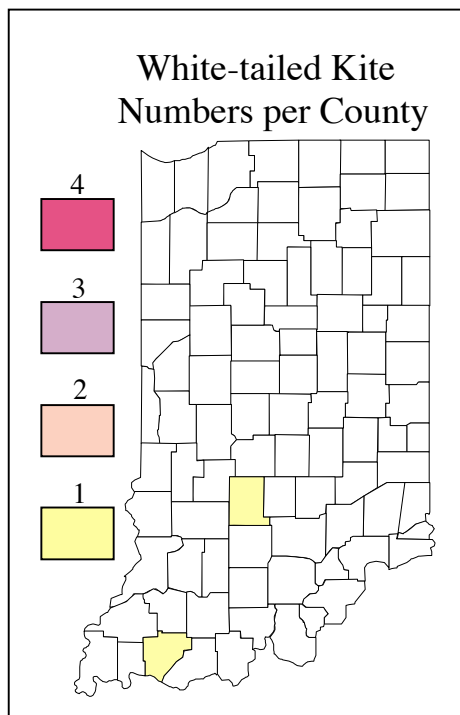
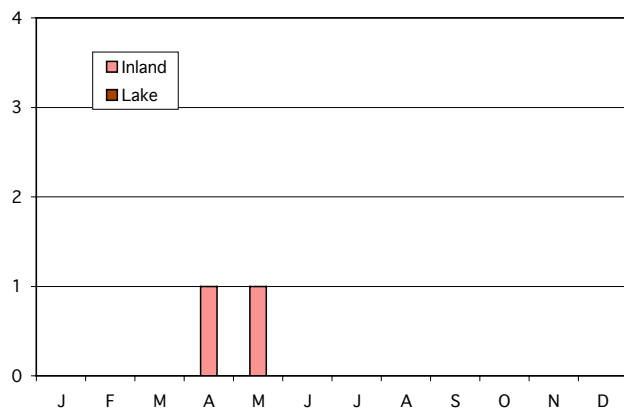


## White-tailed Kite *Elanus leucurus*

### Historical Information

First Published record: Indiana's first record of the western kite was discovered by G.E. Hill near Lake Monroe 18 April 1981 (Buck 1982).

The White-tailed Kite was included in Butler's (1890) hypothetical list. Keller et al. (1986) cited the Lake Monroe record and characterized it as accidental. Mumford and Keller (1984) concurred with the Keller assessment.



### Status

Physical Evidence: There are no known Indiana specimens, but a photograph of the Monroe County bird, taken by Tom Alexander, was published in the *Indiana Audubon Quarterly* (Vol.60 No. 1) and *American Birds* (vol. 35 no. 5) (T.C. Keller 1994).

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	10	n	n
Entire State	n	n	n	n

### Current Status

Only two records of the White-tailed Kite have occurred in Indiana. Accordingly, it is Accidental (10).

### Occurrence

S.H. Glass and Tom Alexander also observed the 18 April 1981 bird discovered by G.E. Hill. Based on a photo in Hill (1982) the Indiana Bird Records Committee added this record to the state list. Indiana's only other White-tailed Kite report occurred 18 May 1994 in Warrick County. This individual was discovered flying over the Lynnville Mine property by J.H. Campbell and A. Thieneman. It was observed hovering on several occasions (J.H. Campbell documentation).

White-tailed Kite Records				
All Records				
No.	Date	Location	Observer	Ref.
1	18-Apr-1981	Lake Monroe	G.E. Hill	M&K
1	18-May-1994	Warrick Co	J.H. Campell	IAQ

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