

IOS Lister's Corner 2009

Miscellaneous Lists: The Kitchen Sink

Key: * = last updated 2008 # = last updated pre-2008 • = list submitted
(updated 5/28/10; compiled by Eric Walters & Joe Lill)

Most Counties with 250+ Species

With all the birding time needed to move up in this list, sometimes taking a decade in a county to get past 250, it's quite noteworthy to report on Mike Madsen's jump into a first place tie after he passed this threshold in two counties during 2009! Eric Secker's tally is new to this list, and Travis Mahan was the only other person to add another 250+ county during the past year.

(3 minimum)

5	Louise Augustine
5	Mike Madsen
4	Michael Baum
4	Robert Chapel
4	Leroy Harrison
4	Travis Mahan
4	Kevin Richmond
4	Jeff Sanders
3	Steve Bailey
3	Todd Fink
3	Richard D. Palmer
3	Robert Q. Randall
3	Eric Secker
3	Alan Stokie
3	Eric Walters
3	Dan Williams

Most Counties with 200+ Species

Amazingly, this list was the most active among the three in this 'category' with 11 birders on this list showing increases. Alan Stokie highlights this year's changes by moving into the top spot after moving his De Kalb County list over this threshold. Doug Stotz had the largest upward move after his 2009 efforts led to three of his county tallies eclipsing this barrier. Both Eric Secker and Darrell Shambaugh join this list for the first time.

(5 minimum)

13	Alan Stokie
12	Keith McMullen
12	Vernon Kleen
12	Doug Stotz
12	Eric Walters
11	Jeff Sanders
10	Robert Chapel
8	Steve Bailey
8	Michael Baum
8	Jeff Chapman
8	Todd Fink
8	Leroy Harrison

8	Mike Madsen
7	Doug Robinson
7	Dan Williams
6	Maury Brucker
6	Richard D. Palmer
6	Kevin Richmond
6	Bob Shelby
5	Louise Augustine
5	Eric Secker
5	Darrell Shambaugh

Most Counties with 150+ Species

Ten birders reported increases in their county tallies exceeding 150 species, highlighted by an increase of 8 counties for Leroy Harrison. The highest newcomer to this list is Michael Baum, with his statewide birding last year contributing to 14 of his counties passing 150+. Thad Edmonds, Jim Mountjoy and Bob Shelby are also newcomers to this growing list.

(10 minimum)

47	Eric Walters
36	Jeff Chapman
33	Doug Stotz
27	Vernon Kleen
18	Leroy Harrison
18	Keith McMullen
18	Dan Williams
17	Jeff Sanders
17	Alan Stokie
16	Kevin Richmond
14	Michael Baum
14	Richard Palmer
13	Darrell Shambaugh
13	Craig Taylor
12	Robert Chapel
12	Tim Kuesel
12	Mike Madsen
11	Thad Edmonds
10	Jim Mountjoy
10	Doug Robinson
10	Bob Shelby

Spring Bird Count - Life Lists

Six birders added to their lists this year, ranging from between 1-4 species. With only a 100 species minimum to get on this list, one would think there is room for many newcomers next year.

(100 minimum)

232	Eric Walters
222	Michael Baum (all in Knox Co.)
215	Travis Mahan
207	Doug Stotz
<u>203*</u>	Frank Holmes (all in Madison Co.)
196#	Jim Solum
188#	Jeff Sanders
183*	Bill A. Bertrand
179	Geoff Williamson (all in Cook Co.)
176	Darrell Shambaugh (all in DeKalb Co.)
158*	Jeff Chapman (all in Du Page Co.)
158	Craig Taylor
156	Mike Madsen (all in Du Page Co.)
<u>150#</u>	Karen & Ted Forcum
133#	Eric Secker
121#	Larry L. Hood

Christmas Bird Count - Life Lists

Five birders increased their lists in 2009, highlighted by the increase of four on Craig Taylor's list. In contrast to the SBC Life List, there are many more counts spanning a couple weeks, which should make it easier to grow your tally. On the flip side, there's on average about 45% fewer species around. A birder can reach 100 species in their region, although it might take a decade to do it. A quicker way to breach 100 is to participate on a deep Southern Illinois count, where you can easily get a few species that would be considered challenging to find up north.

