

IOS Listers Corner 2024

Site, Area and Local Patch Lists: Life Lists, Big Days & Big Years

Site Life Lists

Frank Holmes reached 300 at Horseshoe Lake State Park. Birders who added new locations to these lists include Brady Colin (large-Evergreen Lake, and very small-Ewing Park), and Mike Madsen (small-DuPage Centennial Trail, and small-Schneider's Passage).

Italics = an inactive Illinois birder (i.e. deceased or lives out-of-state)

(updated 3/25/25)

Lake Michigan Ecosystem (east of I-94/US 41)					
(Large and Medium Sites only; 150 minimum)					
341	Chicago's Lincoln Park	R. Hughes	217	Illinois Beach State Park	C. Taylor
310	Chicago's Lincoln Park	<i>J. Purcell</i>	216	Illinois Beach State Park	K. McMullen
310	Chicago's Lincoln Park	G. Williamson	211	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Jarosz
<u>303</u>	Chicago's Lincoln Park	<i>O. McHugh</i>	207	Waukegan Beach & Harbor	J. Solum
299	Chicago's Lincoln Park	M. Cvetas	<u>203</u>	Chicago's Lincoln Park	S. Burckhardt
299	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Lill	198	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Chapman
299	Chicago's Lincoln Park	L. Muñoz	198	Skokie Lagoons	J. Bilsky
299	Chicago's Lincoln Park	G. Neise	196	Lake Calumet	E. Walters
296	Illinois Beach State Park	E. Walters	195	Lake Calumet	D. Stotz
293	Chicago's Lincoln Park	R. DeCoster	195	Sedge Meadow F.P.	<i>S. Hickman</i>
290	Illinois Beach State Park	A. Stokie	193	Chicago's Jackson Park	<i>K. Hanson</i>
286	Chicago's Jackson Park	P. Clyne	192	Skokie Lagoons	E. Walters
286	Chicago's Lincoln Park	E. Walters	191	Lake Forest Nature Preserves	R. Peterson
283	Chicago's Lincoln Park	D. Antieau	187	Illinois Beach State Park	J. McDaniel
280	Chicago's Lincoln Park	<i>A. Aldrich</i>	184	Chicago's Jackson Park	S. Friscia
280	Chicago's Lincoln Park	K. Hirabayashi	184	Sedge Meadow F.P.	A. Stokie
280	Illinois Beach State Park	R. Erickson	180	Chicago's Lincoln Park	B. Dolgan
278	Chicago's Lincoln Park	T. Kelly	179	Skokie Lagoons	A. Tichacek
273	Chicago's Lincoln Park	M. Devlin	178	Chicago's Jackson Park	A. Stokie
272	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Engel	175	Illinois Beach State Park	J. Chapman
267	Chicago's Lincoln Park	A. Meloy	173	Chicago's Burnham Park	E. Walters
261	Chicago's Lincoln Park	B. Heimer	173	Chicago's Jackson Park	E. Walters
261	Illinois Beach State Park	D. Williams	160	Illinois Beach State Park	M. Cvetas
259	Chicago's Lincoln Park	<i>J. Norek</i>	156	Chicago's Jackson Park	C. Taylor
258	Chicago's Burnham Park	D. Stotz	155	Skokie Lagoons	M. Cvetas
258	Chicago's Lincoln Park	T. Lally			
256	Chicago's Lincoln Park	<i>W. Dreuth</i>			
256	Chicago's Lincoln Park	A. Stokie			
256	Waukegan Beach & Harbor	E. Walters	325	Chautauqua N.W.R.	K. Richmond
253	Chicago's Jackson Park	D. Anderson	<u>300</u>	Horseshoe Lake C.A.	F. Holmes
<u>252</u>	Chicago's Jackson Park	R. Shonkwiler	299	Carlyle Lake	K. McMullen
249	Chicago's Lincoln Park	I. O'Brien	290	Rice Lake C.A.	K. Richmond
248	Chicago's Lincoln Park	C. Cochrane	278	Chautauqua N.W.R.	C. Dobson
244	Chicago's Lincoln Park	B. Fisher	270	Dixon Waterfowl Refuge	D. Stotz
244	Chicago's Lincoln Park	<i>K. Fisher</i>	270	Fermilab	P. Kasper
238	Chicago's Jackson Park	S. Carpenter	268	Pratt's Wayne Woods F.P.	P. Moxon
236	Chicago's Lincoln Park	P. Moxon	267	Carlyle Lake	C. Dobson
232	Illinois Beach State Park	<i>S. Hickman</i>	261	Emiquon N.W.R.	A. Gilbert
231	Illinois Beach State Park	D. Johnson	259	Carlyle Lake	T. Mahan
230	Waukegan Beach & Harbor	A. Sell	259	Fermilab	G. Perricone
229	Chicago's Lincoln Park	C. Taylor	258	Chautauqua N.W.R.	A. Gilbert
227	Chicago's Lincoln Park	O. Woodhouse	257	Chautauqua N.W.R.	P. Moxon
			257	Fermilab	P. Moxon

Large (greater than 3 sq. miles/1920 acres) (150 minimum)

