

IOS Lister's Corner 2009

Historical Big Year List: All Illinois Big Years over 250 Species

As mentioned in another section, 2009 was the greatest Big Year in Illinois history. Another metric that demonstrates this fact can be found by taking the average tallies of the top 10 birders. In the five years from 2003-2007, this average was 295, 304, 291, 281 and 291. Last year we were amazed at the Big Year birders' success as the top 10 average was a record 311, only the second time it averaged over 300. But all of the above pale in comparison to this year's top 10 average of 317 species! Amazingly, the average of the top 25 birders' tallies from this year still exceeds 300!

Key: += Cackling Goose added to total (pre-2004)

(updated 3/1/10; compiled by Eric Walters & Joe Lill)

2009

330 Keith McMullen
 330 Pete Moxon
 325 Bob Fisher
 322 Jeff Skrentny
 317 Michael Baum
 312 Jeff Smith
 311 Mike Madsen
 309 Jeffrey Sanders
 306 Karen Fisher
 305 Rob Erickson
 305 Greg Neise
305 Eric Walters
 297 Craig Taylor
 295 Alan Stokie
 294 David B. Johnson
 294 Tim Kuesel
 289 Douglas Stotz
 285 Dan Williams
 280 Joe Lill
 280 Jim Mountjoy
 277 Thad Edmonds
 274 Beau Schaefer
 265 Eric Secker
 263 Urs Geiser
 263 Geoffrey A. Williamson
 261 John McKee
 258 Darrell Shambaugh
 257 Maury Brucker
 255 Matthew Cvetas
 255 Travis Mahan
 255 Brian C. Smith
 252 Ted Hartzler
 251 Jeff Sundberg

2008

320 Andy Sigler
 318 Dan Kassebaum
 318 Mark Seiffert
 317 Bruce Heimer
 311 Keith McMullen
 306 Jeffrey Sanders
 305 Craig Taylor
300 Bob Fisher
 299 Jeff Smith

297 Tim L. Kuesel
 297 Mike Madsen
 293 Joe Lill
 293 Eric Walters
 291 Michael Baum
 290 Karen Fisher
 286 Dan Williams
 283 Paul Doughty
 282 Alan Stokie
 279 Douglas Stotz
 278 Greg Neise
 274 Jeff Chapman
 271 Thad Edmonds
 270 Travis Mahan
 268 Jim Mountjoy
 264 Geoffrey A. Williamson
 260 Jeff Sundberg
 258 David B. Johnson
 258 Jeff Skrentny
 253 Eric Secker
 250 Darrell Shambaugh

2007

318 Keith McMullen
308 Dan Kassebaum
 293 Andy Sigler
 292 Eric Walters
 286 Bruce Heimer
 284 Travis Mahan
 282 Jeffrey Sanders
 281 Dan Williams
 281 Geoffrey A. Williamson
 280 Craig Taylor
 279 Mike Madsen
 279 Alan Stokie
 278 Bob Fisher
 271 Douglas Stotz
 270 Jeff Chapman
 267 Tim L. Kuesel
 263 Jeff Skrentny
 262 Karen Fisher
 257 Darrell Shambaugh
 257 Christine Williamson
 256 John McKee
 256 Jim Mountjoy

251 Urs Geiser

2006

303 Keith McMullen
 290 Dan Kassebaum
 287 Jeffrey Sanders
 283 Alan Stokie
 283 Douglas Stotz
 278 Bob Fisher
 275 Eric Walters
 270 Jeff Chapman
 270 Mike Madsen
 270 Travis Mahan
 267 Dan Williams
 265 Geoffrey A. Williamson
 264 Karen Fisher
 262 Jim Mountjoy
 256 Jeff Sundberg
 251 John McKee

2005

309 Alan Stokie
 302 Keith McMullen
 302 Jeffrey Sanders
301 Mike Madsen
 294 Dan Kassebaum
 290 Dan Williams
 286 Douglas Stotz
 280 Travis Mahan
 277 Eric Secker
 268 Bob Fisher
 264 Karen Fisher
 264 Anthony Friend
 262 Eric Walters
 259 Geoffrey A. Williamson
 254 John McKee
 254 Craig Taylor
 250 Thad Edmonds
 250 Tim L. Kuesel

