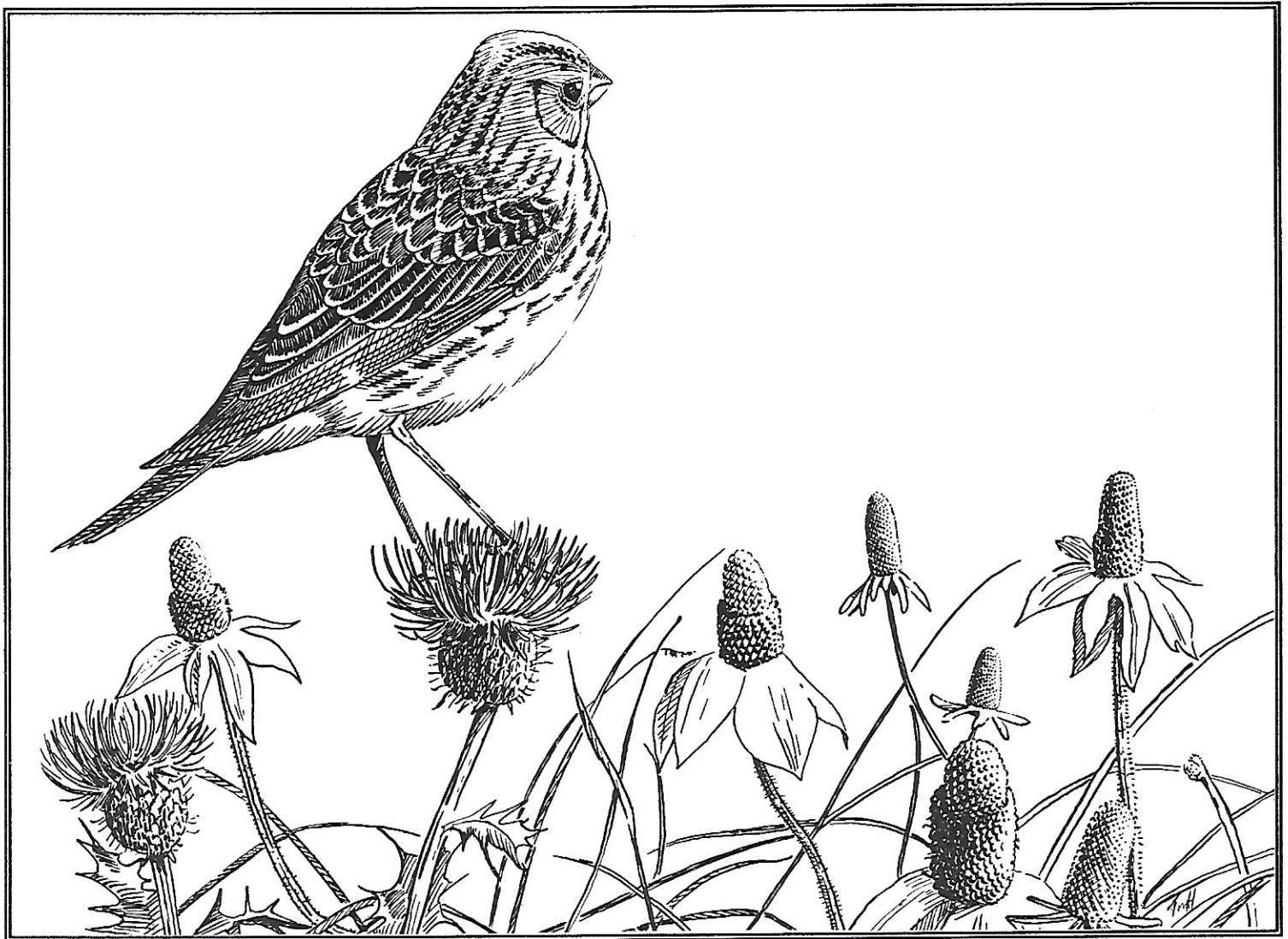


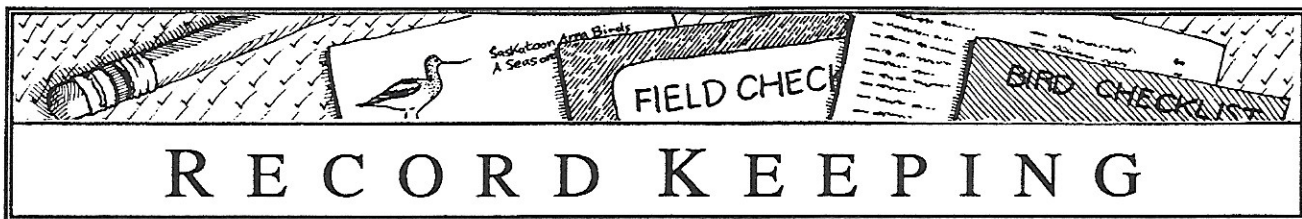
# CANADIAN BIRDING



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## LISTERS' CORNER

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This issue reports birders' year-lists and day-lists. These seem to be the most popular time-based listing units, and the ones I will concentrate on in this column (unless I get some strong push for big minutes or big decades or some other such list). Year-lists are reported for Canada, the provinces, ATPAT, and a few recent local lists. Day-lists are reported for the provinces and ATPAT. The thresholds that I have used for year-lists are 10% less than those I used for the provincial life lists in the previous issue, and those for day-lists are another 10% lower. The list totals are taken from the Bird Commander Inc. program, whose creator, Tony White, is constantly updating the provincial list totals.

Shown in the lists are birders' best ever lists for each category that they have submitted to me. I have also shown the current top listers in each category, so birders may appear more than once in a category if their best lists are greater than their current lists. Current lists are shown in bold. I have marked both 1989 and 1990 records as being current, because there was no year/day-list report last year in *Canadian Birding*.

The number of birders who submit year-lists or day-lists is low relative to the number who submit life lists and/or day-lists. The lists include 123 provincial or territorial year-lists and only 42 provincial or territorial day-lists. I know there are birders out there with better year or day-lists than some of the leaders listed here, particularly where I have low lists leading some categories. Send me your lists please! Ontario was the most popular area for both year-lists and day-lists, having twice as many in both categories as the next most popular area.

