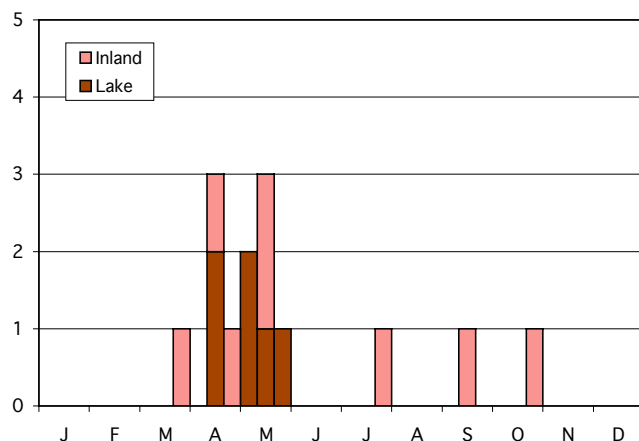


Swainson's Hawk *Buteo swainsoni*

Historical Information

First Published record: The first known Indiana occurrence of this Great Plains buteo was in northern Porter County where J.E. Landing observed one 3 May 1958 (Mumford and Keller 1984).

Butler (1890) relegated this species to the hypothetical list. Keller et al. (1979) deemed it a casual migrant in northern and central Indiana. Mumford and Keller (1984) termed it at best a casual visitor to Indiana.



Current Status

The Swainson's Hawk is a Very Rare (8) to Accidental (10) spring migrant and an Accidental (10) fall migrant. Though quite rare and local, this species nests in nearby Kane and McHenry Counties in Illinois. It is quite likely that many of Indiana's birds are associated with this small breeding population.

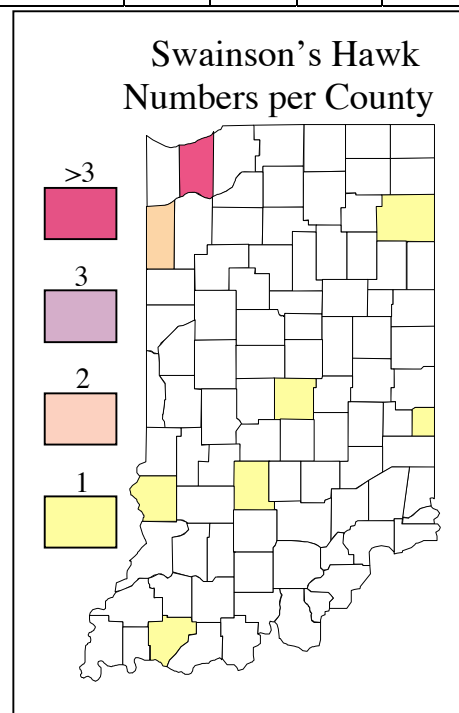
Occurrence

This prairie buteo has occurred in eight Indiana counties. The single March record, an intermediate-morph adult observed at the Ayrshire Mine in Warrick County by D.D. Andrews 23 March 1997, was accepted by the Indiana Bird Records Committee (Bruner 1997). The Committee has not reviewed several other records included in this summary.

Status

Physical Evidence: There are no known specimens from Indiana. A photograph of the 13 April 1985 Newton County bird, taken by Dr. M.R. Brown, was accepted as verified by the Indiana Bird Records Committee (Bruner 1996).

STATUS TABLE				
Specimens				
Museum				No.
No known specimens				0
20-Year Abundance Table				
	Win	Spr	Sum	Fall
Northern Tier	n	8	n	n
Central Tier	n	10	n	n
Southern Tier	n	10	n	10
Entire State	n	8	n	10



Swainson's Hawk Records				
All Records				
Date	Location	Observer	Details	Ref
03-May-1958	N. Porter Co	J.E. Landing	No data	JEL
24-Jul-1977	Lake Monroe	Jackie Elmore	Light morph adult	BRC
22-Oct-1977	Union Co	W.H. Buskirk	Light morph	REM
13-Apr-1985	Newton Co	M.R. Brown	Light morph adult	IAQ
19-Sep-1990	Dugger FWA	Steve Lima	Light morph adult	NAB
5-May-1991	Johnson Beach	K.J. Brock	immature	KJB
19-Apr-1994	Dunes SP	Bobbie Squires	No data	KJB
25-May-1995	Dunes SP	K.J. Brock	Light morph adult	KJB
25-Apr-1996	Eagle Creek Park	W.H. Buskirk	Light morph adult	BRC
23-Mar-1997	Ayrshire Mine	D.D. Andrews	Intr. morph adult	BRC
13-May-2000	Heron Rookery	L.S. Hinchman	Light morph adult	BRC
18-May-2000	TNC Kankakee Sands	William Murphy	Light morph adult	BRC
12-May-2001	Allen Co	J.A. Haw	immature	INB
19-Apr-2003	Dunes SP	J.J. McCoy	adult	INB
NOTE: all records consist of single birds.				

Migration Envelopes						
Entire State						
	Earliest	Arrive	Peak	Depart	Latest	Records
Spring	23-Mar-1997	---	3-May	---	25-May-1995	11
Fall	24-Jul-1977	---	---	---	22-Oct-1977	3

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