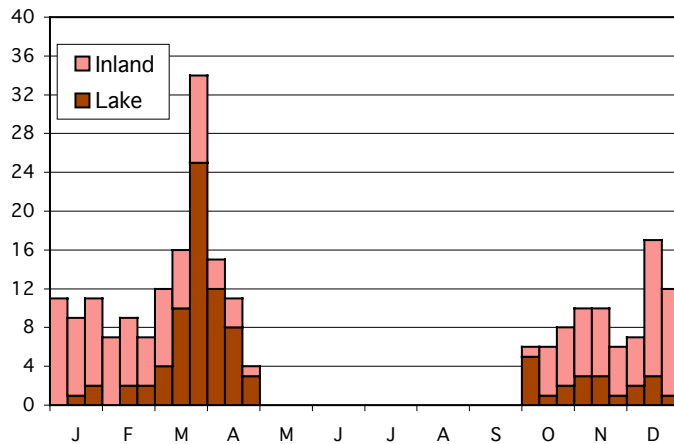


Northern Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis*

Historical Information

First Published record: Butler (1898) mentioned a record near Brookville in January 1881, but the earliest fully dated report occurred in Monroe County 22 November 1885.

Butler (1890) deemed this large accipiter a rare winter visitor. Keller et al. (1979) considered it a casual winter visitant in the south and a very rare irregular winter visitant elsewhere. Mumford and Keller (1984) characterized it as a rare, irregular winter resident.



Status

Physical Evidence: Six skins from Indiana are housed as indicated in the Status Table (S.F. Jackson unpublished list and J.B. Dunning unpublished computer list).

STATUS TABLE				
Specimens				
Museum				No.
National Museum of Natural History				3
Purdue Univ. Wildlife Laboratory				3
20-Year Abundance Table				
	Win	Spr	Sum	Fall
Northern Tier	7	7	n	8
Central Tier	9	8	n	8
Southern Tier	9	n	n	9
Entire State	7	7	n	8

Current Status

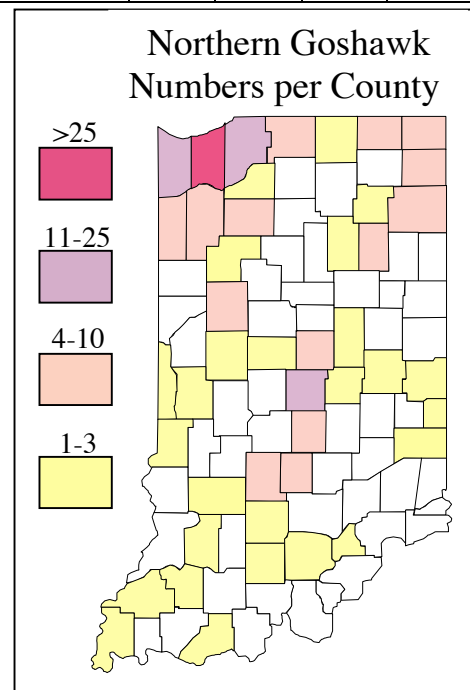
The Goshawk is now a Rare (7) to Very Rare (8) migrant in the northern and central tiers. It is a Rare (7) winter resident in the northern tier and an Occasional (9) visitor during this season further south.

Occurrence

This large accipiter has been recorded in at least 44 Indiana counties and has been reported annually since 1975. In the distribution map records in Franklin and Union Counties refer to two birds reported at Brookville Reservoir. The highest numbers occur during the spring hawk flights in the Dunes. Some three-fourths of the 321 aged birds were deemed immatures.

Irruptions

Significant incursions of this irruptive species occurred in the winters of 1982-83 and 1993-94. A majority of the state's highest counts were logged during the very impressive 1982-83 invasion.



Northern Goshawk Data

Maximum Single Party Counts				
Spring				
Number	Date	Location	Observer	Ref.
5	12-Apr-1983	Johnson Beach	K.J. Brock	KJB
3	31-Mar-1983	Johnson Beach	K.J. Brock	KJB
3	24-Mar-1984	Johnson Beach	E.M. Hopkins	KJB
Fall				
Number	Date	Location	Observer	Ref.
3	03-Oct-1982	Cowles Bog	IDNLS Staff	KJB
2	07-Nov-1982	Hammond Sanctuary	K.J. Brock	KJB
2	13-Nov-1982	West Beach	A.W. Bruner	IAQ

Migration Envelopes						
Spring						
	Earliest	Arrive	Peak	Depart	Latest	Records
North	Win. Res.	10-Mar	31-Mar	19-Apr	27-Apr-1993	62
Central	Win. Res.	---	21-Mar	---	14-Apr-1997	13
South	3-Mar-2005	---	---	---	3-Mar-2005	1
Fall						
	Earliest	Arrive	Peak	Depart	Latest	Records
North	3-Oct-1982	---	26-Oct	---	Win. Res.	18
Central	13-Oct-2002	---	7-Nov	---	Win. Vis.	15
South	18-Oct-1999	---	---	---	22-Nov-1885	8

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