

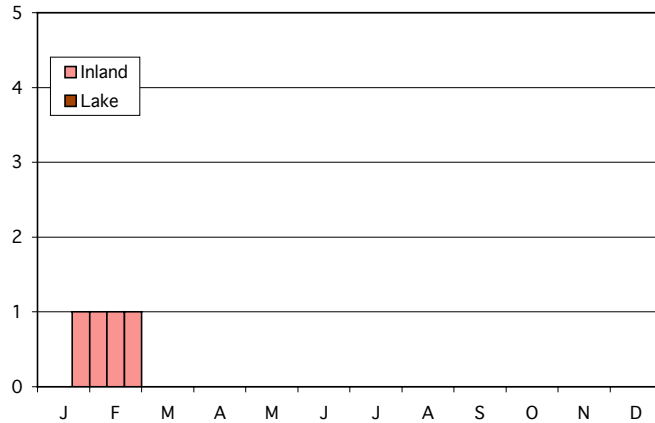
## Mountain Bluebird

## *Sialia currucoides*

### Historical Information

First Published Record: The Mountain Bluebird was not recorded in Indiana until 1993 when J.H. Campbell found a female at Lake Gibson on 13 February (Brown 1993).

Based on a record in Iowa Butler (1898) added this western species to Indiana's hypothetical list. This species was not mentioned by Keller et al. (1979) or Mumford and Keller (1984).



### Status

Physical Evidence: There are no known Indiana specimens, but published black and white photos of the Lake Gibson bird appear in *American Birds* 47:263 and on the cover of the 1993 *Indiana Audubon Quarterly* Vol. 71, No. 2.

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	10	n	n	n
Entire State	n	n	n	n

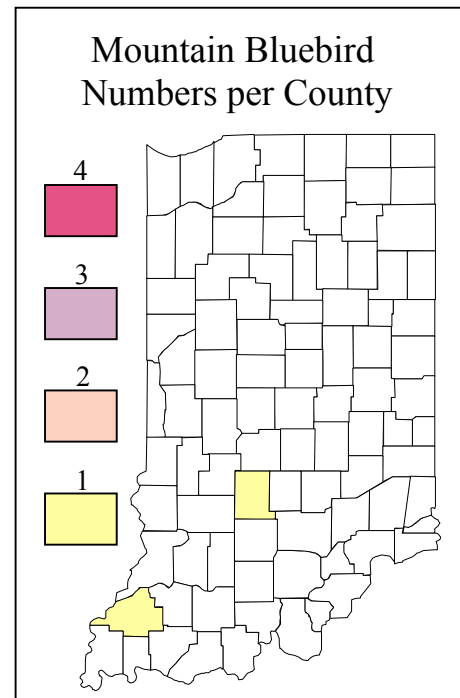
### Current Status

The Mountain Bluebird is Accidental (10).

### Occurrence

There are two Indiana records of this accidental species. J.H. Campbell reported that the Lake Gibson bird was feeding with six Eastern Bluebirds. The bird flew so close to his auto that it was obscured; it then moved away allowing photographs. It remained until 15 February and was seen by Gary Bowman, E.M. Hopkins, T.C. Keller, Midge Lechner, and Donna McNeely (Brown 1993).

On 31 January 1998 Henry Tamar, A.W. Bruner and members of an Indiana Audubon Society field trip discovered Indiana's second Mountain Bluebird at the Fairfax Recreation Area, Lake Monroe. This male also accompanied Eastern Bluebirds. It lingered in the area until at least 25 February and was seen by more than two-dozen observers (Jackson 1999 and Bruner 1999). A photograph of this individual appeared in *Field Notes* 52:204.



Mountain Bluebird Records				
All Records				
Number	Date	Location	Observer	Ref.
Female	13 to 15-Feb-1993	Lake Gibson	J.H. Campbell	NAB
Male	31-Jan to 25-Feb-1998	Lake Monroe	A.W. Bruner	IQA

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