257	Mermet Lake C.A.	F. Bennett	175	Pratt's Wayne Woods F.P.	U. Geiser
252	Oak Run (Knox Co.)	M. Baum	174	Des Plaines Cons. Area	J. Chapman
252	Rock Cut S.P.	D. Williams	174	Horseshoe Lake S.P.	E. Walters
250	Sanganois C.A.	K. Richmond	174	Midewin Tallgrass N.P.	D. Stotz
<u>250</u>	Spunky Bottoms	C. Dobson	174	Rend Lake	E. Walters
246	Emiquon N.W.R.	P. Moxon	172	Dixon Waterfowl Refuge	<i>D. Shambaugh</i>
245	Spring Lake C.A.	K. Richmond	172	Dixon Waterfowl Refuge	E. Walters
241	Carlyle Lake	E. Walters	171	Palos Forest Preserves	M. Cvetas
237	Carlyle Lake	C. Taylor	170	Lake Shelbyville	E. Walters
237	Lake Springfield	C. Dobson	168	Chautauqua N.W.R.	C. Taylor
237	Union County C.A.	V. Kleen	167	Starved Rock S.P.	E. Walters
236	Prairie Ridge S.N.A.	J. Walk	167	Union County C.A.	E. Walters
232	Horseshoe Lake C.A.	K. McMullen	163	Mermet Lake C.A.	E. Walters
228	Rock Cut S.P.	J. Donaldson	161	Chautauqua N.W.R.	E. Walters
227	Lake Shelbyville	T. & K. Forcum	161	Jubilee College S.P.	E. Carlson
226	Waterfall Glen F.P.	M. Madsen	160	Evergreen Lake (McLean Co.)	B. Colin
222	Elden Hazlet S.P.	K. McMullen	160	Rend Lake	D. Miller
221	Dixon Waterfowl Refuge	T. Hartzler	159	Crab Orchard N.W.R.	E. Walters
221	Fermilab	E. Secker	159	Fermilab	D. Lafkas
219	Waterfall Glen F.P.	B. Fisher	158	Busse Woods F.P.	I. O'Brien
217	Fermilab	U. Geiser	157	Meredosia N.W.R.	E. Walters
215	Fermilab	E. Walters	157	Mississippi Palisades S.P.	E. Walters
213	Waterfall Glen F.P.	U. Geiser	155	Jubilee College S.P.	M. Brucker
212	Fermilab	B. Fisher	150	Pratt's Wayne Woods F.P.	E. Walters
212	Palos Forest Preserves	C. Taylor			
210	Chautauqua N.W.R.	K. McMullen		Medium (from 1-3 sq.miles/640-1920 acres)	
210	Rock Cut State Park	B. Grover		(125 minimum)	
210	Sand Ridge S.F.	K. Richmond	261	Crabtree Nature Center	C. Westcott
206	Crab Orchard N.W.R.	L. Wright	257	Greene Valley F.P.	M. Madsen
206	Starved Rock S.P.	C. McKee	257	McGinnis Slough	<i>W. Serafin</i>
205	Dixon Waterfowl Refuge	B. Fisher	<u>250</u>	Max McGraw Wildlife Fed.	R. Montgomery
205	Fermilab	<i>K. Fisher</i>	248	Greene Valley F.P.	Je. Smith
205	Palos Forest Preserves	E. Walters	244	Springbrook Prairie	J. Suchecki
205	Waterfall Glen F.P.	<i>K. Fisher</i>	242	Nygren Wetland Preserve	D. Williams
204	Crab Orchard N.W.R.	R. Rothrock	239	Morton Arboretum	E. Walters
204	Lowden-Miller State Forest	P. Moxon	235	Herrick Lake F.P.	P. Moxon
204	Pratt's Wayne Woods F.P.	E. Secker	234	Shabbona Lake S.P.	<i>D. Shambaugh</i>
200	Clear Lake	K. Richmond	233	Edgewood Farms	Ja. Smith
200	Deer Grove F.P.	C. Fields	231	Nelson Lake F.P.	J. Duerr
<u>200</u>	Illinois & Michigan Canal	<i>D. Shambaugh</i>	226	Morton Arboretum	P. Moxon
199	Dixon Waterfowl Refuge	<i>K. Fisher</i>	225	Kennekuk County Park	S. Bailey
198	Fermilab	J. Chapman	223	Greene Valley F.P.	J. Chapman
198	Rock Cut State Park	J. Longhenry	223	Greene Valley F.P.	P. Moxon
195	Des Plaines Cons. Area	D. Stotz	220	Springbrook Prairie	P. Moxon
192	Banner Marsh	E. Carlson	216	Blackwell F.P.	P. Moxon
192	Chautauqua N.W.R.	T. Hartzler	214	Greene Valley F.P.	U. Geiser
188	Busse Woods F.P.	E. Secker	212	Morton Arboretum	J. Chapman
188	Starved Rock State Park	<i>D. Shambaugh</i>	212	Morton Arboretum	M. Madsen
187	Pratt's Wayne Woods F.P.	G. Perricone	212	Nelson Lake F.P.	P. Moxon
185	Emiquon Visitor's Center	T. Hartzler	211	Blackwell F.P.	E. Secker
185	Fermilab	<i>A. Aldrich</i>	207	Shabbona Lake S.P.	R. Flemal
182	Fermilab	A. Stokie	204	Morton Arboretum	J. Hardt
180	Clinton Lake	E. Walters	<u>200</u>	Morton Arboretum	<i>T. Brown</i>
179	Emiquon N.W.R.	K. McMullen	197	Goose Lake Prairie S.P.	D. Stotz
177	Two Rivers N.W.R.	E. Walters	196	Chicago Portage	J. Duran
177	Waterfall Glen F.P.	J. Chapman	195	Burnidge F.P.	J. Wrinn
176	Clinton Lake	B. Colin	194	Morton Arboretum	<i>F. Swink</i>