It is interesting to compare the top year-lists as percentages with the top life lists as reported in the previous issue. In five cases (Canada, BC, AB, MB, and NS) the top year-lists are 10-14% lower than the top life lists. Is this a rough limit to how close a maximum effort year-list can approach a long-term life list? The difference is probably greater in provinces where good numbers of rarities have been sighted -- life lists can keep increasing while year-lists may hit a plateau. This may be the case in Ontario and Newfoundland. On the other hand I know that the 33% difference in NB represents a low year-list, which could easily be exceeded with a determined effort. In two cases (PEI and NWT) the top year-list is comparable to the top life list. I suspect bigger

differences would soon appear if these areas were to have some longer-term resident birders.

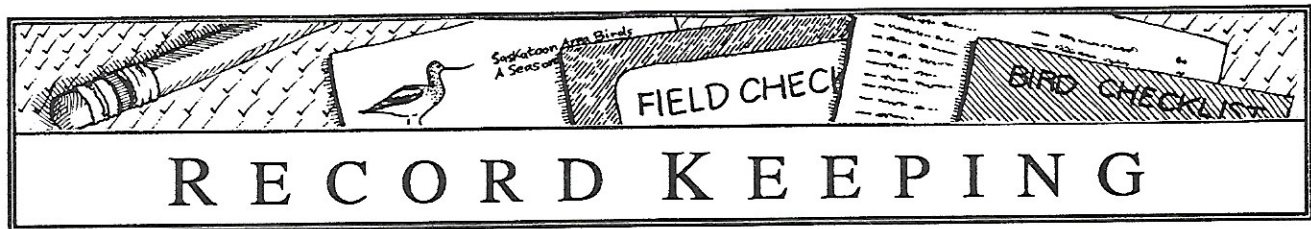
Robert Parsons is the only birder to have broken 80% for a year-list. Six of the provinces and Canada have birders breaking the 70% threshold. Only Peter Hamel and Gerry Bennett have broken 400 for Canada, and only in Ontario and British Columbia have birders broken 300 for a provincial year-list. Mike Force's 340 in BC is the top for any provincial year-list. Competition is closest in Ontario where the three top listers are within two birds of each other. Six birders have broken 60% in two provinces -- Jo Ann and Hue MacKenzie (BC,ON), Peter Hamel (BC,MB), Angus MacLean (MB,PE), Blake Maybank (ON,NF), and Roger Burrows (PE,NF). Did Roger do so without setting foot on the mainland of Canada?

