

IOS Listers Corner 2010

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

Site Life Lists

After many years, we were excited to get Bob Hughes' Lincoln Park update, especially since this is the most birded location in Illinois. Many look at his birding tally as the standard at that site. His total at this site alone would put him into the top 100 on the Illinois Life List! Greg Neise's single 2010 addition moved his Chicago's Lincoln Park list into sole 2nd position on the Lake Michigan Ecosystem list. Alan Stokie updated his Illinois Beach State Park tally and it jumped him one spot to 4th. A number of first-time reports were sprinkled among the different lists, topped by the 210 that Jeff Smith has for Greene Valley Forest Preserve. Other first-time reports starting over 150 include Smith's (at Whalon Lake Forest Preserve), Matt Fraker's (Fraker Farm), Elliot Schunke's (Milford Treatment Plant), Sam Burckhardt's (Chicago's Humboldt Park) and Doug Stotz's (Northerly Island). Once a Site List passes 225, it can be challenging to have a significant increase, so adding seven species since the last submission, like Doug Stotz (Hennepin and Hopper Lakes) and Mike Hogg (Chicago Botanic Gardens) did, must have some personally edifying memories. Matthew Cvetas's Chicago's Lincoln Park list jumped 21 species, the most of any list with over 200.

Key: * = last updated in 2009 # = last updated prior to 2009

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

(updated 1/6/12; compiled by Eric Walters & Joe Lill)

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

(Large and Medium Sites only; 150 minimum)

324	Chicago's Lincoln Park	R. Hughes
291	Chicago's Lincoln Park	G. Neise
290	Chicago's Lincoln Park	G. Williamson
287	Illinois Beach State Park	A. Stokie
286#	Chicago's Jackson Park	P. Clyne
280#	Chicago's Lincoln Park	K. Hirabayashi
280	Illinois Beach State Park	E. Walters
278	Chicago's Lincoln Park	L. Muñoz
277	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Sanders
277	Chicago's Lincoln Park	E. Walters
276*	Illinois Beach State Park	R. Erickson
276#	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Purcell
269	Chicago's Lincoln Park	T. Kelly
264	Chicago's Lincoln Park	A. Meloy
263	Chicago's Lincoln Park	D. Antieau
256	Chicago's Lincoln Park	<i>W. Dreuth</i>
256	Chicago's Lincoln Park	A. Stokie
253#	Chicago's Jackson Park	D. Anderson
<u>250</u>	Chicago's Burnham Park	D. Stotz
248	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Lill
243	Waukegan Beach-Harbor	E. Walters
239	Chicago's Lincoln Park	K. Fisher
239	Chicago's Lincoln Park	B. Heimer
238#	Chicago's Jackson Park	S. Carpenter
237	Chicago's Lincoln Park	B. Fisher
234*	Chicago's Lincoln Park	T. Lally
232	Illinois Beach State Park	<i>S. Hickman</i>
224	Wolf L.-Eggers Forest Pres.	D. Stotz
222*	Waukegan Beach-Harbor	A. Stokie
220	Chicago's Lincoln Park	M. Cvetas
218#	Skokie Lagoons	J. Sanders
207#	Waukegan Beach-Harbor	J. Solum
201	Chicago's Jackson Park	J. Sanders
195#	Wadsworth Wetlands	S. Hickman

195	Lake Calumet	D. Stotz
193#	Chicago's Jackson Park	K. Hanson
191*	Lake Forest Nature Preserves	R. Peterson
188	Lake Calumet	E. Walters
187	Chicago's Lincoln Park	C. Taylor
187#	Illinois Beach State Park	J. McDaniel
186	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Chapman
186	Skokie Lagoons	E. Walters
184#	Chicago's Jackson Park	S. Friscia
184#	Wadsworth Wetlands	A. Stokie
178#	Chicago's Jackson Park	A. Stokie
174#	Illinois Beach State Park	J. Chapman
173	Chicago's Jackson Park	E. Walters
172	Chicago's Lincoln Park	J. Norek
171	Chicago's Burnham Park	E. Walters
167#	Wadsworth Wetlands	J. Sanders

Large (greater than 3 sq. miles/1920 acres)

(150 minimum)

332#	Carlyle Lake	D. Kassebaum
325#	Chautauqua N.W.R.	K. Richmond
299#	Carlyle Lake	K. McMullen
299	Carlyle Lake	M. Seiffert
290	Horseshoe Lake C.A.	F. Holmes
290#	Rice Lake C.A.	K. Richmond
270#	Fermilab	P. Kasper
259#	Carlyle Lake	T. Mahan
257#	Mermet Lake C.A.	F. Bennett
253*	Oak Run (Knox Co.)	M. Baum
251	Hennepin & Hopper Lakes	D. Stotz
<u>250#</u>	Sanganois C.A.	K. Richmond
246	Rock Cut State Park	D. Williams
245#	Spring Lake C.A.	K. Richmond
237#	Union County C.A.	V. Kleen
236#	Prairie Ridge S.N.A.	J. Walk
228#	Rock Cut State Park	J. Donaldson

