

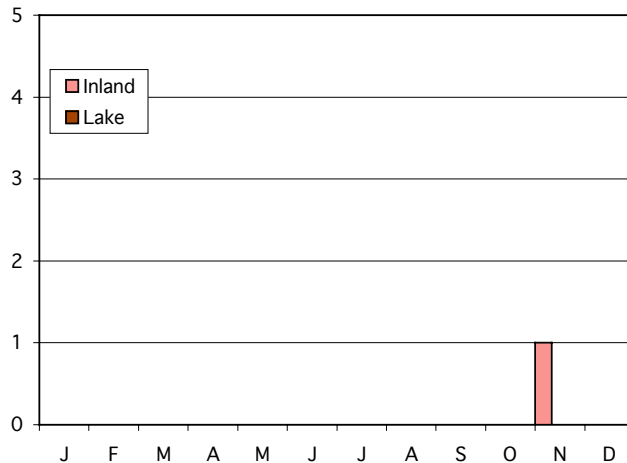
## Ross's Gull

## *Rhodostethia rosea*

### Historical Information

First Published Record: The state's only record of this dainty gull occurred in Indianapolis at Eagle Creek Park where Larry Peavler discovered an adult 4 November 1995 (Peavler 1996).

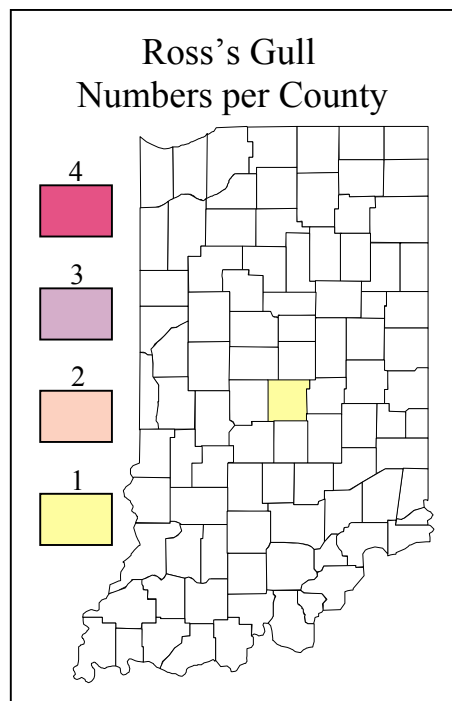
A second Ross's Gull report, which was mentioned in Mumford and Keller (1984), was rejected by the Indiana Bird Records Committee.



### Status

Physical Evidence: There are no known specimens, but Peavler (1996) contains identifiable photographs and the front cover of that issue sports a fine picture taken by S.F. Jackson.

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	n



### Current Status

With only one acceptable record, Ross's Gull is Accidental (10) in Indiana.

### Occurrence

The Eagle Creek Park bird frequented a mudflat on an upper portion of the reservoir near Interstate 65, where it associated, most surprisingly, with an American Avocet. The gull often picked around on the mudflat and was believed to have fed on shad in the reservoir. It remained in the area until 10 November when a major storm passed through; it was not seen after 10 November (Peavler 1996). During its brief visit the gull was seen by scores of observers.

### References Cited

Mumford, R.E. and C.E. Keller (1984) *The Birds of Indiana*, Indiana University Press, Bloomington, Ind. 376 pp.

Peavler, L. (1996) Ross' Gull- a new addition to the

Avifauna of Indiana, *Indiana Audubon Quarterly*, 74:52-53.