

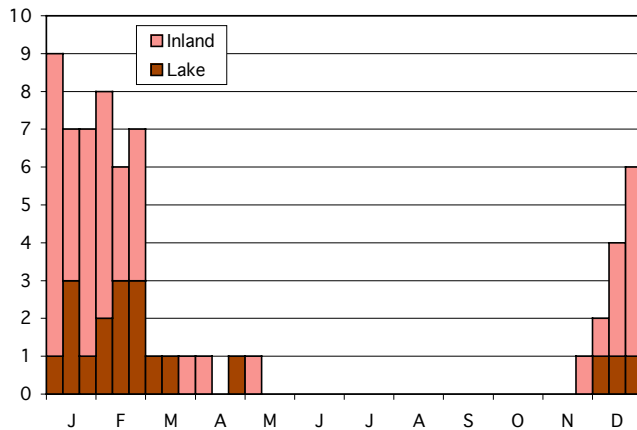
Varied Thrush

Ixoreus naevius

Historical Information

First Published Record: M.M. Snow discovered Indiana's first Varied Thrush, a striking male, in Wayne County on 9 January 1967 (Mumford and Keller 1984).

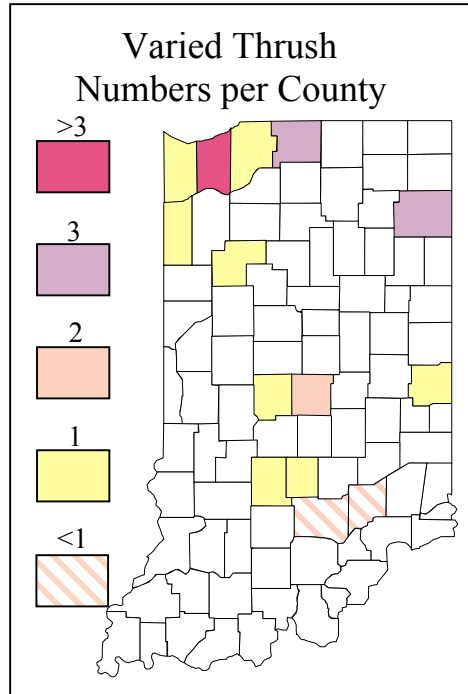
The Varied Thrush was not mentioned in Butler (1898). Keller et al. (1979) considered it accidental. Mumford and Keller (1984) deemed the Varied Thrush a casual winter visitor.



Status

Physical Evidence: There are no known specimens from Indiana, but a photograph of the White County bird appears on the cover of the 1983 *Indiana Audubon Quarterly*, Vol. 61, No. 4.

STATUS TABLE				
Specimens				
Museum				No.
No known specimens				0
20-Year Abundance Table				
	Win	Spr	Sum	Fall
Northern Tier	7	9	n	n
Central Tier	n	10	n	n
Southern Tier	9	n	n	n
Entire State	7	9	n	n

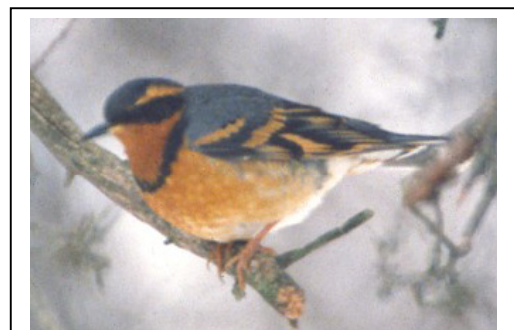


Current Status

The Varied Thrush is a Rare (7) winter visitor to Indiana.

Occurrence

The Varied Thrush is primarily a winter bird in Indiana, but a few have lingered into spring. The latest of these occurred in Indianapolis where R.F. Rice photographed one 6 May 1995; the photo appears in



Male Varied Thrush Furnessville, Indiana Dunes February 2000. Photo by J.K. Cassady.

Lomax (1996). Discovery of a 1976 bird in South Bend (the state's third record) is described in Buck (1977).

Indiana Distribution

The distribution of records (see distribution map) indicates that most Varied Thrushes have occurred in the most heavily birded areas. The striped pattern shown in Jackson and Jennings Counties reflects a bird reported at Muscatatuck NWR.

Gender

Of the 14 birds in which gender determinations were provided twelve were males and two were females.

Varied Thrush Data						
Migration Envelopes						
Entire state						
	Earliest	Arrive	Peak	Depart	Latest	Records
Winter	24-Nov-04	6-Dec	Win. Vis.	11-Mar	4-May-1995	61

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