

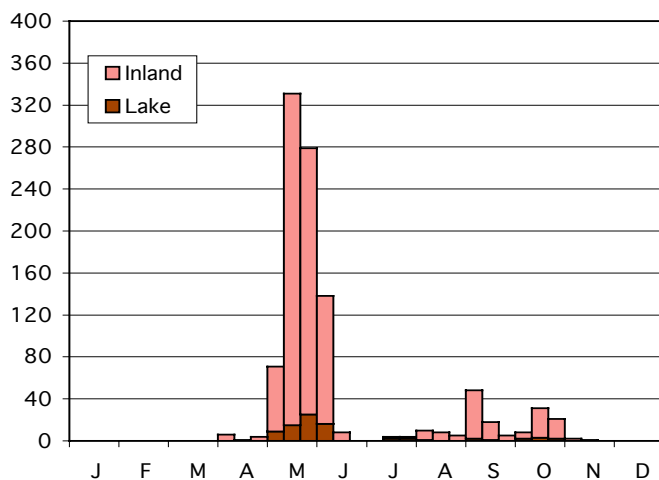
White-rumped Sandpiper

Calidris fuscicollis

Historical Information

First Published Record: Indiana's first record of this long-winged *calidrid* occurred 10 April 1926, when F.M. Baumgartner observed six in Marion County (Mumford 1953). This record remains tied for the earliest spring arrival date.

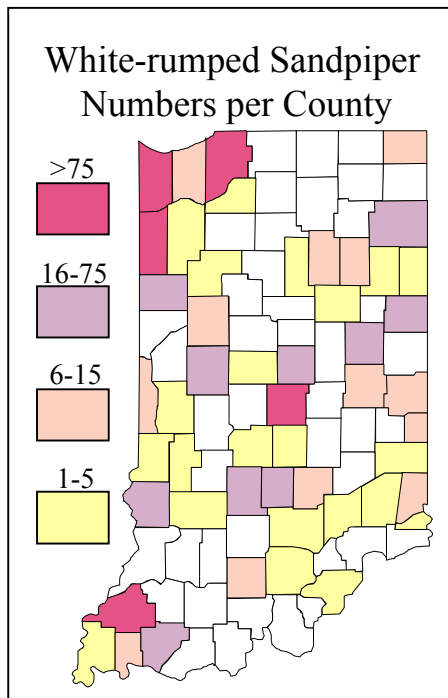
Unaware of records within the state, Butler (1898) placed the White-rumped Sandpiper on the hypothetical list. Keller (1958) deemed it a rare migrant and Keller et al. (1979) considered it a rare migrant, except in the south, where it was very rare in spring. Mumford and Keller (1984) refined the status to a rare spring and rare to very rare fall migrant.



Status

Physical Evidence: A single specimen is preserved in the National Museum of Natural History (S.F. Jackson unpublished list).

STATUS TABLE				
Specimens				
Museum				No.
National Museum of Natural History				1
20-Year Abundance Table				
	Win	Spr	Sum	Fall
Northern Tier	n	6	7	7
Central Tier	n	7	7	7
Southern Tier	n	6	7	7
Entire State	n	6	7	7



Current Status

The White-rumped Sandpiper is an Uncommon (6) to Rare (7) migrant.

Occurrence

This is one of few members of its genus that is more common in spring than fall. It is also observed most frequently away from Lake Michigan; indeed Marion County sports the largest numbers (primarily due to numerous reports from the formerly productive Indianapolis sewage ponds). The White-rumped Sandpiper associates with other shorebirds and has been recorded in at least 50 counties.

Fall Migration

Fall migration dates shown in the migration envelopes are quite puzzling. This table shows the northern tier fall peak as occurring 7 October. In contrast, the central tier peak is 16 September and the southern tier 27 August. Perhaps late migrating juveniles dominate the northern tier data, whereas,

adults have been reported more frequently in the southern tier. Clearly, however, more data, especially age information, are needed.



An unusually bright juvenile White-rumped Sandpiper at George Lake, Hammond 16 October 2004. Photo by J.K. Cassady.



Worn and molting adult White-rumped Sandpiper at George Lake, Hammond 24 September 2005. Photo by J.K. Cassady

Extreme Records

The early April blip on the migration histogram includes the Baumgartner report mentioned in the historical summary, plus a count of six birds recorded by J.B. Cope near Richmond 10 April 1963 (Mumford files).

White-rumped Sandpiper Data

Maximum Single Party Counts				
Spring				
Number	Date	Location	Observer	Ref.
50	16-May-1978	Delaware Co	S.F. Jackson	IAQ
40	20-May-1977	Willow Slough	E.M. Hopkins	REM
27	15-May-1963	Indy Sewage	C.E. Keller	REM
Fall				
Number	Date	Location	Observer	Ref.
15	04-Sep-1972	Marion Co	Bud Starling	REM
9	13-Oct-1953	Geist Res.	M.P. Kahl	REM
9	27-Aug-2005	Hawthorn Mine	L.W. Sterrenburg	INB

Migration Envelopes						
Spring						
	Earliest	Arrive	Peak	Depart	Latest	Records
North	5-May-2001	9-May	22-May	5-Jun	14-Jun-2001	126
Central	10-Apr-1963	10-May	18-May	3-Jun	16-Jun-2002	78
South	13-Apr-1989	7-May	22-May	4-Jun	9-Jun-1983	65

Fall						
	Earliest	Arrive	Peak	Depart	Latest	Records
North	14-Jul-1950	31-Jul	7-Oct	23-Oct	26-Oct-1986	36
Central	7-Aug-1946	1-Sep	16-Sep	27-Oct	9-Nov-1954	39
South	18-Jul-1982	---	27-Aug	---	15-Nov-1997	26
By Age: Fall flight						
Adult	31-Jul-1999	---	---	---	9-Sep-1999	6
Juv.	10-Oct-1996	---	---	---	23-Oct-1982	4

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