

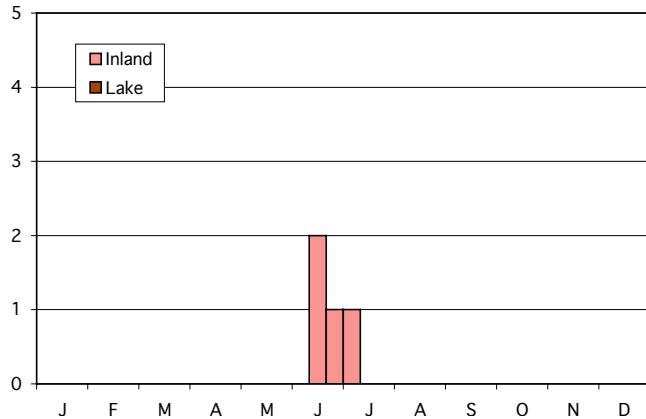
## Cassin's Sparrow

## *Aimophila cassinii*

### Historical Information

**First Published Record:** Sebastian Patti discovered Indiana's first Cassin's Sparrow, as it sang in a Pulaski County cornfield 16 June 1984 (Peterjohn 1984).

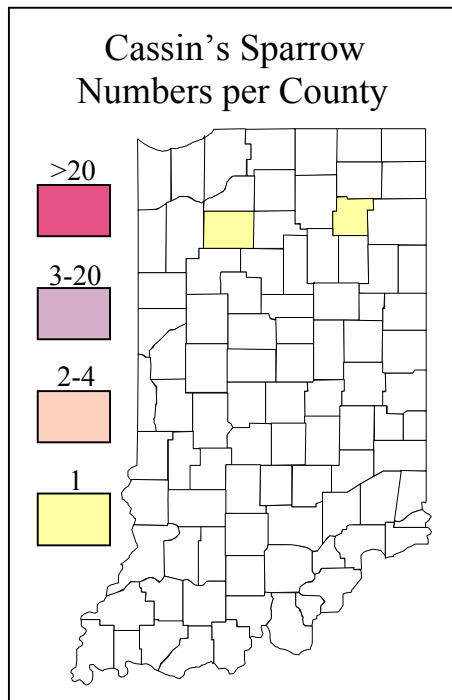
Neither Butler (1898), Keller et al. (1979), nor Mumford and Keller (1984) mentioned this western sparrow.



### Status

**Physical Evidence:** There are no known specimens from Indiana (S.F. Jackson unpublished list), but a photograph of the Pulaski County bird was published in Brock and Patti (1985).

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



### Current Status

Cassin's Sparrow is Accidental (10).

### Occurrence

Indiana has two records of this western sparrow; geographically, both occurrences were separated by only 60 miles (see distribution map). S.T. Patti, who was conducting a Breeding Bird Survey, discovered the first bird west of Kewanna in a Pulaski County cornfield on 16 June 1984. This strongly territorial bird remained until at least 2 July and was observed by scores of observers (Brock and Patti 1985). J.S. Moore discovered Indiana's second bird, which was also territorial, in Whitley County 12 June 1993. It was photographed and its song was recorded the following day as it sang from a utility wire, but it became more difficult to find on subsequent days. J.A. Haw last observed the bird on 16 June (Jackson 1994).



Cassin's Sparrow Records					
All Accepted Records					
No	Date	Location	Observer	Notes	Ref.
1	16-Jun to 2 Jul-1984	Pulaski Co	S.T. Patti	territorial	IAQ
1	12 to 16 Jun-1993	Whitley Co	J.S. Moore	territorial	IAQ

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