

# IOS Lister's Corner 2007

## Month Lists: Top Three & Regional Top Five

### All-time Illinois Big Months (top three per month)

A new December record was set this year by Eric Walters. He had planned out target birds ahead of time, but still found unexpected species, like Merlin and Blue-winged Teal, near his home. He thinks 140-150 could be achievable and, if he hadn't been out of state for the last five days, might have actually made it into that realm. He now holds the Big Month records for the seasons of spring, summer and winter. Will the fall season have a new record next year? Another great tally was Doug Stotz's Big March. He set the second highest total and it was done without the benefit of birding in Southern Illinois! Spring arrived at the end of March last year, so one wonders if the record would have fallen had Doug journeyed south on the last weekend. One last top three change is the third highest Big September that Eric achieved. He didn't plan on doing a Big Month, but he achieved that tally by being active in a variety of locations. This list has matured to the point that it is a challenge to achieve a top three tally. For those who don't have the time and energy to commit to a Big Year attempt, doing the shorter timeframe of a Big Month might provide some excitement.

**Key:** • = list submitted # = all-time record (updated 4/8/08; compiled by Eric Walters & Joe Lill)

		<b>January</b>					<b>July</b>	
130	T. Fink	1994	multi-region	195•	E. Walters	2004	multi-region	
126	T. Fink	1992	multi-region	167	E. Secker	2003	multi-region	
120	J. De Neal	1992	southern	166	E. Secker	2004	multi-region	
		<b>February</b>					<b>August</b>	
121	K. McMullen	2000	multi-region	195	D. Stotz	2005	multi-region	
106	E. Walters	2004	multi-region	166	E. Secker	2004	ne/Chautauqua	
99	C. Mowery Jr.	1995	southern	163	D. Stotz	1998	ne/east-central	
		<b>March</b>					<b>September</b>	
138	K. McMullen	2000	multi-region	198	D. Stotz	2004	multi-region	
133	D. Stotz	2007	central/northern	186	D. Stotz	1998	ne/east-central	
126	K. McMullen	1999	multi-region	182	E. Walters	2007	multi-region	
		<b>April</b>					<b>October</b>	
215	K. McMullen	2000	multi-region	181	E. Walters	1997	multi-region	
214	K. McMullen	1999	multi-region	179	D. Stotz	2006	multi-region	
212	J. Chapman	2006	multi-region	173	R. Seibert	1995	northeast	
		<b>May</b>					<b>November</b>	
234•#	E. Walters	2005	multi-region	144	D. Stotz	2006	multi-region	
228	E. Walters	1997	northeast	136	D. Stotz	2005	multi-region	
226	K. Richmond	1986	multi-region	130	A. Stokie	1997	northeast	
				130	K. McMullen	1997	multi-region	
		<b>June</b>					<b>December</b>	
191	D. Stotz	2001	multi-region					
179	D. Stotz	1999	multi-region	135•	E. Walters	2007	multi-region	
177	D. Stotz	2003	multi-region	128	D. Stotz	1998	multi-region	
				120	D. Stotz	2006	multi-region	

## Regional Big Months (top five per region)

A number of new regional records were set in 2007, helping to more clearly identify thresholds of tally possibilities. Big Month records were set by Doug Stotz for the March Northern category, Craig Taylor for April Southern, Frank Holmes (tied for first) for May Southern, Jim Mountjoy for July Central, and Eric Walters for December Northern, Southern and Multi-Region. Eric didn't try for a number of northern species that were present in December, so he feels that 125 is achievable with planning for that region. Other excellent totals from months/regions with established tallies: Eric Walters September Southern (2nd best), Craig Taylor's December Southern (3rd best by two species), and Doug Stotz's December Northern (3rd best).

