

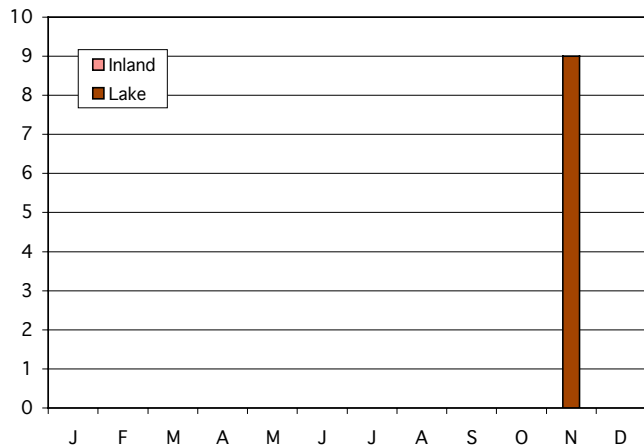
Cave Swallow

Petrochelidon fulva

Historical Information

First Published Record: Indiana's first Cave Swallows appeared along Lake Michigan's beaches on 12 November 2005. B.J. Grube made the initial discovery at Indiana Dunes State Park.

Previous authors did not mention this southern species.



Current Status

The Cave Swallow is Accidental (10) in Indiana.

Status

Physical Evidence: There are no known Indiana specimens or identifiable photographs.

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	n

Occurrence

Following a remarkable late fall 2005 incursion farther east, on 12 November 2005 a number of Cave Swallows were observed flying westward along the Indiana lakefront. B.J. Grube observed the first birds at Indiana Dunes State Park and obtained video, which proved inadequate for positive identification; throughout the morning he saw a dozen *Petrochelidon* swallows of which five were identified as Cave Swallows (pers. comm.). Immediately after the first sighting, he also phoned Michael Topp and Don Gorney who were at Miller Beach. Approximately 45 minutes later the first Cave Swallows arrived at that site and were positively identified by both observers. Topp remained and ultimately saw six *Petrochelidon* swallows, four of which were identified as Cave Swallows (IN-BIRD).

References Cited

IN-BIRD, a Listserv dealing with Indiana birds developed and maintained by P.W. Kelly. The records are archived at: <http://listserv.indiana.edu/archives/in-bird-l.html>

