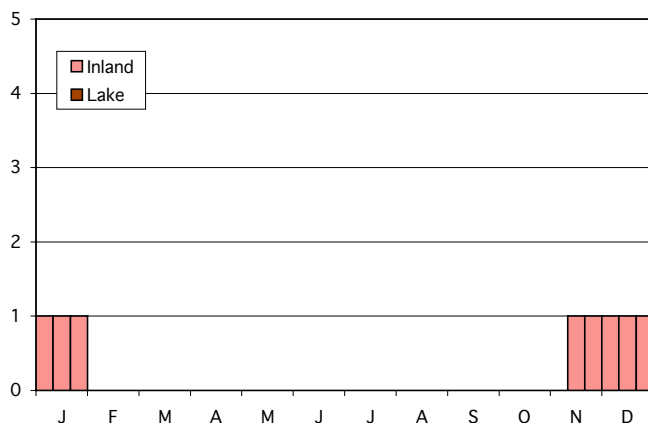


## Western Scrub-Jay      *Aphelocoma californica*

### Historical Information

First Published Record: This species was first reported by Noble Kiser at the Bob and Karen Vester residence in Tippecanoe County on an unspecified date; it was confirmed by J.B. Dunning 18 November 1999 (Buskirk 2000).

Earlier authors did not mention this species.



### Current Status

Based on a single record the Western Scrub-Jay is Accidental (10).

### Occurrence

This astonishing bird appeared at the Vester feeding station, located south of Lafayette, sometime prior to 18 November 1999 and remained until 28 January 2000, when it was likely killed by a hawk (Brock 2000). This is apparently only the second record east of the Mississippi River; the other appeared in Illinois in fall 1984.

### References Cited

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### Status

Physical Evidence: There are no known specimens, but photographs, taken by Kyle Arvin, appear on the *Indiana Audubon Quarterly* front cover Vol. 78 No. 2 and on page 123 of that issue).

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	10
Southern Tier	n	n	n	n
Entire State	n	n	n	10