Not unexpectedly, day-lists are much lower, with most top day-lists being 45% or more lower than the top life lists. The exceptions are PEI and the Yukon, for which the above comment about long-term resident birders may be made, and Manitoba. Manitoba is clearly the mother lode of Canadian big-day birding. The routes and techniques have been practiced, polished, and perfected. In no other province has a threshold of 40% been broken, whereas Rudolf Koes and Gordon Grief have seen a remarkable 55% of Manitoba's birds in a single day! Rudolf's 205 species in a day is 28 more than the top in the next highest province (BC). Furthermore, although their total has been exceeded by big days in the US, their percentage of the provincial (or state) list has not, to my knowledge, been approached.

Among the active current birders (i.e., for 1989 and 1990), only Muriel Carlson in Saskatchewan set a provincial high for year-lists. The highest current provincial year-list, and second highest overall, was the 327 of Danny Tyson in BC in 1989. Wayne Weber in BC, and John Olmsted and Gerry Bennett in Ontario broke the 300 mark, while Danny, Muriel and Robert Parsons in Manitoba had the only current year-lists over 70%. Three current birders have big-day-lists over 150 -- Blake Maybank with 156 (42%) in Manitoba, Drew Campbell with 156 (35%) in Ontario, and Wayne Weber with 153 (34%) in BC.

On a personal note I am moving again, hopefully this time for a long stay. Lists should be sent to me at 415 Thornhill Place NW, Calgary, AB, T2K 2S6.





## YEAR LISTS

### Canada (CD) Total = 605

- 433 72% 1988 Peter Hamel, Toronto ON  
 401 66% 1980 Gerry Bennett, Woodbridge ON  
 393 65% 1981 Hue MacKenzie, Surrey BC  
 391 65% 1981 Jo Ann MacKenzie, Surrey BC  
 387 64% 1988 John Olmsted, Hamilton ON  
 381 63% 1973 Luke Fazio, Mississauga ON  
**363 60% 1990 Blake Maybank, White's Lake NS**  
 361 60% 1982 Richard Cannings, Vancouver BC  
 356 59% 1987 David Stirling, Victoria BC  
 347 57% 1978 Wayne Neily, Winnipeg MB  
**340 56% 1989 Robert Parsons, Winnipeg MB**  
 339 56% 1982 Hugh Currie, Toronto ON  
 337 56% 1978 Eric Tull, Calgary AB  
 327 54% 1985 Drew Campbell, Welland ON  
**325 54% 1989 Jo Ann MacKenzie, Surrey BC**  
**322 53% 1989 Rudolf Koes, Winnipeg MB**  
**322 53% 1989 John Thomson, Prescott ON**  
 321 53% 1974 Wayne Weber, Surrey BC  
**320 53% 1989 Hue MacKenzie, Surrey BC**  
**307 51% 1989 Gord Tufts, Wolfville NS**  
 303 50% 1980 Daniel St. Hilaire, Hull PQ

### British Columbia (BC) Total = 456

- 340 75% 1986 Mike Force, Vancouver BC  
**327 72% 1989 Danny Tyson, North Vancouver BC**  
 325 71% 1986 Gary Davidson, Nakusp BC  
 324 71% 1987 Richard Cannings, Vancouver BC  
 323 71% 1983 Chris Siddle, Fort St. John BC  
 320 70% 1979 David Stirling, Victoria BC  
 320 70% 1987 Wayne Weber, Surrey BC  
**300 66% 1989 Wayne Weber, Surrey BC**  
**293 64% 1989 Rick Tyson, North Vancouver BC**  
**292 64% 1989 John Luce, Vancouver BC**  
**286 63% 1990 Chris Siddle, Fort St. John BC**  
 285 62% 1985 Jo Ann MacKenzie, Surrey BC  
 283 62% 1987 Hue MacKenzie, Surrey BC  
 275 60% 1988 Peter Hamel, Toronto ON  
**275 60% 1989 Jo Ann MacKenzie, Surrey BC**  
**272 60% 1989 Hue MacKenzie, Surrey BC**  
**242 53% 1990 Danny Tyson, North Vancouver BC**  
 215 47% 1979 Larry Neily, Ottawa ON  
 209 46% 1976 Eric Tull, Calgary AB  
 189 41% 1970 Roger Burrows, St. John's NF

