

# IOS Listers Corner 2010

## 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 2009 # = last updated pre-2009  
(updated 2/28/11; compiled by Eric Walters & Joe Lill)

### Total Illinois Counties List (Total Ticks - 1000 minimum)

A number of birders added over 500 total ticks to their Illinois Life List. The top four places remain the same. However, Michael Baum's extensive explorations have allowed him to have a life average of over 100 species per county. He also jumped two places, into fifth overall position. Both Baum and Craig Taylor were able to pass the 10,000 total tick barrier this past year. Another big jump was made by Thad Edmonds, who moved up five places, and into the top 10 overall. Currently, one needs to exceed 8000 total ticks to be in the top 10, over 7000 to be in the top 15 and, factoring in at least two other unreported tallies, one needs 6000+ to be included among the top 20 for this list.

<u>Total</u>	<u>Birder</u>	<u>Average per county</u>
15983	Eric Walters	156.7
14385	Jeff Chapman	141.0
12596	Vernon Kleen	123.5
11771	Doug Stotz	115.4
10880	Michael Baum	106.7
<u>10108</u>	Craig Taylor	99.1
9624	Tim Kuesel	94.4
8889	Mike Madsen	87.1
8340	Maury Brucker	81.8
8294	Thad Edmonds	81.3
7967	Keith McMullen	78.1
7582	Alan Stokie	74.3
7507	Jeffrey Sanders	73.6
7050	Jim Mountjoy	69.1
7033	Urs Geiser	69.0
6784	Darrell Shambaugh	66.6
6338	Leroy Harrison	62.1
<u>6034</u>	Bob Fisher	59.2
4696	Karen Fisher	
4592	<i>Robert Chapel</i>	
4575	Kevin Richmond#	
4476	Travis Mahan	
4093	Geoffrey A. Williamson	
4039	Eric Secker	
3453	Anthony Friend	
3231	Joe Lill	
2429	Bill A. Bertrand*	
1125	Roy Peterson*	
1065	Larry L. Hood#	

### Total Illinois Counties Big Years (Total Ticks Big Years)

This year's tallies were highlighted by Thad Edmonds' ninth-best all-time Big Year total. A growing block of tallies between 4000-4500 continues to support last year's suggestion that to exceed 5000 ticks in one year would require some intentional planning and a focus on this specific list in order to cross that barrier.

9275	Jeff Chapman	2006
9064	Eric Walters	2004
7230	Jeff Chapman	2007
6062	Michael Baum	2009
5728	Eric Walters	2008
<u>5253</u>	Jeff Chapman	2005
4498	Doug Stotz	2006
4448	Eric Walters	2005
4446	Thad Edmonds	2010
4380	Eric Walters	2007
4182	Doug Stotz	2004
4062	Craig Taylor	2010
4003	Doug Stotz	2009
3988	Doug Stotz	2005
3845	Doug Stotz	2001
3781	Doug Stotz	2008
3776	Craig Taylor	2009
3690	Jeff Chapman	2008
3662	Doug Stotz	2007
3637	Eric Walters	2009
3413	Doug Stotz	2010
3367	Jeff Chapman	2004
3315	Craig Taylor	2008
3267	Doug Stotz	1999
3255	Doug Stotz	2003

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

1743 Travis Mahan  
1675 Darrell Shambaugh

**Northern Region**

In 2010 Eric Walters became the first lister to pass 5000 total county life ticks in the Northern region, and thus, also the first to exceed 5000 in all three state regions. Alan Stokie's tick increase enabled him to move into third position overall in this region. The biggest position move among the top 15 was Michael Baum's, whose total tick increase enabled a three-position move upward and into eighth overall position.

5119	Eric Walters
4887	Doug Stotz
4328	Alan Stokie
4248	Jeff Chapman
4006	Mike Madsen
3524	Darrell Shambaugh
3402	Jeffrey Sanders
3289	Michael Baum
3029	Tim Kuesel
2962	Vernon Kleen
2930	Urs Geiser
2713	Craig Taylor
2158	Maury Brucker
2084	Geoff Williamson
2004	Anthony Friend
1861	Thad Edmonds
1854	Jim Mountjoy
1821	Joe Lill
1411	Keith McMullen

**Central Region**

A new leader emerged this past year when Eric Walters added 250+ total ticks and moved into the top position. Michael Baum's year put him among the top three on this regional list. Northern Illinois birders have held the top spot in this regional for many years. Will that continue through next year or will a Central Illinoisan finally wrest away the top position?

5501	Eric Walters
5340	Jeff Chapman
5097	Michael Baum
4861	Vernon Kleen
4057	Maury Brucker
3936	Thad Edmonds
3632	Doug Stotz
3614	Craig Taylor
3604	Jim Mountjoy
3403	Tim Kuesel
3032	Mike Madsen
2044	Urs Geiser
2036	Keith McMullen
1834	Jeffrey Sanders

**Southern Region**

A challenge was put out last year for a Southern Illinois birder to try and get to the top of this regional list, which has had Northern Illinois birders at the top since its inception. That did happen, but nobody predicted it'd be Mark Seiffert who would accomplish the feat by so actively birding the region during 2010. His big lead may keep him in the top spot for a number of years to come. Keith McMullen reports here for the first time and begins in a respectable fourth position, only 128 ticks from second.