2004

322 Bob Fisher
 316 Karen Fisher
 314 Keith McMullen
 310 Alan Stokie

302 Eric Secker
299 Dan Kassebaum
297 Travis Mahan
295 Eric Walters
294 Jeffrey Sanders
289 Mike Madsen
286 Dan Williams
280 Douglas Stotz
273 Scott Cohrs
268 Jon J. Duerr
266 Urs Geiser
265 John McKee
262 Craig Taylor
259 Geoffrey A. Williamson
254 Jim Mountjoy
251 Thad Edmonds
251 Tim L. Kuesel
251 Jeff Sundberg

2003

314 Alan Stokie+
309 Travis Mahan+
305 Dan Kassebaum
301 Keith McMullen
297 Myrna Deaton
291 Paul Sweet
288 Eric Secker
284 Mike Madsen
280 Wes Serafin
280 Dan Williams
274 Douglas Stotz
270 Jeff Sanders
269 Geoffrey A. Williamson
268 Cynthia McKee
265 John McKee
258 Bob Fisher
258 Eric Walters
255 Jeff Chapman
252 Cindy Alberico
252 Tim L. Kuesel
251 Karen Fisher
251 Craig Taylor
250 Jeff Sundberg

2002

300 Keith McMullen+
285 Dan Kassebaum
277 Alan Stokie
268 Dan Williams
265 Douglas Stotz
260 Jeffrey Sanders
254 Cindy McKee
254 Eric Secker
254 Craig Taylor
253 Bob Fisher
252 John McKee
251 Tim L. Kuesel

2001

306 Robert Chapel+
303 Keith McMullen
283 Dan Kassebaum
279 Douglas Stotz
274 Jeffrey Sanders
272 Alan Stokie
262 Dennis Lane
256 Geoffrey A. Williamson
253 Donald R. Dann
250 Jeff Chapman

2000

315 Robert Chapel
306 Keith McMullen
304 Dan Kassebaum
290 Frank Bennett
281 Alan Stokie
266 Dan Williams
264 Dorothy Jackson
264 Geoffrey A. Williamson
263 Urs Geiser
263 Darrell Shambaugh+
262 Carolyn Fields
262 Dennis Lane
260 Douglas Stotz
259 Bob Fisher
256 Alice Gregory
256 Jeffrey Sanders
254 Christine Williamson
253 Tim L. Kuesel
252 Cindy McKee
251 Karen Fisher

1999

309 Michael Retter+
306 Robert Chapel
306 Adam Reyburn
300 Keith McMullen
300 Alan Stokie
279 Geoffrey A. Williamson
279 Jeffrey Sanders
275 Douglas Stotz
274 Dan Kassebaum
259 John McDaniel
259 Frank Bennett
255 Wes Serafin
253 Cynthia McKee
253 John McKee
252 Mike Madsen
251 Christine Williamson

1998

309 Robert Chapel
297 Michael Retter+
287 Todd Dilley
286 Dan Kassebaum
283 Josh Engel
282 Douglas Stotz

276 Frank Bennett
274 Cindy McKee
273 Urs Geiser
273 Keith McMullen
273 Alan Stokie
272 John McKee
272 Justin Rink
271 Jonathan Simms
264 Geoffrey A. Williamson
263 Wes Serafin
262 Rhonda Rothrock
262 Jeffrey Sanders
261 Wes Serafin
260 Eric Walters
258 Sue Friscia
257 Cindy Alberico
257 Dan Williams
256 Mike Madsen
256 Richard Messenger
255 Dennis Lane

1997

303 Robert Chapel
298 Keith McMullen
296 Dan Kassebaum
276 Alan Stokie
274 Eric Walters+
268 Jeffrey Sanders
259 Vernon Kleen
259 Wes Serafin
257 Ron Flemal
256 Cindy McKee
256 John McKee
255 Cindy Alberico
254 Douglas Stotz
253 Bob Fisher
251 Louise Augustine
251 Michael Retter+

1996

316 Robert Chapel
309 Dan Kassebaum
292 Myrna Deaton
292 Rick Seibert
289 Eric Walters+
274 Alan Stokie
271 Michael Ward
268 Keith McMullen
267 Dave Irons
264 Jeffrey Sanders
263 Jeff Walk
260 Geoffrey A. Williamson
259 Josh Engel
258 Vernon Kleen
258 Jack Van Benthysen
257 Christine Williamson
256 Louise Augustine
256 Bob Fisher
256 David B. Johnson

