

IOS Lister's Corner 2009

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

Site Life Lists

Geoff Williamson's additions during his Lincoln Park bird walks helped propel him to the third highest 'Lake Michigan Ecosystem' Site Life List. Movement at the top of some of these site lists is fairly rare. Mike Baum reports his Knox County Oak Run location for the first time and it starts above the challenging 250 level. Doug Stotz reached this excellent level during 2009 at the Chicago lakefront's Burnham Park site.

The Forcums' addition of seven at Lake Shelbyville was the most for any 200+ site. Eric Walters' +23 at Northpoint Marina and Craig Taylor's +16 at Carlyle Lake were the largest site increases of tallies under 200. Walters' Palos Forest Preserve and Darrell Shambaugh's Illinois & Michigan Canal lists exceeded 200 life species during the past year. Among new submissions, Matthew Cvetas' Evanston/Gillson Park area list starts at a healthy 197 species.

Key: # = last updated prior to 2008 * = last updated in 2008

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

(updated 2/21/10; compiled by Eric Walters & Joe Lill)

Lake Michigan Ecosystem (east of I-94/US 41)

(Large and Medium Sites only; 150 minimum)

300#	Chicago's Lincoln Park	R. Hughes	188	Lake Calumet	E. Walters
291	Chicago's Lincoln Park	G. Neise	187#	Illinois Beach State Park	J. McDaniel
290	Chicago's Lincoln Park	G. Williamson	186*	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Chapman
286#	Chicago's Jackson Park	P. Clyne	186	Skokie Lagoons	E. Walters
284	Illinois Beach State Park	A. Stokie	184*	Chicago's Jackson Park	S. Friscia
280#	Chicago's Lincoln Park	K. Hirabayashi	184#	Wadsworth Wetlands	A. Stokie
279	Illinois Beach State Park	E. Walters	178#	Chicago's Jackson Park	A. Stokie
278*	Chicago's Lincoln Park	L. Muñoz	174*	Illinois Beach State Park	J. Chapman
277#	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Sanders	173	Chicago's Jackson Park	E. Walters
277	Chicago's Lincoln Park	E. Walters	173#	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Chapman
276	Illinois Beach State Park	R. Erickson	171	Chicago's Burnham Park	E. Walters
276#	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Purcell	169	Chicago's Lincoln Park	C. Taylor
262#	Chicago's Lincoln Park	D. Antieau	167#	Wadsworth Wetlands	J. Sanders
262	Chicago's Lincoln Park	A. Meloy			
258*	Chicago's Lincoln Park	T. Kelly		Large (greater than 3 sq. miles/1920 acres)	
256	Chicago's Lincoln Park	<i>W. Dreuth</i>		(150 minimum)	
253#	Chicago's Jackson Park	D. Anderson	332*	Carlyle Lake	D. Kassebaum
<u>250</u>	Chicago's Burnham Park	D. Stotz	325*	Chautauqua N.W.R.	K. Richmond
245#	Chicago's Lincoln Park	A. Stokie	299*	Carlyle Lake	K. McMullen
244	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Lill	292*	Carlyle Lake	M. Seiffert
243	Waukegan Beach-Harbor	E. Walters	290*	Rice Lake C.A.	K. Richmond
238#	Chicago's Jackson Park	S. Carpenter	289	Horseshoe Lake C.A.	F. Holmes
237	Chicago's Lincoln Park	K. Fisher	270*	Fermilab	P. Kasper
237	Chicago's Lincoln Park	B. Heimer	259#	Carlyle Lake	T. Mahan
236	Chicago's Lincoln Park	B. Fisher	257#	Mermet Lake C.A.	F. Bennett
234	Chicago's Lincoln Park	T. Lally	253	Oak Run (Knox Co.)	M. Baum
232	Illinois Beach State Park	<i>S. Hickman</i>	<u>250#</u>	Sanganois C.A.	K. Richmond
224	Wolf L.-Eggers Forest Pres.	D. Stotz	245#	Spring Lake C.A.	K. Richmond
222	Waukegan Beach-Harbor	A. Stokie	244	Hennepin & Hopper Lakes	D. Stotz
218#	Skokie Lagoons	J. Sanders	242*	Rock Cut State Park	D. Williams
207#	Waukegan Beach-Harbor	J. Solum	237#	Union County C.A.	V. Kleen
199#	Chicago's Jackson Park	J. Sanders	236#	Prairie Ridge S.N.A.	J. Walk
199	Chicago's Lincoln Park	M. Cvetas	228#	Rock Cut State Park	J. Donaldson
195#	Wadsworth Wetlands	S. Hickman	227	Lake Shelbyville	T. & K. Forcum
195	Lake Calumet	D. Stotz	221*	Horseshoe Lake C.A.	K. McMullen
193#	Chicago's Jackson Park	K. Hanson	214	Carlyle Lake	E. Walters
191	Lake Forest Nature Preserves	R. Peterson	214	Fermilab	E. Secker
			212	Fermilab	U. Geiser
			210	Fermilab	B. Fisher

