

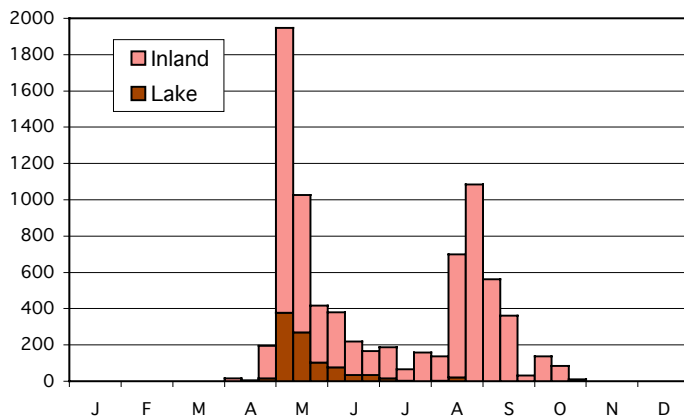
Bobolink

Dolichonyx oryzivorus

Historical Information

First Published Record: A 5 May 1881 report near Brookville (Butler 1898), appears to constitute the state's first formal record.

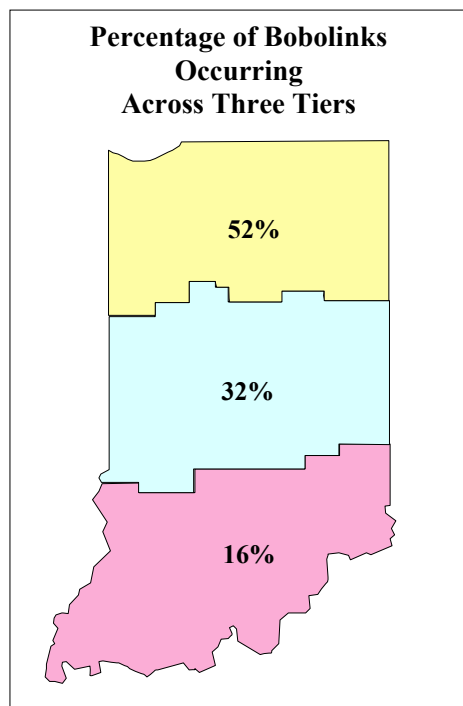
Butler (1898) referred to the Bobolink as a common summer resident in northern Indiana, but rare and regular in the south. Both Keller et al. (1979) and Mumford and Keller (1984) deemed it a common migrant and summer resident in the north, but an uncommon and local summer resident in central Indiana.



Status

Physical Evidence: At least seven specimens are housed in museums (S.F. Jackson unpublished list).

| STATUS TABLE | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Specimens | | | | |
| Museum | | | | No. |
| Chicago Academy of Sciences | | | | 1 |
| Chicago Field Museum | | | | 2 |
| National Museum of Natural History | | | | 2 |
| Univ. of Michigan Museum | | | | 2 |
| 20-Year Abundance Table | | | | |
| | Win | Spr | Sum | Fall |
| Northern Tier | n | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Central Tier | n | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Southern Tier | n | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Entire State | n | 5 | 5 | 5 |



Current Status

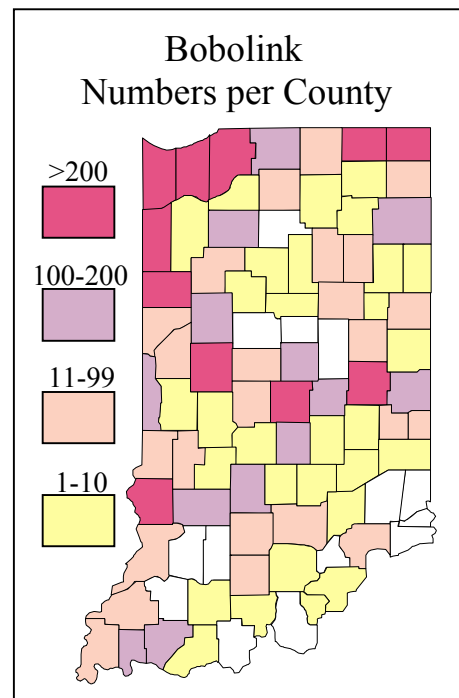
The Bobolink is a Fairly Common (5) migrant and summer resident.

Occurrence

This widespread species is still most frequently encountered in the northern two-thirds and western quarter of the state (see distribution maps).

