

## Common Raven

## *Corvus corax*

### Historical Information

First Published Record: Butler (1898) indicated that the last Ravens were seen in Franklin County in 1868 and mentioned several other reports. However, the state's only fully dated record occurred at Miller Beach 17 October 1953 (Brock 1997).

Butler (1898) deemed the "American Raven" a rare resident, which breeds. Keller et al. (1979) considered it accidental. Mumford and Keller (1984) reported no occurrences since 1953.

### Status

Physical Evidence: There are no known specimens or photographs.

#### Current Status

In the absence of records over the last half-century, the Raven must be considered Accidental (10).

### Occurrence

Mumford and Keller (1984) mentioned a number of records, all but one of which were not fully dated. Amy Baldwin provided the state's only fully dated record with a sighting at Miller 17 October 1953 (Brock 1997).

STATUS TABLE				
Specimens				
Museum				No.
No known specimens				0
20-Year Abundance Table				
	Win	Spr	Sum	Fall
Northern Tier	n	n	n	n
Central Tier	n	n	n	n
Southern Tier	n	n	n	n
Entire State	n	n	n	n

### Breeding

According to Mumford and Keller (1984) a tall sandstone cliff in Dubois County, locally known as Ravens' Hollow, constituted the Raven's last breeding area in the state. It was abandoned about 1894.

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