210#	Rock Cut State Park	B. Grover	185	Morton Arboretum	J. Chapman
210#	Sand Ridge S.F.	K. Richmond	185#	Sand Lake	K. Richmond
208	Waterfall Glen Forest Pres.	B. Fisher	183	Morton Arboretum	E. Secker
206#	Crab Orchard N.W.R.	L. Wright	182*	Greene Valley Forest Pres.	J. Chapman
206#	Starved Rock State Park	C. McKee	182	Morton Arboretum	R. Wason
205	Fermilab	K. Fisher	180	Afton Forest Preserve	D. Shambaugh
203	Fermilab	E. Walters	175	McGinnis Slough	E. Walters
203	Palos Forest Preserves	E. Walters	174	Morton Arboretum	U. Geiser
200#	Clear Lake	K. Richmond	171	Silver Springs State Park	D. Shambaugh
200#	Deer Grove F.P.	C. Fields	170	Green Oaks Field Station	J. Mountjoy
200	Illinois & Michigan Canal	D. Shambaugh	170	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	E. Walters
198	Waterfall Glen Forest Pres.	U. Geiser	170#	Nelson Lake Marsh	N. Bent
195	Waterfall Glen Forest Pres.	K. Fisher	167#	Nelson Lake Marsh	R. Reason
192	Fermilab	J. Chapman	167	Nelson Lake Marsh	E. Secker
188	Carlyle Lake	C. Taylor	166	Crabtree Nature Center	J. McDaniel
187	Starved Rock State Park	D. Shambaugh	166	Herrick Lake Forest Pres.	U. Geiser
182#	Fermilab	A. Stokie	166	Springbrook Prairie	U. Geiser
176#	Pratt's Wayne Woods F.P.	E. Secker	165	Woodford County C.A	J. Rink
175	Pratt's Wayne Woods F.P.	U. Geiser	164#	Blackwell Forest Preserve	A. Stokie
174	Midewin Tallgrass N.P.	D. Stotz	164#	Moraine Hills State Park	A. Stokie
165*	Des Plaines Cons. Area	J. Chapman	163#	Lake Decatur Dredge Ponds	T. Mahan
165	Waterfall Glen Forest Pres.	M. Madsen	162#	Moraine View State Park	M. Retter
162	Lake Shelbyville	E. Walters	158#	Herrick Lake Forest Pres.	P. Quagliana
161	Clinton Lake	E. Walters	157	Canton's Lakeland Park	K. Wright
161	Rend Lake	E. Walters	156*	Rockford's Anna Page Park	D. Williams
161	Two Rivers N.W.R.	E. Walters	151	Blackwell Forest Preserve	U. Geiser
160#	Rend Lake	D. Miller	151	LaSalle Lake	D. Shambaugh
160	Union County C.A.	E. Walters	149	Goose Lake Prairie S.P.	D. Shambaugh
155	Hennepin & Hopper Lakes	D. Shambaugh	149	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	C. Taylor
152	Mermet Lake C.A.	E. Walters	148#	McGinnis Slough	J. Sanders
150	Mississippi Palisades S.P.	E. Walters	141	Green River Cons. Area	D. Shambaugh
150	Pratt's Wayne Woods F.P.	E. Walters	141	Nachusa Grasslands	E. Walters