192	Morton Arboretum	M.B. Chapman	285	Montrose	R. DeCoster
190	Severson Dells F.P.	J. Donaldson	278	Montrose	G. Neise
188	Blackwell F.P.	E. Walters	272	Montrose	<i>A. Aldrich</i>
188	Goose Lake Prairie S.P.	J. Chapman	269	Montrose	M. Devlin
188	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	E. Walters	268	Northwestern University	E. Walters
185	Sand Lake	K. Richmond	265	Montrose	S. Tolzmann
184	Green Oaks Field Station	J. Mountjoy	263	Montrose	J. Engel
184	Lake Renwick Preserve	<i>A. Aldrich</i>	254	Geneva's Peck Farm Park	C. Bowman
184	Nelson Lake F.P.	<i>A. Aldrich</i>	<u>252</u>	Chicago Botanic Garden	M. Hogg
183	Morton Arboretum	E. Secker	248	North Point Marina	E. Walters
182	Morton Arboretum	<i>R. Wason</i>	248	West DuPage Woods	P. Moxon
180	Morton Arboretum	U. Geiser	247	Montrose	T. Lally
180	Nachusa Grasslands	E. Walters	247	Whalon Lake F.P.	M. Madsen
178	Springbrook Prairie	U. Geiser	243	Montrose	C. Cochran
176	Nelson Lake F.P.	E. Secker	242	Montrose	I. O'Brien
176	Rockford's Anna Page Park	D. Williams	239	Chicago's Grant Park	D. Stotz
175	Silver Springs S.P.	<i>D. Shambaugh</i>	234	Chicago Botanic Garden	<i>L. Binford</i>
173	Nelson Lake Marsh	N. Bent	234	Whalon Lake F.P.	Je. Smith
170	Nelson Lake Marsh	R. Reason	231	Montrose	D. Johnson
167	Herrick Lake F.P.	U. Geiser	230	Montrose	B. Fisher
166	Crabtree Nature Center	<i>J. McDaniel</i>	226	Montrose	J. Cvetas
165	Woodford County C.A	<i>J. Rink</i>	226	Montrose	C. Taylor
164	Blackwell F.P.	A. Stokie	222	Montrose	<i>K. Fisher</i>
164	Moraine Hills State Park	A. Stokie	220	Fraker Farm	M. Fraker
163	Lake Decatur Dredge Ponds	T. Mahan	219	Montrose	O. Woodhouse
162	Moraine View S.P.	M. Retter	217	Coal Miner's Trail (Minonk)	T. Hartzler
161	Blackwell F.P.	U. Geiser	213	Colored Sands F.P.	J. Longhenry
160	McGinnis Slough	E. Walters	211	Chicago Botanic Garden	A. Stokie
158	Greene Valley F.P.	M.B. Chapman	210	Montrose	B. Sanders
158	Herrick Lake F.P.	<i>P. Quagliana</i>	207	Whalon Lake F.P.	P. Moxon
158	Lake Renwick Preserve	D. Stotz	205	Northwestern University	M. Cvetas
158	Springbrook Prairie	H. Meade	204	Glen Ellyn's Lake Ellyn	<i>B.T. Gault</i>
157	Canton's Lakeland Park	<i>K. Wright</i>	203	Fort Sheridan Preserve	J. Bilsky
157	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	C. Taylor	201	Chicago's Rainbow Beach Pk.	D. Stotz
156	LaSalle Lake	<i>D. Shambaugh</i>	200	DuPage Centennial Trail	M. Madsen
<u>151</u>	Goose Lake Prairie S.P.	<i>D. Shambaugh</i>	200	Great Lakes N.T.C.	E. Walters
148	Springbrook Prairie	M. Madsen	200	Hidden Lake F.P.	E. Walters
147	Green River Cons. Area	<i>D. Shambaugh</i>	200	LaBagh Woods F.P.	J. Skrentny
146	Morton Arboretum	G. Perricone	<u>200</u>	Montrose	K. Woodhouse
145	Lincoln Trails State Park	E. Walters	199	Spring Bluff F.P.	E. Walters
144	McGinnis Slough	I. O'Brien	198	Chicago's Humboldt Park	S. Burckhardt
144	Nelson Lake F.P.	<i>D. Shambaugh</i>	194	Greenview Wetland	T. Hartzler
143	Shabbona Lake State Park	E. Walters	192	Montrose	A. Tedesco
140	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	<i>D. Shambaugh</i>	192	Northwestern University	I. O'Brien
137	Crabtree Nature Center	M. Perkowitz	189	Afton Forest Preserve	<i>D. Shambaugh</i>
137	Illini State Park	<i>D. Shambaugh</i>	188	Caldwell Preserves	T. Lally
137	Washington County C.A.	E. Walters	188	Chicago Botanic Garden	E. Walters
135	Port Louisa N.W.R.	E. Walters	187	Fort Sheridan Preserve	T. Lally
130	Decatur's Rock Springs N.C.	E. Walters	185	Fox River Shores F.P.	E. Secker
			183	Hidden Lake F.P.	U. Geiser
			182	Springbrook Golf Club	J. Smith
			180	Ferguson F.P.	D. Williams
			180	West DuPage Woods	E. Secker
339	Montrose	R. Hughes	179	Chicago Botanic Garden	A. Anderson
299	Montrose	G. Williamson	179	N. Galesburg Dog Walk Area	J. Mountjoy
298	Montrose	F. Morel	179	Salt Creek Woods	D. Stotz
293	Montrose	M. Cvetas	179	Oakhurst F.P.	<i>A. Aldrich</i>
292	Montrose	J. Lill	178		

Small (between .25-1 sq.mile/160-640 acres)
(125 minimum)

177	Lock & Dam #13	J. Chapman	173	DuPage River Greenway	M. Madsen
177	Montrose	B. Dolgan	172	North Shore Chan.-Evanston	M. Cvetas
175	Chicago Botanic Garden	J. Sundberg	172	Zion's Edina Park	E. Walters
173	Beaubien Woods F.P.	D. Stotz	171	Wilmette's Gillson Park	O. Woodhouse
173	Milford Treatment Plant	E. Schunke	166	Chicago's Senior Citizens Park	S. Tolzmann
171	Lost Bridge Trail	J. Hitchings	165	Chicago's Navy Pier	R. Eiseman
168	Bemis Woods F.P.	D. Stotz	163	Oak Bluff Savanna	M. Brucker
166	Fullersburg Woods F.P.	G. Perricone	163	Sannauk F.P.	D. Shambaugh
166	Lyons Woods F.P.	E. Walters	162	Evanston's James Park	M. Cvetas
165	Chicago's Calumet Park	D. Stotz	161	Chicago's Navy Pier	E. Walters
164	Hidden Lake F.P.	J. Chapman	159	Evanston's Lighthouse Beach	E. Walters
162	Chicago's Rosehill Cemetery	M. Devlin	156	Techny Basin (n. of Willow)	J. Bilsky
162	Hillside's Queen of Heaven Cem.	D. Stotz	150	Wood Dale Reservoir	H. Meade
162	Lock & Dam #13	E. Walters	148	Zion's Shiloh Park	E. Walters
160	LaBagh Woods F.P.	J. Lill	147	Evanston's Calvary Cemetery	E. Walters
160	Whalon Lake F.P.	A. Aldrich	147	Wilmette's Gillson Park	I. O'Brien
158	Morton Grove's Linne Woods	A. Tichacek	146	Evanston's Perkins Woods	E. Walters
158	Williamsville Lake Park	J. Hitchings	146	Wilkinson-Renwick Marsh	D. Shambaugh
157	Upper Spring Lake	E. Walters	146	Wilmette's Gillson Park	K. Woodhouse
155	Universal-Peabody Strip Mine	E. Walters	145	El Paso's Sewage Treatment Plant	T. Hartzler
154	Redwing Slough S.N.A.	E. Walters	143	Chicago's Steelworker's Park	I. O'Brien
153	Naperville's Knoch Knolls Pk.	M. Madsen	142	Thomson Causeway R.A.	E. Walters
152	Caldwell Preserves	J. Lill	142	Waukegan's Bowen Park	E. Walters
152	Chicago's Grant Park	E. Walters	141	Wilkinson-Renwick Marsh	R. Flemal
152	Hidden Lake F.P.	E. Secker	140	Klehm Arboretum	D. Williams
151	Chicago's Rosehill Cemetery	C. Nelson	137	DuPage River Park	M. Madsen
150	Black Walnut Creek Preserve	P. Andersen	137	Lake Arlington Park	M. Perkowitz
150	LaBagh Woods F.P.	L. Muñoz	134	Romeoville's O'Hara Woods	M. Madsen
147	Chicago's Rosehill Cemetery	J. Lill	134	Wolf Road Prairie	D. Stotz
145	Chicago's Grant Park	D. Johnson	133	Zion's Trumpet Rd. Marshes	E. Walters
145	Ryerson Conservation Area	E. Walters	132	Peoria's Iris Park	E. Carlson
144	Afton Forest Preserve	E. Walters	130	Evanston's Canal Shores G.C.	E. Walters
144	Ryerson Conservation Area	M. Perkowitz	129	Chief Shabbona F.P.	D. Shambaugh
143	Chicago's North Park Village	J. Lill	129	Izaak Walton Park	M. Perkowitz
142	Chicago's Calumet Park	E. Walters	129	Woodstock's Ryder's Woods	R. Baade
142	Chicago's Rainbow Beach Pk.	I. O'Brien	128	Wolf Road Prairie	C. Taylor
141	Plum Creek F.P.	I. O'Brien	126	Carpentersville Dam	O. Burrus
136	Homewood's Izaak Walton Pr.	P. Andersen	126	Chicago's Indian Ridge Marsh	P. Andersen
134	Schneider's Passage	M. Madsen	123	Burnham Prairie N.P.	I. O'Brien
130	Ryerson Conservation Area	J. Solum	121	Ewing Park (McLean Co.)	B. Colin
130	Sedge Meadows F.P.	E. Walters	119	Wilmette's Gillson Park	J. Lill
129	Plum Creek F.P.	E. Walters	118	Glen Ellyn's Goer's Woods	E. Walters
128	Altamont's Ballard N.C.	E. Walters	117	Evanston's Perkins Woods	A. Meloy
125	Ryerson Conservation Area	J. Leonard	116	Evanston's James Park	E. Walters
Very Small (less than .25 sq.mile/160 acres)			115	Diversey Turning Basin	J. Skrentny
(100 minimum)			114	Waukegan's Bowen Park	J. Solum
260	Wilmette's Gillson Park	E. Walters	113	Fossland/Novotny Park	E. Walters
230	Jacksonville Dredging Ponds	C. Dobson	111	Chicago's Richard Clark Park	D. Antieau
221	Chicago's Park No. 566	D. Lory	110	Chicago's Horner Park	C. Cochrane
210	Chicago's North Pond	G. Williamson	109	Bartonville's Mendenhall Park	E. Carlson
209	Chicago's Northerly Island	D. Stotz	108	Steger's Evergreen Hill Cem.	P. Andersen
205	Judson University	E. Secker	107	Glen Ellyn's Lake Ellyn	E. Walters
202	Zion's Hosah Park	E. Walters	106	Saw Wee Kee Park	D. Shambaugh
194	North Shore Chan.-Evanston	E. Walters	106	Shuh Shuh Gah Canoe Launch	D. Shambaugh
187	Helmick N.P./Butterfield Wet.	P. Andersen	103	Mendota's Lake Kakusha	D. Shambaugh
177	Helmick N.P./Butterfield Wet.	I. O'Brien	100	Chicago's Horner Park	D. Antieau
			100	West Ridge Nature Preserve	M. Devlin

