

IOS Lister's Corner 2009

Yard Life Lists: Rural, Suburban & Urban

A number of yard lists were augmented in late January when Common Redpolls appeared at thistle and other feeders. More fortunate birders even hosted flocks of the invading White-winged Crossbills. 150-species yard thresholds were reached in River Forest, where Jill Anderson spotted an American Woodcock, and in West Salem, where Bob Shelby found a Great Egret at his pond. Tom Lally's yard hit #100 with one of the aforementioned crossbills and Matthew Cvetas' Philadelphia Vireo enabled his yard to also hit the century mark.

The highest newcomer in the urban list was Matt Fraker's Bloomington tally of 124 species. He joins the list with the third highest tally. The largest species increases this past year were Shelby's 29 species additions in the rural category and Cvetas' 23 additions in his suburban yard. An old measurement is that if you get 100 yard species in the first five years, then that's a great accomplishment, so Cvetas passing that mark in four years is excellent work.

Data listed by total species, observer name, yard location and years at site. Species are countable if they are identifiable from your yard. *(updated 3/31/10; compiled by Eric Walters & Joe Lill)*

Key: italics = final tally at site * = last updated in 2008 # = last updated pre-2008

Backyard Life List-Suburban

<u>207</u>	Richard Biss	Lake Villa	5#	105	Michael Hogg	Northbrook	28
193	Karen Fisher	Downers Grove	39	104	Sid Steele	Charleston	7#
191	Bob Fisher	Downers Grove	39	<u>100</u>	Amos Miner	Lake Bluff	18#
176	<i>Muriel Smith</i>	<i>West Chicago</i>	13	97	Marcia Lonergan	Lake Forest	18#
175	Donnie Dann	Highland Park	24	95	Jerry Diederich	Morris	23*
175	Jeff Donaldson	Rockford	33#	95	<i>Mike Madsen</i>	<i>Lisle</i>	4
165	Mark Seiffert	Carlyle	16*	94	<i>Randall Mains</i>	<i>Naperville</i>	4
163	Marilyn F. Campbell	Georgetown	30#	93	Jim Solum	Gurnee	21#
160	<i>Laurence C. Binford</i>	<i>Glencoe</i>	48	89	Todd Anderson	Mundelein	14
156	Kay Hanson	Hinsdale	18#	87	Cindy Alberico	Crest Hill	20#
152	David Brenner	Lincolnwood	42#	86	Myrna Deaton	Decatur	11#
<u>150</u>	Jill Anderson	River Forest	23	86	Al Dierkes	Quincy	5#
143	Robert Q. Randall	Jacksonville	6#	85	Sue Friscia	Alsip	17
142	John McKee	Ottawa	28	85	Denis Kania	Naperville	12#
142	<i>Craig Miller</i>	<i>Lake in the Hills</i>	4	84	Cyndi Lubecke	Prospect Heights	20
136	Jon J. Duerr	St. Charles	30	83	Joe Suchecki	Naperville	18*
135	Josh Engel	Evanston	14	83	Craig Taylor	LaGrange	23
135	Wes Serafin	Orland Park	28#	81	Bill A. Bertrand	Aledo	31
132	Eric Secker	Wheaton	17	81	Bruce Heimer	Elmhurst	21
127	Mike Madsen	Woodridge	27	81	<i>Craig Litteken</i>	<i>Belleville</i>	3
127	Doug Stotz	Westchester	10	79	<i>Marie Nilsson</i>	<i>Evanston</i>	4
123	Melinda Born Chapman	Woodridge	11	76	Kevin Wright	Canton	7#
123	Cynthia McKee	Ottawa	10#	74	Urs Geiser	Woodridge	18
123	Donna Motherway	Riverwoods	14#	70	<i>George Roberts</i>	<i>Lake Forest</i>	3
123	Richard Peiser	Glen Ellyn	14#	69	Jean Lesniak	Niles	25#
120	Carolyn Fields	Palatine	10#	65	Vernon Kleen	Springfield	6#
119	<i>Bob Vanderpoel</i>	<i>Des Plaines</i>	17	65	Ruth Lempert	Glenview	17#
118	Alex Meloy	Evanston	28	64	Jay Jaeger	Minooka	5
118	Jeff Sundberg	Libertyville	18	57	<i>David Irons</i>	<i>Fairmount</i>	3
116	Jeff Chapman	Woodridge	11	57	David B. Johnson	Buffalo Grove	9#
115	Roy Peterson	Lake Forest	42				
113	Larry L. Hood	Bushnell	12#				
112	Matthew Cvetas	Evanston	4				
112	Dick Young	Naperville	5#	198	Michael Baum	Dahinda	21
110	Denis Bohm	Mettawa	8#	196	Michael Ward	Nortonville	12#
108	Eric Walters	Zion	5	187	Judy De Neal	Harrisburg	13#
106	Julie Long	St. Charles	25#	185	Dan Williams	Rockford	16*
106	<i>Eric Walters</i>	<i>Glen Ellyn</i>	5	183	James O. Smith	Homer	50#
				180	Matt Fraker	Carlock	9
				173	<i>Todd Fink</i>	<i>Ozark</i>	11