Medium (from 1-3 sq.miles/640-1920 acres)
(125 minimum)

261#	Crabtree Nature Center	C. Westcott
252	McGinnis Slough	W. Serafin
250#	Max McGraw Wildlife Fed.	R.Montgomery
233#	Edgewood Farms	J. Smith
231	Morton Arboretum	E. Walters
231#	Nelson Lake Forest Preserve	J. Duerr
228	Shabbona Lake State Park	D. Shambaugh
225#	Kennekuk County Park	S. Bailey
224#	Crabtree Nature Center	J. Sanders
224	Greene Valley Forest Pres.	M. Madsen
222	Springbrook Prairie	J. Suchecki
211	Blackwell Forest Preserve	E. Secker
207#	Shabbona Lake State Park	R. Flemal
205#	Morton Arboretum	J. Sanders
204	Morton Arboretum	J. Hardt
200	Morton Arboretum	T. Brown
198	Greene Valley Forest Pres.	U. Geiser
196#	Chicago Portage	J. Duran
194	Morton Arboretum	F. Swink
190#	Severson Dells Forest Pres.	J. Donaldson
188	Blackwell Forest Preserve	E. Walters
188*	Goose Lake Prairie State Pk.	J. Chapman
188	Morton Arboretum	M. Madsen
186*	Morton Arboretum	M.B. Chapman

185	Morton Arboretum	J. Chapman
185#	Sand Lake	K. Richmond
183	Morton Arboretum	E. Secker
182*	Greene Valley Forest Pres.	J. Chapman
182	Morton Arboretum	R. Wason
180	Afton Forest Preserve	D. Shambaugh
175	McGinnis Slough	E. Walters
174	Morton Arboretum	U. Geiser
171	Silver Springs State Park	D. Shambaugh
170	Green Oaks Field Station	J. Mountjoy
170	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	E. Walters
170#	Nelson Lake Marsh	N. Bent
167#	Nelson Lake Marsh	R. Reason
167	Nelson Lake Marsh	E. Secker
166	Crabtree Nature Center	J. McDaniel
166	Herrick Lake Forest Pres.	U. Geiser
166	Springbrook Prairie	U. Geiser
165	Woodford County C.A	J. Rink
164#	Blackwell Forest Preserve	A. Stokie
164#	Moraine Hills State Park	A. Stokie
163#	Lake Decatur Dredge Ponds	T. Mahan
162#	Moraine View State Park	M. Retter
158#	Herrick Lake Forest Pres.	P. Quagliana
157	Canton's Lakeland Park	K. Wright
156*	Rockford's Anna Page Park	D. Williams
151	Blackwell Forest Preserve	U. Geiser
151	LaSalle Lake	D. Shambaugh
149	Goose Lake Prairie S.P.	D. Shambaugh
149	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	C. Taylor
148#	McGinnis Slough	J. Sanders
141	Green River Cons. Area	D. Shambaugh
141	Nachusa Grasslands	E. Walters
140#	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	D. Shambaugh
136	Nelson Lake Forest Preserve	D. Shambaugh
135	Port Louisa N.W.R.	E. Walters
132	Lincoln Trails S.P.	E. Walters
131	Illini State Park	D. Shambaugh
129	Decatur's Rock Springs N.C.	E. Walters
128	Shabbona Lake State Park	E. Walters