### Alberta (AB) Total = 378

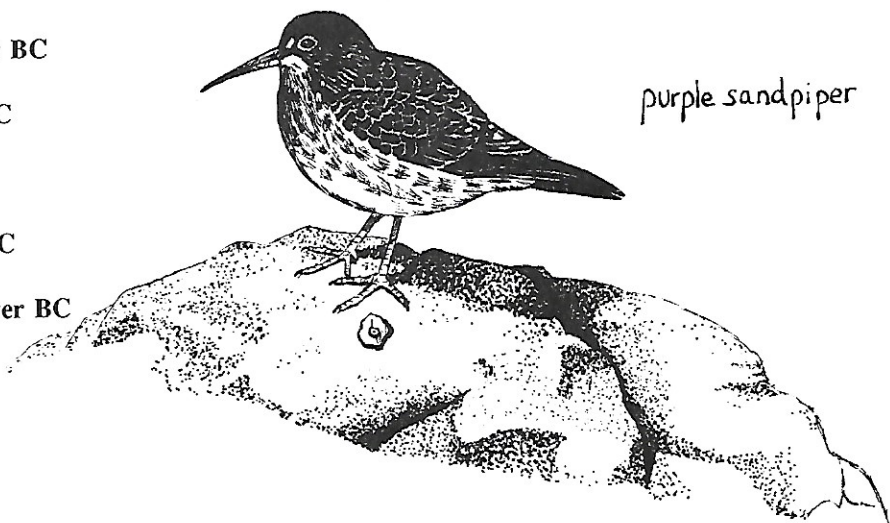
- 287 76% 1987 Richard Klauke, St. Paul AB  
 233 62% 1977 Eric Tull, Calgary AB  
**219 58% 1989 Bill McKitterick, Calgary AB**  
 201 53% 1981 Jo Ann MacKenzie, Surrey BC  
 196 52% 1981 Hue MacKenzie, Surrey BC  
 160 42% 1977 Wayne Neily, Winnipeg MB

### Saskatchewan (SK) Total = 359

- 257 72% 1990 Muriel Carlson, Saskatoon SK**  
 250 70% 1983 Stan Shadick, Saskatoon SK  
**246 69% 1990 Burke Korol, Saskatoon SK**  
**238 66% 1989 Burke Korol, Saskatoon SK**  
 191 53% 1979 Blake Maybank, White's Lake NS  
**154 43% 1990 Eric Tull, Calgary AB**  
 152 42% 1977 Wayne Neily, Winnipeg MB

### Manitoba (MB) Total = 371

- 298 80% 1988 Robert Parsons, Winnipeg MB  
 291 78% 1988 Rudolf Koes, Winnipeg MB  
 291 78% 1986 Rudolf Koes, Winnipeg MB  
 288 78% 1984 Gordon Grief, Winnipeg MB  
**286 77% 1990 Robert Parsons, Winnipeg MB**  
 265 71% 1980 Wayne Neily, Winnipeg MB  
**256 69% 1990 Gordon Grief, Winnipeg MB**  
 252 68% 1975 Angus MacLean, Alma NB  
 240 65% 1988 Peter Hamel, Toronto ON  
 219 59% 1980 Eric Tull, Calgary AB  
**202 54% 1989 Gord Tufts, Wolfville NS**  
**199 54% 1990 Eric Tull, Calgary AB**  
**162 44% 1990 Blake Maybank, White's Lake NS**