5946	Mark Seiffert
5363	Eric Walters
5309	Leroy Harrison
5236	Keith McMullen
4773	Vernon Kleen
4697	Jeff Chapman
3781	Craig Taylor
3252	Doug Stotz
3192	Tim Kuesel
2771	Bob Shelby
2496	Thad Edmonds
2494	Michael Baum
2271	Jeffrey Sanders
2156	Travis Mahan
2125	Maury Brucker
2059	Urs Geiser
1850	Mike Madsen
1592	Jim Mountjoy
1586	Darrell Shambaugh
1107	Geoff Williamson

**Total Illinois Counties Big Months  
(Total Ticks Big Months - top five per month)**

Two new records were set in this category. The most interesting were the twin record-breaking tallies in January, with Craig Taylor's final total besting Doug Stotz's. Taylor broke the former record by nearly 40%! The other new record was Doug Stotz's August effort, which broke his former August record by nearly 200 ticks.

**January**

753	Craig Taylor	2010
628	Doug Stotz	2010
541	Doug Stotz	2006
524	Doug Stotz	2001
505	Jeff Chapman	2005

**February**

1241 Eric Walters 2004  
417 Doug Stotz 2008  
398 Jeff Chapman 2006

**March**

1933 Jeff Chapman 2006  
1072 Eric Walters 2004  
962 Jeff Chapman 2007  
925 Jeff Chapman 2008  
739 Jeff Chapman 2005

**April**

3320 Jeff Chapman 2006  
1896 Jeff Chapman 2007  
1800 Eric Walters 2006  
1565 Doug Stotz 1999  
1460 Jeff Chapman 2008

**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  
1222 Doug Stotz 2008  
1141 Jeff Chapman 2005

**July**

2340 Eric Walters 2004  
1365 Doug Stotz 2005  
896 Doug Stotz 2010

**August**

1380 Doug Stotz 2010  
1185 Doug Stotz 2005  
1082 Eric Walters 2008  
1066 Doug Stotz 2008  
553 Jeff Chapman 2007

**September**

1849 Doug Stotz 2008  
1550 Jeff Chapman 2006  
1327 Eric Walters 2007  
1127 Doug Stotz 2005  
995 Doug Stotz 2010

**October**

2111 Eric Walters 2004  
631 Eric Walters 2005  
571 Jeff Chapman 2006

**November**

1648 Jeff Chapman 2006  
1493 Eric Walters 2008  
886 Doug Stotz 2005  
707 Eric Walters 2004  
657 Doug Stotz 2008

**December**

1253 Doug Stotz 2006  
864 Eric Walters 2004  
761 Jeff Chapman 2006  
604 Doug Stotz 2010

**Total Illinois Counties Big Days  
(Total Ticks Big Days: top five per month)**

The best of this year's reports was Doug Stotz's tally in August, good for 3rd best ever.

**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  
196 e.cent/southeast 02/24/08 E. Walters  
179 n.cent/e.cent 02/15/04 E. Walters  
161 w.cent/northwest 02/07/04 E. Walters

**March**

397 w.central 03/30/06 J. Chapman  
340 northern 03/21/09 E. Walters  
336 central 03/19/04 E. Walters  
280 northern 03/22/09 E. Walters  
278 e.central 03/27/04 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
460	northwestern	06/16/08	D. Stotz
414	northern/central	06/07/05	D. Stotz

**July**

489	multi-region	07/13/05	D. Stotz
409	northern	07/25/09	E. Walters
301	northern/central	07/08/05	D. Stotz
300	multi-region	07/23/05	D. Stotz
278	northern	07/12/10	D. Stotz

**August**

408	northern	08/15/08	D. Stotz
396	central/southwest	08/16/08	W.Serafin/E.Walters
375	northern	08/09/10	D. Stotz
347	northern	08/10/05	D. Stotz
306	northern	08/25/05	D. Stotz

**September**

426	southern	09/20/08	D. Stotz
345	northern	09/21/07	D. Stotz
320	w.central	09/18/04	E. Walters
288	northern	09/10/08	D. Stotz
280	w.central	09/12/06	J. Chapman

**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
214	northern	11/20/08	D. Stotz
206	w.central	11/03/05	E. Walters
196	northern	11/15/06	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**

The only additions to this list were 5th place tallies in the Northern Region (Doug Stotz) and Central Region (Thad Edmonds).

(2000 minimum, or top five totals)

**Northern Region**

2955	Doug Stotz	2008
2549	Doug Stotz	2007
2546	Eric Walters	2004
2537	Eric Walters	2009
2504	Doug Stotz	2010
2431	Doug Stotz	2009
2349	Doug Stotz	2005
2319	Jeff Chapman	2005
2276	Jeff Chapman	2006
2241	Eric Walters	2008
2072	Jeff Chapman	2007

**Central Region**

3675	Jeff Chapman	2006
3380	Eric Walters	2004
2529	Jeff Chapman	2005
2164	Jeff Chapman	2007
1988	Thad Edmonds	2010

**Southern Region**

3324	Jeff Chapman	2006
3138	Eric Walters	2004
2994	Jeff Chapman	2007
1951	Eric Walters	2007
1827	Eric Walters	2008

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