

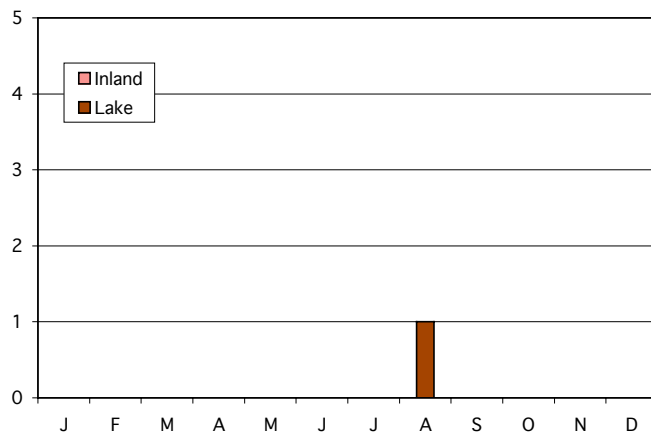
## Roseate Tern

## *Sterna dougallii*

### Historical Information

**First Published Record:** Butler (1898) cited an undated report by Haymond, but provided no details. Indiana's first, and only, record involved an adult male collected by H.L. Stoddard at Miller Beach 14 Aug 1916 (Mumford files).

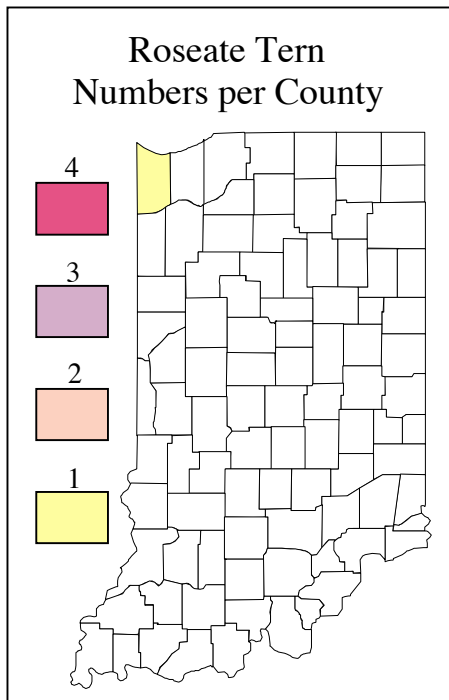
Based on the Haymond report Butler (1898) considered the Roseate Tern accidental. Both Keller et al. (1979) and Mumford and Keller (1984) also applied this descriptor.



### Status

**Physical Evidence:** One Indiana specimen exists (S.F. Jackson unpublished list).

STATUS TABLE				
Specimens				
Museum				No.
Chicago Field Museum				1
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

The only record occurred in 1916. The Roseate Tern is Accidental (10).

### Occurrence

R.E. Mumford transcribed the following account from H.L. Stoddard's original field notes. It occurred during a 14 August 1916 Stoddard hike from Millers (Miller Beach) to Dune Park (Ogden Dunes), "A red letter day for me as had the luck to secure a beautiful adult male roseate tern – second record for Indiana and first for Lake Michigan. The bird was alone on the beach and was secured by a careful stalk. Rather poor in flesh though perfect in feather. The terns were very numerous on this day, hundreds of black terns, some completely changed and other in full breeding plumage."

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