Area Life Lists (150 minimum)

Tom Lally requested a new area: North Branch Forest Preserves (Cook County). A number of birders have already followed his lead and have assembled their lists for this area. Patricia Andersen added the most species to an area list, with a jump of 11 species for Lake Calumet/Eggers Woods.

336	Illinois River N.F.W. Refuges	K. Richmond	236	DeKalb Co. Forest Preserves	<i>D. Shambaugh</i>
323	Chicago Park District Parks	J. Lill	236	Starved Rock/Mattheissen	J. McKee
320	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	E. Walters	234	Palisades Region	E. Walters
314	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	J. Lill	233	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	P. Moxon
308	Chautauqua Region	A. Gilbert	230	Evanston/Gillson Park	J. Cvetas
308	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	M. Cvetas	228	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	C. Taylor
303	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	A. Stokie	226	Greater Grant Pk. Ecosystem	J. Engel
<u>301</u>	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	E. Walters	224	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	S. Friscia
298	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	R. DeCoster	223	Evanston Lakefront	M. Cvetas
296	Illinois State Parks	C. Taylor	220	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	J. Chapman
295	DuPage Co. Forest Preserves	B. Fisher	219	Greater Grant Pk. Ecosystem	<i>T. Schulenberg</i>
289	DuPage Co. Forest Preserves	<i>K. Fisher</i>	218	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	K. Wysocki
289	Emiquon/Thompson Lake	C. Dobson	216	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	B. Fisher
288	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	D. Stotz	216	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	C. Taylor
286	Evanston/Gillson Park	E. Walters	216	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	U. Geiser
282	DuPage Co. For. Preserves	M. Madsen	215	Chautauqua Region	E. Walters
282	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	R. Erickson	215	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	<i>K. Fisher</i>
282	Meredosia/Four Corners	C. Dobson	212	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	<i>D. Shambaugh</i>
281	Lake Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters	211	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	E. Walters
275	DuPage Co. For. Preserves	G. Perricone	211	North Branch Forest Preserves	T. Lally
274	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	M. Devlin	210	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	P. Dring
274	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	A. Stokie	210	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	E. Walters
273	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	E. Secker	207	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	P. Andersen
272	Greater Grant Pk. Ecosystem	D. Stotz	207	North Branch Forest Preserves	J. Lill
272	Illinois State Parks	J. Lill	206	Evanston/Gillson Park	I. O'Brien
269	DuPage Co. For. Preserves	E. Secker	206	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	A. Stokie
268	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	<i>W. Serafin</i>	206	North Branch Forest Preserves	J. Bilsky
266	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	J. Lill	205	Lake Forest Parks/Preserves	R. Peterson
265	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	D. Williams	205	Palisades Region	J. Chapman
264	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	D. Stotz	203	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	M. Cvetas
263	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	D. Stotz	203	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	E. Secker
263	DuPage Co. For. Preserves	J. Chapman	202	Chautauqua Region	C. Taylor
260	Mississippi River	E. Walters	202	Two Rivers Region	E. Walters
260	Waukegan Parks/Lakefront	E. Walters	201	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	<i>K. Fisher</i>
259	Evanston/Gillson Park	J. Engel	200	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	J. Wrinn
258	DuPage Co. For. Preserves	J. Smith	200	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	J. Engel
255	Evanston/Gillson Park	M. Cvetas	<u>200</u>	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	A. Stokie
253	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters	199	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	D. Stotz
253	Lake Mauvaisterre (area)	C. Dobson	199	North Branch Forest Preserves	M. Cvetas
250	Evanston Lakefront	J. Engel	199	North Branch Forest Preserves	A. Tichacek
250	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	J. Solum	198	Techny Basin (north & south)	J. Bilsky
<u>250</u>	Univ. of Ill. (Champaign)	<i>R. Chapel</i>	195	Bemis Woods/Salt Creek	D. Stotz
249	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	M. Cvetas	195	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	M.B. Chapman
246	DuPage Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters	193	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	B. Fisher
244	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	D. Johnson	191	Evanston Lakefront	J. Cvetas
244	Zion Parks/Preserves	E. Walters	191	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	<i>K. Hanson</i>
243	Fox River (Kane Co.)	E. Secker	190	Techny Basin (north & south)	A. Tichacek
242	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	P. Sweet	187	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters
236	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	A. Stokie	187	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	M. Cvetas