				<b>January</b>						<b>Multi-Region</b>			
				<u>Southern</u>									
122	T. Fink	1992	southern	121	K. McMullen	2000							
120	J. De Neal	1992	southern	106	E. Walters	2004							
108	T. Fink	1991	southern	90	K. McMullen	1997							
104	J. DeNeal	1991	southern	87	D. Stotz	1998							
82	F. Holmes	2005	Madison Co.	85	K. McMullen	1999							
				<u>Central</u>						<b>March</b>			
107	R. Chapel	1995	central				<u>Southern</u>						
68	C. Taylor	2006	central	112	R. Danley	1990	southern						
				<u>Northern</u>			98	F. Holmes	2003	Madison Co.			
100	P. Sweet	2002	northern	22	C. Taylor	2000	southern						
100	A. Stokie	2002	northern				<u>Central</u>						
97	A. Stokie	1998	northern	85	J. Mountjoy	2005	central						
94	D. Stotz	2006	northern	79	C. Taylor	2006	Ford Co.						
88	J. Sanders	1970	northern				<u>Northern</u>						
				<u>Multi-Region</u>			129	D. Stotz	2007	northern			
130	T. Fink	1994		109	A. Stokie	1996	northern						
126	T. Fink	1992		108	D. Stotz	2004	northern						
117	K. McMullen	2000		106	A. Friend	2006	northern						
114	J. Sanders	1975		106	D. Stotz	2006	northern						
106	C. Litteken	2004		106	C. Taylor	2007	northern						
				<b>February</b>						<u>Multi-Region</u>			
				<u>Southern</u>			138	K. McMullen	2000				
99	C. Mowery Jr.	1995	southern	133	D. Stotz	2007							
90	F. Holmes	2007	Madison Co.	126	K. McMullen	1999							
83	F. Holmes	2004	Madison Co.	124	D. Stotz	1998							
31	C. Taylor	2007	southern	120	K. McMullen	1997							
				<u>Central</u>						<b>April</b>			
69	J. Mountjoy	2005	central				<u>Southern</u>						
55	C. Taylor	2007	central	181	C. Taylor	2007	southern						
				<u>Northern</u>			167	R. Danley	1993	southern			
91	D. Stotz	1999	northern	153	C. Taylor	2004	southern						
86	D. Stotz	2006	northern	153	C. Taylor	2005	southern						
85	D. Stotz	2002	northern	145	C. Taylor	2006	southern						
85	D. Stotz	2005	northern										
83	J. Sanders	1970	northern										

		<u>Central</u>				<u>Central</u>	
107	C. Taylor	2006	central	125	K. Richmond	1996	central
101	T. Edmonds	2005	central	110	J. Mountjoy	2007	central
				103	D. Stotz	2006	central
		<u>Northern</u>		65	C. Taylor	2005	central
188	E. Walters	1990	northeast				
170	D. Stotz	2004	northern			<u>Northern</u>	
159	J. Sanders	1972	northeast	173	D. Stotz	2001	northern
150	D. Stotz	2006	northern	163	D. Stotz	2005	northern
147	W. Serafin	1997	northeast	161	D. Stotz	2004	northern
				153	A. Stokie	1997	northern
		<u>Multi-Region</u>		144	J. Sanders	1973	northern
215	K. McMullen	2000					
214	K. McMullen	1999				<u>Multi-Region</u>	
212	J. Chapman	2006		191	D. Stotz	2001	
199	D. Stotz	1999		179	D. Stotz	1999	
199	C. Taylor	2006		177	D. Stotz	2003	
				169	D. Stotz	2005	
				164	D. Stotz	2004	
		<u>May</u>					
		<u>Southern</u>				<u>July</u>	
153	F. Holmes	2005	Madison Co.			<u>Southern</u>	
153	F. Holmes	2007	Madison Co.				
152	E. Walters	2004	southern	129	E. Walters	2004	southern
151	E. Walters	2005	southern	125	E. Secker	2003	southern
132	C. Taylor	2004	southern	116	F. Holmes	2002	Madison Co.
				107	R. Danley	1990	southern
		<u>Central</u>		91	F. Holmes	2001	southern
218	K. Richmond	1996	central				
215	K. Richmond	1994	central			<u>Central</u>	
195	J. Mountjoy	2006	central	138	J. Mountjoy	2007	central
189	E. Walters	2005	central	125	J. Mountjoy	2004	central
156	E. Walters	2006	central	106	E. Walters	2004	central
				96	C. Taylor	2006	central
		<u>Northern</u>					
228	E. Walters	1997	northeast			<u>Northern</u>	
217	D. Stotz	2004	northern	165	E. Walters	2004	northern
211	E. Walters	1996	northeast	159	D. Stotz	2005	northern
210	E. Walters	2006	northern	151	D. Stotz	2004	northern
204	A. Stokie	1995	northern	145	D. Stotz	2006	northern
				142	R. Seibert	1995	northeast
		<u>Multi-Region</u>					
234	E. Walters	2005				<u>Multi-Region</u>	
226	K. Richmond	1986		195	E. Walters	2004	
221	D. Stotz	2004		167	E. Secker	2003	
220	E. Walters	2006		166	E. Secker	2004	
219	D. Stotz	2001		163	D. Stotz	2004	
				163	D. Stotz	2005	
		<u>June</u>					
		<u>Southern</u>				<u>August</u>	
113	F. Holmes	2003	Madison Co.			<u>Southern</u>	
101	F. Holmes	2001	southern	137	R. Danley	1993	southern
101	C. Taylor	2003	southern	130	K. McMullen	1997	southern
89	C. Taylor	2001	southern	103	F. Holmes	2002	Madison Co.
				99	C. Taylor	1999	southern
				93	C. Taylor	2002	southern