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

277	Evanston Lakefront	E. Walters
250#	Evanston Lakefront	J. Engel
242	Chicago Botanic Garden	M. Hogg
239#	Chicago Botanic Garden	J. Sanders
235	Chicago's Grant Park	D. Stotz
234	Chicago Botanic Garden	L. Binford
204	Glen Ellyn's Lake Ellyn	B.T. Gault
200	Great Lakes N.T.C.	E. Walters
189	Hidden Lake Forest Preserve	E. Walters
184	Chicago Botanic Garden	E. Walters
182	Northpoint Marina	E. Walters
179#	Chicago Botanic Garden	A. Anderson
176*	Hidden Lake Forest Preserve	U. Geiser
173	Lock & Dam #13	J. Chapman
170#	Chicago Botanic Garden	J. Sundberg
168	Chicago's Rainbow Beach Pk.	D. Stotz
167#	Chicago Botanic Garden	A. Stokie

166	Salt Creek Woods	D. Stotz
166	West DuPage Woods	E. Secker
163	Chicago's Calumet Park	D. Stotz
162	Beaubien Woods F.P.	D. Stotz
157*	Hidden Lake Forest Preserve	J. Chapman
154	N. Galesburg Dog Walk Area	J. Mountjoy
154	Redwing Slough S. N.A.	E. Walters
152	Chicago's Grant Park	E. Walters
152	Hidden Lake Forest Preserve	E. Secker
152	Lyons Woods Forest Pres.	E. Walters
151#	Chicago's Rosehill Cemetery	C. Nelson
146	Upper Spring Lake	E. Walters
144	Ryerson Conservation Area	E. Walters
143	Spring Bluff Forest Preserve	E. Walters
142	Chicago's Calumet Park	E. Walters
141	Chicago's North Park Village	J. Lill
139	Chicago's Rosehill Cemetery	J. Lill
135	Lock & Dam #13	E. Walters
130#	Ryerson Conservation Area	J. Solum
129	Plum Creek Forest Preserve	E. Walters

Very Small (less than .25 sq.mile/160 acres)
(100 minimum)

<u>257</u>	Wilmette's Gillson Park	E. Walters
194	North Shore Chan.-Evanston	E. Walters
165#	Chicago's Navy Pier	R. Eiseman
161	Chicago's Navy Pier	E. Walters
155	Sannauk Forest Preserve	D. Shambaugh
147	Oak Bluff Savanna	M. Brucker
146	Evanston's Calvary Cemetery	E. Walters
146	Wilkinson-Renwick Marsh	D. Shambaugh
144	Evanston's Perkins Woods	E. Walters
142	Zion's Hosah Park	E. Walters
141#	Wilkinson-Renwick Marsh	R. Flemal
132	Evanston's James Park	M. Cvetas
130	Zion's Edina Park	E. Walters
129	Woodstock's Ryder's Woods	R. Baade
124	North Shore Chan.-Evanston	M. Cvetas
123	Chief Shabbona Forest Pres.	D. Shambaugh
122	Wolf Road Prairie	C. Taylor
120	Waukegan's Bowen Park	E. Walters
117*	Evanston's Perkins Woods	A. Meloy
116	Evanston's James Park	E. Walters
114#	Waukegan's Bowen Park	J. Solum
113	Wilmette's Gillson Park	J. Lill
106	Saw Wee Kee Park	D. Shambaugh
103	Glen Ellyn's Goer's Woods	E. Walters

Area Life Lists

Two tallies worth mentioning are Joe Lill's Chicago's Lakefront Parks and Eric Walters' Lake County Forest Preserves, as each reached the threshold of 250 during 2009. Darrell Shambaugh added 19 species since his last Kane County Forest Preserve update and that pushed him over 200. Matthew Cvetas also passed 200 in his Chicago's Lakefront Park list.