165 Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods B. Fisher
 162 Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods K. Fisher
 158 Evanston Lakefront E. Walters

153 McHenry Co. Cons. District E. Walters
 151 Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods K. Wysocki

Site Big Years (100 minimum).

The highest total among the new entries was 210 species for Frank Holmes at Horseshoe Lake C.A.

A first-time Big Year was submitted for Evergreen Lake (Brady Colin),

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247	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Robert Hughes	1996
243	Chicago's Lincoln Park	John Purcell	1996
232	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Geoff Williamson	2007
227	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Michelle Devlin	2013
226	Chicago's Jackson Park	Paul Clyne	1996
226	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Kanae Hirabayashi	1996
226	Emiquon N.W.R.	Andy Gilbert	2017
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 S.P.	Eric Walters	2007
217	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Matthew Cvetas	2022
217	Illinois Beach S.P.	Eric Walters	2009
216	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Kanae Hirabayashi	1994
214	Fermi National Accelerator Lab	Peter Kasper	1994
213	Illinois Beach S.P.	Eric Walters	2006
210	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Michelle Devlin	2012
210	Chautauqua N.W.R.	Kevin Richmond	2018
210	Fermi National Accelerator Lab	Peter Kasper	1996
210	Horseshoe Lake C.A.	Frank Holmes	2022
210	Horseshoe Lake C.A.	Frank Holmes	2024
208	Fermi National Accelerator Lab	Peter Kasper	1991
208	Chicago's Grant Park	Doug Stotz	1998
208	Horseshoe Lake C.A.	Frank Holmes	2006
208	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Dave Antieau	2015
206	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Michelle Devlin	2011
204	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Josh Engel	2012
202	Fermi National Accelerator Lab	Glenn Perricone	2019
200	Chautauqua N.W.R.	Kevin Richmond	1996
200	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Josh Engel	2011
200	Fermi National Accelerator Lab	Glenn Perricone	2015
199	Chicago's Lincoln Park	William Dreuth	1938
198	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Fran Morel	2012
197	Chicago's Jackson Park	Randy Shonkwiler	2013
196	Greene Valley F.P.	Mike Madsen	2020
195	Burnidge Forest Preserve	Justin Wrinn	2015
195	Horseshoe Lake C.A.	Frank Holmes	2003
194	Dixon Waterfowl Refuge	Doug Stotz	2005
192	Greene Valley F.P.	Mike Madsen	2017
192	Waterfall Glen F.P.	Mike Madsen	2019
191	Chicago's Park No. 566	Dan Lory	2019
190	Dixon Waterfowl Refuge	Doug Stotz	2004
190	Fermi National Accelerator Lab	Glenn Perricone	2023
190	Fermi National Accelerator Lab	Glenn Perricone	2024
190	Prairie Ridge State Natural Area	Jeff Walk	1996

190	Waukegan Beach & Harbor	Adam Sell	2013
189	Waterfall Glen F.P	Mike Madsen	2020
189	Whalon Lake F.P.	Mike Madsen	2023
188	Chicago's Park No. 566	Dan Lory	2018
188	Gillson Park	Eric Walters	1996
188	Greene Valley F.P.	Mike Madsen	2021
187	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Joan Norek	2013
186	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Joan Norek	2015
185	Carlyle Lake	Keith McMullen	1999
185	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Isoo O'Brien	2020
183	Gillson Park	Eric Walters	1990
182	Chicago Botanic Garden	Laurie Binford	1993
182	Chicago's Jackson Park	Scott Carpenter	2003
182	Dixon Waterfowl Refuge	Doug Stotz	2003
182	Morton Arboretum	Eric Walters	1988
181	Gillson Park	Eric Walters	1995
180	Busse Woods F.P.	Eric Secker	2016
180	Gillson Park	Eric Walters	1997
179	Morton Arboretum	Eric Secker	2003
179	Shabbona Lake S.P.	Ron Flemal	1996
177	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Eric Walters	1996
177	Montrose	Isoo O'Brien	2020
176	Greene Valley F.P.	Jeff Smith	2014
176	Whalon Lake F.P.	Mike Madsen	2022
175	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Matthew Cvetas	2024
174	Waterfall Glen F.P	Mike Madsen	2021
173	Blackwell F.P.	Eric Secker	2003
172	Greene Valley F.P.	Jeff Smith	2017
172	Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie	Doug Stotz	1998
171	Dixon Waterfowl Refuge	Doug Stotz	2010
169	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Sam Burckhardt	2011
168	Shabbona Lake S.P.	Darrell Shambaugh	1999
167	Morton Arboretum	Mike Madsen	2022
167	Shabbona Lake S.P.	Darrell Shambaugh	1998
164	Waukegan Beach & Harbor	Eric Walters	2009
163	Deer Grove F.P.	Carolyn Fields	1996
162	Illinois Beach S.P.	Paul Sweet	2001
161	Montrose	Aerin Tedesco	2016
161	Skokie Lagoons	Jeff Bilsky	2021
160	Chicago's Humboldt Park	Sam Burckhardt	2012
158	Whalon Lake F.P.	Mike Madsen	2024
156	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Matthew Cvetas	2023
156	Judson University	Eric Secker	2014
156	Woodford County Cons. Area	Justin Rink	1998
155	Springbrook Prairie	Joe Suchecki	2002
154	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	Eric Walters	2007
154	Waukegan Beach & Harbor	Eric Walters	2007
153	Springbrook Prairie	Joe Suchecki	1995
152	Moraine View S.P.	Michael Retter	1998
152	Poplar Creek F.P.	Judy Mellin	2004
151	DuPage River Greenway	Mike Madsen	2022
151	Springbrook Prairie	Joe Suchecki	1996
150	Chicago's Humboldt Park	Sam Burckhardt	2010
150	Waukegan Beach & Harbor	Eric Walters	2011
149	Clinton Lake	Michael Retter	1997
149	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	Craig Taylor	2007
147	Chicago's Park No. 566	Dan Lory	2020

