

Reddish Egret

Egretta rufescens

Historical Information

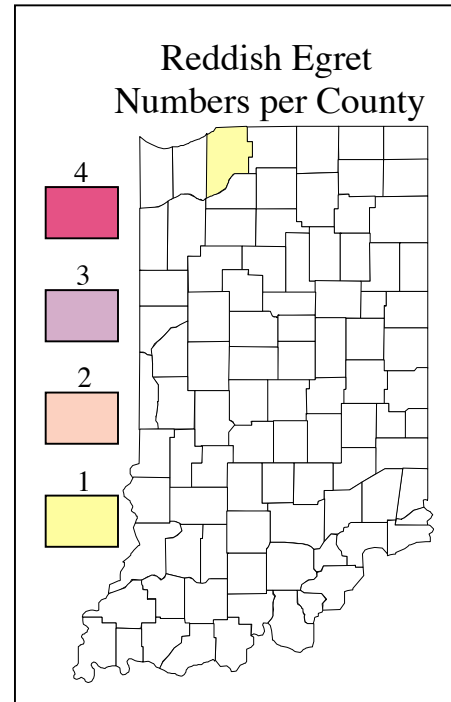
First Published Record: Indiana's only report of this normally coastal species occurred 21-28 August 1993 at Kingsbury FWA (Brock 1994a)

Surprisingly, Butler (1890) included the Reddish Egret in his hypothetical list with the following comment: "Illinois, summer visitor southward."

Status/Occurrence

Physical Evidence: No Indiana Reddish Egret specimens are known, but several photos of the Kingsbury FWA individual were published in the *Indiana Audubon Quarterly* (see Brock 1994b).

Current Status Indiana's only report of this egret occurred during the sultry dog days of late summer 1993. On 21 August R.D. Hughes and Andy Sigler discovered the bird at the large marsh in Kingsbury FWA, LaPorte County. The bird remained until 28 August and was seen by numerous observers. Several photographs have been published (Brock 1994b). This individual was associated with a regional influx of immature Reddish Egrets into the Midwest that also produced records in Michigan, Illinois, and Iowa.



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