

IOS Lister's Corner 2009

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 2008 # = last updated pre-2008
(updated 2/3/10; compiled by Eric Walters & Joe Lill)

Total Illinois Counties List (Total Ticks - 1000 minimum)

3003 Joe Lill
2429 Bill A. Bertrand
1125 Roy Peterson
1065 Larry L. Hood#

The top four state total tick leaders continued to plod forward this past year with small total species gains. Most of the main action occurred this year in the 5000-10,000 total tick range, highlighted by Craig Taylor's move up to the fifth best total tick life list, currently averaging only about one species per county more than his birding buddy, Tim Kuesel.

Mike Madsen and Michael Baum both emerged as total tick 'threats', the former joining this list with an initial submission of 7500+, starting him out with the eighth best overall tally! Meanwhile, Baum added 4200+ ticks, an amazing one-year jump that moves him into the seventh overall position.

Other noteworthy tallies include both Maury Brucker and Thad Edmonds adding 1700+ species to their totals and Leroy Harrison appearing for the first time on this list and just clearing the 5000+ total tick barrier.

Total Illinois Counties Big Years (Total Ticks Big Years)

Michael Baum's 6000+ total tick big year, fourth best ever, overshadowed the four total submissions. With 22 total reports in this list, there are enough tallies to give a suggestion that over 4500 (maybe even 5000+) would represent the 'threshold of intentionality.' In other words, a fairly active birder visiting the majority of counties could end up with almost 4500 total ticks in a given year. But it appears that to pass 5000+, one would have to intentionally plan out visiting various counties at different seasons.

Total	Birder	Average per county
15445	Eric Walters	151.4
14362	Jeff Chapman	140.8
12520	Vernon Kleen	122.7
<u>11594</u>	Doug Stotz	113.7
8883	Craig Taylor	87.1
8755	Tim Kuesel	85.8
8007	Michael Baum	78.5
7514	Mike Madsen	73.7
7465	Alan Stokie	73.2
7201	Jeffrey Sanders	70.6
6914	Maury Brucker	67.8
6687	Keith McMullen#	65.6
6481	Urs Geiser	63.5
6449	Darrell Shambaugh	63.2
6073	Thad Edmonds	59.5
5761	Jim Mountjoy	56.5
5614	Bob Fisher	55.0
<u>5251</u>	Leroy Harrison	51.5
4592	<i>Robert Chapel</i>	
4575	Kevin Richmond#	
4502	Karen Fisher	
4380	Travis Mahan	
4042	Geoffrey A. Williamson	
3928	Eric Secker	
3007	Anthony Friend	

9275	Jeff Chapman	2006
9064	Eric Walters	2004
7230	Jeff Chapman	2007
6062	Michael Baum	2009
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
4003	Doug Stotz	2009
3988	Doug Stotz	2005
3845	Doug Stotz	2001
3781	Doug Stotz	2008
3776	Craig Taylor	2009
3690	Jeff Chapman	2008
3662	Doug Stotz	2007
3637	Eric Walters	2009
3367	Jeff Chapman	2004
3315	Craig Taylor	2008
3267	Doug Stotz	1999
3255	Doug Stotz	2003

Regional Total Ticks Life List (1000 minimum)

Northern Region

The top four leaders in the northern region remained the same, each adding about 100-200 to their tallies. The four new submissions are highlighted by Mike Madsen's 3600+ tally, good enough to start him with the fifth highest count for this region.

4949	Eric Walters
4804	Doug Stotz
4231	Jeff Chapman
4211	Alan Stokie
3660	Mike Madsen
3492	Darrell Shambaugh
3388	Jeffrey Sanders
2961	Vernon Kleen
2921	Tim Kuesel
2901	Urs Geiser
2786	Michael Baum
2537	Craig Taylor
2052	Geoff Williamson
1831	Maury Brucker
1759	Joe Lill
1754	Anthony Friend
1664	Jim Mountjoy
1494	Thad Edmonds

Central Region

The same two northern birders rule the roost in the central region. However, a number of central birders made strong moves forward and in the next year or two could be a threat to take over the top position. Michael Baum's 1500+ total tick gain was the largest upward move in this region.

5334	Jeff Chapman
5248	Eric Walters
4807	Vernon Kleen
3779	Michael Baum
3475	Maury Brucker
3474	Doug Stotz
3228	Thad Edmonds
3148	Craig Taylor
3087	Tim Kuesel
2800	Jim Mountjoy
2083	Mike Madsen
1821	Urs Geiser
1710	Travis Mahan
1693	Jeffrey Sanders
1523	Darrell Shambaugh

Southern Region

This region had nine new submitters, the most any region has added in a given year. Most impressive is Leroy Harrison's kickoff tally just under 5000, almost enough to place him at the top of this list. Will 2010 be the year a southern birder will actually be on top of the southern region total tick list?

5248	Eric Walters
4927	Leroy Harrison
4752	Vernon Kleen
4697	Jeff Chapman
3316	Doug Stotz
3198	Craig Taylor
2771	Bob Shelby
2747	Tim Kuesel
2120	Jeffrey Sanders
2102	Travis Mahan
1771	Mike Madsen
1759	Urs Geiser
1608	Maury Brucker
1442	Michael Baum
1434	Darrell Shambaugh
1350	Thad Edmonds
1297	Jim Mountjoy
1099	Geoff Williamson

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

Following an annual stream of reports, there were no Big Months reported this year. It appears there's plenty of opportunity for a birder to replace or fill in some of the 3rd-through-5th place tallies in each month, so perhaps next year we'll have updates to give.

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)

There were only three additions this year: Walters now has the second and fourth highest March tallies and the second highest July total.

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
340 northern 03/21/09 E. Walters
336 central 03/19/04 E. Walters
280 northern 03/22/09 E. Walters
278 e.central 03/27/04 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

Regional Total Ticks Big Year

July

489	multi-region	07/13/05	D. Stotz
409	northern	07/25/09	E. Walters
301	northern/central	07/08/05	D. Stotz
300	multi-region	07/23/05	D. Stotz
266	northern	07/25/08	D. Stotz

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

The only new reports were the fourth and fifth best northern big year tallies by Walters and Stotz, respectively. It's apparent from the cluster of tallies between 2350-2550 in the Northern region that one might need to intentionally create a total tick year game plan in order to break through this cluster and give a challenge to the top mark.

(2000 minimum, or top five totals)

Northern Region

2955	Doug Stotz	2008
2549	Doug Stotz	2007
2546	Eric Walters	2004
2537	Eric Walters	2009
2431	Doug Stotz	2009
2349	Doug Stotz	2005
2319	Jeff Chapman	2005
2276	Jeff Chapman	2006
2241	Eric Walters	2008
2072	Jeff Chapman	2007

Central Region

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

Southern Region

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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