146	Poplar Creek F.P.	Judy Mellin	2003
146	Moraine Hills S.P.	Al Stokie	1989
143	Clinton Lake	Brady Colin	2024
143	Helmick Nature Preserve	Isoo O'Brien	2020
143	Whalon Lake F.P.	Jeff Smith	2014
142	Helmick Nature Preserve	Patricia Andersen	2024
141	Shabbona Lake S.P.	Ron Flemal	1995
141	West DuPage Woods F.P.	Eric Secker	2004
141	Whalon Lake F.P.	Jeff Smith	2011
140	Chicago's Rainbow Beach Park	Doug Stotz	2010
140	Judson University	Eric Secker	2012
139	DuPage River Greenway	Mike Madsen	2023
139	Greene Valley F.P.	Jeff Chapman	2016
135	Jubilee College S.P.	Evan Carlson	2017
135	Judson University	Eric Secker	2015
135	McGinnis Slough	Isoo O'Brien	2020
135	Northwestern University	Isoo O'Brien	2020
134	Chicago's Jackson Park	Isoo O'Brien	2020
133	Helmick Nature Preserve	Patricia Andersen	2023
133	Salt Creek Woods	Doug Stotz	2004
133	Poplar Creek F.P.	Judy Mellin	1996
131	Northpoint Marina	Eric Walters	2011
130	Des Plaines Conservation Area	Doug Stotz	2010
130	Helmick Nature Preserve	Patricia Andersen	2020
130	Morton Arboretum	Jeff Chapman	2016
128	Chicago's Beaubien Woods	Doug Stotz	2008
127	Salt Creek Woods	Doug Stotz	2010
126	Jubilee College S.P.	Maury Brucker	2005
125	Spring Bluff F.P.	Eric Walters	2009
122	Evanston's Perkins Woods	Eric Walters	1995
122	Evergreen Lake	Brady Colin	2020
122	Shabbona Lake S.P.	Darrell Shambaugh	1995
121	Chicago's Grant Park	Doug Stotz	2010
121	Great Lakes N.T.C.	Eric Walters	2006
120	Chicago's Museum Campus	Doug Stotz	2010
120	DuPage River Park	Mike Madsen	2022
119	Clinton Lake	Brady Colin	2021
118	Evanston's Perkins Woods	Eric Walters	1996
117	Chicago's Rosehill Cemetery	Michelle Devlin	2013
117	Northpoint Marina	Eric Walters	2009
115	Black Walnut Creek Preserve	Patricia Andersen	2024
115	North Galesburg Dog Walk Area	Jim Mountjoy	2013
114	Busse Woods F.P.	Isoo O'Brien	2020
113	Chicago's Rosehill Cemetery	Michelle Devlin	2012
113	Evanston's Perkins Woods	Eric Walters	1997
113	Homewood's Izaak Walton Preserve	Patricia Andersen	2020
113	Lyons Woods F.P.	Eric Walters	2006
112	Chicago's Northerly Island	Doug Stotz	2010
112	Woodstock's Ryder's Woods	Renee Baade	1995
111	North Galesburg Dog Walk Area	Jim Mountjoy	2017
110	Woodstock's Ryder's Woods	Renee Baade	1996
109	Black Walnut Creek Preserve	Patricia Andersen	2023
108	Chicago's Steelworker's Park	Isoo O'Brien	2020
108	Lyons Woods F.P.	Eric Walters	2009
103	Northpoint Marina	Eric Walters	2010
102	Burnham Prairie N.P.	Isoo O'Brien	2020
101	Black Walnut Creek Preserve	Patricia Andersen	2022

Area Big Years (150 minimum)

Tallies are limited to a birder's top three totals for a given area.

238	Illinois Beach S.P. (area)	Eric Walters	2009
230	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	Michelle Devlin	2013
230	Illinois Beach S.P./Northpoint	Al Stokie	1994
227	DuPage County Forest Preserves	Glenn Perricone	2020
225	DuPage County Forest Preserves	Glenn Perricone	2021
219	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	Michelle Devlin	2012
215	Evanston/Gillson Park	Josh Engel	1998
214	Lake Calumet/Eggers Woods	Doug Stotz	1998
211	Illinois Beach S.P. (area)	Eric Walters	2013
208	Illinois Beach S.P./Northpoint	Paul Sweet	2003
207	Evanston/Gillson Park	Eric Walters	1996
207	Palos Forest Preserves/McGinnis	Wes Serafin	1994
206	Greene Valley/Whalon Lake	Jeff Smith	2017
205	Greene Valley/Whalon Lake	Jeff Smith	2014
204	DuPage County Forest Preserves	Glenn Perricone	2022
204	Evanston/Gillson Park	Eric Walters	1990
202	Illinois Beach S.P./Northpoint	Al Stokie	1990
201	LeVasseur Park/Perry Farm Trail	Jed Hertz	2003
200	Evanston Lakefront	Eric Walters	1990
196	Evanston/Gillson Park	Eric Walters	1995
193	Lake Calumet/Eggers Woods	Walter Marcisz	1994
192	Evanston Lakefront	Eric Walters	1996
186	Evanston Lakefront	Eric Walters	1997
175	Palatine	Carolyn Fields	1996
167	Greater Grant Park Ecosystem	Josh Engel	2011
164	Palatine	Carolyn Fields	1995
150	Lake Calumet Area	Patricia Andersen	2022

Site Big Days (Team and Single Observer)

The top Site Big Day for the year was the 103 species found on the Fermilab Spring Bird Count.

