

## Sooty Tern

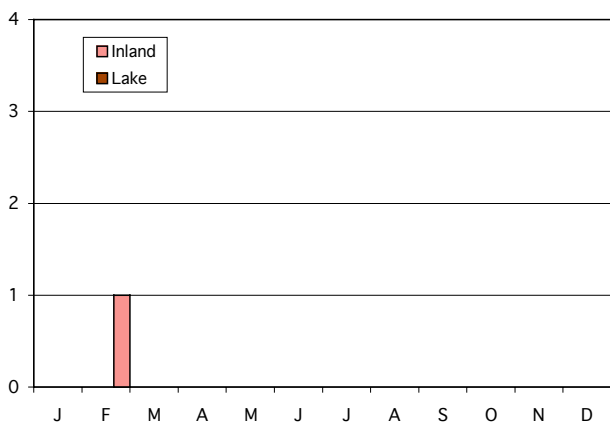
## *Sterna fuscata*

### Historical Information

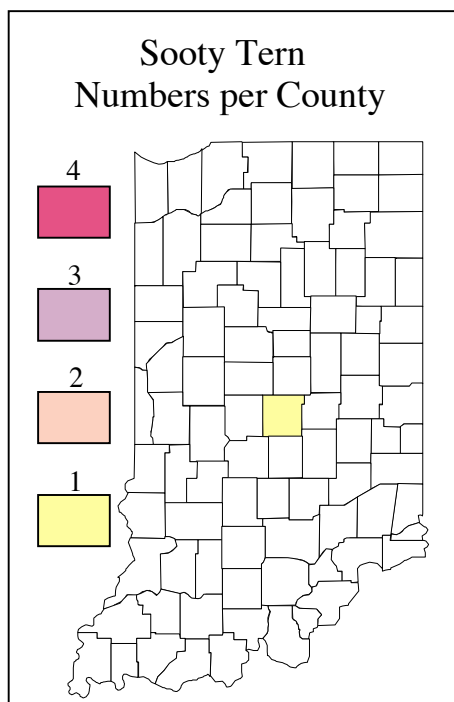
**First Published Record:** Indiana's single record of this pelagic tern occurred on the unlikely date of 24 February 1998. The bird, a road kill found near the intersection of East 52nd Street and Elmhurst in Indianapolis, was discovered and photographed by Roberta and Christopher Kuonen (Jackson 1999).

### Status

**Physical Evidence:** Photos of the dead bird, taken by the Kuonens, were published in the *Indiana Audubon Quarterly* (Jackson 1999).



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



### Current Status

Accidental (10)

### Occurrence

Unfortunately, the specimen was not retained. Photographs were forwarded to Atlantic Coast experts who, based on characters illustrated in the photos, were able to eliminate the Bridled Tern. Accordingly, the Indiana Bird Records Committee accepted this record as Indiana's first verified record (Bruner 2000).

### References Cited

Bruner, A. W. (2000) Report of the Indiana Bird Records Committee—1997 & 1999, *Indiana Audubon Quarterly*, 78:27-37.

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