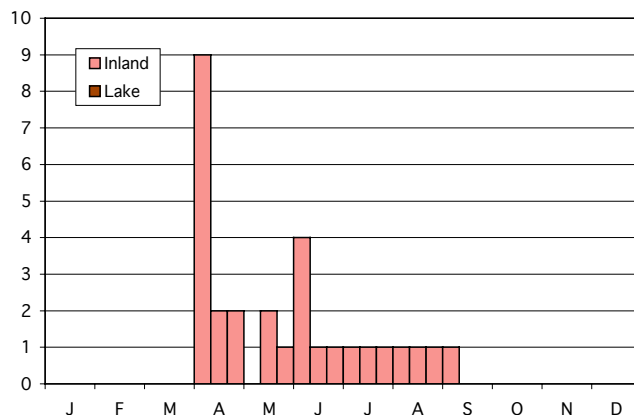


Fulvous Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna bicolor*

Historical Information

First Published Record: A bird discovered at Lake Sullivan (Marion County) by R.F. Buskirk on 28 May 1960, lingered until early September 1960, to provide Indiana's first record (DNR files).

Mumford and Keller (1975) reported the record above plus the sighting of two birds by John Louis at Jasper-Pulaski FWA. 16 May 1964. These two records placed the Fulvous Whistling-Duck in the accidental category. Keller et al. (1979) and Mumford and Keller (1984) concurred with this assessment.



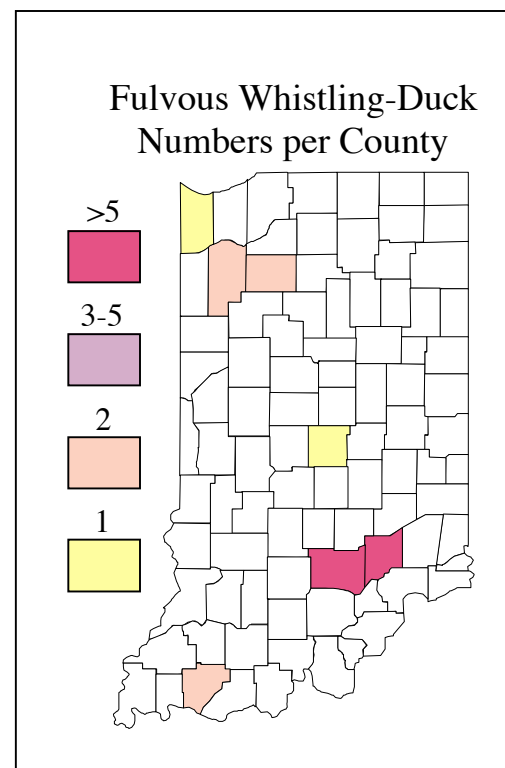
Status/Occurrence

Physical Evidence: There is apparently no existing Fulvous Whistling-Duck specimen, but a photograph is published in the *Indiana Audubon Quarterly* volume 63 number 1 and a color photograph, taken by J.J. McCoy, of the 8 June 2002 Lake County bird was published in *North American Birds* (56:510).

Current Status

Subsequent to the two reports listed in the Historical account, three more records have been added to the Indiana list. Of these five records, three occurred in the past twenty years, relegating this species' current status to the Occasional (9) category. It is primarily a spring and early summer visitor; most of the summer records shown in the migration histogram involve the Marion County bird that lingered from late spring to early fall.

The state's largest single count occurred in 1984 when a flock of nine was discovered at Muscatatuck NWR on 3 April. According to Robert Berger, Assistant Refuge Manager, these birds were discovered at Lake Linda, by Karl Overman of Detroit, Michigan, and were observed later that day by Berger. All nine birds were present on 6 and 7 April, and were seen and photographed by Brainard Palmer-Ball Jr. and at least twenty members of the Beckman Bird Club. T.T. Cable saw three on 9 April and Robert Berger noted two flying over Sue Pond on 11 April. The last sighting by refuge personnel consisted of two ducks on Richart Lake, 26 April (Brock 1985).





Adult Fulvous Whistling-Duck, Grand Kankakee Marsh, Lake County 8 June 2002. Photo by J.K. Cassady.

On 1 June 1997 two birds were photographed at Ayrshire Mine, Warrick County by J.H. and Mary Jo Campbell; these individuals did not linger. The most recent report consisted of a singleton at Lake County's Grand Kankakee Marsh. The bird was discovered 8 June 2002 by J.K. Cassady and was also present the following day. It was seen by scores and photographed by several.

Fulvous Whistling-Duck Records				
All Records				
Number	Date	Location	Observer	Ref.
1	28-May-1960	Marion Co	R.F. Buskirk	DNR
2	16-May-1964	Jasper-Pulaski FWA	John Louis	DNR
9	3-Apr-1984	Muscatatuck NWR	Karl Overman	IAQ
2	1-Jun-1997	Ayrshire Mine	J.H. Campbell	IAQ
1	8-Jun-2002	Grand Kankakee	J.K. Cassady	NAB

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