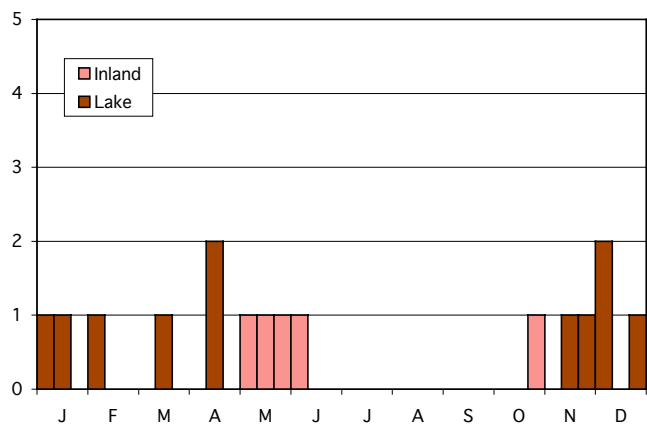


Boreal Chickadee *Poecile hudsonica*

Historical Information

First Published Record: Raymond Grow discovered Indiana's first "Brown-capped Chickadee" in a northern Porter County Jack Pine grove on 20 November 1951. The pinery was located one-half mile south of Lake Michigan and about six miles east of Gary, near Burns Ditch. The bird was feeding on Jack Pine cones and Goldenrod seeds (Grow 1952).

Based on records from Illinois and Wisconsin Butler (1898) relegated the "Hudsonian Chickadee" to Indiana's hypothetical list. Both Keller et al. (1979) and Mumford and Keller (1984) deemed it accidental.



Current Status

There have been no Indiana records in the past 20 years; the Boreal Chickadee remains Accidental (10).

Occurrence

During the winter of 1951-52 several individuals were present along the lakefront in both Lake and Porter Counties. In Gary one visited the Maffit feeding station regularly from 5 January through 13 March 1952 (Grow 1952). The actual number of birds present is impossible to determine, but singletons were reported on multiple occasions and Merrill Sweet observed two near Dunes State Park 17 and 18 April 1952 (Mumford files). These records account for most of the data shown in the migration histogram.

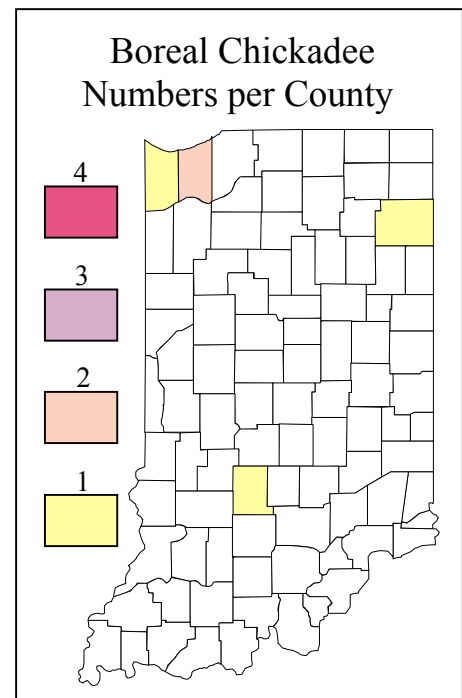
Inland Records

On 8 May 1976 a Boreal Chickadee was found in Fox Island Park and remained there until 1 June 1976; it was identified by a number of observers (Haw 1976) and J.S. Moore obtained photographs. Indiana's most recent record occurred in the southern tier. On 31 October 1976 a "brown-headed,

Status

Physical Evidence: There are no known specimens, but according to Mumford and Keller (1975), a photograph of this species published in *Outdoor Indiana* (1959, Vol. 1:31), was incorrectly labeled Black-capped Chickadee (Mumford and Keller 1975).

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



brown-backed chickadee” was seen briefly by Tom Alexander in Bloomington; it took about three sunflower seeds from his feeder before departing (Mumford files).

Boreal Chickadee Records				
Entire State				
Number	Date	Location	Observer	Ref.
1	20-Nov to 27 Dec 1951	Burns Ditch	Raymond Grow	REM
1	01-Dec-1951	Dunes St Park	Raymond Grow	Grow
1	05-Jan to 13 Mar 1952	Gary	Raymond Grow	Grow
2	18-Apr-1952	Dunes St Park	Merrill Sweet	NAB
1	8-May to 1 Jun-1976	Fox Island Park	J.A. Haw	IAQ
1	31-Oct-1976	Monroe Co	Tom Alexander	REM

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