Backyard Life List-Rural

198	Michael Baum	Dahinda	21
196	Michael Ward	Nortonville	12#
187	Judy De Neal	Harrisburg	13#
185	Dan Williams	Rockford	16*
183	James O. Smith	Homer	50#
180	Matt Fraker	Carlock	9
173	<i>Todd Fink</i>	<i>Ozark</i>	11

161	Darlene Fiske	Woodstock	44
<u>156</u>	Bob Shelby	West Salem	25
147	<i>Vernon Kleen</i>	<i>Athens</i>	20
140	Michael L. Retter	Colfax	5#
139	<i>Jeff Walk</i>	<i>Newton</i>	3
139	Laraine Wright	Makanda Twp.	22#
137	Todd Bugg	Lexington	5
137	<i>Dan Miller</i>	<i>Murphysboro</i>	2
136	Rhonda Rothrock	Pomona	3#
127	Thad Edmonds	Dunlap	5*
122	Pete Fenner	East Peoria	13
117	<i>Renee Baade</i>	<i>Woodstock</i>	6
115	Ken Vail	Quincy	9#
113	Larry L. Hood	Bushnell	12#
<u>108</u>	Sean Carroll	Lakemoor	4#
99	Ken Heinze	Quincy	6#
98	Richard Funk	Charleston	25#
81	Wayne Wachholz	Prophetstown	8#
75	Wilda D. Sutherland	Pleasant Hill	23#
70	Rosemarie Kirwan	Lake Villa	3#
68	Marilyn Hougland	Pleasant Hill	18#
51	Kathryn Schmid	Cissna Park	9#

Backyard Life List-Urban

<u>169</u>	Beth Chato	Urbana	43#
138	Helen I. Wuestenfeld	Jerseyville	28#
124	Matt Fraker	Bloomington	16
121	<i>Tom Schulenberg</i>	<i>Chicago</i>	12
118	Jim Mountjoy	Galesburg #2	7
113	<i>Richard Biss</i>	<i>Franklin Park</i>	11
111	Keith McMullen	O'Fallon	15*
<u>100</u>	Tom Lally	Chicago	11
97	Brad Grover	Belvidere	5#
93	Alex Bloss	Chicago	16
92	Ronald C. Flemal	DeKalb	12#
90	Michael Baum	Galesburg	4#
89	Mike Donahue	Danville	5#
89	Frank Holmes	Granite City	21*
87	<i>Jim Mountjoy</i>	<i>Galesburg #1</i>	2
80	Joe Lill	Chicago	20
77	Jane Pedersen	Chicago	18#
73	Paul Quagliana	Chicago	6#
66	<i>Geoffrey Williamson</i>	<i>Chicago</i>	7
63	Randy Wade	Chicago	49
61	<i>Roger Digges</i>	<i>Urbana</i>	12
56	Jerry Arduino	Chicago	2#

Backyard Life List-Household

199	Bob & Karen Fisher	Downers Grove	39
164	Karen & Ted Forcum	Mode	42
161	<i>Binford Household</i>	<i>Glencoe</i>	48
127	Jeff & Melinda Born Chapman	Woodridge	11
126	Jim & Beth Harris	St. Anne	6#
125	Judy & Scott Pollock	Evanston	13#
117	Joyce & Peter Boyle	Lake Forest	7#
106	Don & Ferne Rogers	Charleston	40#
95	Pete & Sally Fenner	East Peoria	12*
87	Joel/Dorothy Orlinsky	Ingleside	4#

Backyard Big Days (Big Sit)

It's worth noting that Mike Baum had 80 species by 7:30am during his record 'Big Sit.' He had more species before breakfast than any other Backyard Big Day on record did for the entire day!

85	M. Baum	Dahinda	05/10/96
78	R. Biss	Lake Villa	05/13/98
66	K. & B. Fisher	Downers Grove	09/09/00
65	K. & B. Fisher	Downers Grove	05/10/02
55	R. Biss	Lake Villa	10/17/99
41	D. Motherway	Riverwoods	05/16/02

Backyard Big Years

The top three submissions (over 50 species) per yard will be included. Five new reports bolster this slowly growing list. Darlene Fiske's 80 in Woodstock was the highest yard tally reported this year.

158	Richard Biss	Lake Villa	1997
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142	Richard Biss	Lake Villa	1999
133	Karen/Bob Fisher	Downers Grove	2002
104	Jill Anderson	River Forest	2003
90	Tom Schulenberg	Chicago	2006
89	Tom Schulenberg	Chicago	2007
85	Doug Stotz	Westchester	2004
80	Tom Schulenberg	Chicago	2005
80	Darlene Fiske	Woodstock	2009
77	Pete Fenner	East Peoria	2008
76	Jeff/Melinda Chapman	Woodridge	2009
74	Eric Walters	Zion	2005
59	Eric Walters	Zion	2008
59	Cyndi Lubecke	Prospect Hts.	2009
59	Eric Walters	Zion	2009
58	Todd Anderson	Mundelein	2009
56	Pete Fenner	East Peoria	2007
56	Todd Anderson	Mundelein	2008

Updates & corrections?

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