**Ontario (ON) Total = 443**

320 72% 1981 Alan Wormington, Leamington ON  
 319 72% 1988 William Lindley, London ON  
 318 72% 1988 Colleen Lindley, London ON  
 311 70% 1983 Luke Fazio, Mississauga ON  
 309 70% 1987 Tom Murray, Owen Sound ON  
 304 69% 1988 Geoff Carpentier, Peterborough ON  
**304 69% 1989 John Olmsted, Hamilton ON**  
**302 68% 1990 Gerry Bennett, Woodbridge ON**  
 301 68% 1988 Hugh Currie, Toronto ON  
 300 68% 1973 Norm Chesterfield, Wheatley ON  
**297 67% 1990 John Olmsted, Hamilton ON**  
 290 65% 1981 Jo Ann MacKenzie, Surrey BC  
 288 65% 1981 Hue MacKenzie, Surrey BC  
 286 65% 1987 Drew Campbell, Welland ON  
 285 64% 1984 Margaret Bain, Whitby ON  
**282 64% 1990 John Keenleyside, Mississauga ON**  
**280 63% 1990 Don Perks, Mississauga ON**  
**278 63% 1990 Hugh Currie, Toronto ON**  
**269 61% 1989 Margaret Bain, Whitby ON**  
**269 61% 1990 Luke Fazio, Mississauga ON**  
**266 60% 1990 Drew Campbell, Welland ON**  
 265 60% 1983 Blake Maybank, White's Lake NS  
 263 59% 1987 Linda Nuttall, Mississauga ON  
 262 59% 1984 Clayton Vardy, Peterborough ON  
 261 59% 1987 Mark Chojnacki, Mississauga ON  
 257 58% 1972 Roger Burrows, St. John's NF  
 257 58% 1988 Peter Hamel, Toronto ON  
 255 58% 1988 Lois Evans, Hamilton ON  
**253 57% 1990 Lois Evans, Hamilton ON**  
**252 57% 1989 Kurt Hennige, Napanee ON**  
 251 57% 1976 Herbert Elliott, Toronto ON  
**247 56% 1989 Steve Charbonneau, Blenheim ON**  
 240 54% 1968 Eric Tull, Calgary AB  
**231 52% 1989 Mark Chojnacki, Mississauga ON**  
**230 52% 1989 William Lindley, London ON**  
 227 51% 1988 Robert Worona, Kingston ON  
**226 51% 1990 Mark Chojnacki, Mississauga ON**  
**226 51% 1990 Larry Neily, Ottawa ON**  
**225 51% 1990 Esther Allin, Newcastle ON**  
**219 49% 1990 Theo Hofmann, Thornhill ON**  
**214 48% 1990 Herbert Elliott, Toronto ON**  
**178 40% 1989 Hue MacKenzie, Surrey BC**

**Quebec (PQ) Total = 403**

270 67% 1987 Guy Gendron, Rimouski PQ  
 236 59% 1988 John Luce, Vancouver BC  
 235 58% 1981 Daniel St. Hilaire, Hull PQ  
 210 52% 1986 Eric Tull, Calgary AB  
 199 49% 1983 Blake Maybank, White's Lake NS

**New Brunswick (NB) Total = 372**

212 57% 1973 Eric Tull, Calgary AB  
 199 53% 1985 Angus MacLean, Alma NB  
**198 53% 1990 Halton Dalzell, Moncton NB**  
**194 52% 1989 Halton Dalzell, Moncton NB**  
**187 50% 1990 Marcel David, St-Simon NB**

**Nova Scotia (NS) Total = 422**

292 69% 1988 Peter MacLeod, Halifax NS  
**261 62% 1989 Bev Sarty, White's Lake NS**  
 250 59% 1987 James Taylor, Dartmouth NS  
 249 59% 1988 Donald MacNeill, Halifax NS  
 241 57% 1988 Blake Maybank, White's Lake NS  
**230 55% 1990 Bev Sarty, White's Lake NS**  
 228 54% 1988 Gord Tufts, Wolfville NS  
**225 53% 1990 Gord Tufts, Wolfville NS**  
 220 52% 1987 Judy Tufts, Wolfville NS  
 210 50% 1982 Larry Neily, Ottawa ON  
 195 46% 1974 Roger Burrows, St. John's NF  
 180 43% 1968 Wayne Neily, Winnipeg MB

**Prince Edward Island (PE) Total = 294**

208 71% 1975 Roger Burrows, St. John's NF  
 185 63% 1973 Angus MacLean, Alma NB  
**149 51% 1990 Ray Cooke, Sherwood PE**  
 121 41% 1978 Eric Tull, Calgary AB  
 116 39% 1985 Blake Maybank, White's Lake NS  
 105 36% 1978 Wayne Neily, Winnipeg MB

**Newfoundland (NF) Total = 347**

224 65% 1984 Blake Maybank, White's Lake NS  
**219 63% 1989 Roger Burrows, St. John's NF**  
 139 40% 1978 Wayne Neily, Winnipeg MB  
 119 34% 1978 Eric Tull, Calgary AB

**Yukon Territory (YT) Total = 256**

130 51% 1975 Wayne Neily, Winnipeg MB  
 87 34% 1979 Eric Tull, Calgary AB

**Northwest Territories (NT) Total = 298**

155 52% 1973 Alan Wormington, Leamington ON  
 130 44% 1976 Wayne Neily, Winnipeg MB  
 99 33% 1975 Eric Tull, Calgary AB

**Single Year ATPAT Total = 4405**

1363 31% 1990 Blake Maybank, White's Lake NS  
 1238 28% 1988 Peter Hamel, Toronto ON  
 1186 27% 1981 Eric Tull, Calgary AB

**Best Years Combined ATPAT Total = 4405**

2063 47% Eric Tull, Calgary AB  
 1965 45% Blake Maybank, White's Lake NS  
 1415 32% Larry Neily, Ottawa On