227*	Lake Shelbyville	T. & K. Forcum	207#	Shabbona Lake State Park	R. Flemal
221#	Horseshoe Lake C.A.	K. McMullen	205#	Morton Arboretum	J. Sanders
216	Fermilab	E. Secker	204*	Morton Arboretum	J. Hardt
214	Carlyle Lake	E. Walters	200*	Morton Arboretum	T. Brown
214	Waterfall Glen Forest Pres.	B. Fisher	199	Greene Valley Forest Pres.	U. Geiser
213	Fermilab	U. Geiser	196#	Chicago Portage	J. Duran
210	Fermilab	B. Fisher	194*	Morton Arboretum	F. Swink
210#	Rock Cut State Park	B. Grover	190	Morton Arboretum	M. Madsen
210#	Sand Ridge S.F.	K. Richmond	190#	Severson Dells Forest Pres.	J. Donaldson
206#	Crab Orchard N.W.R.	L. Wright	188	Blackwell Forest Preserve	E. Walters
206#	Starved Rock State Park	C. McKee	188#	Goose Lake Prairie State Pk.	J. Chapman
205	Fermilab	K. Fisher	186#	Morton Arboretum	M.B. Chapman
204	Palos Forest Preserves	E. Walters	185*	Morton Arboretum	J. Chapman
203	Fermilab	E. Walters	185#	Sand Lake	K. Richmond
201	Carlyle Lake	C. Taylor	183	Morton Arboretum	E. Secker
201	Waterfall Glen Forest Pres.	U. Geiser	182	Afton Forest Preserve	D. Shambaugh
200#	Clear Lake	K. Richmond	182#	Greene Valley Forest Pres.	J. Chapman
200#	Deer Grove F.P.	C. Fields	182	Morton Arboretum	R. Wason
200	Illinois & Michigan Canal	D. Shambaugh	175	McGinnis Slough	E. Walters
198	Waterfall Glen Forest Pres.	K. Fisher	174	Morton Arboretum	U. Geiser
192*	Fermilab	J. Chapman	173	Green Oaks Field Station	J. Mountjoy
188	Starved Rock State Park	D. Shambaugh	173	Nelson Lake Marsh	N. Bent
182#	Fermilab	A. Stokie	172	Silver Springs State Park	D. Shambaugh
181	Hennepin & Hopper Lakes	T. Hartzler	170	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	E. Walters
176#	Pratt's Wayne Woods F.P.	E. Secker	170	Nelson Lake Marsh	R. Reason
175	Pratt's Wayne Woods F.P.	U. Geiser	168	Springbrook Prairie	U. Geiser
174	Midewin Tallgrass N.P.	D. Stotz	167	Nelson Lake Marsh	E. Secker
171	Clinton Lake	E. Walters	166	Crabtree Nature Center	J. McDaniel
170	Waterfall Glen Forest Pres.	M. Madsen	166	Herrick Lake Forest Pres.	U. Geiser
165#	Des Plaines Cons. Area	J. Chapman	165	Rockford's Anna Page Park	D. Williams
165	Rend Lake	E. Walters	165	Woodford County C.A	J. Rink
162	Lake Shelbyville	E. Walters	164#	Blackwell Forest Preserve	A. Stokie
161	Two Rivers N.W.R.	E. Walters	164#	Moraine Hills State Park	A. Stokie
160#	Rend Lake	D. Miller	163#	Lake Decatur Dredge Ponds	T. Mahan
160	Union County C.A.	E. Walters	162#	Moraine View State Park	M. Retter
159	Starved Rock State Park	E. Walters	159	Springbrook Golf Course	Je. Smith
155	Hennepin & Hopper Lakes	D. Shambaugh	158#	Herrick Lake Forest Pres.	P. Quagliana
155	Hennepin & Hopper Lakes	E. Walters	157	Canton's Lakeland Park	K. Wright
153	Jubilee College S.P.	M. Brucker	152	Blackwell Forest Preserve	U. Geiser
152	Crab Orchard N.W.R.	E. Walters	151	LaSalle Lake	D. Shambaugh
152	Mermet Lake C.A.	E. Walters	149	Goose Lake Prairie S.P.	D. Shambaugh
150	Mississippi Palisades S.P.	E. Walters	149*	Johnson-Sauk Trail S.P.	C. Taylor
150	Pratt's Wayne Woods F.P.	E. Walters	148#	McGinnis Slough	J. Sanders