(150 minimum)

336*	Illinois River N.F.W.R	K. Richmond
296	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	A. Stokie
291	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	E. Walters
283	Evanston/Gillson Park	E. Walters
281#	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	R. Erickson
280#	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	J. Sanders
279	DuPage Co. Forest Preserves	B. Fisher
275	DuPage Co. Forest Preserves	K. Fisher
275#	Evanston/Gillson Park	J. Sanders
271*	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	J. Sanders
271#	L. Calumet/Egger's Woods	J. Sanders
266	Greater Grant Pk. Ecosystem	D. Stotz
261	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	W. Serafin
259	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	J. Lill
259	Du Page Co. For. Preserves	E. Secker
259	L. Calumet/Egger's Woods	D. Stotz
252#	Evanston/Gillson Park	J. Engel
250#	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	J. Solum
250	Lake Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters
<u>250</u>	Univ. of Ill. (Champaign)	R. Chapel
248	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters
244#	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	D. Johnson
244*	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	D. Williams
244	Waukegan Parks/Lakefront	E. Walters
242#	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	P. Sweet
242	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	E. Secker
241#	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	J. Sanders
237	Illinois State Parks	C. Taylor
236#	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	A. Stokie
236	Mississippi River	E. Walters
236#	Starved Rock/Mattheissen	J. McKee
232	Du Page Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters
229	DeKalb Co. Forest Preserves	D. Shambaugh
228#	McGinnis/Palos F. Preserves	J. Sanders
224#	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	S. Friscia
221	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	J. Lill
219	Du Page Co. Forest Preserves	J. Chapman
219	Greater Grant Pk. Ecosystem	T. Schulenberg
218*	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	K. Wysocki
210	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	K. Fisher
210#	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	P. Dring
208	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	E. Walters
206	L. Calumet/Egger's Woods	E. Walters
206#	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	A. Stokie
205	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	D. Shambaugh
205#	Lake Forest Parks/Preserves	R. Peterson
205*	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	U. Geiser
204	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	M. Cvetas

204	Palisades Region	J. Chapman
203	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	B. Fisher
203	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	J. Chapman
203#	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	E. Secker
203	Palisades Region	E. Walters
203	Zion Parks/Preserves	E. Walters
201#	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	J. Sanders
200#	L. Calumet/Egger's Woods	A. Stokie
199	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	K. Fisher
198	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	D. Stotz
197	Evanston/Gillson Park	M. Cvetas
195#	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	M.B. Chapman
191	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	B. Fisher
191#	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	K. Hanson
190	Fox River (Kane Co.)	E. Secker
186	Two Rivers Region	E. Walters
183	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters
177	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	C. Taylor
165#	North Shore Channel	J. Sanders
159	Chautauqua Region	E. Walters
156	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	B. Fisher
156	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	K. Fisher
151*	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	K. Wysocki
150#	DeKalb Forest Preserves	J. Sanders

Site/Area Big Years (100 minimum)

There were only five new submissions to this list. It seems that it is increasingly difficult for birders to surpass one of their top three totals for a site. Eric Walters managed to garner his 2nd best tally for Illinois Beach State Park; we'll see if anyone can provide updates after 2010!

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

247	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Robert Hughes	1996
243	Chicago's Lincoln Park	John Purcell	1996
232	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Geoff Williamson	2007
230	Illinois Beach State Park/Northpoint	Al Stokie	1994
226	Chicago's Jackson Park	Paul Clyne	1996
226	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Kanae Hirabayashi	1996
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 State Park	Eric Walters	2007
217	Illinois Beach State Park	Eric Walters	2009
216	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Kanae Hirabayashi	1994
215	Evanston/Gillson Park	Josh Engel	1998
214	Fermi National Accelerator Lab	Peter Kasper	1994
214	Lake Calumet/Eggers Woods	Doug Stotz	1998
213	Illinois Beach State Park	Eric Walters	2006
210	Fermi National Accelerator Lab	Peter Kasper	1996
208	Fermi National Accelerator Lab	Peter Kasper	1991
208	Chicago's Grant Park	Doug Stotz	1998
208	Illinois Beach State Park/Northpoint	Paul Sweet	2003
208	Horseshoe Lake C.A.	Frank Holmes	2006
207	Evanston/Gillson Park	Eric Walters	1996
207	Palos Forest Preserve/McGinnis	Wes Serafin	1994
204	Evanston/Gillson Park	Eric Walters	1990
202	Illinois Beach State Park/Northpoint	Al Stokie	1990

