

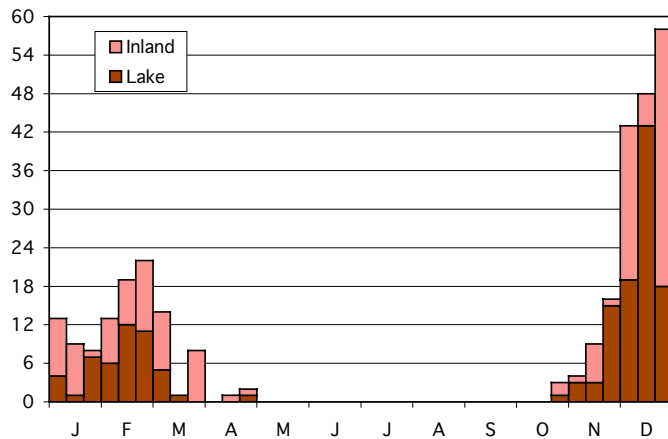
Pine Grosbeak

Pinicola enucleator

Historical Information

First Published Record: Butler (1898) noted an occurrence in Lake County during the winter of 1884-85, but the state's first fully dated report occurred in St. Joseph County on 14 April 1914 (Butler 1916).

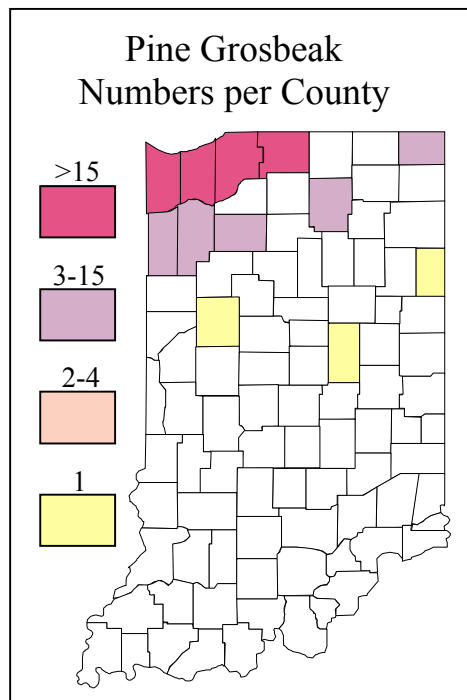
Butler (1898) deemed this large finch an irregular or accidental visitor. Keller et al. (1979) considered it an irregular and casual winter visitor. Mumford and Keller (1984) concurred with Butler's assessment.



Status

Physical Evidence: Surprisingly, there are no known Indiana specimens (S.F. Jackson unpublished list), but a P.B. Grube photo decorates the front cover of the *Indiana Audubon Quarterly*, Vol. 60, No. 4.

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



Current Status

The Pine Grosbeak is currently Accidental (10). Though always irregular in occurrence, it was formerly more common.

Occurrence

This boreal species has been recorded in a dozen counties, primarily in the northern tier (see distribution map). Butler (1898) mentioned a specimen collected in Fort Wayne, but provided no date or year. As shown on the Population Trend plot, most Indiana records occurred prior to 1985.

Extreme Record

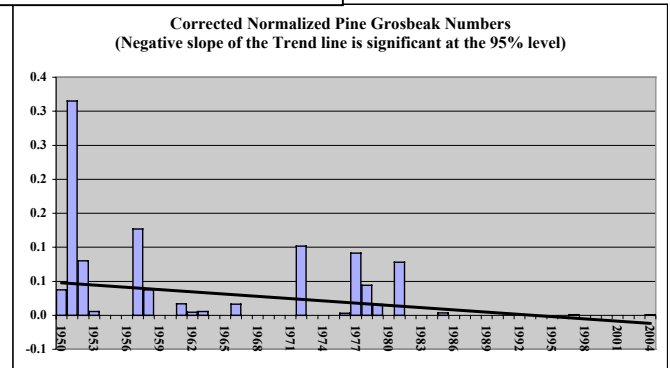
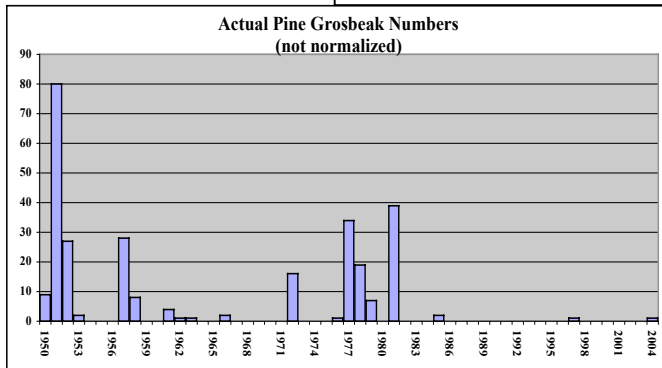
The southernmost, and latest, spring record occurred in Anderson (Madison County) where John Goodman observed a singing bird 29 April 1976, noting that the song was similar to that of a Cassin's Finch (Mumford files).

Population Trend

Pine Grosbeaks have become exceedingly scarce since the early 1980s. Indeed only two birds have been reported in the state since 1985. Negative slope of the trend line is statistically significant at the 95 percent level.

Pine Grosbeak Population Trend

Negative slope of the trend line is significant at the 95% level



Male Pine Grosbeak in northern Porter County 20 February 1981. Photo by K.J. Brock.

Pine Grosbeak Data

Maximum Single Party Counts				
Entire Year				
Number	Date	Location	Observer	Ref.
25	18-Dec-1977	N. Porter Co.	T.C. Keller	M&K
21	30-Dec-1951	St Joseph Co	Ray Grow	REM
18	02-Dec-1951	St Joseph Co	Dorothy Meek	REM
11	21-Feb-1981	N. Porter Co.	K.J. Brock	KJB
10	22-Dec-1957	N. Porter Co.	J.E. Landing	JEL
10	29-Dec-1951	Steuben Co	J.B. Cope	REM

Migration Envelopes						
Winter						
	Earliest	Arrive	Peak	Depart	Latest	Records
State	22-Oct-1914	15-Nov	Win. Vis.	19-Mar	29-Apr-1976	79

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