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	Ja. Smith
231	Morton Arboretum	E. Walters
231#	Nelson Lake Forest Preserve	J. Duerr
230	Shabbona Lake State Park	D. Shambaugh
227	Greene Valley Forest Pres.	M. Madsen
225#	Kennekuk County Park	S. Bailey
224#	Crabtree Nature Center	J. Sanders
222*	Springbrook Prairie	J. Suchecki
211	Blackwell Forest Preserve	E. Secker
210	Greene Valley Forest Pres.	Je. Smith

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

277	Evanston Lakefront	E. Walters
250#	Evanston Lakefront	J. Engel
244	Chicago Botanic Garden	M. Hogg
239#	Chicago Botanic Garden	J. Sanders

235	Chicago's Grant Park	D. Stotz	123	Waukegan's Bowen Park	E. Walters
234	Chicago Botanic Garden	<i>L. Binford</i>	122*	Wolf Road Prairie	C. Taylor
204	Glen Ellyn's Lake Ellyn	<i>B.T. Gault</i>	118	Wolf Road Prairie	D. Stotz
200	Great Lakes N.T.C.	E. Walters	117#	Evanston's Perkins Woods	A. Meloy
191	Whalon Lake Forest Pres.	Je. Smith	116	Evanston's James Park	E. Walters
190	Northpoint Marina	E. Walters	114#	Waukegan's Bowen Park	J. Solum
189	Hidden Lake Forest Preserve	E. Walters	113	Wilmette's Gillson Park	J. Lill
184	Chicago Botanic Garden	E. Walters	106	Saw Wee Kee Park	D. Shambaugh
182	Fraker Farm (Carlock)	M. Fraker	103	Glen Ellyn's Goer's Woods	E. Walters
179#	Chicago Botanic Garden	A. Anderson			
178	Chicago's Rainbow Beach Pk.	D. Stotz			
176	Hidden Lake Forest Preserve	U. Geiser			
173*	Lock & Dam #13	J. Chapman			
173	Milford Treatment Plant	E. Schunke			
172	Chicago's Humboldt Park	S. Burckhardt			
172	Salt Creek Woods	D. Stotz			
170#	Chicago Botanic Garden	J. Sundberg			
170	West DuPage Woods	E. Secker			
167#	Chicago Botanic Garden	A. Stokie			
163	Chicago's Calumet Park	D. Stotz			
162	Beaubien Woods F.P.	D. Stotz			
158	N. Galesburg Dog Walk Area	J. Mountjoy			
158	Whalon Lake Forest Pres.	M. Madsen			
157#	Hidden Lake Forest Preserve	J. Chapman			
155	Lyons Woods Forest Pres.	E. Walters			
154	Redwing Slough S. N.A.	E. Walters			
152	Chicago's Grant Park	E. Walters			
152	Hidden Lake Forest Preserve	E. Secker			
151#	Chicago's Rosehill Cemetery	C. Nelson			
149	Spring Bluff Forest Preserve	E. Walters			
148	Evanston Lakefront	M. Cvetas			
147	Upper Spring Lake	E. Walters			
144	Ryerson Conservation Area	E. Walters			
142	Chicago's Calumet Park	E. Walters			
141	Chicago's North Park Village	J. Lill			
140	Chicago's Rosehill Cemetery	J. Lill			
140	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
158	Sannauk Forest Preserve	D. Shambaugh
157	Chicago's Northerly Island	D. Stotz
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	Evanston's James Park	M. Cvetas
141#	Wilkinson-Renwick Marsh	R. Flemal
135	North Shore Chan.-Evanston	M. Cvetas
131	Zion's Edina Park	E. Walters
129	Woodstock's Ryder's Woods	<i>R. Baade</i>
123	Chief Shabbona Forest Pres.	D. Shambaugh

Area Life Lists

Bob Fisher's hawkwatching at Greene Valley Forest Preserve has helped propel his Du Page County Forest Preserves list from 7th to the 4th overall Area Life List. Alan Stokie (Chicago's Lakefront Parks) and Doug Stotz (Cook County Forest Preserves) both released new lists that start with exceptional tallies, both in the top 20 overall. Of those over 200, Craig Taylor's Illinois State Parks had the most additions (+14) since last year.

