

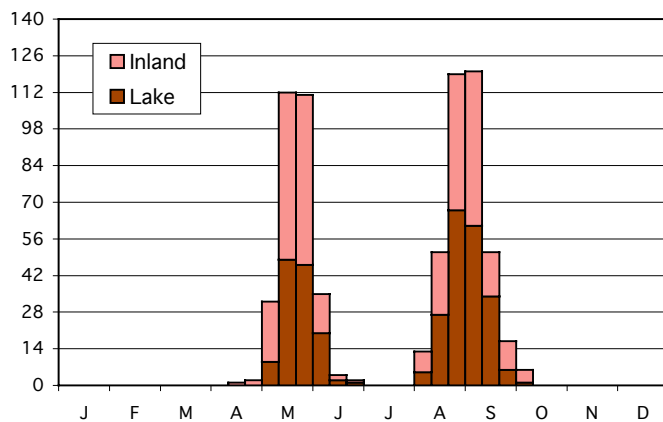
Olive-sided Flycatcher

Contopus cooperi

Historical Information

First Published Record: Butler (1898) mentioned specimens collected in Lake County in 1871; however, the earliest fully dated report involved a bird taken in Knox County by Robert Ridgway on 12 May 1885.

Regarding this large flycatcher Butler (1898) deemed it a generally rare migrant, but more numerous about the lower end of Lake Michigan. Keller et al. (1979) considered it a rare (north) to very rare migrant. Mumford and Keller (1984) characterized the Olive-sided Flycatcher as an uncommon to rare migrant.



Current Status

The Olive-sided Flycatcher remains an Uncommon (6) to Rare (7) migrant in Indiana.

Occurrence

Butler (1898) noted that the Olive-sided Flycatcher was "...found in some numbers about the lower end of Lake Michigan." This observation remains true today as this large flycatcher is most easily observed in dead trees and snags along the lakefront where it is slightly more common in fall. As of September 2005, some 344 individuals had been reported on the lakefront compared to 374 for the balance of the state. Statewide it has been recorded in at least 54 counties.

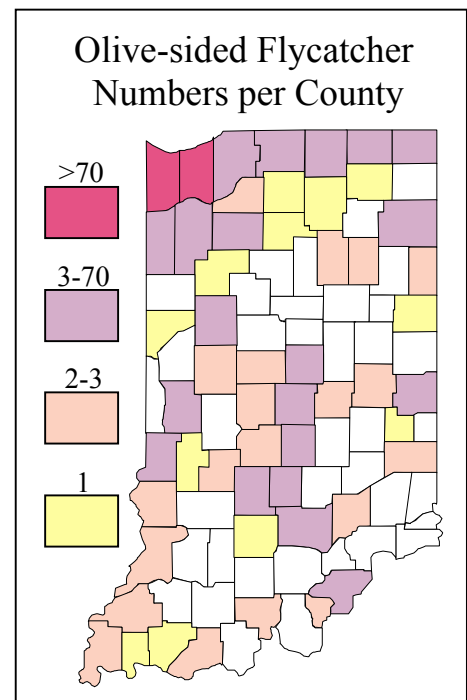
Vocalizing Birds

Most migrants are silent, but at least a half-dozen singing Olive-sideds have been reported. All involved spring records except one: a bird reported by R. Murray in Posey County on 13 August 1975 (Mumford files).

Status

Physical Evidence: At least three specimens are known to be housed in museums (S.F. Jackson unpublished list).

STATUS TABLE				
Specimens				
Museum				No.
Chicago Academy of Sciences				1
Chicago Field Museum				2
20-Year Abundance Table				
	Win	Spr	Sum	Fall
Northern Tier	n	6	7	6
Central Tier	n	7	7	7
Southern Tier	n	7	n	7
Entire State	n	6	7	6



Olive-sided Flycatcher Data

Maximum Single Party Counts				
Spring				
Number	Date	Location	Observer	Ref.
3	19-May-1984	Dunes St Park	W.H. Buskirk	KJB
3	20-May-2000	Lakefront	K.J. Brock	KJB
3	22-May-1995	Eagle Creek Park	Larry Peavler	IAQ
3	25-May-1996	Willow Slough FWA	J.A. Haw	Haw
3	31-May-2003	Willow Slough FWA	J.A. Haw	INB
Fall				
Number	Date	Location	Observer	Ref.
6	04-Sep-1957	Baileytown	V. Reuter-skiold	VRS
6	14-Sep-1961	Baileytown	V. Reuter-skiold	VRS
5	05-Sep-1959	Baileytown	V. Reuter-skiold	VRS
Note: Baileytown, which no longer exists, occupied the present location of Bethlehem Steel in Porter Co.				

Migration Envelopes						
Spring						
	Earliest	Arrive	Peak	Depart	Latest	Records
North	30-Apr-1992	11-May	22-May	4-Jun	22-Jun-1959	214
Central	8-May-1983	13-May	22-May	30-May	23-Jun-1996	60
South	20-Apr-1999	---	12-May	---	26-May-1982	21
Fall						
	Earliest	Arrive	Peak	Depart	Latest	Records
North	4-Aug-1972	16-Aug	31-Aug	14-Sep	9-Oct-1991	242
Central	3-Aug-1981	20-Aug	7-Sep	22-Sep	4-Oct-2000	49
South	5-Aug-2004	17-Aug	1-Sep	26-Sep	1-Oct-2001	41

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Mumford files: An extensive accumulation of Indiana bird data on 5x7 file cards compiled by Professor R.E. Mumford of Purdue University, West Lafayette.

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