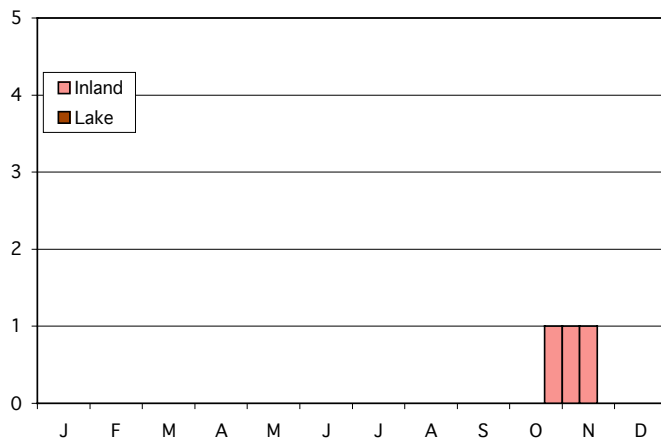


Common Crane

Grus grus

Historical Information

First Published record: Indiana's first report of this Old World crane occurred 30 October 1999 when J. Jokela discovered one at Jasper-Pulaski FWA (Brock 2000) and it was subsequently seen by scores of observers (Buskirk 2000).



Current Status

Based on this single record the Common Crane is Accidental (10).

Status

Physical Evidence: There are no known specimens from Indiana. Photographs and video of the Jasper-Pulaski bird are in the Indiana Bird Records Committee files (Kelly 2001).

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	10

Occurrence

The Jasper-Pulaski bird was seen from 30 October through 13 November 1999. Over this two week period hundreds of observers saw this striking individual. A Sandhill Crane mate, plus two juveniles that clearly showed the characters of hybrids, accompanied it. On 7 October 1999, apparently this same family group was reported in northwestern Quebec. In Indiana a crane authority determined that the Common Crane's mate was in fact a "Lesser" Sandhill Crane. During spring 1999, a Common Crane was reported associating with "Lesser" Sandhill Cranes in Nebraska (Brock 2000).

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