

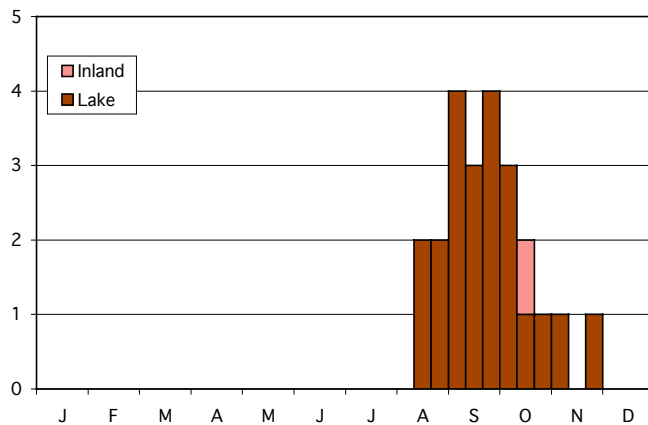
## Long-tailed Jaeger

## *Stercorarius longicaudus*

### Historical Information

**First Published Record:** Indiana's first report of this lithe seabird, consisted of an adult male collected by H.L. Stoddard "off Dune Park" 21 September 1915 (Stoddard notes). Here Dune Park refers to a train station located in the current vicinity of Ogden Dunes or West Beach.

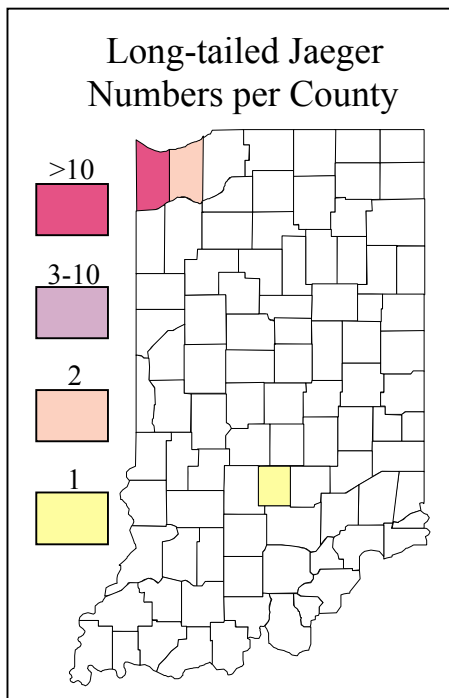
Butler (1898) included this Jaeger in his hypothetical listing. Citing three Indiana specimens from Millers (Miller Beach), Ford et al. (1934) deemed the Long-tailed Jaeger an uncommon migrant. Mumford and Keller (1975) also mentioned three specimens. Keller et al. (1979) noted the absence of recent records and suggested that the Long-tailed Jaeger was probably a casual fall migrant. Mumford and Keller (1984) provided no status assessment. They also mistakenly listed the 11 September 1917 record as occurring 1 September 1917.



### Status

**Physical Evidence:** Two specimens are known to exist in the Chicago Field Museum (S.F. Jackson unpublished list).

STATUS TABLE				
Specimens				
Museum				No.
Chicago Field Museum				2
20-Year Abundance Table				
	Win	Spr	Sum	Fall
Northern Tier	n	n	n	7
Central Tier	n	n	n	n
Southern Tier	n	n	n	10
Entire State	n	n	n	7



### Current Status

With the increased autumn lake watching efforts, the Long-tailed Jaeger has been reported in nine of the last twenty years. It was observed annually from 1999 through 2003. These observations suggest that it is a Rare (7) fall migrant on Lake Michigan.

### Occurrence

The Long-tailed Jaeger is a fall migrant on Lake Michigan. Indiana now has some twenty-two records; all but one, an immature dark morph observed by D.R. Whitehead on Lake Lemon 14 October 1991 (Brown 1992), occurred on Lake Michigan. Of the birds aged, twelve were adults and eight were listed as immature, juvenile, or subadult. The all-time latest record (30 November 1918) consists of a specimen.

Mumford and Keller (1984) listed a 21 June 1982 Michigan City Harbor record, which was subsequently retracted (in favor of jaeger species) by the observer.

Long-tailed Jaeger Records					
All Accepted Records					
Age	Date	Location	Observer	Notes	Ref.
Adult	21-Sep-1915	West Beach	H.L. Stoddard	Specimen	HLS
Immature	20-Aug-1917	Miller Beach	F.M. Woodruff	?	ERF
?	11-Sep-1917	Miller Beach	E.R. Ford	dead	ERF
Immature	30-Nov-1918	Miller Beach	N.F. Leopold	Specimen	ERF
Adult	09-Oct-1979	Miller Beach	E.M. Hopkins	Adult	EMH
Adult	23-Sep-1989	Miller Beach	B. Atzhorn (Squires)	Adult	NAB
Juvenile	22-Sep-1992	Miller Beach	L.S. Hinchman	Juvenile	NAB
Juvenile	14-Oct-1991	L. Lemon	D.R. Whitehead	Dark morph	IAQ
Adult	17-Sep-1994	Miller Beach	J.K. Cassady	Adult	NAB
Subadult	20-Oct-1994	Miller Beach	J.J. McCoy	Subadult	KJB
Adult	09-Sep-1995	Miller Beach	R.D. Hughes	Adult	NAB
Juvenile	29-Oct-1995	Miller Beach	J.J. McCoy	Juvenile	NAB
Juvenile	29-Sep-1999	Miller Beach	K.J. Brock	Juvenile	NAB
Adult	15-Sep-2000	Miller Beach	J.J. McCoy	Adult	NAB
Juvenile	07-Oct-2000	Miller Beach	J.K. Cassady	Juvenile	NAB
Subadult	06-Oct-2001	Miller Beach	J.K. Cassady	Subadult	NAB
Adult	3-Sep-2002	Miller Beach	K.J. Brock	Adult	KJB
Adult	2-Nov-2002	Dunes S.P.	J.J. McCoy	Adult	INB
Adult	4-Sep-2003	Miller Beach	J.J. McCoy	Adult	INB
Adult	14-Aug-2005	Miller Beach	B.J. Grube	Adult	INB
Adult	21-Aug-2005	Miller Beach	B.J. Grube	Adult	INB
Adult	27-Aug-2005	Miller Beach	J.K. Cassady	Adult	KJB

Migration Envelopes						
Fall						
	Earliest	Arrive	Peak	Depart	Latest	Records
State	14-Aug-2005	---	21-Sep	---	30-Nov-1918	23

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Stoddard notes, A listing of observations transcribed directly from H.L. Stoddard's original field notes by Dr. R.E. Mumford about 1951.