

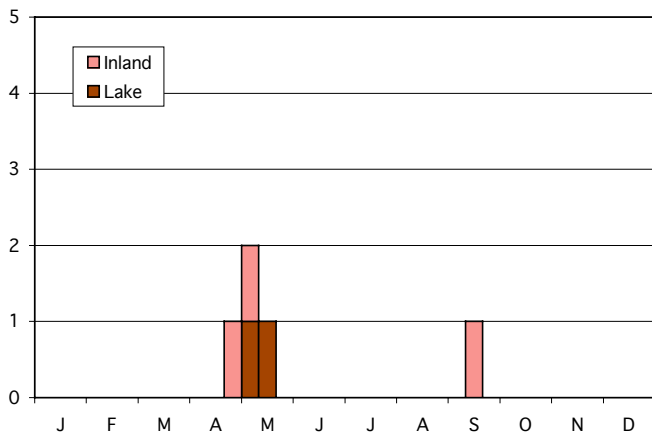
Western Tanager

Piranga ludoviciana

Historical Information

First Published Record: Indiana's first unequivocal Western Tanager consisted of an adult male that visited a New Castle, Henry County, feeder on 28 April 1996 where it was discovered by Amanda Fribley (Fribley 1996).

Butler (1898) and Keller et al. (1979) did not mention this species. Mumford and Keller (1984) considered the Western Tanager uncorroborated and listed three "possibly reliable" records.



Status

Physical Evidence: There are no known specimens from Indiana; however, a Tanya Fribley photograph of the New Castle bird appears on the front cover of the *Indiana Audubon Quarterly* 1996, Vol. 74, No. 3.

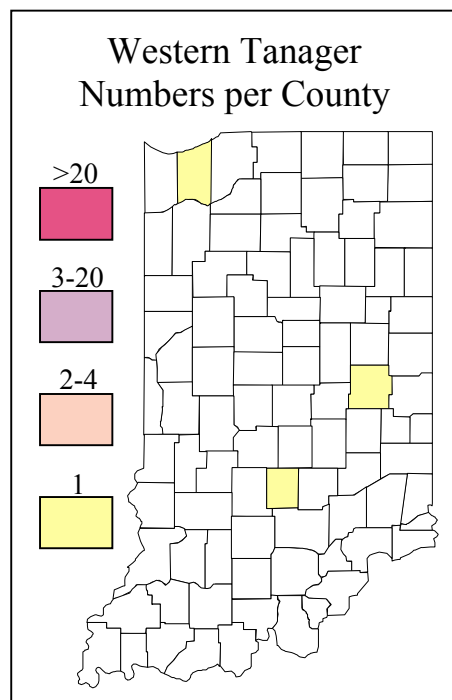
STATUS TABLE				
Specimens				
Museum				No.
No known specimens				0
20-Year Abundance Table				
	Win	Spr	Sum	Fall
Northern Tier	n	10	n	n
Central Tier	n	10	n	n
Southern Tier	n	n	n	10
Entire State	n	9	n	10

Current Status

Three records have occurred in the past 20 years rendering the Western Tanager Occasional (9) in Indiana.

Occurrence

Indiana's first records appeared in conjunction with a Midwestern "invasion" during spring 1996 (Brock 1996). The New Castle bird remained from 28 April 1996 until 6 May 1996; during this period it was seen by some 75 observers and was banded by Mary Gough on 2 May 1996 (Fribley 1996). Bud Polk discovered the state's second accepted record in the Indiana Dunes on 2 May 1996. Presumably this same bird reappeared 5 May at the Furnessville feeder of Thomas and Joe Peak (three miles from Polk's observation), where it was photographed by Clyde Fields and remained until 16 May (Lomax 1997). Indiana's third Western Tanager was seen in Brown County 11 September 2000 by C.L. Wood, Susan Hengeveld, and



J.D. Hengeveld (Brock 2001).

Western Tanager Records					
All Accepted Records					
Age	Date	Location	Observer	Notes	Ref.
Ad. male	28-Apr to 6-May-1996	Henry Co	Amanda Fribley	Banded	IAQ
Ad. male	2-May to 16-May-1996	Indiana Dunes	Bud Polk	At feeder	IAQ
male	11-Sep-2000	Brown Co	C.L. Wood		NAB

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