

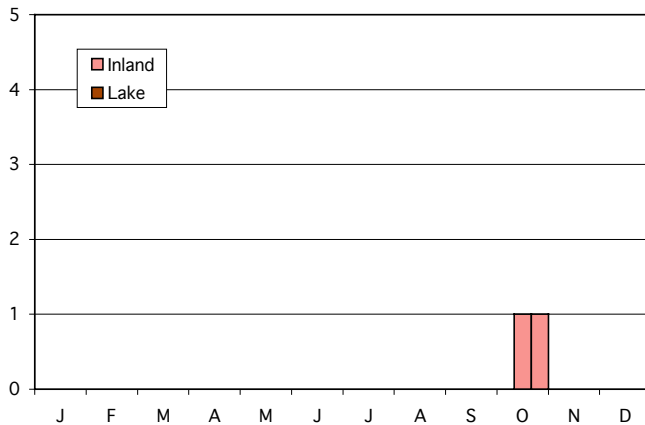
Rock Wren

Salpinctes obsoletus

Historical Information

First Published Record: Indiana's first, and only, Rock Wren appeared at the Farlow residence in Randolph County about 18 October 1977 (Mumford and Keller 1984).

Butler (1898) failed to mention this western wren. Both Keller et al. (1979) and Mumford and Keller (1984) deemed this species accidental.



Current Status

The Rock Wren is Accidental (10).

Occurrence

Indiana's Rock Wren record involved a bird that was attracted to a rock pile in the Robert Farlow yard near Winchester. It first appeared about 18 October 1977 and the identification was confirmed by Larry Carter on that date; the bird lingered until 21 October (Carter 1978). Perhaps a half-dozen additional observers saw the bird; a fine photo taken by R.E. Mumford is included in Carter (1978).

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Status

Physical Evidence: There are no known specimens, but a photograph taken by J.S. Moore appears on the cover of the *Indiana Audubon Quarterly* 1978, Vol. 56, No. 2.

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	n	n	n	n
Southern Tier	n	n	n	n
Entire State	n	n	n	n

