

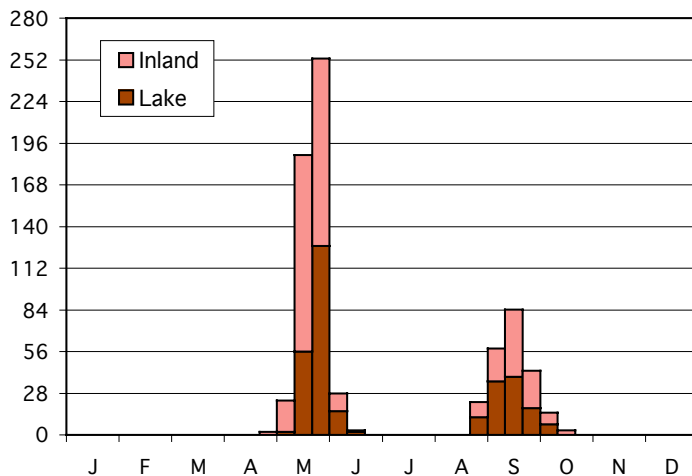
Connecticut Warbler

Oporornis agilis

Historical Information

First Published Record: Indiana's earliest published Connecticut Warbler record was reported by H.K. Coale in Lake County on 25 September 1875 (Butler 1898).

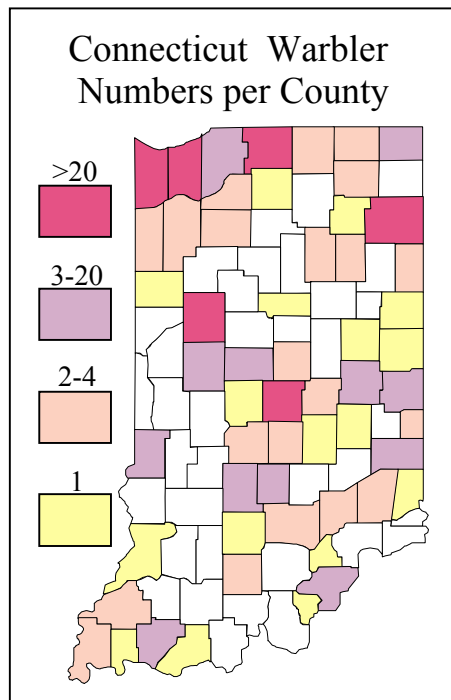
Butler (1898) considered this warbler a very rare migrant. Keller et al. (1979) deemed it a rare spring and casual fall migrant. Mumford and Keller (1984) described the Connecticut Warbler as a rare spring and very rare fall migrant.



Status

Physical Evidence: At least seven skins are preserved in museums (S.F. Jackson unpublished list and J.B. Dunning unpublished computer list).

STATUS TABLE				
Specimens				
Museum				No.
Chicago Academy of Sciences				1
Chicago Field Museum				1
National Museum of Natural History				2
Purdue Univ. Wildlife Laboratory				3
20-Year Abundance Table				
	Win	Spr	Sum	Fall
Northern Tier	n	6	7	6
Central Tier	n	6	7	7
Southern Tier	n	7	8	7
Entire State	n	6	7	6



Current Status

The Connecticut Warbler is an Uncommon (6) migrant. Tarrying spring migrants linger into June when it is Rare (7).

Occurrence

This secretive warbler has been recorded in some 57 counties. As shown on the distribution map the largest numbers have been recorded where the greatest birding effort occurs.

Migration

During migration the Connecticut Warbler ranks 35th in spring and 30th in fall. Although the ranking data appear to conflict with earlier reports that this warbler was more common in spring than fall, two spring Connecticut Warblers are recorded for every fall bird.



Connecticut Warbler at Beverly Shores on 21 May 1986. Photo by K.J. Brock.

Summer Records

As the Connecticut Warbler is a late spring migrant, it is not surprising that a few birds linger into early June. Indeed, more than two-dozen records have occurred during the first week of June. In addition, three mid-June birds have been banded in Porter County (U.S. Banding Lab) and an exceptionally late bird was reported singing in Marion County 23 June 1955 (Mumford files, Mumford and Keller 1984).

Extreme Records

The Mumford files refers to the report by W.L. McAtee of a Connecticut Warbler observed near Bloomington on 27 April 1886. The only other April record involved two birds found by H.C. West in Marion County on 30 April 1951; one

was also seen the following day (West records). H.L. Stoddard recorded the state's largest count of 30 birds at Wolf Lake 21 May 1915 (Stoddard 1969). Stoddard reported that, "the most Connecticut Warblers he had ever seen," descended from the sky at daybreak on the above date.

Connecticut Warbler Data

Maximum Single Party Counts

Spring				
Number	Date	Location	Observer	Ref.
30	21-May-1915	Wolf Lake	H.L. Stoddard	HLS
10	23-May-1959	Tippecanoe Co	I.W. Burr	IAQ
8	29-May-1954	Tippecanoe Co	I.W. Burr	IAQ
Fall				
Number	Date	Location	Observer	Ref.
3	25-Sep-1962	St Joseph Co	D.D. Manuwal	IQA
3	22-Sep-2001	Lakefront traps	J.K. Cassady	KJB
3	26-Sep-1962	St Joseph Co	D.D. Manuwal	IQA
Both of the St Joseph Co reports involved tower kills in South Bend				

Migration Envelopes

Spring						
	Earliest	Arrive	Peak	Depart	Latest	Records
North	4-May-1891	14-May	21-May	30-May	7-Jun-1998	226
Central	30-Apr-1951	11-May	21-May	30-May	6-Jun-2001	108
South	27-Apr-1886	---	20-May	---	5-Jun-1997	29

Fall						
	Earliest	Arrive	Peak	Depart	Latest	Records
North	21-Aug-1950	30-Aug	13-Sep	28-Sep	6-Oct-1995	156
Central	29-Aug-1988	8-Sep	19-Sep	5-Oct	13-Oct-2002	30
South	3-Sep-1982	---	20-Sep	---	17-Oct-1997	17

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