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Team Big Days

(the 95% Rule applies; 80 minimum)

132	Illinois Beach S.P.	05/05/18	A. Sell, J. Solum
126	Illinois Beach S.P.	05/18/00	J. Engel, E. Walters
126	Illinois Beach S.P. (South Unit)	05/09/15	D. Diaz, A. Sell, J. Solum
120	Carlyle Lake	09/09/00	D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
115	West DuPage Woods/Elsen's Hill	05/07/11	A. Secker, E. Secker
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
106	Morton Arboretum	05/06/89	T. Brown, R. Wagner, E. Walters
104	Plum Creek F.P.	05/16/21	I. O'Brien, S. Tolzmann
103	Chicago Botanic Garden	05/11/91	L. Binford, R. Biss, M. Hogg
103	Fermilab	05/15/16	P. Kasper, G. Perricone
103	Fermilab	05/06/23	P. Kasper, D. Kubik, G. Perricone
103	Fermilab	05/06/24	P. Kasper, D. Kubik, G. Perricone
102	Fermilab	05/06/00	P. Kasper, J. Pomatto, D. Kania
98	Fermilab	05/14/15	J. Lopez, G. Perricone
91	Chicago's Lincoln Park	05/13/12	C. Williamson, G. Williamson
91	Decatur's Rock Springs N.C.	05/05/06	T. Mahan, E. Walters
91	Iroquois County C.A.	05/16/10	T. Kelly, G. Williamson

89	Illinois Beach S.P.	10/14/95	J. Engel, E. Walters
88	Chain'O Lakes S.P.	05/08/93	L. Binford, B. O'Shea
81	Pratt's Wayne Woods F.P.	06/20/20	G. Perricone, K. Wiktor

Single Observer Big Days

(60 minimum)

126	Busse Woods F.P.	05/17/16	E. Secker
123	Illinois Beach S.P.	05/15/13	E. Walters
120	Fermilab	05/18/19	G. Perricone
120	Illinois Beach S.P.	05/17/17	E. Walters
115	Chicago's Lincoln Park	05/19/19	G. Williamson
114	Rock Cut S.P.	05/15/15	E. Secker
113	Chicago's Jackson Park	05/09/96	P. Clyne
112	Busse Woods F.P.	05/14/21	I. O'Brien
110	Dixon Waterfowl Refuge	05/06/03	D. Stotz
108	Chicago's Jackson Park	05/09/89	S. Suter
107	Chicago's Lincoln Park	05/10/96	K. Hirabayashi
105	Lake Chautauqua	08/14/99	S. Bailey
103	Montrose	05/08/14	R. Hughes
103	Montrose	05/21/14	R. Hughes
103	Nachusa Grasslands	05/15/10	E. Walters
102	Chicago's Lincoln Park	05/15/15	G. Williamson
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	Illinois Beach S.P.	05/16/16	E. Walters
100	Montrose	05/19/19	G. Williamson
100	Port Louisa N.W.R.	05/07/05	E. Walters
97	Illinois Beach S.P.	05/18/94	A. Stokie
97	Siloam Springs S.P.	05/06/06	E. Walters
95	Dixon Waterfowl Refuge	08/25/05	D. Stotz
93	Illinois Beach S.P.	05/21/15	E. Walters
93	Morton Arboretum	05/10/96	E. Walters (in 2 hours)
91	Carlyle Lake	10/01/97	K. McMullen
91	Morton Arboretum	05/08/04	J. Chapman
90	Chicago's Lincoln Park	05/15/02	E. Walters
89	North Point Marina	05/11/16	E. Walters
89	Washington Co. C.A.	05/02/05	E. Walters
88	Jubilee College S.P.	05/06/17	E. Carlson
87	Nachusa Grasslands	05/08/06	E. Walters
84	Elsen's Hill	05/15/20	G. Perricone
83	Fermilab	05/18/13	G. Perricone
82	Clinton Lake	10/02/04	E. Walters
75	Illinois Beach S.P.	10/01/06	E. Walters
74	Fort Massac S.P.	05/09/15	E. Walters
73	Clinton Lake	10/07/00	D. Thomas
73	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	05/07/06	E. Walters
72	Clinton Lake	05/05/06	E. Walters
72	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	05/11/07	C. Taylor
72	Lincoln Trails S.P.	05/10/15	E. Walters
72	Olympia Fields Country Club	05/08/99	M. Hahn
70	Dixon Waterfowl Refuge	11/20/01	D. Stotz
67	Meredosia N.W.R.	09/02/06	E. Walters
67	Two Rivers N.W.R.	10/18/08	E. Walters
66	Clinton Lake (Radio Tower Access)	05/07/22	B. Colin
65	Chicago's Jackson Park	03/31/05	P. Clyne

64	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	05/05/07	C. Taylor
62	Plum Creek F.P. (Cook Co.)	06/24/02	E. Walters

Area Big Days

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Team Big Days

(the 95% Rule applies; 80 minimum)

127	Palos/Orland Forest Preserves	05/15/16	J. Lill, W. Serafin
124	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	05/19/97	J. Engel, E. Walters
121	Palos/Orland SBC Area	05/09/15	C. Hillegonds, W. Serafin
118	Palos/Orland SBC Area	05/01/12	C. Hillegonds, W. Serafin
118	Palos/Orland SBC Area	05/10/14	C. Hillegonds, W. Serafin, J. Skrentny
109	Evanston/Gillson Park	05/08/99	J. Engel, M. Sherer, E. Walters
104	Evanston/Gillson Park	05/02/20	J. Cvetas, M. Cvetas, F. Morel, I. O'Brien
104	Palos Forest Preserves/McGinnis	05/06/00	S. Friscia, W. Serafin
94	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	05/17/14	J. Anderson, J. Lill

Single Observer Big Days

(60 minimum)

110	Palisades Region	05/12/06	J. Chapman
109	DuPage County Forest Preserves	05/15/20	G. Perricone
108	Rollins Savanna Area	05/04/21	B. Schaefer
108	Rollins Savanna Area	05/06/23	B. Schaefer
104	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	05/08/97	E. Walters
103	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	09/09/98	D. Stotz
102	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	05/20/02	E. Walters
102	Evanston Lakefront/Canal	05/10/03	E. Walters
98	McGinnis Slough/Palos F.P.	05/23/98	W. Serafin
70	Evanston/Gillson Park	09/21/98	J. Engel

Local Patch Lists – 5MR and 7.5MR

Due to increased nationwide popularity we've added the 5MR (five-mile radius) version of the Local Patch lists. We plan to keep the 7.5MR version, too. Here are the rules: draw a circle 5 (and/or 7.5) miles in radius from your home. The resultant 10-mile wide (or 15-mile wide) circle is one's Local Patch. The 7.5 version is the same diameter used for Christmas Bird Counts. Any state-listed bird identified within your patch counts.

If a portion of a site falls within your count circle you may count anything from the site as long as a considerable portion (over 50% is a suggested guideline) falls within your circle. If only a small portion of a site lies within your circle, you should not count species from the entire site, only from the part that falls within your circle. If you need help defining the circles there are apps that can help.

Brady Colin submitted his first totals for all four lists. Chris Cochran & Tom Colin also submitted for the first time. Mike Madsen reached 300 for his 7.5MR list.

Patricia Andersen (+13 in her 5MR Life List) had the largest increase.

