

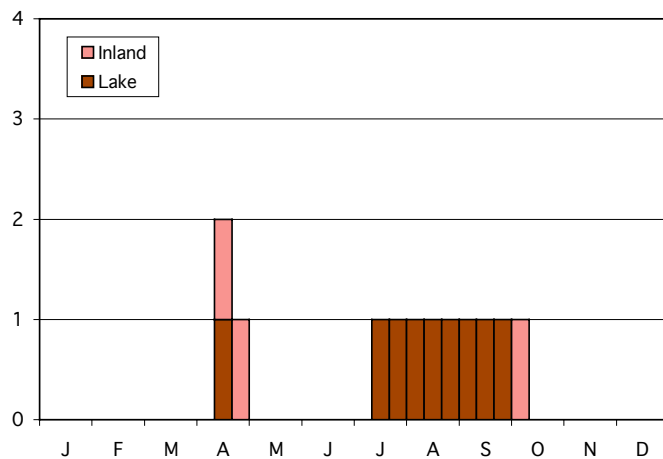
Burrowing Owl

Athene cunicularia

Historical Information

First Published Record: Indiana's first record of this western owl involved a male collected close to Dune Park Station (near present day West Beach/Ogden Dunes) in northern Porter County on 16 April 1924 (Hine 1924).

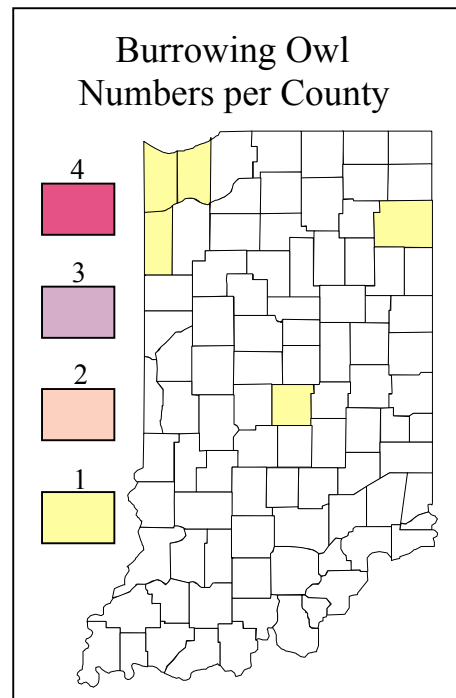
Keller et al. (1979) deemed this owl accidental and Mumford and Keller (1984) listed four records without commenting on status.



Status

Physical Evidence: The above specimen is archived in the Chicago Field Museum (S.F. Jackson unpublished list).

STATUS TABLE				
Specimens				
Museum				No.
Chicago Field Museum				1
20-Year Abundance Table				
	Win	Spr	Sum	Fall
Northern Tier	n	n	n	n
Central Tier	n	n	n	10
Southern Tier	n	n	n	n
Entire State	n	n	n	10



Current Status

The Burrowing Owl remains Accidental (10) in Indiana.

Occurrence

Following the Porter County specimen (see historical section) C.M. Kirkpatrick collected another Burrowing Owl in Newton County 12 April 1942 (Keller et al. 1979). This event was followed by a flurry of activity that yielded three additional records in the 1980s. The first of these, discovered by Ralph Eiseman on 12 July 1980, lingered in Hammond until 24 September and was seen by scores of observers (Brock 1981). The following spring a bird was found at a construction site in Fort Wayne 24 April 1981 (Buck 1982). Ken Williams and Jeff Baldrige discovered Indiana's most recent Burrowing Owl 3 October 1987 in the United Parcel Service parking lot in Indianapolis (Brock 1988).

Burrowing Owl Records				
All Records				
No.	Date	Location	Observer	Ref.
1	16-Apr-1924	West Beach	Ashley Hine	M&K
1	12-Apr-1942	Newton Co	C.M. Kirkpatrick	REM
1	12-Jul to 24-Sep 1980	Hammond	Ralph Eiseman	KJB
1	24-Apr-1981	Allen Co	???	REM
1	03-Oct-1987	Marion Co	Ken Williams	IAQ

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