

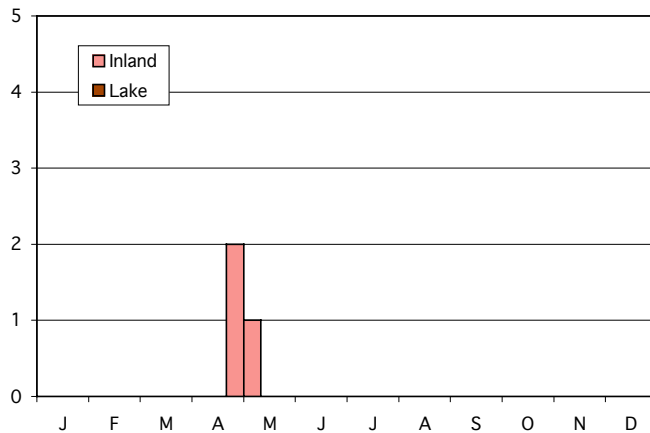
Painted Bunting

Passerina ciris

Historical Information

First Published Record: A specimen found by R.F. Buskirk on a downtown Indianapolis sidewalk 5 May 1983 (Buskirk 1983), provided Indiana's first acceptable record.

Based on a report from Illinois, Butler (1898) included this species as hypothetical. Keller et al. (1979) failed to mention this species. Citing one acceptable report, Mumford and Keller (1984) implied that the Painted Bunting was accidental.



Status

Physical Evidence: Two specimens are known to be preserved (Mumford and Keller 1984 and Gorney 2002).

STATUS TABLE				
Specimens				
Museum				No.
J. Moore Museum, Earlham College				1
St. Mary's College, South Bend				1
20-Year Abundance Table				
	Win	Spr	Sum	Fall
Northern Tier	n	10	n	n
Central Tier	n	n	n	n
Southern Tier	n	n	n	n
Entire State	n	10	n	n

Current Status

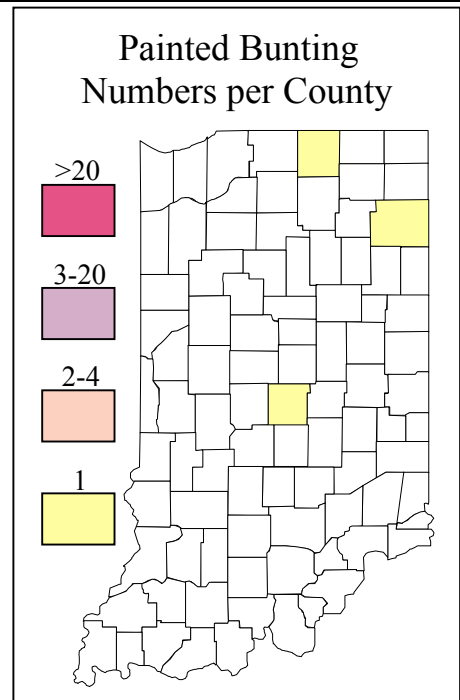
Based on two records in the last 20 years, the Painted Bunting remains Accidental (10).

Occurrence

Indiana has three accepted records of this colorful species; all were males. R.F. Buskirk found the state's first Painted Bunting dead on a sidewalk, an apparent window kill, in front of the State Office Building in Indianapolis on the morning of 5 May 1983 (Buskirk 1983). A second bird appeared in a Fort Wayne backyard 22 April 1999, where it was photographed by Ann Squires (Bruner 2000). This photo is retained in the Bird Records Committee files. Indiana's third Painted Bunting was found dead by Elwood Culp on his property in Goshen, Elkhart County on 25 April 2002. The specimen found its way to St. Mary's College where Doris Watt preserved the specimen (Gorney 2002).

Excluded Record

Mumford and Keller (1984) discredit a 12 April 1886 record from Indianapolis, questioning the reporter's reliability.



Painted Bunting Records				
All Accepted Records				
No	Date	Location	Observer	Ref.
1 male	5-May-1983	Indianapolis	R.F. Buskirk	IAQ
1 male	22-Apr-1999	Allen Co	Ann Squires	BRC
1 male	25-Apr-2002	Elkhart Co	Elwood Culp	IAQ

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