

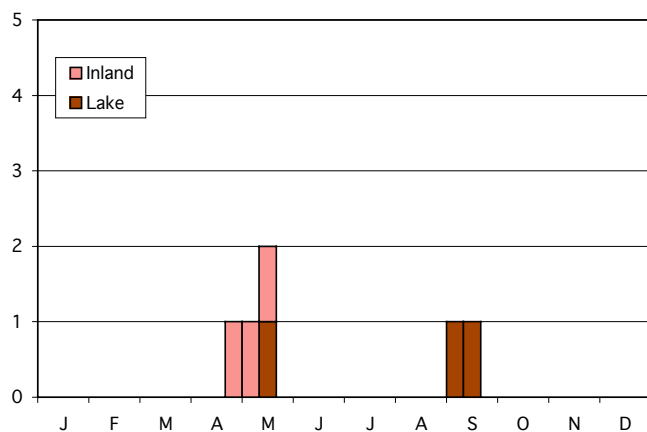
## Snowy Plover

## *Charadrius alexandrinus*

### Historical Information

**First Published Record:** Keller (1957) referred to a female Snowy Plover collected by Charles Brandler at Miller Beach on 4 September 1887, which was reported by Butler (1927); this constitutes Indiana's first Snowy Plover record.

The above specimen was donated to the Chicago Field Museum, but Keller (1957) corresponded with the museum and was notified that the specimen was lost. Accordingly Keller et al. (1979) omitted this species and Mumford and Keller (1984) simply referred to the missing Brandler specimen.



### Status

**Physical Evidence:** The 1887 Miller Beach specimen, which was earlier believed to have been lost, has been recovered (Douglas Stotz pers. comm.).

STATUS TABLE				
Specimens				
Museum				No.
Chicago Field Museum				1
20-Year Abundance Table				
	Win	Spr	Sum	Fall
Northern Tier	n	n	n	10
Central Tier	n	10	n	n
Southern Tier	n	10	n	n
Entire State	n	10	n	10

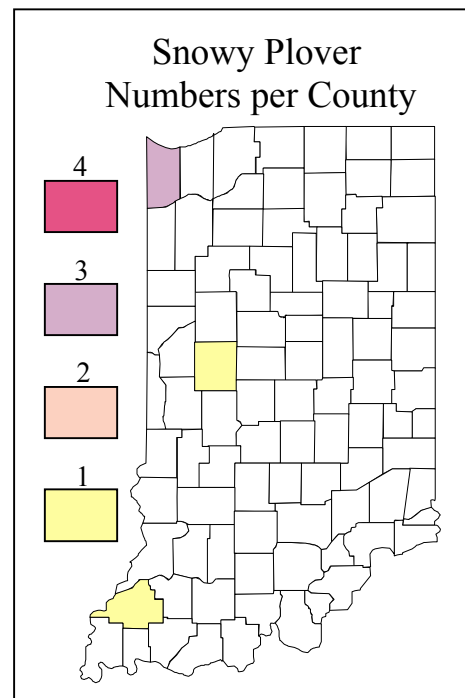
### Current Status

The Snowy Plover remains Accidental (10) in both spring and fall.

### Occurrence

Three of the state's five records occurred at Miller Beach (see table below). Inland records include a single bird at Lake Gibson where C.E. Mills and J.H. Campbell observed one 23-26 April 1989 (Mills 1990); an identifiable photo was obtained by D.R. Whitehead (see p.34 in Brown 1990). The second inland record occurred at Lake Waveland where A.W. Bruner found one 10-12 May 2000 (Brock 2000); photos and video are on file with the Indiana Bird Records Committee (Kelly 2001).

Photographs of a third Snowy Plover, seen by K.J. Brock, C.E. Keller, Shirley Keller, E.M. Hopkins, and Lynea Hinchman at Miller Beach 15 September 1990 (Brown 1991) were obtained by T.C. Keller and are published in Bruner (1996).



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Snowy Plover Records				
All Records				
No	Date	Location	Observer	Ref.
1	4-Sep-1887	Miller Beach	Charles Brandler	M&K
1	19-May-1980	Miller Beach	Raymond Grow	IAQ
1	23-Apr-1989	Lake Gibson	J.H. Campbell	IAQ
1	15-Sep-1990	Miller Beach	K.J. Brock	NAB
1	10-May-2000	Lake Waveland	A.W. Bruner	NAB