

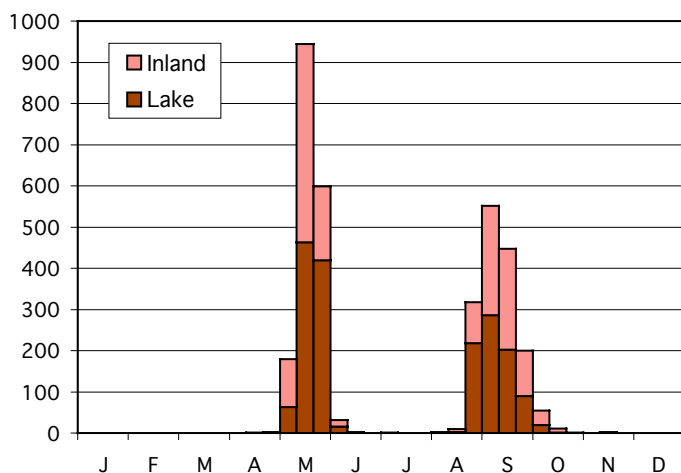
## Wilson's Warbler

## *Wilsonia pusilla*

### Historical Information

First Published Record: The earliest published record for Indiana came from Carroll County where a Wilson's Warbler was reported 18 May 1885 (Butler 1898).

Butler (1898) considered the "Green Black-capped Warbler" rather rare in spring, but more common in fall. Keller et al. (1979) deemed it an uncommon migrant. Mumford and Keller (1984) characterized Wilson's Warbler as an uncommon spring and fairly common fall migrant.

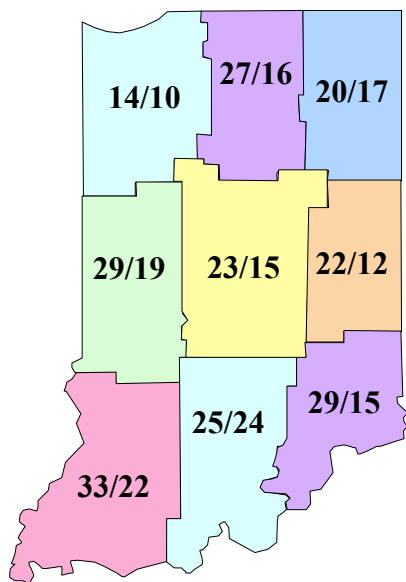


### Status

Physical Evidence: Some seven specimens are preserved in museums (S.F. Jackson unpublished list and Richards 1987).

STATUS TABLE				
Specimens				
Museum				No.
Carnegie Museum of Natural History				1
Chicago Academy of Sciences				1
National Museum of Natural History				3
Indiana State Museum				1
Univ. of Michigan Museum				1
20-Year Abundance Table				
	Win	Spr	Sum	Fall
Northern Tier	n	5	7	5
Central Tier	n	6	7	6
Southern Tier	n	6	n	6
Entire State	n	5	7	5

### Spring and Fall (Spr/Fall) Abundance Rankings of the Wilson's Warbler in Nine Indiana Regions



### Current Status

Wilson's Warbler remains a Fairly Common (5) migrant.

### Occurrence

This migrant warbler has been recorded in some 68 Indiana counties. Curiously however, based on abundance rankings (see map) it is most plentiful in the northwestern sector of the state. There, Wilson's Warbler numbers rank above those of Nashville, Black-throated Green, and Black-and-white during the fall flight. Statewide it ranks 19<sup>th</sup> in spring and 15<sup>th</sup> in fall.

### Extreme Records

Two November records exist for Indiana. The latest involved a male seen by R.D. Hughes and Andy

Sigler at Michigan City Harbor 17 November 1990 (Brown 1991). John White documented a second male at Long Lake (Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore) on 16 November 1994 (Brown 1995).

### Summer Records

A good number of spring migrants dally on their northward flight. As a result Indiana has more than two-dozen summer records. Most of these (85 percent) occurred during the first week of June. In addition, there are four mid-June records and one mid-summer report. Virginia Reuter-skiold recorded the mid-summer bird at Baileytown (Indiana Dunes) on 3 July 1953 (Reuter-skiold notes).

<b>Wilson's Warbler Data</b>				
<b>Maximum Single Party Counts</b>				
<b>Spring</b>				
<b>Number</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Observer</b>	<b>Ref.</b>
54	20-May-2003	Lakefront traps	J.K. Cassady	KJB
45	25-May-2003	Lakefront	B.J. Grube	INB
38	20-May-2004	Lakefront traps	K.J. Brock	KJB
<b>Fall</b>				
<b>Number</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Observer</b>	<b>Ref.</b>
13	07-Sep-2002	Lakefront traps	J.J. McCoy	INB
12	01-Sep-1979	Beverly Shores	S.F. Jackson	KJB
11	29-Aug-1992	Lakefront	K.J. Brock	KJB

<b>Migration Envelopes</b>						
<b>Spring</b>						
	<b>Earliest</b>	<b>Arrive</b>	<b>Peak</b>	<b>Depart</b>	<b>Latest</b>	<b>Records</b>
<b>North</b>	16-Apr-2004	11-May	19-May	27-May	19-Jun-1985	614
<b>Central</b>	26-Apr-1980	10-May	20-May	30-May	10-Jun-1983	183
<b>South</b>	28-Apr-1982	5-May	14-May	20-May	31-May-1982	59
<b>Fall</b>						
	<b>Earliest</b>	<b>Arrive</b>	<b>Peak</b>	<b>Depart</b>	<b>Latest</b>	<b>Records</b>
<b>North</b>	16-Aug-1992	27-Aug	8-Sep	25-Sep	17-Nov-1990	774
<b>Central</b>	4-Aug-1955	30-Aug	15-Sep	30-Sep	25-Oct-1971	184
<b>South</b>	22-Aug-1984	1-Sep	17-Sep	28-Sep	10-Oct-1974	86

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Reuter-skiold notes, the personal field observations of Dr. V. Reuter-skiold, which are now archived at Indiana University Northwest in Gary.

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