5MR Local Patch Life Lists

(150 minimum)

315	Matthew Cvetas
315	Eric Walters
286	<i>Andrew Aldrich</i>
272	<i>Eric Walters #1 (past residence; Cook)</i>
254	Chris Cochran
244	Eric Secker
229	Rich DeCoster
223	<i>Eric Walters #2 (past residence; DuPage)</i>
220	Amanda Tichacek
215	Sigrid Schmidt
211	Joe Lill
<u>202</u>	Brady Colin
196	Patricia Andersen
195	John P. Leonard
188	Jim Jarosz
173	Tamima Itani
161	Tom Colin

5MR Local Patch Big Years

(100 minimum)

(limited to a birder's top three years)

251	Matthew Cvetas	2022
229	<i>Andrew Aldrich</i>	2019
223	Matthew Cvetas	2018
218	Matthew Cvetas	2024
218	Eric Walters	2009
214	Eric Walters	2007
211	Chris Cochran	2022
211	Matthew Cvetas	2023
211	Chris Cochran	2024
187	Chris Cochran	2023
162	Tamima Itani	2019
153	Patricia Andersen	2023
153	Brady Colin	2020
149	Tamima Itani	2018
143	Patricia Andersen	2024
141	Brady Colin	2023
139	Joe Lill	2018
130	Joe Lill	2020
130	Joe Lill	2022
129	Dustin Holschuh	2019

128	Sigrid Schmidt	2021
116	Patricia Andersen	2022

7.5MR Local Patch Life Lists

(150 minimum)

321	Eric Walters
317	Matthew Cvetas
308	Rich DeCoster
300	Josh Engel
300	Mike Madsen
294	<i>Andrew Aldrich</i>
282	Jeff Chapman
282	Michelle Devlin
282	Amanda Tichacek
279	Urs Geiser
274	<i>Eric Walters #1 (past residence; Cook)</i>
272	Jeff Smith
267	Eric Secker
266	Joe Lill
263	<i>Glenn Perricone #1 (past residence)</i>
262	<i>Joan Norek</i>
257	Beau Schaefer
249	<i>Andy Gilbert #1 (past residence)</i>
243	Patricia Andersen
243	Jim Mountjoy
241	Evan Carlson
239	Andy Gilbert #2
234	Glenn Perricone #2
208	Tom Colin
204	Justin Wrinn
<u>203</u>	Brady Colin
187	Tamima Itani

7.5MR Local Patch Big Years

(100 minimum)

(limited to a birder's top three years)

253	Matthew Cvetas	2022
252	Colin Dobson	2015
236	Mike Madsen	2020
234	<i>Andrew Aldrich</i>	2019
232	Mike Madsen	2021
231	Matthew Cvetas	2017

230	Beau Schaefer	2015	197	Patricia Andersen	2023
229	Fran Morel	2015	196	Patricia Andersen	2022
226	Matthew Cvetas	2018	191	Patricia Andersen	2024
226	Beau Schaefer	2016	173	Evan Carlson	2016
225	<i>Andrew Aldrich</i>	2015	172	Glenn Perricone #2	2022
225	<i>Andrew Aldrich</i>	2017	170	Tamima Itani	2019
223	Mike Madsen	2019	168	Joe Lill	2020
223	Mike Madsen	2022	166	Jim Mountjoy	2023
218	Eric Walters	2009	157	Joe Lill	2022
215	<i>Glenn Perricone #1</i>	2020	155	Jim Mountjoy	2022
214	<i>Glenn Perricone #1</i>	2017	154	Brady Colin	2020
214	<i>Glenn Perricone #1</i>	2019	154	Tamima Itani	2018
214	Eric Walters	2007	152	Joe Lill	2018
204	Justin Wrinn	2015	151	Jim Mountjoy	2016
203	Michelle Devlin	2015	141	Brady Colin	2023
202	Glenn Perricone #2	2024			
198	Glenn Perricone #2	2023			
197	Eric Secker	2015			

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 that are not attached. However, in these cases the separate territories are described under the same political/legal name, so we 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 these definitions, a few commonly birded sites can now be defined in terms of their boundaries.

Chautauqua Region: Chautauqua N.W.R., Emiquon N.W.R., Banner Marsh, Quiver, Rice, Clear, Spring, Goose & Thompson Lakes, Sand Ridge S.F.

Chicago's Burnham Park starts from the 55th Street Promontory on the south, extends to McFetridge/Solidarity Drive on the north, and is east of Lake Shore Drive (taking in McCormick Place, Northerly Island and Burnham Harbor). Northerly Island is a popular enough location that it is also included as a separate site.

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 former power station that marks the state line.

Chicago's 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).

Chicago's 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).

Montrose is technically a subsite within Chicago's Lincoln Park. However, as one of the most popular birding locations in the Midwest, many birders keep a separate Montrose list. For listing purposes, the site is bounded by Lake Shore Drive on the west, Wilson Drive/Lawrence-Wilson Drive on the north (with a line extending the angle of Lawrence Ave. out to the beach or Lake Michigan), and the base of the western breakwater of Montrose Harbor on the south, with a line westward to Lake Shore Drive. The land area of the point, all of the beach, the fishhook pier, the northernmost end of the golf course (including the pond), the harbor, and the harbor breakwaters are considered to be part of the site, and all birds seen on Lake Michigan while the observer is within the site boundaries are countable.

Evanston Lakefront covers the whole Evanston lakefront east of Sheridan Road.

Great Lakes Naval Training Center covers the portion of the Center that is east of Sheridan 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).

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.

Illinois State Parks includes any State Park, State Natural Area (S.N.A.), State Fish & Wildlife Area (S.F.W.A.) and State Recreational Area (S.R.A.). State Forests and other IDNR properties are not included.

Navy Pier includes the Pier, Olive Park and the harbor and breakwaters around the pier.

N.F.W.R. = National Fish & Wildlife Refuge(s)

North Branch Forest Preserves is comprised of all the Cook County Forest Preserves adjoining the North Branch of the Chicago River. These stretch from LaBagh Woods in Chicago to the north end of the Botanic Garden (Lake-Cook Rd.), and include the preserves on the Skokie River, the Middle Fork and the West Fork.

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.

North Shore Channel: The Chicago section of the Channel is between Howard St. and the waterfall south of Foster Ave. 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..

Rollins (area) includes Rollins Savanna, Druce Lake, Third Lake and the segments of the Millennium Trail that directly connect to Rollins.

Two Rivers Region: Two Rivers N.W.R., Batchtown N.W.R., Gibert, Swan, Fuller, Upper & Lower Stump Lakes, Dabbs Road Marsh, Pere Marquette.

Waukegan Beach and Harbor are east of Pershing Road.

We welcome definitions of confusing sites/areas from around the state.

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