201	LeVasseur Park/Perry Farm Trail	Jed Hertz	2003
200	Chautauqua N.W.R.	Kevin Richmond	1996
200	Evanston Lakefront	Eric Walters	1990
199	Chicago's Lincoln Park	William Dreuth	1938
196	Evanston/Gillson Park	Eric Walters	1995
195	Horseshoe Lake	Frank Holmes	2003
194	Hennepin & Hopper Lakes	Doug Stotz	2005
193	Lake Calumet/Eggers Woods	Walter Marcisz	1994
192	Evanston Lakefront	Eric Walters	1996
190	Hennepin & Hopper Lakes	Doug Stotz	2004
190	Prairie Ridge State Natural Area	Jeff Walk	1996
188	Gillson Park	Eric Walters	1996
186	Evanston Lakefront	Eric Walters	1997
185	Carlyle Lake	Keith McMullen	1999
185	Skokie Lagoons	Jeff Sanders	1971
183	Evanston Lakefront	Eric Walters	1995
183	Gillson Park	Eric Walters	1990
182	Chicago Botanic Gardens	Laurie Binford	1993
182	Chicago's Jackson Park	Scott Carpenter	2003
182	Hennepin & Hopper Lakes	Doug Stotz	2003
182	Morton Arboretum	Eric Walters	1988
181	Gillson Park	Eric Walters	1995
180	Gillson Park	Eric Walters	1997
179	Morton Arboretum	Eric Secker	2003
179	Shabbona Lake State Park	Ron Flemal	1996
179	Skokie Lagoons	Jeff Sanders	1972
177	Chicago's Lincoln Park	Eric Walters	1996
176	Skokie Lagoons	Jeff Sanders	1973
175	Palatine	Carolyn Fields	1996
173	Blackwell F.P.	Eric Secker	2003
172	Midwin National Tallgrass Prairie	Doug Stotz	1998
170	Greene Valley Forest Preserve	Mike Madsen	2007
169	Skokie Lagoons	Jeff Sanders	1965
168	Shabbona Lake State Park	Darrell Shambaugh	1999
167	Shabbona Lake State Park	Darrell Shambaugh	1998
164	Palatine	Carolyn Fields	1995
164	Waukegan Beach & Harbor	Eric Walters	2009
163	Deer Grove Forest Preserve	Carolyn Fields	1996
162	Illinois Beach State Park	Paul Sweet	2001
160	Greene Valley Forest Preserve	Mike Madsen	2005
156	Greene Valley Forest Preserve	Mike Madsen	2008
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 State Park	Michael Retter	1998
152	Poplar Creek F.P.	Judy Mellin	2004
151	Springbrook Prairie	Joe Suchecki	1996
149	Clinton Lake	Michael Retter	1997
149	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	Craig Taylor	2007
146	Poplar Creek F.P.	Judy Mellin	2003
146	Moraine Hills State Park	Al Stokie	1989
145	Skokie Lagoons	Jeff Sanders	2005
142	Chautauqua N.W.R.	Jeff Sanders	1970
141	Shabbona Lake State Park	Ron Flemal	1995
141	West DuPage Woods F.P.	Eric Secker	2004
133	Poplar Creek F.P.	Judy Mellin	1996
127	Chautauqua N.W.R.	Jeff Sanders	1974
126	Jubilee College S.P.	Maury Brucker	2005

126	Waukegan Beach & Harbor	Eric Walters	2006
125	Spring Bluff Forest Preserve	Eric Walters	2009
122	Evanston's Perkins Woods	Eric Walters	1995
122	Shabbona Lake State Park	Darrell Shambaugh	1995
121	Great Lakes N.T.C.	Eric Walters	2006
118	Evanston's Perkins Woods	Eric Walters	1996
117	Northpoint Marina	Eric Walters	2009
113	Evanston's Perkins Woods	Eric Walters	1997
113	Lyons Woods Forest Preserve	Eric Walters	2006
112	Woodstock's Ryder's Woods	Renee Baade	1995
110	Woodstock's Ryder's Woods	Renee Baade	1996
108	Lyons Woods Forest Preserve	Eric Walters	2009

Site/Area Big Days

For the second straight year, there were no submissions to this list.
However, rumors hint that this will change in 2010!

