

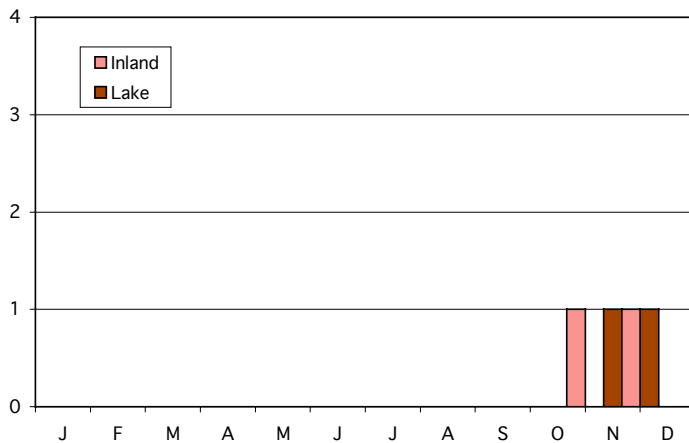
## Long-billed Murrelet

## *Brachyramphus perdix*

### Historical Information

First Published Record: Indiana's first report of this Asian alcid occurred 29 November 1981, when a duck hunter took one on Lake Lemon (Mumford 1982).

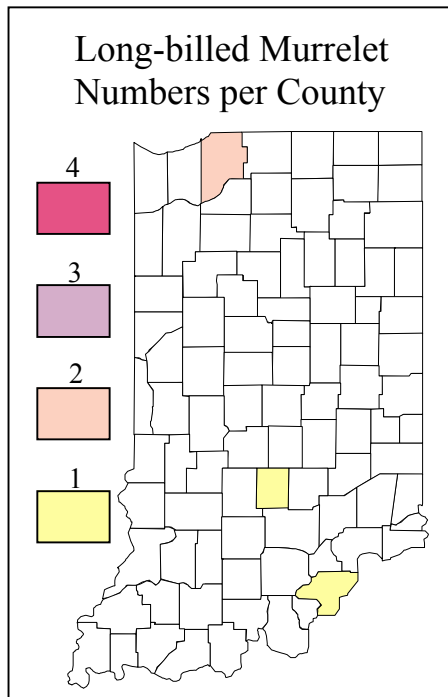
Mumford and Keller (1984) reported the above as the state's only record.



### Status

Physical Evidence: The 1981 specimen was taken to Professor Mumford at Purdue University, who forwarded the skin to the National Museum of Natural History (Mumford 1982).

STATUS TABLE				
Specimens				
Museum				No.
National Museum of Natural History				1
20-Year Abundance Table				
	Win	Spr	Sum	Fall
Northern Tier	n	n	n	10
Central Tier	n	n	n	n
Southern Tier	n	n	n	10
Entire State	n	n	n	9



### Current Status

There have been three records in the last 20 years rendering the Long-billed Murrelet Occasional (9).

### Occurrence

Mike Champagne, Kip Miller, Dick Schinkel, and Pat Schinkel discovered Indiana's second Long-billed Murrelet off Long Beach 2 December 1984. Over a period of four hours the bird slowly drifted westward from Long Beach to Michigan City Harbor (Brock 1986). The state's third report consisted of a flyby seen by J.J. McCoy and Brad Etter at Michigan City Harbor on 19 November 1994 (Brown 1995). The most recent Long-billed Murrelet was discovered at the Falls of the Ohio by Kentucky birders David Roemer and C. Olson. It was first seen 29 October 2002, but remained through the following day actively moving about the river and provided photo opportunities (Sloan and Palmer-Ball 2003). Careful research by P.W. Kelly et al. revealed that on some occasions this individual strayed into Indiana waters (Gorney 2004).

Long-billed Murrelet Records				
All Records				
No.	Date	Location	Observer	Ref.
1	29-Nov-1981	Lake Lemon	P.L. Jamison	M&K
1	2-Dec-1984	Mich. City Harbor	Mike Champagne	IQA
1	19-Nov-1994	Mich. City Harbor	J.J. McCoy	KJB
1	29-Oct-2002	Clark Co	David Roemer	INB

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