T. Mahan
16	central IL (significant for May)	05/09/94	D. Bohlen, V. Kleen, R. Randall, M. Ward, P. Ward
16	Sangamon Co. (sig. for May)	05/01/00	D. Bohlen

Northern

21	Lake Calumet Region	08/17/75	J. Sanders
21*	Montrose/Lake Calumet	08/22/92	D. Hecklinger, D. Mandell, J. Sanders, A. Stokie
20^	Waukegan/Lake Calumet	09/07/68	C. Clark, J. Greenberg
20	Lake Calumet	08/17/75	S. Mlodinow
19	Cook & Will Counties	09/02/89	A. Sigler, A. Stokie
19	northeast Lake Co. (sig. for May)	05/17/96	R. Baade, S. DeVore, D. Johnson, E. Walters
16	Waukegan Beach (sig. for May)	05/18/01	J. Engel, D. Johnson, E. Walters

Key: # = 2 Godwits, 5 'peeps', Avocet, RN Phalarope * = Upland, White-rumped, Buff-breasted, Red Knot
** = Red Phalarope ^ = 2 Godwits, Whimbrel, Black-necked Stilt, Piping Plover

GULLS (13)

Southern

7#	Carlyle Lake	10/20/91	J. De Neal, T. Fink
7	Carlyle Lake	09/23/06	D. Kassebaum, T. Mahan, M. Retter, et al

Central

8	Peoria Lock & Dam	02/02/94	T. Pucelik, K. Richmond
8	Peoria Lock & Dam	01/07/99	M. Retter

Northern

9**	Zion and vicinity	01/02/88	D. Williams
9*	Chicago/Lake Calumet	11/26/92	J. Landing, C. Monday
9*	Chicago lakefront	11/26/92	R. Biss
8	Zion & vicinity	12/23/83	M. Biss, R. Biss, D. Johnson
8*	Chicago/Lake Calumet	11/26/92	R. Hughes, A. Sigler
8	Lake Calumet area	03/12/94	C. Alberico, S. Friscia, A. Stokie, G. Williamson
8	Montrose Harbor	04/05/96	R. Hughes
8	Cook & Lake County	04/06/96	D. Hecklinger, A. Stokie
8	Evanston to Waukegan	11/08/98	M. Retter

Key: *= 10 species present that day; California, Little, Franklin's, Kittiwake
**= Iceland, Great Black-backed, Kittiwake, Little # = Little, Sabine's, Kittiwake

FLYCATCHERS (12)Southern

10	Southern IL/E. St.Louis	05/19/95	T. Fink
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Central

10	Knox Co.	05/28/96	M. Baum
10	Central IL	05/29/96	K. Richmond

Northern

10^	northeast IL	06/07/03	A. Stokie, P. Sweet
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Key: ^ = 9 species at Illinois Beach State Park

WRENS (6)Southern

5	Union Co. (significant date)	12/29/09	S. Bailey
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WARBLERS (36)Southern

33#	Southern IL	05/12/95	T. Fink
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Central

35*	central IL	05/12/01	K. Richmond
32	Mason Co.	05/08/93	L. Augustine, K. Richmond
32	Piatt Co.	05/08/93	R. Chapel
29	central IL	05/14/96	M. Baum, K. Richmond
29	Knox Co.	05/08/02	M. Baum

Northern

32	Chicago's Jackson Park	05/09/93	S. Suter
30	northeast IL	05/13/89	R. Hughes, A. Sigler
30	Elsen's Hill (West DuPage Woods)	05/08/04	E. Secker
29	northeast IL	05/19/84	J. Greenberg, S. Mlodinow
29	Chicago Botanic Garden	05/16/93	A. Anderson, C. Lee, S. Lee, W. Marcisz
29	Cook Co.	05/19/08	S. Friscia
28	Cook Co.	05/09/93	A. Stokie

Multi-region

34^	northern/southern IL	05/19/86	D. Bohlen, J. Greenberg, V. Kleen, S. Robinson
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Key: * = all but Connecticut # = all in 3.5 hours ^ = another 34 tally by R. Chapel is rumored

SPARROWS (19)

Southern

Central

15#	Mason & Fulton Counties	05/03/96	K. Richmond
13	Knox Co.	05/12/96	M. Baum

Northern

17**	Chicago's Lincoln Park	10/15/00	S. Bailey, S. De Vore, R. Hughes
14#	northeast	05/06/72	J. Sanders
14#	northeast/east-central IL	05/17/97	S. Bailey, R. Hughes, D. Mandell, S. Mlodinow, J. O'Brien, S. Patti
14+	Chicago's Grant Park	10/01/97	D. Stotz
14+	Chicago's Grant Park	10/06/97	D. Stotz
14	Chicago lakefront	10/18/08	T. Kuesel, C. Taylor
13	Chicago lakefront	10/03/92	D. Mandell, J. O'Brien, A. Sigler, A. Stokie
13	Chicago lakefront	10/01/95	J. Sanders, R. Seibert, A. Stokie
13	Chicago's McCormick Place	10/20/95	J. O'Brien
13	Chicago lakefront	10/22/95	D. Lane, M. Madsen, R. Seibert, A. Stokie
13	north-central/northeast IL	05/13/99	S. Bailey, D. Bohlen, M. Ward, P. Ward
13	Evanston	10/15/00	E. Walters
12	Henry Co. (significant for region)	05/05/07	T. Kuesel, C. Taylor

Key: # = Clay-colored, Fox, Lark, Henslow's, Junco ** = Clay-colored, Sharp-tailed, LeConte's & Harris'
+ = 17 species present in Grant Park between October 1-6, 1997

The Winter Finch category is noteworthy in that the all time record is now over 30 years old - one of the oldest existing records in Lister's Corner.

WINTER FINCHES (10)

Southern

Central

7	central IL	01/25/96	M. Baum, K. Richmond
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Northern

9*	north-central IL	03/05/72	L. Balch, V. Kleen, G. Rosenband
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Key: * = missed House Finch due to its lack of presence in the state at the time.

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