

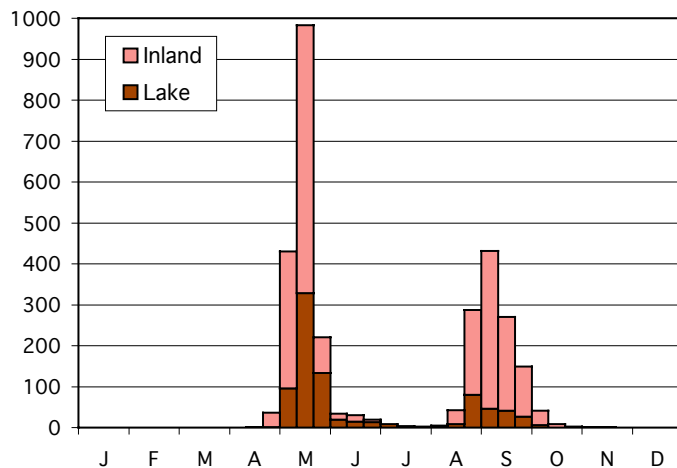
## Blackburnian Warbler

## *Dendroica fusca*

### Historical Information

First Published Record: Butler (1898) reported this species in Greencastle on 6 May 1873, which appears to constitute the state's earliest published record.

Butler (1898) described the Blackburnian Warbler as "generally common, some years abundant." Keller et al. (1979) considered it a fairly common to uncommon migrant. Mumford and Keller (1984) deemed this striking warbler a fairly common migrant.



### Status

Physical Evidence: Almost two-dozen specimens are preserved in museums (S.F. Jackson unpublished list and J.B. Dunning unpublished computer list).

STATUS TABLE				
Specimens				
Museum				No.
Carnegie Museum of Natural History				4
Chicago Field Museum				2
National Museum of Natural History				7
Purdue Univ. Wildlife Laboratory				2
Univ. of Michigan Museum				5
Milwaukee Public Museum				3
20-Year Abundance Table				
	Win	Spr	Sum	Fall
Northern Tier	n	5	7	5
Central Tier	n	6	8	6
Southern Tier	n	6	7	6
Entire State	n	5	7	5

### Current Status

The Blackburnian Warbler is a Fairly Common (5) migrant and Rare (7) summer resident.

### Occurrence

This handsome warbler has been recorded in at least 69 counties. It is approximately equally common during both spring and fall migration. In fall the vast majority depart before the end of October, but two November records exist. The latest of these involved a TV transmission tower kill in South Bend 18 November 1962 (Manuwal 1963).

### Breeding

A number of reports, over the past two decades, suggested that Blackburnian Warblers were breeding in Indiana. For example, territorial males were present at Pine Hills Nature Preserve, Montgomery County for three summers beginning in 1977 (Castrale et al. 1998). Even more compelling was a female seen in Warren County on 26 July 1979; then on 17 and 21 August 1979 a female with two fledglings, still displaying begging behavior, were seen in the same area (Ulrich 1999). Though no nest was observed local breeding appears almost certain. In addition, territorial Blackburnian Warblers were recorded in late June at Pigeon River FWA in 1979 1985, and 1987 (Castrale et al. 1998). Indiana's first actual nest was discovered just outside the south edge of Dunes State Park 28 June 1997 (Brock 1998). Territorial birds have occupied the latter site every year since 1997.

### Blackburnian Warbler Data

Maximum Single Party Counts				
Spring				
Number	Date	Location	Observer	Ref.
50	11-May-1924	Madison Co	???	M&K
31	14-May-1983	Dunes St Park	Steven Getty	KJB
25	18-May-1924	N. Porter Co	D.H. Boyd	DBo
Fall				
Number	Date	Location	Observer	Ref.
25	07-Sep-1952	Brown Co	R.E. Mumford	REM
15	13-Sep-1954	Clark Co	R.E. Mumford	REM
15	03-Sep-1983	Fox Island Park	J.A. Haw	IAQ

Migration Envelopes						
Spring						
	Earliest	Arrive	Peak	Depart	Latest	Records
<b>North</b>	21-Apr-1985	7-May	15-May	26-May	Sum. Vis.	549
<b>Central</b>	21-Apr-1966	4-May	13-May	23-May	7-Jun-1978	202
<b>South</b>	15-Apr-1994	28-Apr	8-May	18-May	8-Jun-2001	75
Fall						
	Earliest	Arrive	Peak	Depart	Latest	Records
<b>North</b>	Sum. Vis.	24-Aug	6-Sep	24-Sep	18-Nov-1962	434
<b>Central</b>	26-Jul-1979	25-Aug	12-Sep	1-Oct	5-Nov-1960	174
<b>South</b>	20-Aug-1977	28-Aug	14-Sep	2-Oct	23-Oct-1985	127

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