Fall Migration

The data suggest two fall migrations. The primary autumn flight occurs in August and the first half of September, but a secondary movement is evident on the migration histogram in October.

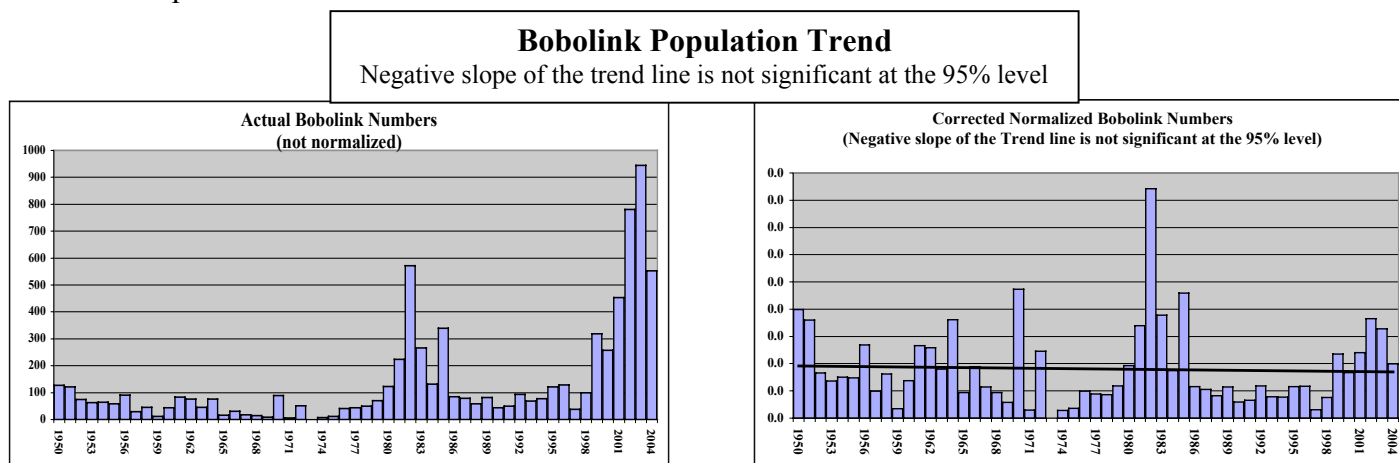


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This interesting pattern, which has not been noted in surrounding states, may result from incomplete sampling, but should be investigated more thoroughly.

Population Trend

The relatively flat trend line actually has a negative slope which is not statistically significant at the 95 percent level.



Breeding

Castrale et al. (1998) reported breeding data in 31 percent of the state's 647 priority blocks; few of these reports came from the southern third of the state. Mumford and Keller (1984) listed egg dates from 27 May through 26 June and young in the nest as late as 18 July.

Bobolink Data

| Maximum Single Party Counts | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|------|
| Spring | | | | |
| Number | Date | Location | Observer | Ref. |
| 250 | 02-May-1982 | Sullivan Co | Denny Jones | REM |
| 115 | 07-May-1982 | Pulaski Co | S.F. Jackson | IAQ |
| 100 | 10-May-1950 | Vanderburgh Co | J.W. Visher | REM |
| Fall | | | | |
| Number | Date | Location | Observer | Ref. |
| 240 | 02-Sep-1999 | Pine Cr. wetland | J.B. Dunning | INB |
| 216 | 17-Aug-2002 | Kankakee Sands | Jed Hertz | INB |
| 200 | 24-Aug-1985 | Pigeon River FWA | J.A. Haw | Haw |

| Migration Envelopes | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-------------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|---------|
| Spring | | | | | | |
| | Earliest | Arrive | Peak | Depart | Latest | Records |
| North | 18-Apr-1929 | 3-May | 13-May | 4-Jun | Sum. Res. | 393 |
| Central | 25-Apr-1948 | 3-May | 13-May | 3-Jun | Sum. Res. | 218 |
| South | 27-Mar-1996 | 30-Apr | 6-May | 16-May | Sum. Res. | 75 |

| Fall | | | | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | Earliest | Arrive | Peak | Depart | Latest | Records |
| North | Sum. Res. | 25-Jul | 23-Aug | 20-Sep | 14-Oct-2002 | 93 |
| Central | Sum. Res. | 5-Aug | 29-Aug | 7-Oct | 25-Oct-2003 | 69 |
| South | Sum. Res. | 12-Aug | 17-Sep | 10-Oct | 23-Nov-2001 | 41 |

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