

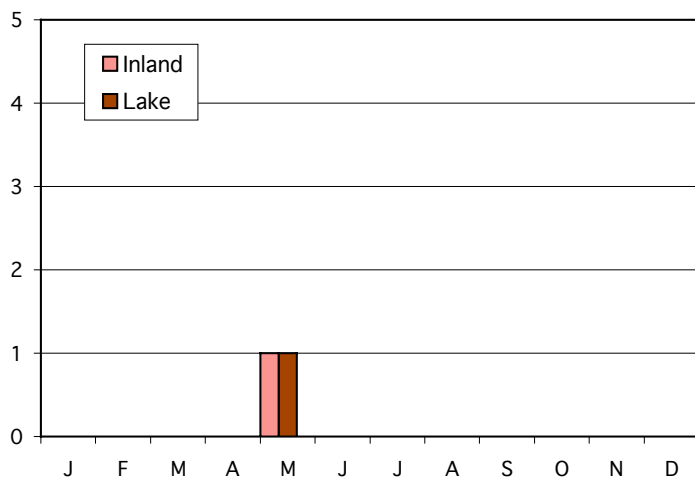
Swainson's Warbler

Limnothlypis swainsonii

Historical Information

First Published Record: Although Butler (1898) reported that Robert Ridgway found this species in Knox County in 1878 (where it reportedly bred), this report was rejected due to inadequate details (Bruner 1996). Indiana's first accepted record was a sighting by C.R. Smith in Dunes State Park on 13 May 1962 (Mumford files).

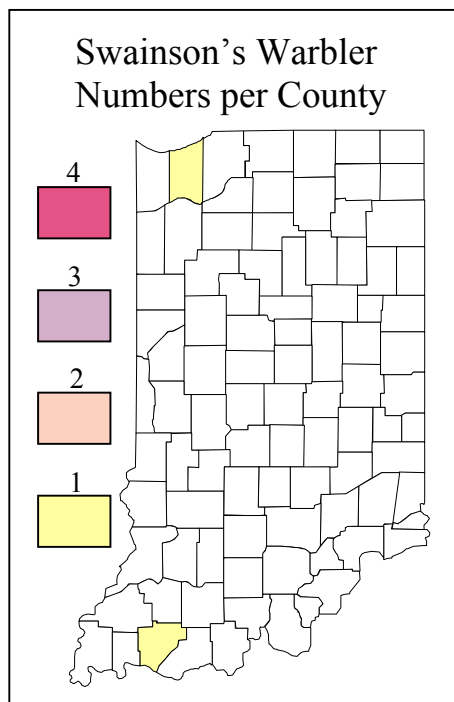
Butler (1898) mentioned only the Ridgway report. Keller et al. (1979) considered it hypothetical. Mumford and Keller (1984) included the Swainson's Warbler in the uncorroborated category.



Status

Physical Evidence: There are no known Indiana specimens (S.F. Jackson unpublished list and J.B. Dunning unpublished computer list).

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	n	10	n	n
Entire State	n	10	n	n



Current Status

The Swainson's Warbler is Accidental (10).

Occurrence

Indiana's first accepted Swainson's Warbler involved a singing bird observed by C. Roy Smith and others in Dunes State Park on 13 May 1962 (Graber 1962). Based on inadequate documentation this record was initially rejected by the Bird Records Committee (Bruner 1996). However, the subsequent discovery of a detailed letter from Smith in the Mumford files brought reconsideration and acceptance of this report (Gorney, 2005). In the letter Smith indicated that the singing bird ("loud ringing song"), "lit in a bush in plain view about 30 feet away... It remained there for two or three minutes." Indiana's only other accepted record was found by Tammy Turner in Newburg on 8 May 1999 (Bruner, 2000).

Swainson's Warbler Records				
All Records				
No	Date	Location	Observer	Ref.
1	13-May-1962	Dunes S.P.	C.R. Smith	REM
1	8-May-1999	Warrick Co	Tammy Turner	BRC

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