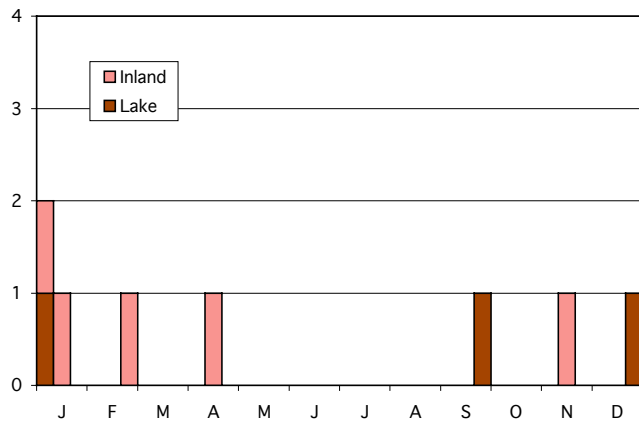


## Ferruginous Hawk *Buteo regalis*

### Historical Information

First Published record: According to information in the Mumford files, Butler examined a Ferruginous Hawk that had been caught in a steel trap in Boone County on 6 January 1909. The specimen was reportedly taken to W.S. Blatchley on 8 January 1909 (Mumford files). This provides the state's earliest report.

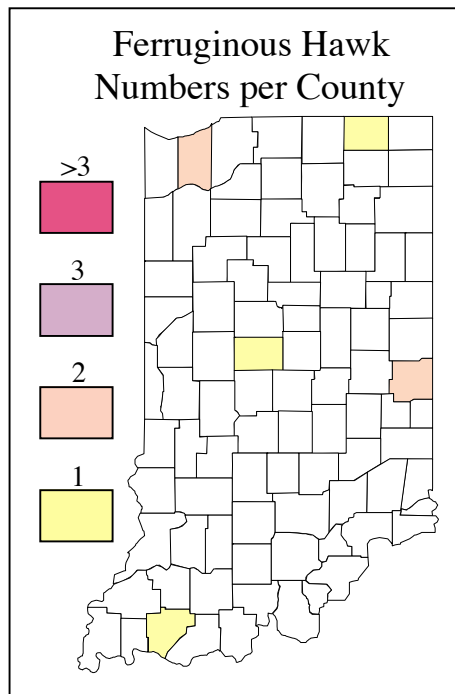
Butler (1898) listed this species as hypothetical. Keller et al. (1979) deemed it accidental and Mumford and Keller (1984) listed seven records but provided no assessment of the bird's status.



### Status

Physical Evidence: There are no known specimens or photographs documenting the occurrence of this species in Indiana.

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



### Current Status

This large buteo of the Great Plains remains an Accidental (10) vagrant in Indiana. D.D. Andrews at the Ayrshire Mine, Warrick County identified the most recent record accepted by the Indiana Bird Records Committee on 24 February 1998. The committee has not evaluated several of the earlier reports.

### Occurrence

The distribution map indicates that Indiana's Ferruginous Hawk records are widely scattered. A preponderance of the state's reports involved immature birds; the Indiana Bird Records Committee has rejected many of these records. Young Ferruginous Hawk are easily confused with the more numerous "Kriders" Red-tailed Hawks.

Ferruginous Hawk Records				
All Records				
Number	Date	Location	Observer	Ref.
1	06-Jan-1909	Boone Co	A.W. Butler	REM
1	12-Apr-1917	Wayne Co	???	REM
1	13-Nov-1930	Wayne Co	???	REM
1	25-Sep-1934	N. Porter Co.	E.R. Ford	ERF
1	31-Dec-1952	Indiana Dunes	V. Reuter-skiold	VRS
1	20-Jan-1992	LaGrange Co	???	BRC
1	24-Feb-1998	Ayrshire Mine	Don Andrews	BRC

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