**Vancouver BC**

227 1989 Jo Ann MacKenzie, Surrey BC  
 218 1989 Hue MacKenzie, Surrey BC

**Pembroke ON/PQ**

221 ???? Chris Michener, Golden Lake ON  
 192 1990 Ken Hooles, Pembroke ON

**Ottawa-Hull ON/PQ**

238 1990 Larry Neily, Ottawa ON



Red-breasted Nuthatch, *Courtesy of Azor Vienneau*

## DAY LISTS

### Yukon Territory (YT) Total = 256

- 62 24% 1976/07/03 Eric Tull, Calgary AB  
56 22% 1976/05/17 Wayne Neily, Winnipeg MB

### Newfoundland (NF) Total = 347

- 106 30% 1984/09/02 Roger Burrows, St. John's NF  
106 30% 1984/09/02 Blake Maybank, White's Lake NS

### Nova Scotia (NS) Total = 422

- 135 32% 1991/06/01 Blake Maybank, Whites Lake NS  
131 31% 1989/05/26 Blake Maybank, Whites Lake NS

### Prince Edward Island (PE) Total = 294

- 104 35% 1985/08/21 Blake Maybank, White's Lake NS

### Quebec (PQ) Total = 403

- 142 35% 1982/05/27 Daniel St. Hilaire, Hull PQ  
129 32% 1986/05/24 Eric Tull, Calgary AB  
127 32% 1988/05/22 John Luce, Vancouver BC

### Ontario (ON) Total = 443

- 165 37% 1974/05/21 Luke Fazio, Mississauga ON  
163 37% 1988/05/21 Geoff Carpentier, Peterborough ON  
158 36% 1988/05/21 Clayton Vardy, Peterborough ON  
156 35% 1990/05/20 Drew Campbell, Welland ON  
153 35% 1984/05/18 Norm Chesterfield, Wheatley ON  
147 33% 1990/05/21 Margaret Bain, Whitby ON  
147 33% 1989/05/20 Steve Charbonneau, Blenheim ON  
147 33% 1969/05/11 Don Perks, Mississauga ON  
145 33% 1982/05/22 Peter Hamel, Toronto ON  
144 33% 1982/05/08 Hugh Currie, Toronto ON  
139 31% 1982/??/?? Herbert Elliott, Toronto ON  
137 31% 1965/05/08 Eric Tull, Calgary AB  
136 31% 1988/05/26 Chris Michener, Golden Lake ON

### Manitoba (MB) Total = 371

- 205 55% 1987/05/23 Rudolf Koes, Winnipeg MB  
204 55% 1987/05/23 Gordon Grief, Winnipeg MB  
191 51% 1980/05/24 Peter Hamel, Toronto ON  
170 46% 1980/05/27 Wayne Neily, Winnipeg MB  
162 44% 1980/05/27 Eric Tull, Calgary AB  
156 42% 1990/05/26 Blake Maybank, Whites Lake NS

### Months other than May

- 187 50% 1986/06/01 Gordon Grief, Winnipeg MB  
164 44% 1987/07/11 Gordon Grief, Winnipeg MB  
161 43% 1980/08/09 Gordon Grief, Winnipeg MB

### Saskatchewan (SK) Total = 359

- 137 38% 1986/06/02 Muriel Carlson, Saskatoon SK  
112 31% 1990/05/12 Burke Korol, Saskatoon SK

### Alberta (AB) Total = 378

- 137 36% 1978/05/27 Eric Tull, Calgary AB  
119 31% 1989/07/15 Rudolf Koes, Winnipeg MB  
119 31% 1983/05/28 Gerry Lunn, Edmonton AB  
115 30% 1984/05/?? David Stirling, Victoria BC

### British Columbia (BC) Total = 456

- 177 39% 1986/05/21 Richard Cannings, Vancouver BC  
157 34% 1988/05/22 Gary Davidson, Nakusp BC  
155 34% 1986/05/18 Jo Ann MacKenzie, Surrey BC  
154 34% 1986/05/18 Wayne Weber, Surrey BC  
153 34% 1989/05/21 Wayne Weber, Surrey BC  
140 31% 1989/05/21 Gord Tufts, Wolfville NS  
140 31% 1989/05/21 Judy Tufts, Wolfville NS

### Best Days Combined ATPAT Total = 4405

- 1142 26% Eric Tull, Calgary AB  
1119 25% Blake Maybank, White's Lake NS

