

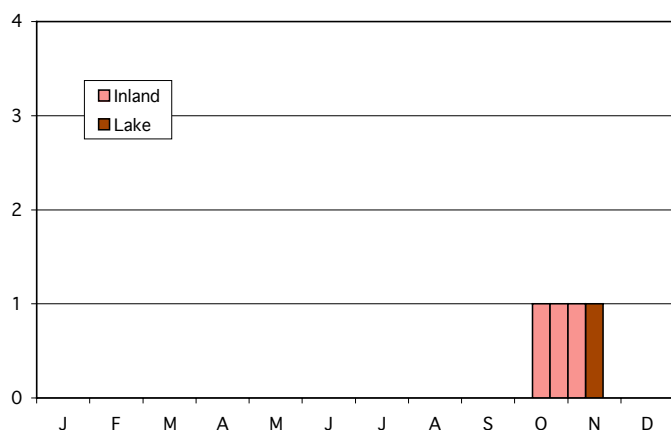
## Groove-billed Ani

## *Crotophaga sulcirostris*

### Historical Information

**First Published Record:** Indiana's first ani report came from Michigan City where J.E. Landing reported a "Smooth-billed Ani" on 27 October 1957 (this record was subsequently rejected by the Indiana Bird Records Committee). The state's first definite Groove-billed Ani involved a sight record by J.P. and L. Keammerer in northern Porter County 16 November 1981 (Brock 1984a).

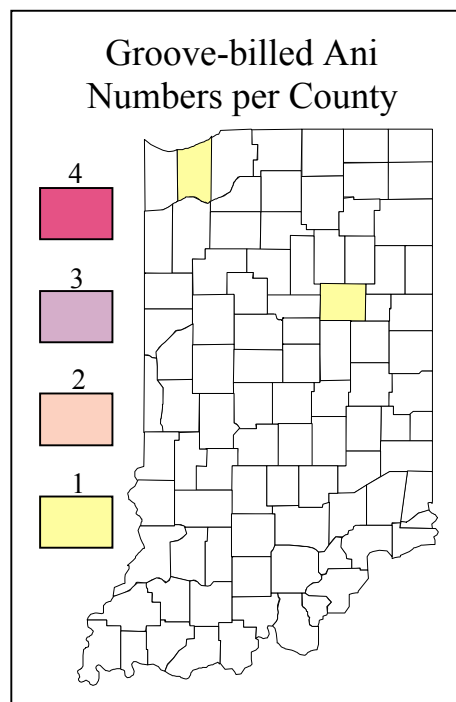
The Groove-billed Ani was not mentioned by Butler (1898) or Keller et al. (1979). Mumford and Keller (1984) listed the Porter County record. Keller et al. (1986) deemed it accidental.



### Status

**Physical Evidence:** There are no known specimens from Indiana, but black and white photos of the Taylor University bird appear in Peterjohn (1984) and on the *Indiana Audubon Quarterly* cover of Vol. 62, No. 1.

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	n
Southern Tier	n	n	n	n
Entire State	n	n	n	n



### Current Status

Accidental (10)

### Occurrence

The 1981 record occurred at the Keammerer farm in Liberty Township, Porter County on 16 November. The bird visited a feeding station, which was only six feet from the window. The heavy, grooved bill and clumsy flight were noted. The bird was seen again on 18 November 1981 (Brock 1984a).

Lora Trout discovered Indiana's second Groove-billed Ani near the maintenance building junk pile at Taylor University, Upland on 20 October 1983. This unusually tame individual (some observers reported hand-feeding it grasshoppers), which was seen by scores of observers and photographed by many, remained through 1 November (Brock 1984b).



Groove-billed Ani on the Taylor University Campus 30 October 1983, Grant County. Photo by K.J. Brock.

Groove-billed Ani Records				
All Records				
No.	Date	Location	Observer	Ref.
1	16 & 18-Nov-1981	N. Porter Co	J.P. Keammerer	IAQ
1	20-Oct to 1-Nov- 1983	Grant Co	L. Trout	IAQ

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