

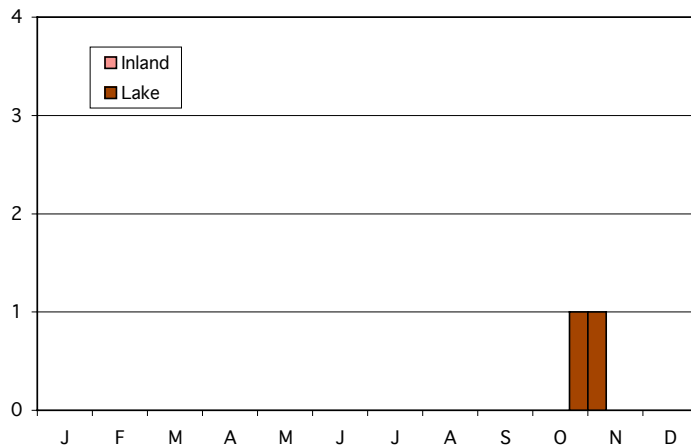
Ancient Murrelet

Synthliboramphus antiquus

Historical Information

First Published Record: Indiana's first report of this Pacific alcid occurred 8 November 1976 when David Sobal found a dead bird on Miller Beach (Mumford and Keller 1984).

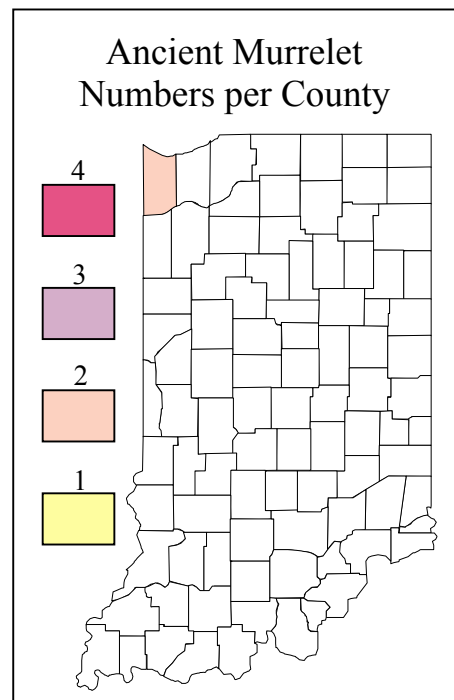
Based on a Wisconsin record Butler (1898) included the Ancient Murrelet on Indiana's hypothetical list. Both Keller et al. (1979) and Mumford and Keller (1984) considered this species accidental.



Status

Physical Evidence: One specimen from Indiana is known to exist (Mumford and Keller 1984).

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



Current Status

Accidental (10).

Occurrence

Both Indiana records occurred at Miller Beach in late fall. The state's second report consisted of a flyby on 27 October 2001. At least a score of lakewatchers were present, but in the howling gale only four saw the bird sufficiently well to render positive identifications (Brock 2003).

Ancient Murrelet Records				
All Records				
No.	Date	Location	Observer	Ref.
1	8-Nov-1976	Miller Beach	David Sobal	M&K
1	27-Oct-2001	Miller Beach	K.J. Brock	IQA

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