126	Illinois Beach State Park	05/18/00	E. Walters, J. Engel
120	Carlyle Lake	09/09/00	D. Kassebaum, K. McMullen
113	Chicago's Jackson Park	05/09/96	P. Clyne
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
110	Hennepin Lake	05/06/03	D. Stotz
110	Palisades Region	05/12/06	J. Chapman
109	Evanston/Gillson Park	05/08/99	J. Engel, M. Sherer, E. Walters
108	Chicago's Jackson Park	05/09/89	S. Suter
107	Chicago's Lincoln Park	05/10/96	K. Hirabayashi
106	Morton Arboretum	05/06/89	T. Brown, R. Wagner, E. Walters
105	Lake Chautauqua	08/14/99	S. Bailey
104	Palos F.P./McGinnis Slough	05/06/00	S. Friscia, W. Serafin
103	Chicago Botanic Gardens	05/11/91	L. Binford, R. Biss, M. Hogg
103	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	09/09/98	D. Stotz
102	Evanston Lakefront/Canal	05/10/03	E. Walters
102	Fermi Lab	05/06/00	P.Kasper, J.Pomatto, D.Kania
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	Port Louisa N.W.R.	05/07/05	E. Walters
98	McGinnis Slough/Palos F.P.	05/23/98	W. Serafin
97	Illinois Beach State Park	05/18/94	A. Stokie
96	Siloam Springs State Park	05/06/06	E. Walters
95	Hennepin-Hopper Lake	08/25/05	D. Stotz
93	Morton Arboretum	05/10/96	E. Walters (in just 2 hours)
91	Carlyle Lake	10/01/97	K. McMullen
91	Decatur's Rock Springs N.C.	05/05/06	T. Mahan, E. Walters
91	Morton Arboretum	05/08/04	J. Chapman
90	Chicago's Lincoln Park	05/15/02	E. Walters
89	Illinois Beach State Park	10/14/95	J. Engel, E. Walters
89	Washington Co. C.A.	05/02/05	E. Walters
88	Chain'O Lakes State Park	05/08/93	L. Binford, B. O'Shea
87	Nachusa Grasslands	05/08/06	E. Walters
82	Clinton Lake	10/02/04	E. Walters
81	Skokie Lagoons	05/15/65	J. Sanders
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73	Clinton Lake	10/07/00	D. Thomas
73	Johnson-Sauk Trail State Park	05/07/06	E. Walters
72	Clinton Lake	05/05/06	E. Walters

72	Johnson-Sauk Trail State Park	05/11/07	C. Taylor
72	Olympia Fields Country Club	05/08/99	M. Hahn
70	Evanston/Gillson Park	09/21/98	J. Engel
70	Hennepin Lake	11/20/01	D. Stotz
69	Northwestern University	05/21/78	J. Sanders
67	Meridosia Lake	09/02/06	E. Walters
67	Two Rivers N.W.R.	10/17/08	E. Walters
65	Chicago's Jackson Park	03/31/05	P. Clyne
64	Johnson-Sauk Trail State Park	05/05/07	C. Taylor
62	Plum Creek F.P. (Cook Co.)	06/24/02	E. Walters

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

Chicago's Burnham Park starts from the 55th Street Promontory on the south and extends to McFetridge/Solidarity Drive on the north and east of Lake Shore Drive (taking in McCormick Place, Northerly Island and Burnham Harbor).

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).

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

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).

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

Great Lakes Naval Training Center is that portion of the Center which is east of Sheridan Road.

Waukegan Beach and Harbor are east of Pershing 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).

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.

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 power station that marks the state line.

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

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.

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

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

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