161#	Vernon Kleen
<u>157*</u>	Steve Bailey
142#	Jeff Sanders
142	Eric Walters
141*	David B. Johnson
130*	Rhonda Rothrock
129	Doug Stotz
128	Travis Mahan
<u>127</u>	Craig Taylor
118	Geoff Williamson
117*	Jeff Chapman
112	Michael Baum
112*	Frank Holmes (all on Collinsville CBC)
108*	Jeff Smith
<u>100</u>	Darrell Shambaugh
99*	Joe Suchecki
92	Mike Madsen
81*	Bill A. Bertrand
71#	Jim Solum
65#	Larry L. Hood

IOS Field Trips - Life Lists

This is a first-time list where a birder counts all the species they find while participating on an IOS field trip. This year's list starts with only one birder, but Craig Taylor's 268 is a remarkably high kickoff to this list. (100 minimum)

268	Craig Taylor
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Buddy List

No sooner was the Augustine-Richmond tally highlighted last year as the standard bearer for this list that a new pair of 'buddies' has eclipsed their mark. The Fishers report for the first time with an amazing 371 Illinois species seen together, a tally that most birders don't have by themselves! Kuesel-Taylor added 17 species, enough to move them into the third position, just a species ahead of the Harrison-Shelby team, which added 11 species. Sanders-Stokie report for the first time and their 316 comes in as the fifth highest on the overall list. The next highest tally among the new 'buddies' was that of the Neise-Skrentny team, which started birding together on March 23rd and ended the year with 298 species! The Anderson-Anzia team added an impressive 37 species in 2009, the most of any returning buddy team.

(150 minimum)

369	Bob Fisher & Karen Fisher •
363	Louise Augustine & Kevin Richmond •
323	Tim Kuesel & Craig Taylor
322	Leroy Harrison & Bob Shelby
316	Jeff Sanders & Al Stokie
307	Dan Kassebaum & Travis Mahan
305	Michael Baum & Kevin Richmond
298	Greg Neise & Jeff Skrentny
294	Ira Sanders & Jeff Sanders
277	Josh Engel & Eric Walters
275	Joe Lill & Jeff Sundberg
265	Michael Baum & Jim Mountjoy
263	Toby Brown & Eric Walters
262	Wes Serafin & Eric Walters
260	Jill Anderson & Walter Marcisz
258	Rena Cohen & Jeff Sanders
258	Caitlin Lill & Joe Lill
254	Jill Anderson & Dan Anzia
227	Joe Lill & Jeff Sanders
219	Mark Agnor & Joe Lill
217	Michael Baum & Andy Sigler
214	Bonnie Duman & Jeff Sanders
201	Matthew Cvetas & Jeff Thomas
198	Matthew Cvetas & Fran Morel
187	Mike Kustka & Craig Taylor
177	Jill Anderson & Jeff Sundberg
168	Alan Anderson & Jill Anderson
167	Jill Anderson & Jeff Sanders
163	Jill Anderson & Doris Johanson

Regional Big Years

It was a record-breaking year for those doing an Illinois Big Year, so perhaps it's not surprising that one of the oldest listing records, the Northern Illinois Big Year, was also broken in 2009. Eric Walters sets a new standard for this list with his 295, breaking the 19-year-old record of 286. Only one species separated him from Alan Stokie's 294, which also exceeded the old record by more than 3%. Also noteworthy are Mike Madsen and Doug Stotz's tallies, which currently stands as the fourth and fifth best annual tallies in the northern region. Another record fell in 2009, this time in the central region, when Jim Mountjoy passes last year's record-breaking tally by two species. With the central region so large and with the other two regions showing 290+ potential, one would think the central might see additional future top tallies in the years to come. (200 minimum)

northern

295	Eric Walters	2009	northern
294	Alan Stokie	2009	northern
286	Eric Walters	1990	northeast
285	Mike Madsen	2009	northern
283	Doug Stotz	2009	northern
282	Alan Stokie	2008	northern
280	Mike Madsen	2008	northern
280	Greg Neise	2009	northern
279	Eric Walters	2007	northern
278	Doug Stotz	2005	northern
277	Doug Stotz	2008	northern
273	Doug Stotz	1998	northern
273	Eric Secker	2008	northeast
271	Eric Walters	1997	northeast
271	Joe Lill	2008	northern
270	Doug Stotz	2007	northern
269	Eric Walters	2008	northern
268	Eric Walters	1991	northeast
267	Eric Walters	2006	northern
266	Scott Cohrs	2008	northern
265	Eric Walters	1988	northeast
264	Robert Hughes	1996	Cook Co.
264	Joe Lill	2009	northern
263	Eric Walters	1989	northeast
260	Sue Friscia	1992	Cook Co.
260	Wes Serafin	2003	Cook Co.
258	Scott Cohrs	2004	northern
256	Craig Taylor	2008	northern
241	Anthony Friend	2005	northern
234	Craig Taylor	2009	northern
232	Craig Taylor	2007	northern
230	Eric Walters	2005	northern
204	Craig Taylor	2004	northern

central

266	Jim Mountjoy	2009	central
264	Michael Baum	2008	central
247	Jim Mountjoy	2008	central

236	Michael Baum	2006	Knox Co.
235	Jim Mountjoy	2007	central
232	Eric Walters	2008	central
224	Craig Taylor	2009	central
215	Eric Walters	2005	central

southern

306	Dan Kassebaum	2008	southern
301	Dan Kassebaum	2007	southern
246	Eric Walters	2008	southern
228	Craig Taylor	2008	southern
225	Craig Taylor	2007	southern
222	Craig Taylor	2009	southern
203	Craig Taylor	2004	southern

