

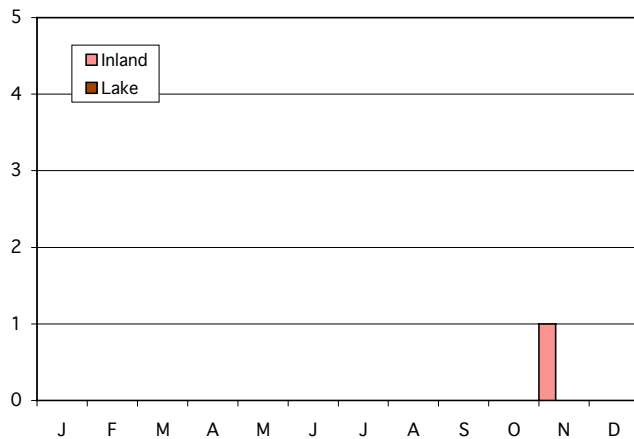
Gray Kingbird

Tyrannus dominicensis

Historical Information

First Published Record: B.J. Grube and Michael Topp discovered Indiana's first Gray Kingbird in southern LaPorte County on 5 November 2005 (IN-BIRD).

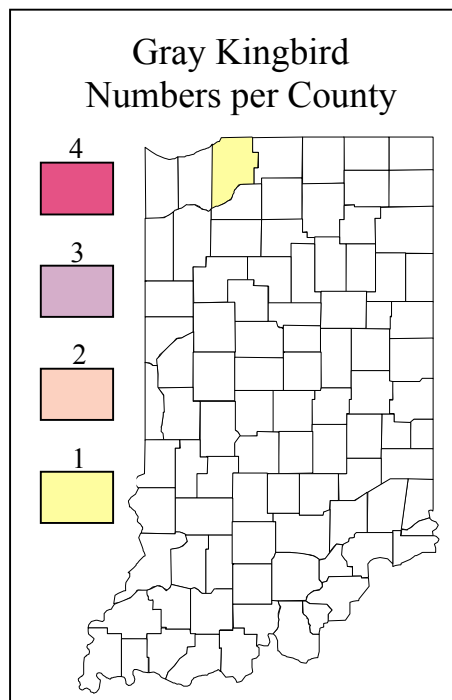
Previous authors failed to mention this species.



Status

Physical Evidence: There are no known Indiana specimens, but excellent photographs of the southern LaPorte County bird were obtained by several observers (see <http://www.jkcassadv.com/> for example).

STATUS TABLE				
Specimens				
Museum				No.
No known specimens				0
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	n
Entire State	n	n	n	n



Current Status

The Gray Kingbird is Accidental (10).

Occurrence

Indiana has but one record of this tropical species. On 5 November 2005 B.J. Grube and Michael Topp discovered one perched on transmission wires along highway U.S. 35 about a quarter mile south of the Kankakee River in southern LaPorte County. In the presence of fairly mild weather the bird remained at this site for four days and was enjoyed by dozens of observers. It was often observed actively feeding. This individual had brownish flight feathers and wing coverts, suggesting that it was a bird born in 2005. The Kingbird was last seen 8 November 2005 (IN-BIRD).

**References Cited**

IN-BIRD, a Listserve dealing with Indiana birds developed and maintained by P.W. Kelly. The records are archived at: <http://listserv.indiana.edu/archives/in-bird-1.html>