

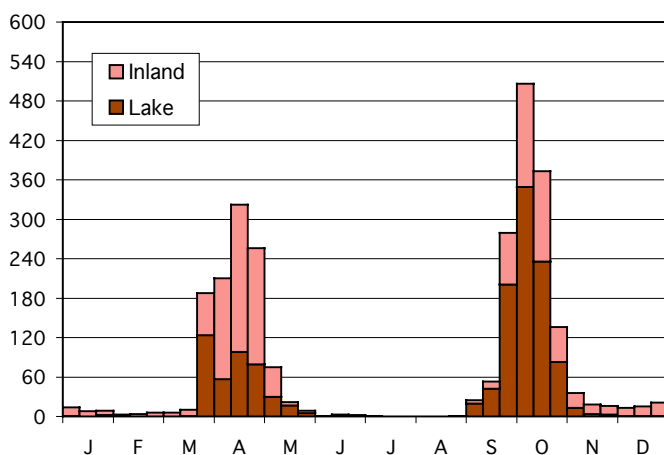
Winter Wren

Troglodytes troglodytes

Historical Information

First Published Record: According to a note in the Mumford files, J.J. Audubon reported the Winter Wren in Posey County on 4 November 1820. This is surely the state's earliest dated report of this species.

Butler (1898) deemed the Winter Wren a common migrant and winter resident in the south. Keller et al. (1979) considered it an uncommon migrant and rare winter visitant. Mumford and Keller (1984) characterized this small wren as an uncommon migrant and rare to uncommon winter resident.



Current Status

The Winter Wren is a Common (4) to Fairly Common (5) migrant and a Rare (7) winter resident.

Occurrence

This tiny wren has been reported in at least 68 Indiana counties. In migration it is most frequently seen in fall, especially along the lakefront (see migration histogram).

Extreme Record

H.L. Stoddard's 30 March 1919 anomalously high count (see maximum count table) was described as follows, "The woods are full of birds—mostly Juncos, Tree Sparrows, Song Sparrows and Fox Sparrows as well as many Brown Creepers and Golden-crowned Kinglets. Also hundreds of Winter Wrens" (Stoddard's notes). The vague estimate of "hundreds" was arbitrarily translated into 100.

Winter Records

Winter birds were recorded in 16 of the past 20 years, providing an average of 1.8 birds per year. Of these 57 percent occurred in the northern tier, 7 percent in the central tier, and 36 percent in

Status

Physical Evidence: At least a dozen specimens from Indiana are housed in museums (S.F. Jackson unpublished list, J.B. Dunning unpublished computer list, and Richards 1987).

STATUS TABLE				
Specimens				
Museum				No.
Chicago Academy of Sciences				3
Chicago Field Museum				2
National Museum of Natural History				1
Indiana State Museum				1
Purdue Univ. Wildlife Laboratory				1
Univ. of Michigan Museum				3
Milwaukee Public Museum				1
20-Year Abundance Table				
	Win	Spr	Sum	Fall
Northern Tier	7	5	n	4
Central Tier	8	6	10	6
Southern Tier	7	7	n	7
Entire State	7	5	10	4

the southern tier. The all-time largest winter record consisted of five birds observed by R.F. Buskirk at Geist Reservoir on 23 December 1964 (Buskirk 1966).

Summer Records

Summer records, which include three in June and one in July, are as follows. C.T. Clark heard a singing bird in Dunes State Park 9 June and again 7 July 1974 (Kleen 1974), R. Tweit reported one in the Indiana Dunes 12 June 1976 (Mumford and Keller 1984), and W.H. Buskirk found a singing bird in Wayne County 15 June 1992 (Buskirk 2003).

Winter Wren Data				
Maximum Single Party Counts				
Spring				
Number	Date	Location	Observer	Ref.
100	30-Mar-1919	Miller Beach	H.L. Stoddard	HLS
32*	16-Apr-1960	Lakefront	Simon Segal	IQA
22	09-Apr-1995	Fox Island Park	Stockbridge Aud. Soc.	IAQ
*Dead birds on beach following a storm kill.				
Fall				
Number	Date	Location	Observer	Ref.
42	7-Oct-2005	Multiple sites*	Don Gorney	INB
29	12-Oct-1985	Lakefront	E.M. Hopkins	KJB
25	04-Oct-1980	Lakefront	P.B. Grube	KJB
*Marquette Park (30), Hammond Sanctuary (10), & Dunes S.P. (2)				

Migration Envelopes						
Spring						
	Earliest	Arrive	Peak	Depart	Latest	Records
North	Win. Vis.	1-Apr	18-Apr	4-May	9-Jun-1974	409
Central	Win. Vis.	26-Mar	14-Apr	4-May	25-May-1972	89
South	Win. Vis.	8-Mar	7-Apr	26-Apr	9-May-1990	35
Fall						
	Earliest	Arrive	Peak	Depart	Latest	Records
North	1-Sep-1952	22-Sep	7-Oct	23-Oct	Win. Vis.	578
Central	15-Sep-1975	1-Oct	15-Oct	6-Nov	Win. Vis.	127
South	18-Sep-1980	4-Oct	17-Oct	22-Nov	Win. Vis.	47

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