		<u>Central</u>				<u>Northern</u>	
114	J. Mountjoy	2004	central	175	E. Walters	1997	northeast
111	C. Taylor	2007	central	173	R. Seibert	1995	northeast
				171	J. Sanders	1995	northeast
		<u>Northern</u>		171	D. Stotz	2006	northern
185	D. Stotz	2005	northern	167	A. Stokie	1995	northeast
158	E. Secker	2004	northeast				
155	D. Stotz	2007	northern			<u>Multi-Region</u>	
147	R. Seibert	1996	northern	181	E. Walters	1997	
146	D. Stotz	2002	northern	179	D. Stotz	2006	
				165	D. Irons	1996	
		<u>Multi-Region</u>		161	D. Stotz	2005	
195	D. Stotz	2005		157	K. McMullen	2000	
166	E. Secker	2004					
163	D. Stotz	1998				<u>November</u>	
160	K. McMullen	2000				<u>Southern</u>	
154	R. Seibert	1996		97	J. Chapman	2006	southern
				91	F. Holmes	2003	Madison Co.
		<u>September</u>		82	C. Taylor	2007	southern
		<u>Southern</u>					
155	R. Danley	1992	southern			<u>Central</u>	
143	E. Walters	2007	southern	102	J. Mountjoy	2007	central
137	F. Holmes	2006	Madison Co.	82	E. Walters	2004	central
86	C. Taylor	2002	southern	74	E. Walters	2005	central
				54	C. Taylor	2007	central
		<u>Central</u>					
174	K. Richmond	1996	central			<u>Northern</u>	
51	C. Taylor	2005	central	131	D. Stotz	2006	northern
				130	A. Stokie	1997	northeast
		<u>Northern</u>		127	D. Stotz	2005	northern
185	D. Stotz	2004	northern	124	A. Stokie	1995	northern
181	R. Fisher	1997	northeast	123	R. Seibert	1995	northern
180	J. Sanders	1964	northeast				
177	D. Stotz	2005	northern			<u>Multi-Region</u>	
175	R. Seibert	1995	northern	144	D. Stotz	2006	
				136	D. Stotz	2005	
		<u>Multi-Region</u>		130	K. McMullen	1997	
198	D. Stotz	2004		127	E. Walters	2007	
186	D. Stotz	1998		122	E. Walters	1995	
182	E. Walters	2007					
179	D. Irons	1996				<u>December</u>	
177	K. McMullen	2000				<u>Southern</u>	
				96	E. Walters	2007	southern
		<u>October</u>		95	J. Chapman	2006	southern
		<u>Southern</u>		94	C. Taylor	2007	southern
142	R. Danley	1993	southern	89	D. Miller	1995	southern
139	K. McMullen	1997	southern	84	F. Holmes	2006	Madison Co.
119	F. Holmes	2006	Madison Co.				
						<u>Central</u>	
		<u>Central</u>		107	D. Bohlen	2000	Sangamon Co.
134	E. Walters	2004	central	49	C. Taylor	2001	central
66	C. Taylor	2006	central				

Northern

115	E. Walters	2007	northern
114	D. Stotz	1998	northern
100	D. Stotz	2007	northern
96	E. Walters	2004	northern
95	D. Stotz	2006	northern

Multi-Region

135	E. Walters	2007
128	D. Stotz	1998
120	D. Stotz	2006
118	D. Stotz	2003
118	D. Stotz	2004
118	E. Walters	2004

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