

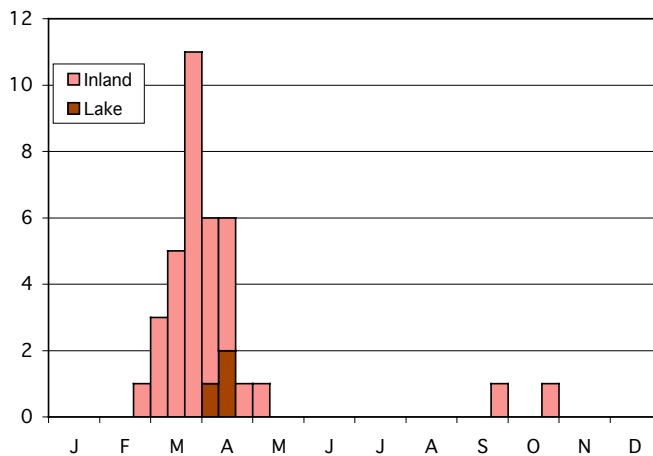
## Eurasian Wigeon

## *Anas penelope*

### Historical Information

**First Published Record:** Butler (1898) mentioned a specimen collected at English Lake, Starke County in 1881 or 1882, but one taken at this location by L. Hoyt 13 April 1893, provides Indiana's earliest completely dated record (Butler 1898).

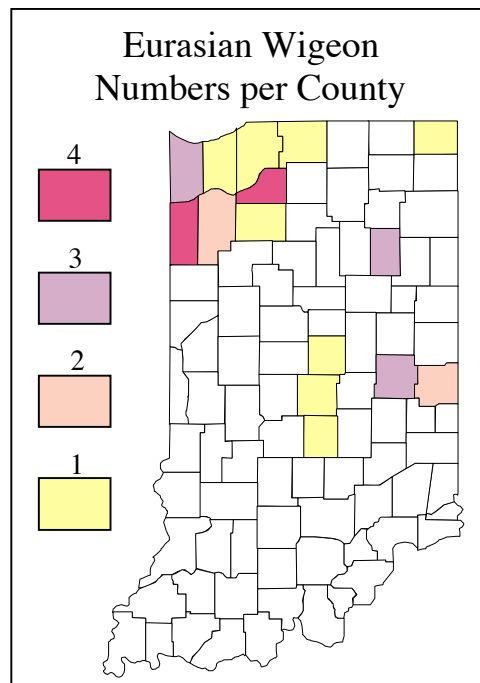
Butler (1898) deemed this Old-World species an accidental visitor in spring. Keller et al. (1979) characterized it as casual. Mumford and Keller (1984) provide no assessment of this species' status, but noted that it had been reported 21 times.



### Status

**Physical Evidence:** An Indiana specimen is preserved in the Chicago Academy of Sciences collection (S.F. Jackson, unpublished list).

STATUS TABLE				
Specimens				
Museum				No.
Chicago Academy of Sciences				1
20-Year Abundance Table				
	Win	Spr	Sum	Fall
Northern Tier	n	8	n	n
Central Tier	n	9	n	n
Southern Tier	n	n	n	n
Entire State	n	8	n	n



### Current Status

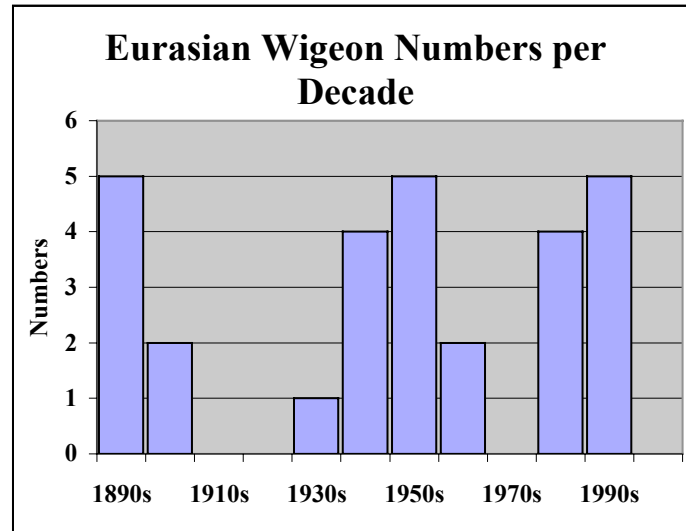
Only seven records have occurred in the state over the past twenty years relegating the Eurasian Wigeon to the Very Rare (8) category.

### Occurrence

This rare duck has been recorded in some 15 Indiana counties. The Eurasian Wigeon is primarily a rare spring migrant; the state's most recent record occurred in Steuben County 1 April 1997 (Brock 1997). The distribution map indicates that records occurred in both Hamilton and Marion Counties; however, only a single bird, seen on Geist Reservoir, was involved.

Seven of the 28 records (25 percent) were recorded prior to 1904. Except for a female collected on the Kankakee River near Thayer (Newton County) 28 March 1898 (Mumford files), all records in which gender was listed were males.

Despite far more extensive observer effort in recent decades, reports of this wigeon have not increased appreciably (see graph below). All records consist of singletons and all except two occurred in spring. The two fall records are listed in the migration envelopes



#### Eurasian Wigeon Data

Migration Envelopes						
Entire State						
	Earliest	Arrive	Peak	Depart	Latest	Records
<b>Spring</b>	23-Feb-1997	9-Mar	28-Mar	13-Apr	9-May-1943	31
<b>Fall</b>	23-Sep-1949	---	---	---	30-Oct-1954	2

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