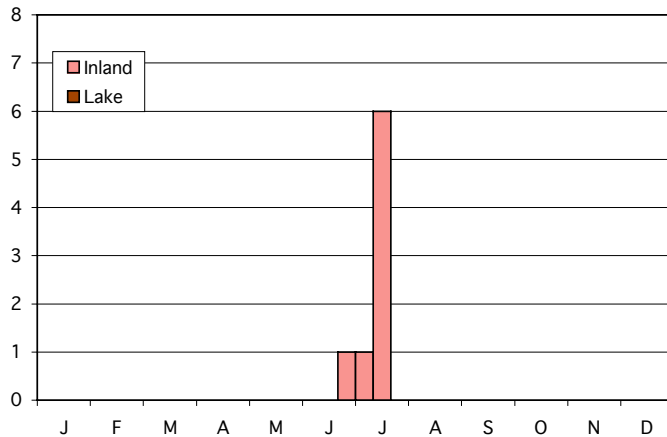


Black-bellied Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis*

Historical Information

First Published Record: Indiana's first accepted report of this species involved a bird that visited a Delaware County wetland from 30 June to 10 July 2002 (Brock 2002).

Previous authors did not mention this species.



Status/Occurrence

Physical Evidence: There are no known Indiana specimens, but a photograph taken by J.J. McCoy was published in *North American Birds* (Brock 2002).

Current Status

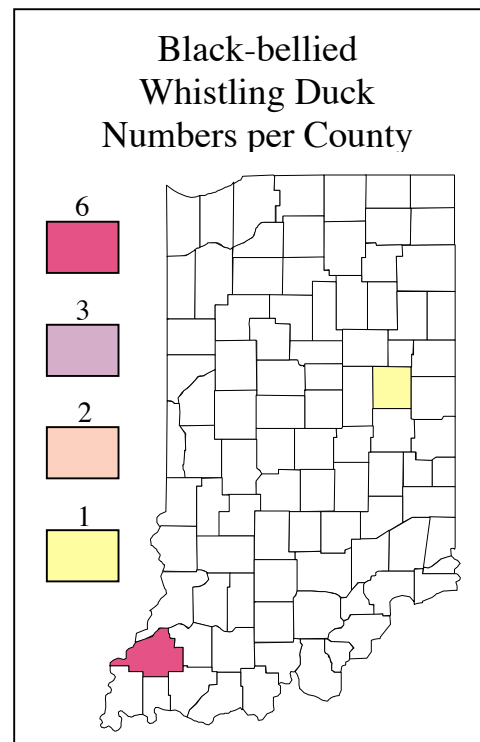
Indiana has two Black-bellied Whistling-Duck records, which renders it Accidental (10).

Occurrence

Both of Indiana's records occurred in summer (see migration histogram). The Delaware County bird was discovered by Betty Clark on 30 June 2002, but was seen and photographed by several observers; it lingered for more than a week. This individual was part of a regional invasion of Black-bellied Whistling Ducks across the Eastern United States.

The state's second record involved a flock of six birds that was discovered by Don Gorney in a pond near the entrance to the Gibson power plant on 14 July 2005.

These individuals apparently remained for only one day. Both Don Gorney and Lisa Bowman (IN-BIRD) obtained photos.



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IN-BIRD, a Listserve dealing with Indiana birds developed and maintained by P.W. Kelly. The records are archived at:

<http://listserv.indiana.edu/archives/in-bird-1.html>



Black-bellied Whistling-Duck in Delaware County 10 July 2002. Photo by J.J. McCoy