

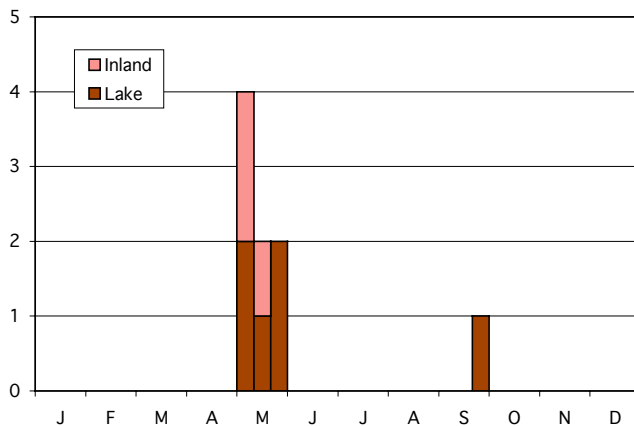
Kirtland's Warbler

Dendroica kirtlandii

Historical Information

First Published Record: According to Butler (1898), "The first specimen known from Indiana was taken at Wabash, by Mr. W.O. Wallace, May 4, 1892." Curiously, both Keller et al. (1979) and Mumford and Keller (1984) list the date of this record as 1 May 1893. In the Mumford files this specimen is listed as follows, "Wabash [County] AWB 4502 no sex. 1 May 1893 – W.O. Wallace." This appears to represent data taken from a specimen label or museum catalog, suggesting that the date quoted by Butler is in error.

Butler (1898) described the Kirtland's Warbler as very rare. Keller et al. (1979) deemed it accidental. Mumford and Keller (1984) summarized Indiana records but provided no status.



Status

Physical Evidence: Only one Indiana specimen is known to be preserved in museums (S.F. Jackson unpublished list).

STATUS TABLE				
Specimens				
Museum				No.
Univ. of Michigan Museum				1
20-Year Abundance Table				
	Win	Spr	Sum	Fall
Northern Tier	n	10	n	10
Central Tier	n	n	n	n
Southern Tier	n	n	n	n
Entire State	n	10	n	10

Current Status

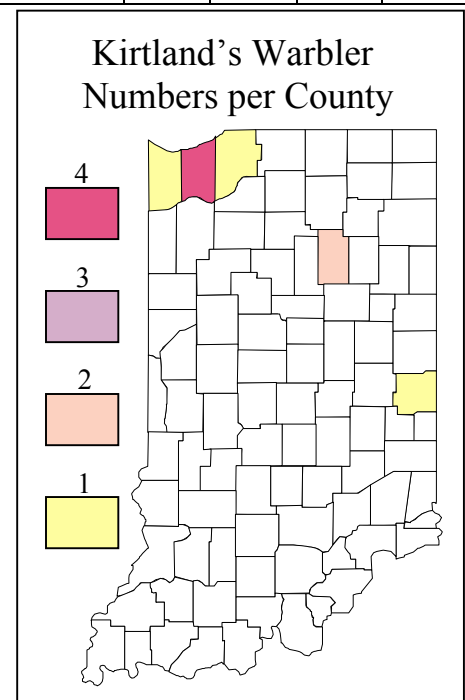
Kirtland's Warbler is an Accidental (10) migrant in Indiana.

Occurrence

Reports of this Federally Endangered Species display a lengthy hiatus between 1924 and 1983. Except for the 24 September 1994 record, all occurred in May. The latter bird sported colored leg-bands, which allowed the determination that it had been banded as an adult female, with brood patch, in Ogemaw County Michigan on 16 July 1992 (Brock 1995).

Physical Evidence

The two Wabash County records (see records table) were collected (Mumford and Keller 1984) and photographs of the 1981 and 1983 birds were published (Brock 1982 and Peterjohn 1983). Mumford and Keller (1975) also listed "unverified" sight records in Randolph and Hamilton Counties.





Female Kirtland's Warbler in the Brock yard in Chesterton on 17 May 1981. Photo by K.J. Brock

Kirtland's Warbler Records				
All Records				
No	Date	Location	Observer	Ref.
spec.	01-May-1893	Wabash Co	W.O. Wallace	REM
male	07-May-1895	Wabash Co	W.O. Wallace	REM
fem.	18-May-1908	Wayne Co	M.S. Markle	DNR
1	25-May-1918	Dunes St Park	C.W.G. Eifrig	ERF
1	09-May-1924	Dunes St Park	C.W.G. Eifrig	ERF
fem.	17 & 18-May-1981	Chesterton	K.J. Brock	KJB
male	22 & 23-May-1983	Mich. City Harbor	Tim Coslet	KJB
fem.	24-Sep-1994	Whiting Park	E.M. Hopkins	KJB
fem.	10-May-2003	Dunes St Park	L.S. Hinchman	INB

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