(150 minimum)

336#	Illinois River N.F.W.R	K. Richmond
299	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	A. Stokie
291	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	E. Walters
287	DuPage Co. Forest Preserves	B. Fisher
282	Evanston/Gillson Park	E. Walters
281	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	J. Sanders
281#	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	R. Erickson
279	DuPage Co. Forest Preserves	K. Fisher
275#	Evanston/Gillson Park	J. Sanders
272	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	J. Sanders
271#	L. Calumet/Egger's Woods	J. Sanders
270	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	A. Stokie
266	Greater Grant Pk. Ecosystem	D. Stotz
264	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	J. Lill
261	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	W. Serafin
260	Du Page Co. For. Preserves	E. Secker
259	L. Calumet/Egger's Woods	D. Stotz
257	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	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)	<i>R. Chapel</i>
248	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters
246	Illinois State Parks	C. Taylor
244#	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	D. Johnson
244	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	D. Williams
244	Waukegan Parks/Lakefront	E. Walters
242	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	J. Sanders
242#	Ill. Beach State Park (area)	P. Sweet
242	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	E. Secker
237	Mississippi River	E. Walters
236#	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	A. Stokie
236#	Starved Rock/Mattheissen	J. McKee
234	Du Page Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters
232	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	J. Lill
229*	DeKalb Co. Forest Preserves	D. Shambaugh
229	McGinnis/Palos F. Preserves	J. Sanders

226	Chicago's Lakefront Parks	M. Cvetas	203	Palisades Region	E. Walters
224#	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	S. Friscia	203	Zion Parks/Preserves	E. Walters
219*	Du Page Co. Forest Preserves	J. Chapman	201#	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	J. Sanders
219	Greater Grant Pk. Ecosystem	<i>T. Schulenberg</i>	200#	L. Calumet/Egger's Woods	A. Stokie
218#	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	K. Wysocki	199	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	K. Fisher
213	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	K. Fisher	198	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	D. Stotz
212	Evanston/Gillson Park	M. Cvetas	195#	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	M.B. Chapman
210#	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	P. Dring	191	Fox River (Kane Co.)	E. Secker
209	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	E. Walters	191	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	B. Fisher
208	Cook Co. Forest Preserves	B. Fisher	191#	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	K. Hanson
206	L. Calumet/Egger's Woods	E. Walters	186	Two Rivers Region	E. Walters
206#	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	A. Stokie	183	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	E. Walters
206	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	U. Geiser	177*	McGinnis/Palos F.Preserves	C. Taylor
205*	Kane Co. Forest Preserves	D. Shambaugh	165#	North Shore Channel	J. Sanders
205#	Lake Forest Parks/Preserves	R. Peterson	161	Chautauqua Region	E. Walters
204*	Palisades Region	J. Chapman	158	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	B. Fisher
203*	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	J. Chapman	158	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	K. Fisher
203#	Morton Arb./Hidden Lake	E. Secker	151#	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	K. Wysocki
			150#	DeKalb Forest Preserves	J. Sanders

Site/Area Big Years (100 minimum)

The top two additions to this list were Doug Stotz's Hennepin-Hopper Lake total of 171 and Sam Burckhardt's 150 in Chicago's Humboldt Park. Seven new sites were added to this list, demonstrating the ongoing popularity of keep annual tallies at one's favorite birding sites.

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 Garden	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
171	Hennepin & Hopper Lakes	Doug Stotz	2010
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
150	Chicago's Humboldt Park	Sam Burckhardt	2010
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
140	Chicago's Rainbow Beach Park	Doug Stotz	2010
133	Salt Creek Woods	Doug Stotz	2004
133	Poplar Creek F.P.	Judy Mellin	1996
130	Des Plaines Conservation Area	Doug Stotz	2010
128	Chicago's Beaubien Woods	Doug Stotz	2008

127	Chautauqua N.W.R.	Jeff Sanders	1974
127	Salt Creek Woods	Doug Stotz	2010
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	Chicago's Grant Park	Doug Stotz	2010
121	Great Lakes N.T.C.	Eric Walters	2006
120	Chicago's Museum Campus	Doug Stotz	2010
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	Chicago's Northerly Island	Doug Stotz	2010
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
103	Northpoint Marina	Eric Walters	2010

Site/Area Big Days

The top 2010 Site Big Day reported was Eric Walters' 103 at Nachusa Grasslands, which also happens to be a new Nachusa site record.

126	Illinois Beach State Park	05/18/00	J. Engel, E. Walters
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 Garden	05/11/91	L. Binford, R. Biss, M. Hogg
103	Lake Calumet/Egger's Woods	09/09/98	D. Stotz
103	Nachusa Grasslands	05/15/10	E. Walters
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
79	Skokie Lagoons	09/04/64	J. Sanders
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.	10/18/08	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)