

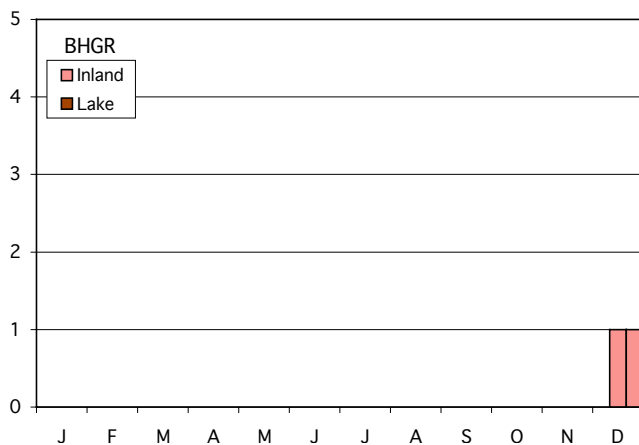
Black-headed Grosbeak

Pheucticus melanocephalus

Historical Information

First Published Record: Indiana's first accepted Black-headed Grosbeak was discovered in Tippecanoe County by J.B. Dunning 19 December 1998 (Dunning et al. 1999).

Based on a Michigan record Butler (1898) included this western species as hypothetical. Keller et al. (1979) mentioned only a Lake County record, which was subsequently rejected by the Indiana Bird Records Committee. Mumford and Keller (1984) considered the Black-headed Grosbeak uncorroborated and listed five records.



Status

Physical Evidence: There are no known Indiana specimens (S.F. Jackson unpublished list).

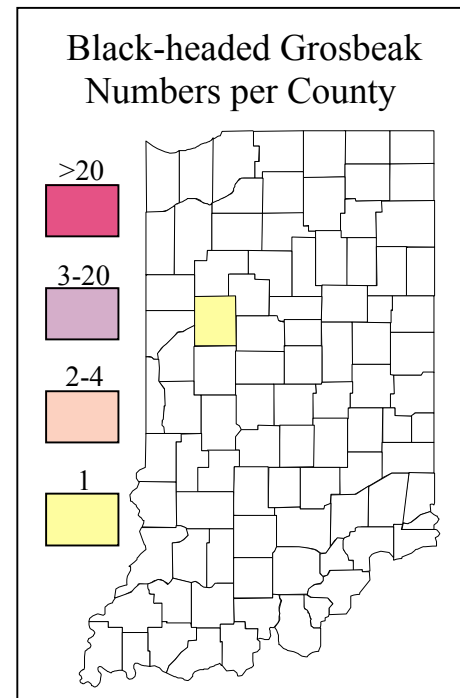
STATUS TABLE				
Specimens				
Museum				No.
No known specimens				0
20-Year Abundance Table				
	Win	Spr	Sum	Fall
Northern Tier	n	n	n	n
Central Tier	10	n	n	n
Southern Tier	n	n	n	n
Entire State	10	n	n	n

Current Status

The Black-headed Grosbeak is Accidental (10).

Occurrence

Indiana has only one accepted Black-headed Grosbeak record. The exceptional difficulty in separating female Black-headed and Rose-breasted Grosbeaks has resulted in the rejection of at least four Black-headed Grosbeak records by the Indiana Bird Records Committee. Included on this list was one bird that frequented a Crown Point feeder from 23 December 1968 to 20 March 1969, where it was identified by many observers (Mumford and Keller 1984). Finally, on the 19 December 1998 Lafayette Christmas Bird Count J.B. Dunning, T.M. Braile, and D.M. Knudson discovered an immature male, which provided Indiana's first accepted record. This individual remained for some 13 days and was identified by scores of observers (Dunning et al. 1999)



Black-headed Grosbeak Records					
All Accepted Records					
No.	Date	Location	Observer	Notes	Ref.
1	19 to 31-Dec-1998	Tippecanoe Co	J.B. Dunning	male	IQA

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