255 Robert Erickson
253 Michael Hogg
252 Frank Bennett
251 Renee Baade

1995

305 Robert Chapel
287 Dan Kassebaum
284 Jeffrey Sanders
281 Alan Stokie
280 Rick Seibert
274 Louise Augustine
251 Eric Walters
250 Geoffrey A. Williamson

1994

301 Todd Fink
300 Myrna Deaton
294 Dan Kassebaum
291 Louise Augustine
290 H. David Bohlen
281 Judy DeNeal
263 Cynthia McKee
261 John McKee
258 Cindy Alberico
255 Jeffrey Sanders
253 Geoffrey A. Williamson
250 Alan Stokie

1993

295 Todd Fink
294 Myrna Deaton
291 Richard D. Palmer
290 Louise Augustine
270 Robert Danley
270 Alan Stokie
267 Judy DeNeal
262 Sue Friscia
260 John McKee
257 Jeffrey Sanders
256 Cynthia McKee
254 Dan Kassebaum

1992

289 Robert Chapel+
284 Louise Augustine
284 Myrna Deaton
280 H. David Bohlen
279 Dan Kassebaum
277 Richard D. Palmer
273 Sue Friscia
270 Alan Stokie
269 Cindy Alberico
259 Cynthia Watkins
258 Wes Serafin
253 John McKee
252 Steve Bailey
251 Jeffrey Sanders
250 Geoffrey A. Williamson

1991

298 Robert Chapel+
289 Myrna Deaton+
282 Richard Palmer
271 Louise Augustine
271 Sue Friscia
268 Cynthia Watkins
267 Dan Kassebaum
266 Jeffrey Sanders
266 Eric Walters
265 Wes Serafin
258 Cindy Alberico
251 John McKee

1990

309 Eric Walters+
295 Louise Augustine
295 Myrna Deaton
294 Robert Chapel
290 Richard D. Palmer
286 Alan Stokie
274 H. David Bohlen
271 Steve Bailey
267 Douglas Robinson
263 Robert Danley
260 Jeffrey Brosdal
258 David B. Johnson
255 Jeffrey Sanders
253 Michael J. Baum

1989

302 Eric Walters
296 Robert Chapel+
295 Alan Stokie
294 Louise Augustine
288 Myrna Deaton
282 Richard D. Palmer
280 Kevin Richmond
261 Steve Bailey
258 Robert Danley
256 Michael J. Baum
256 Douglas Robinson
254 Daniel Williams
252 Jeffrey Sanders

1988

302 Louise Augustine
301 Myrna Deaton
299 Richard D. Palmer
290 Robert Chapel
287 Alan Stokie
285 Kevin Richmond
270 Steve Bailey
263 Eric Walters
258 Douglas Robinson
254 Jeffrey Sanders

1987

290 Alan Stokie
280 Robert Chapel
278 Myrna Deaton
277 Richard Palmer
265 Michael J. Baum
256 Jeffrey Sanders
255 Douglas Robinson
253 Eric Walters
252 Steve Bailey

1986

314 Kevin Richmond
310 Louise Augustine
285 Richard Palmer
282 Myrna Deaton
280 Douglas Robinson
279 Alan Stokie
276 Robert Chapel
268 Jeffrey Sanders
264 Ronald Goetz
259 Steven D. Bailey
255 Michael J. Baum
252 Virginia Humphreys

1985

305 Kevin Richmond

1984

273 Mary Biss
267 Jeffery Sanders

1983

307 Tom Pucelik
263 Jeffery Sanders

1982

291 Tom Pucelik
263 Robert Chapel
262 Jeffrey Sanders

1981

(no +250 totals yet found)

1980

261 Richard Biss
250 Jeffrey Sanders

1979

264 Jeffrey Sanders
256 Richard Biss

1978

308 Richard Biss
295 Homer Eshbaugh
292 David B. Johnson

1977

260 Steven Mlodinow
258 Jeffrey Sanders
252 Michael Mlodinow

1976

(no +250 totals yet found)

1975

(no totals reported to ABA)

1974

281 Richard Sandburg
275 Jeffrey Sanders
266 Vernon M. Kleen
251 Robert Q. Randall

1973

270 Robert Q. Randall
267 Vernon M. Kleen

1972

286 H. David Bohlen
266 Robert Q. Randall
254 Betty Shaw
254 Harry A. Shaw

1971

290 Larry Balch
282 H. David Bohlen
277 Jeffrey Sanders
274 Charles C. Clark
250 Pat M. Ward

1970 and earlier

(no +250 totals yet found)