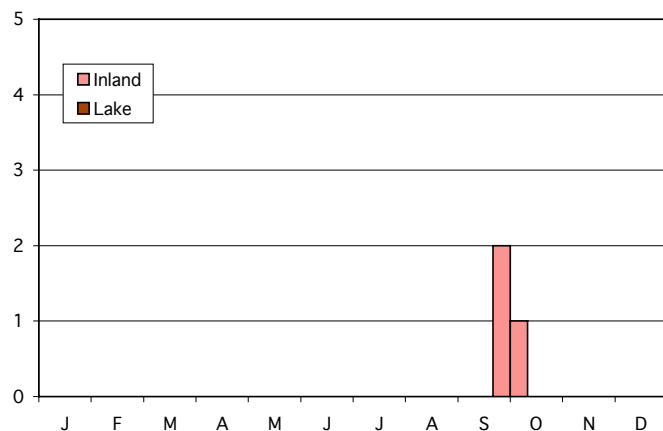


## Sharp-tailed Sandpiper

## *Calidris acuminata*

### Historical Information

First Published Record: Indiana's first record of this Asian species was established by Denny Jones, who discovered one at Lake Gibson 23 September 1988 (Peterjohn 1989).



### Status

Physical Evidence: No specimens are known, but a color photograph taken by J.K. Cassady was published in *North American Birds* 58:173.

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	10
Entire State	n	n	n	n

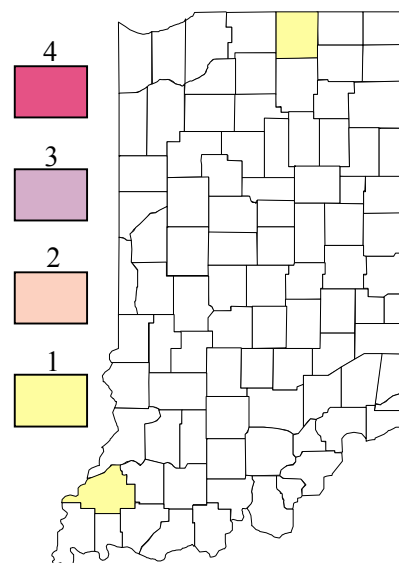
### Current Status

The two Indiana records relegate the Sharp-tailed Sandpiper to the Accidental (10) category.



Juvenile Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, Wakarusa Wastewater Treatment Facility, Elkhart County, 25 September 2003.  
Photo by J.J. McCoy

### Sharp-tailed Sandpiper Numbers per County



### Occurrence

Indiana's first Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, discovered at Lake Gibson 23 September 1988, lingered until 7 October and was photographed by Dr. M.R. Brown on 2 October; it was also seen by more than a dozen observers (Brown 1989). The second bird was far less cooperative. It was discovered by Dan Stoltzfus at the Wakarusa Wastewater Treatment Facility, Elkhart County on

25 September 2003 and departed later that day (Brock 2004); however, not before being seen by a half-dozen observers. Both birds were in bright juvenile plumage.

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper Records				
All records				
Number	Date	Location	Observer	Ref.
1	23-Sep to 7-Oct-1988	Lake Gibson	Denny Jones	NAB
1	25-Sep-2003	Elkhart Co	Dan Stoltzfus	NAB

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