Early Dates (top five)

The highlight of these lists is the new record set in the 'earliest to 300,' where four birders reached the magic number far earlier than ever before. Pete Moxon reached 300 on May 30th, when he added Brown Pelican, Western Kingbird and Yellow-crowned Night-Heron. Both Mike Baum and Craig Taylor achieved the second quickest to 250 species when they hit that mark on May 8th. Next year we'll expand this list to include the top 10 for each species threshold.

EARLIEST DATE: 100 SPECIES IDENTIFIED

01/04/98	H. David Bohlen
01/04/04	Keith McMullen
01/29/00	Frank Bennett
01/29/00	Dan Kassebaum
01/29/00	Keith McMullen

EARLIEST DATE: 200 SPECIES IDENTIFIED

04/17/04	Keith McMullen
04/18/08	Keith McMullen
04/22/09	Craig Taylor
04/23/08	Craig Taylor
04/24/99	Doug Stotz
04/24/04	Travis Mahan

EARLIEST DATE: 250 SPECIES IDENTIFIED

05/03/08	Keith McMullen
05/08/09	Craig Taylor
05/08/09	Michael Baum
05/12/08	Eric Walters
05/13/90	Eric Walters

EARLIEST DATE: 300 SPECIES IDENTIFIED

05/30/09	Pete Moxon
07/09/09	Michael Baum
07/18/09	Bob Fisher
07/30/09	Keith McMullen
08/15/00	Bob Chapel (mid-August)

Big Green Life List

Another addition to the 2009 Lister's Corner is the environmentally-friendly Big Green section. The rules are simple: you can count all species identified via carbon-neutral methods such as walking, cycling, canoeing, skiing, and even snowshoeing! (100 minimum)

190 Bernie Sloan
139 Jeff Sundberg

Big Green Big Year (BIGBY)

(50 minimum)

120 Jeff Sundberg

City Life List

The various totals below did not grow much last year. The highest new addition is Matthew Cvetas' Evanston 194 tally. Of the tallies over 250 species, Joe Lill's addition of five in Chicago was the largest city life list increase. Both Eric Walters' Zion (+11) and Jim Mountjoy's Galesburg (+10) had the largest city increases, helping each pass the 200 species mark. (150 minimum)

326	Chicago	Jeff Sanders
311	Chicago	Eric Walters
307	Chicago	Alan Stokie
304	Chicago	Greg Neise
304	Chicago	Geoff Williamson
296	Chicago	Doug Stotz
290	Chicago	Joe Lill
283	Evanston	Eric Walters
281	Chicago	Ken Wysocki
269	Chicago	David K. Antieau
267	Chicago	Tom Lally
257	Chicago	Tom Schulenberg
257	Wilmette	Eric Walters
252	Evanston	Josh Engel
250	Peoria	Kevin Richmond
247	Chicago	Craig Taylor
231	Naperville	Joe Suchecki
229	Chicago	Jeff Chapman
210	Lake Forest	Roy Peterson
205	Winnetka	Jeff Sanders
203	Zion	Eric Walters
200	Galesburg	Jim Mountjoy
194	Evanston	Matthew Cvetas
186	Arlington Heights	Joan Bruchman
182	Chicago	Cyndi Lubecke
171	Evanston	Jeff Sanders
171	Glencoe	Jeff Sanders
164	Waukegan	Jeff Sanders
152	De Kalb	Jeff Sanders
151	Zion	Jeff Sanders
150	Morton	Kevin Richmond

City Big Days

Surprisingly, no new reports have been submitted in over four years. It also seems surprising that Rockford and Springfield are not listed, as both cities have ample variety of habitat to support a day tally of 100 or more.

(100 species minimum)

124	Chicago	05/19/97	J. Engel, E. Walters
113	Chicago	05/09/96	P. Clyne
112	Chicago	05/04/00	S. Carpenter, P. Clyne
109	Chicago	05/19/05	D. Stotz
108	Chicago	05/09/89	S. Suter
108	Evanston	05/08/99	J. Engel, E. Walters
107	Chicago	05/10/96	K. Hirabayashi
106	Chicago	05/18/08	S. Huggins, G. Neise & (Lincoln Park) K. Wysocki
104	Chicago	05/08/97	E. Walters
102	Chicago	05/20/94	W. Serafin
102	Chicago	05/20/02	E. Walters
102	Evanston	05/10/03	E. Walters

Updates & corrections?

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