

# IOS Lister's Corner 2007

## 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 2006 # = last updated pre-2006  
(updated 3/10/08; compiled by Eric Walters & Joe Lill)

### Total Illinois Counties List (Total Ticks)

A new leader emerged at the top of this list as Jeff Chapman passed Eric and Vern's tallies. Jeff's current total surged due to his accomplishment of being the first lister to record at least 100 species in every county. Congratulations to Jeff on his successful year! The next biggest jump was recorded by Tim Kuesel, who visited a variety of counties as he added over 1000 total county ticks during 2007. Also of note was Craig Taylor storming past the threshold of 5000 species.

<u>Total</u>	<u>Birder</u>	<u>Average per county</u>
13784	Jeff Chapman	135.1
13642	Eric Walters	133.7
12400	Vernon Kleen	121.6
<u>10868</u>	Doug Stotz	106.5
6990	Alan Stokie	68.5
6687	Keith McMullen#	65.6
6047	Tim Kuesel	59.3
5885	Jeffrey Sanders	57.7
5778	Darrell Shambaugh	56.6
5610	Craig Taylor	55.0
<u>5412</u>	Urs Geiser	53.1
4592	<i>Robert Chapel</i>	
4575	Kevin Richmond#	
4294	Bob Fisher	
3852	Geoffrey A. Williamson	
3802	Travis Mahan	
3793	Jim Mountjoy	
3749	Maury Brucker	
3564	Eric Secker	
3434	Karen Fisher	
2928	Thad Edmonds	
2803	Anthony Friend	
2302	Bill A. Bertrand	
2142	Joe Lill	
1065	Larry L. Hood*	
537	Wayne R. Wachholz#	

### Regional Total Ticks Life List (1000 minimum)

The same individual regional leaders stayed the same in 2007, but things became tighter in two of the regions. In the southern region, Jeff Chapman added almost 1000 total ticks to get within 40 species of Eric Walters' tally, an average of less than two species per county. The northern region had even less breathing room as Walters has Doug Stotz's total in sight, with only a total of 24 species ticks separating them, an average difference of about one species per northern county. Of special note is Chapman's central tally, which is the first regional total tick list to exceed 5000. Al Stokie appears on the northern list for the first time and immediately makes his mark by being the fourth highest lister in that region. It seems somewhat surprising that the top four listers in each region all reside in the northeast part of the state.

<u>northern</u>	
4463	Doug Stotz
4439	Eric Walters
<u>4018</u>	Jeff Chapman
3812	Alan Stokie
3273	Jeffrey Sanders
2695	Urs Geiser
<u>2565</u>	Tim Kuesel
1929	Geoff Williamson
1861	Craig Taylor
1754	Anthony Friend
1466	Joe Lill
1217	Jim Mountjoy
<u>central</u>	
5217	Jeff Chapman
<u>4615</u>	Eric Walters
3438	Doug Stotz
<u>2155</u>	Tim Kuesel
1885	Jim Mountjoy
1834	Craig Taylor
1547	Travis Mahan
1510	Jeffrey Sanders*
1468	Urs Geiser

	<b>southern</b>
4588	Eric Walters
4548	Jeff Chapman
<u>2967</u>	Doug Stotz
1915	Craig Taylor
1749	Travis Mahan
1327	Tim Kuesel
1249	Urs Geiser
1058	Geoff Williamson

<p align="center"><b>Total Illinois Counties Big Months</b> (Total Ticks Big Months - top five per month)</p>
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A total of seven new additions were submitted from 2007, although none were record setting. Tallies that appear to be substantial, and were the second best on record within their respective months, were Jeff Chapman's April, Doug Stotz's June and Eric Walters' September.

<p align="center"><b>Total Illinois Counties Big Years</b> (Total Ticks Big Years)</p>
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Annual tallies continue to be added by the three birders who are active in this category. Jeff Chapman had an excellent total tick year in 2007, amassing the third best Big Year ever. Eric Walters' tally was the seventh best on record. A quick look at the below data shows that exceeding 4500 total ticks in a year appears to be a challenging barrier.

