

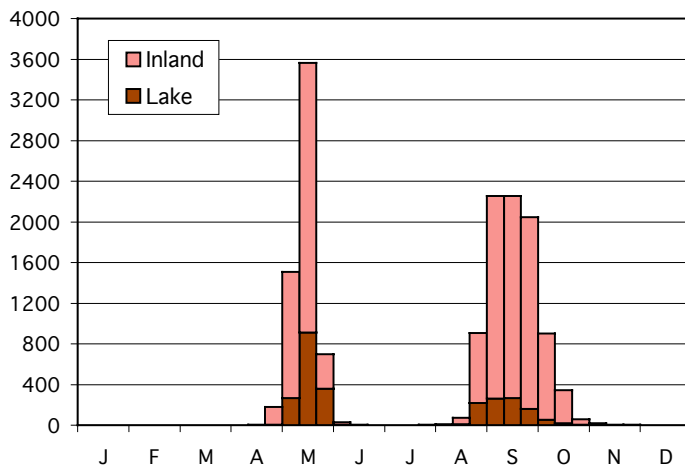
Tennessee Warbler

Vermivora peregrina

Historical Information

First Published Record: A Tennessee Warbler reported in Lake County 28 September 1879 (Butler 1898), constitutes Indiana's first published record.

Butler (1898) considered the Tennessee Warbler an abundant fall migrant, but less numerous in spring. Keller et al. (1979) deemed it a common to abundant migrant. Mumford and Keller (1984) believed that the Tennessee Warbler was common in both spring and fall.



Current Status

The Tennessee Warbler remains a Common (4) spring migrant and is Very Common (3) in fall.

Occurrence

Large numbers of this neotropical migrant pass through Indiana in both spring and fall. Data in the histogram indicate that it is somewhat more common in fall. Evidence supporting this contention comes from the statewide rankings where it ranks 6th in spring and third in fall (see rankings table in Warbler Overview). Indeed, in fall only the Yellow-rumped and Redstart exceed Tennessee Warbler numbers. This result is somewhat surprising as spring birds are quite vocal and easily detected by song.

Summer Records

The Tennessee Warbler is among the later spring migrants. As a result some two-dozen tardy birds have been reported in early June. Most interesting are two late June records: 21 June 1981 in Allen County (Haw records) and on 25 June 2001 R.S. Plank observed one at Michigan City Harbor (pers. comm.). Three early fall migrants have also been recorded in late July. The earliest of these involved an alternate plumed bird discovered by J.A. Haw at Pigeon River FWA on 23 July 1980 (Haw records).

Status

Physical Evidence: Some 15 specimens from Indiana exist in North American museums. The largest collection is in the National Museum of Natural History where eleven skins are housed (S. F. Jackson unpublished list and J.B. Dunning unpublished computer list).

STATUS TABLE				
Specimens				
Museum				No.
Chicago Field Museum				2
National Mus. Natural History				11
Purdue Univ. Wildlife Laboratory				2
20-Year Abundance Table				
	Win	Spr	Sum	Fall
Northern Tier	n	4	7	3
Central Tier	10	4	7	3
Southern Tier	n	4	n	3
Entire State	10	4	7	3

Winter Record

One December record exists; on 3 December 1989 a Tennessee Warbler spent the day at the A.W. Bruner feeding station in Marshall (Brown 1990).

Extreme Records

B. J. Grube observed the exceedingly early 6 April northern tier record at Beverly Shores in 2001 (Brock 2001). It is unclear whether the three large spring Tippecanoe County counts (see maximum count table) reported by Burr (1979), were single party tallies or group efforts. The 100 individuals reported 24 September 1995 were listed without comment in notes submitted for the fall *North American Birds* summary. A portion of the 85 birds tallied by C.L. Wood 13 September 2000, were identified by flight notes during a heavy nocturnal flight.

Tennessee Warbler Data

Maximum Single Party Counts				
Spring				
Number	Date	Location	Observer	Ref.
80	17-May-1950	Tippecanoe Co	I.W. Burr	IQA
80	15-May-1953	Tippecanoe Co	I.W. Burr	IQA
80	11-May-1963	Tippecanoe Co	I.W. Burr	IQA
Fall				
Number	Date	Location	Observer	Ref.
100	24-Sep-1995	Lake Lemon	J.D. Hengeveld	NNB
85	13-Sep-2000	Lake Monroe	C.L. Wood	NNB
66	31-Aug-1994	Shades S.P.	A.W. Bruner	NNB

Migration Envelopes						
Spring						
	Earliest	Arrive	Peak	Depart	Latest	Records
North	6-Apr-2001	7-May	15-May	24-May	25-Jun-2001	823
Central	14-Apr-2002	3-May	13-May	22-May	9-Jun-1988	460
South	8-Apr-2005	27-Apr	9-May	18-May	6-Jun-1911	213
Fall						
	Earliest	Arrive	Peak	Depart	Latest	Records
North	23-Jul-1980	27-Aug	12-Sep	5-Oct	19-Nov-1979	1188
Central	27-Jul-1988	4-Sep	21-Sep	11-Oct	30-Nov-1963	784
South	2-Aug-1986	5-Sep	23-Sep	13-Oct	11-Nov-1997	456

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