

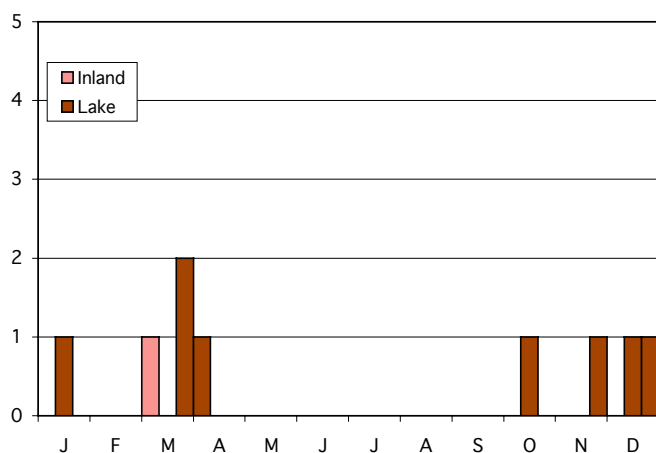
Mew Gull

Larus canus

Historical Information

First Published Record: K.J. Brock discovered a winter-plumed bird on the Michigan City Harbor beach 24 November 1987 (Brock and Jackson 1988), which provided the state's first report of this West Coast gull.

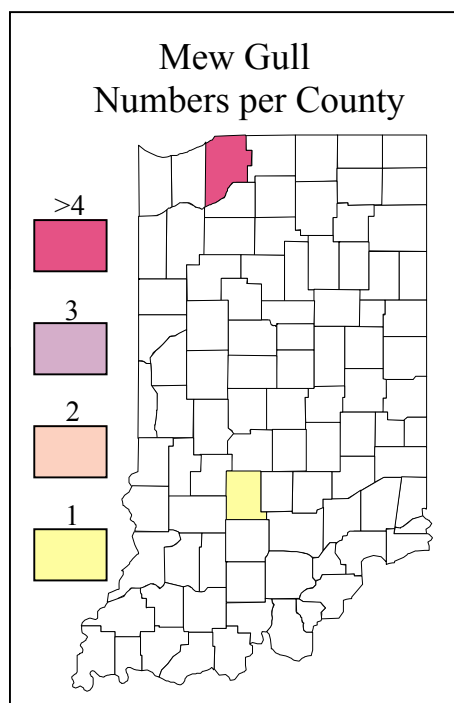
This fairly recent addition to the Indiana avifauna was not mentioned by Butler (1898), Keller et al. (1979), or Mumford and Keller (1984).



Status

Physical Evidence: There are no known Indiana specimens, but photographs are published in Brock and Jackson (1988).

STATUS TABLE				
Specimens				
Museum				No.
No known specimens				0
20-Year Abundance Table				
	Win	Spr	Sum	Fall
Northern Tier	9	10	n	10
Central Tier	n	n	n	n
Southern Tier	n	10	n	n
Entire State	9	10	n	10



Current Status

The Mew Gull is now Occasional (9) in winter at Michigan City Harbor; it is Accidental (10) at other locations and times.



This adult Mew Gull at Michigan City on 24 November 1987, constitutes the state's first record. Photo by K.J. Brock.

Occurrence

Indiana now has seven records of this small gull (based on the assumption that the December 1996 birds and the spring Mount Baldy reports each constitute single records). All birds have been adults seen on the LaPorte County lakefront except for a first-year bird observed on Lake Monroe (see Inland Record).

Inland Record

Indiana's only Mew Gull occurrence away from Lake Michigan consists of a first-winter bird discovered by C.L. Wood at Lake Monroe, Cutright on 2 March 2001. J.D. Hengeveld, Susan Hengeveld, and D.R. Whitehead subsequently observed this individual (Brock 2001).

Mew Gull Records				
All Records				
Notes	Date	Location	Observer	Ref.
adult	24-Nov-1987	Mich. City Harbor	K.J. Brock	KJB
adult	14-Jan-1995	Mich. City Harbor	K.J. Brock	KJB
adult	29-Mar-1996	Mich. City Harbor	J.K. Cassady	KJB
adult	14 to 31-Dec-1996	Mich. City Harbor	J.J. McCoy	KJB
adult	18-Oct-1997	Mich. City Harbor	K.J. Brock	KJB
adult	29-Mar to 4-Apr-2001	Mt Baldy	B.J. Grube	KJB
First-year	02-Mar-2001	Lake Monroe	C.L. Wood	INB

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