

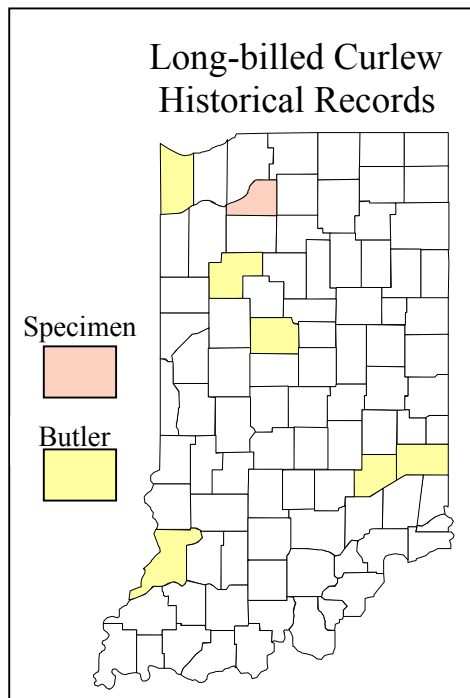
## Long-billed Curlew

## *Numenius americanus*

### Historical Information

**First Published Record:** According to Mumford and Keller (1984) J.J. Audubon reported killing this species in Indiana, but no specifics were provided. Butler (1898) mentioned a specimen in the possession of F.M. Noe, which was reportedly taken in Dubois County 2 April 1896. However, Mumford and Keller (1984) questioned all of Noe's records (see Anhinga account, page 8). This species is on the Indiana list based solely on a mounted specimen in the Cincinnati Museum Center. It was collected at English Lake, Starke County about 1870-1886 (Gorney 2004).

Butler (1898) considered the Long-billed Curlew a rare migrant, which might have formerly nested in northern Indiana. Keller (1958) noted the Dubois County report and assigned this species to the accidental category. Both Keller et al. (1979) and Mumford and Keller (1984) concurred with this latter assessment.



### Status

**Physical Evidence:** A single specimen is housed in the Cincinnati Museum Center (Gorney 2004).

### Current Status

In the absence of records over the past century, the Long-billed Curlew remains Accidental (10).

### Occurrence

Without providing specifics Butler (1898) listed occurrences in the following counties: Clinton, Decatur, Franklin, Knox, Lake, and White, all of which are plotted in the distribution map.

The report of a Long-billed Curlew in Porter County 31 August 1963, listed in Keller et al. (1979) and Mumford and Keller (1984), was rejected by the Indiana Bird Records Committee.

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