

Carolina Parakeet *Conuropsis carolinensis*

Historical Information

First Published Record: According to Mumford and Keller (1984) J. Heckewelder observed this parakeet near the mouth of the Wabash River 3 September 1792.

Butler (1898) described this colorful bird as “Formerly resident; found throughout the state; now extinct.” Keller et al. (1979) and Mumford and Keller (1984) also considered the Carolina Parakeet extinct.

Status

Physical Evidence: There are no known Indiana specimens (S.F. Jackson unpublished list).

Current Status

Extinct.

STATUS TABLE	
Specimens	
Museum	No.
No known specimens	0

Occurrence

Butler (1898) reported that the Carolina Parakeet occurred throughout the greater part if not the entire state. They were more numerous in the south where flocks of six to a hundred individuals occurred. He noted that the last report occurred in Posey County in 1858. Butler also documented their destructive character, stating, “In spring they were very destructive to orchards, biting out the tender shoots and eating the blossoms and young fruit.”

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