

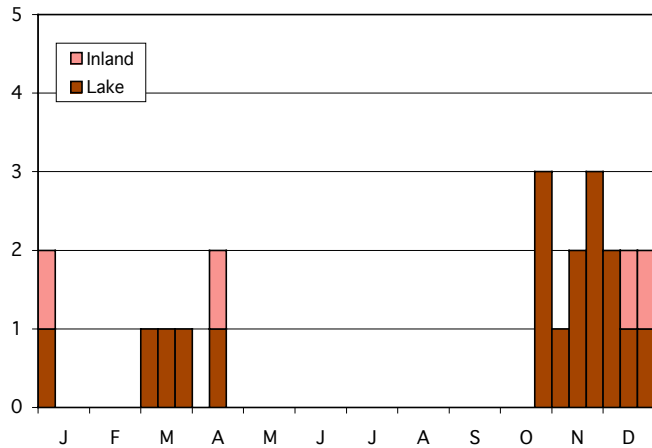
Townsend's Solitaire

Myadestes townsendi

Historical Information

First Published Record: Indiana's first accepted Townsend's Solitaire was discovered by J.J. McCoy at West Beach on 24 November 1995 (Lomax 1996).

Based on an Illinois record Butler (1898) considered this western species hypothetical. Both Keller et al. (1979) and Mumford and Keller (1984) failed to mention Townsend's Solitaire.



Current Status

Townsend's Solitaire is an Occasional (9) visitor.

Status

Physical Evidence: There are no known specimens, but a black and white photograph appears on the front cover of the 1996 *Indiana Audubon Quarterly*, Vol. 74, No. 2.

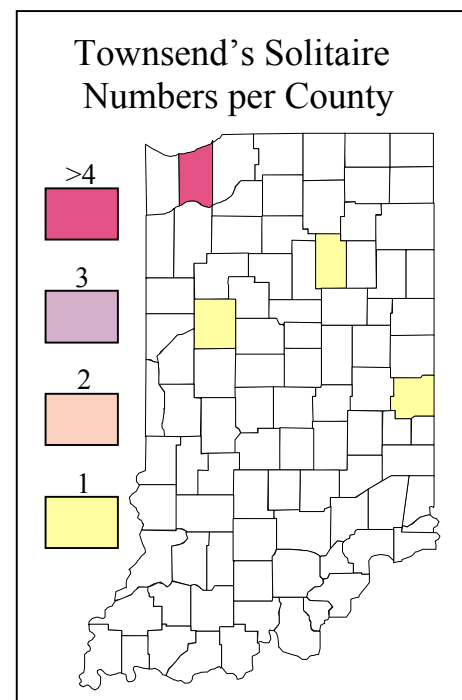
STATUS TABLE				
Specimens				
Museum				No.
No known specimens				0
20-Year Abundance Table				
	Win	Spr	Sum	Fall
Northern Tier	9	9	n	9
Central Tier	10	10	n	n
Southern Tier	n	n	n	n
Entire State	9	9	n	9

Occurrence

The state's first Townsend's Solitaire was an immature, molting from juvenile into first-winter plumage (see photo on the cover of the 1996 *Indiana Audubon Quarterly* Vol. 74, No. 2). This individual lingered in the West Beach (Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore) area, and was seen sporadically, through 5 December 1995 (Lomax 1996). Additional details of this occurrence are described in Etter (1996).

The Townsend's Solitaire appeared annually from 2001 through 2006 (see table below).

The state's most incredible Solitaire record involved the March 2003 bird. This individual was first observed at 7:30AM on 8 March by B.J. Grube, as it flew eastward past the Dunes State Park green tower. A week later, on 15 March, it made a repeat performance at 7:20AM and was identified by at least four observers. Its final appearance occurred 24 March at 7:49AM; only on this occasion the bird flew westward (Brock records).



Extreme Record

A single bird was discovered at West Beach on 22 October 2005, but on 27 October of that year Pete and Nila Grube observed two perched together on a transmission wire in eastern reaches of West Beach. These two individuals were subsequently observed on two additional occasions. This is Indiana's only multiple Solitaire record.



Indiana's first accepted Townsend's Solitaire. This juvenile was at West Beach (Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore) 25 November 1995. Photo by J.K. Cassady.

Townsend's Solitaire Records				
All Records				
No	Date	Location	Observer	Ref.
Juv.	24-Nov to 5 Dec-1995	West Beach	J.J. McCoy	IAQ
ad.	31-Dec-1996 to 5-Jan-1997	Salamonie S.F.	John Winebrenner	IAQ
ad.	28 & 29-Oct-2001	West Beach	B.J. Grube	NAB
1	14-Dec-2002	Tippecanoe Co	John Skene	BRC
ad.	8, 15, & 24-Mar-2003	Dunes S.P.	B.J. Grube	NAB
1	21-Nov-2003	West Beach	J.J. McCoy	NAB
Ad.	11-Apr-2004	Wayne Co	Brent Smith	INB
1	16-Apr-2005	Dunes S.P.	B.J. Grube	INB
1-2	22-Oct 2005 to 9-Jan-2006	W. Beach/Ogden Dunes	B.J. Grube	INB

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