9275	Jeff Chapman	2006
9064	Eric Walters	2004
7230	Jeff Chapman	2007
<u>5253</u>	Jeff Chapman	2005
4498	Doug Stotz	2006
4448	Eric Walters	2005
4380	Eric Walters	2007
4182	Doug Stotz	2004
3988	Doug Stotz	2005
3845	Doug Stotz	2001
3662	Doug Stotz	2007
3367	Jeff Chapman	2004
3267	Doug Stotz	1999
3255	Doug Stotz	2003

**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
398	Jeff Chapman	2006

**March**

1933	Jeff Chapman	2006
1072	Eric Walters	2004
962	Jeff Chapman	2007
739	Jeff Chapman	2005

**April**

3320	Jeff Chapman	2006
1896	Jeff Chapman	2007
1800	Eric Walters	2006
1565	Doug Stotz	1999
1396	Doug Stotz	2006

**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
1141	Jeff Chapman	2005

**July**

2340	Eric Walters	2004
1365	Doug Stotz	2005

**August**

1185	Doug Stotz	2005
553	Jeff Chapman	2007

<u>September</u>		
1550	Jeff Chapman	2006
1327	Eric Walters	2007
1127	Doug Stotz	2005

<u>October</u>		
2111	Eric Walters	2004
631	Eric Walters	2005
571	Jeff Chapman	2006

<u>November</u>		
1648	Jeff Chapman	2006
886	Doug Stotz	2005
707	Eric Walters	2004
533	Doug Stotz	2006
394	Eric Walters	2005

<u>December</u>		
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 five new total tick big days, but none more impressive than the record setting September effort by Doug Stotz. His June tally was only second best for that month, but represented the fifth best ever tally regardless of month! Eric Walters' January total was only a handful short of breaking that month's record.

**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
179	n.cent/e.cent	02/15/04	E. Walters
161	w.cent/northwest	02/07/04	E. Walters
152	central	02/23/06	J. Chapman

**March**

397	w.central	03/30/06	J. Chapman
336	central	03/19/04	E. Walters
278	e.central	03/27/04	E. Walters
276	w.central	03/31/06	J. Chapman
263	w.cent/northwest	03/10/07	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
414	northern/central	06/07/05	D. Stotz
392	northern/central	06/13/06	D. Stotz

**July**

489	multi-region	07/13/05	D. Stotz
301	northern/central	07/08/05	D. Stotz
300	multi-region	07/23/05	D. Stotz

**August**

347	northern	08/10/05	D. Stotz
306	northern	08/25/05	D. Stotz
300	northern	08/19/05	D. Stotz

**September**

345	northern	09/21/07	D. Stotz
320	w.central	09/18/04	E. Walters
280	w.central	09/12/06	J. Chapman
265	central	09/11/06	J. Chapman
201	northern	09/03/07	D. Stotz

**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
206	w.central	11/03/05	E. Walters
196	northern	11/15/06	D. Stotz
159	northern	11/26/05	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

## Regional Total Ticks Big Year

Of the five tallies submitted, the one that stands out is Doug Stotz setting a new northern regional record... by only three species! Jeff Chapman's southern region tally had substance and was close to his alltime record.

### **northern**

2549	Doug Stotz	2007
2546	Eric Walters	2004
2349	Doug Stotz	2005
2319	Jeff Chapman	2005
2276	Jeff Chapman	2006
2072	Jeff Chapman	2007

### **central**

3675	Jeff Chapman	2006
3380	Eric Walters	2004
2529	Jeff Chapman	2005
2164	Jeff Chapman	2007
1498	Eric Walters	2005

### **southern**

3324	Jeff Chapman	2006
3138	Eric Walters	2004
2994	Jeff Chapman	2007
1951	Eric Walters	2007
1456	Eric Walters	2005

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