

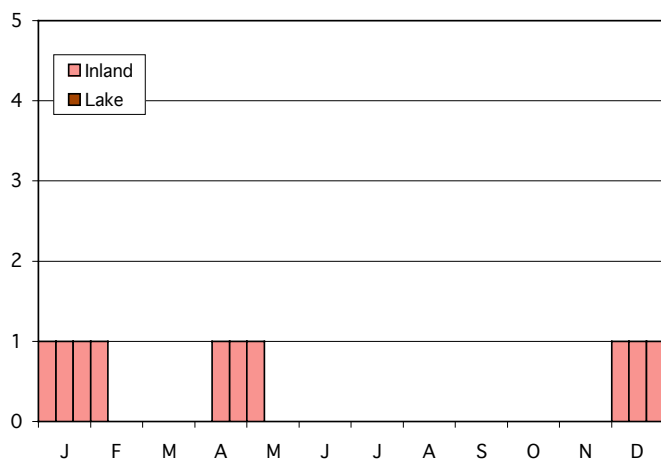
Green-tailed Towhee

Pipilo chlorurus

Historical Information

First Published Record: Mumford and Keller (1975) reported that an individual of this species visited the Dufendach's feeding station in South Bend from 19 April until 2 May 1973. This constitutes Indiana's first acceptable Green-tailed Towhee record.

Butler (1898) failed to mention this species. Both Keller et al. (1979) and Mumford and Keller (1984) considered it accidental.



Current Status

The Green-tailed Towhee is Accidental (10).

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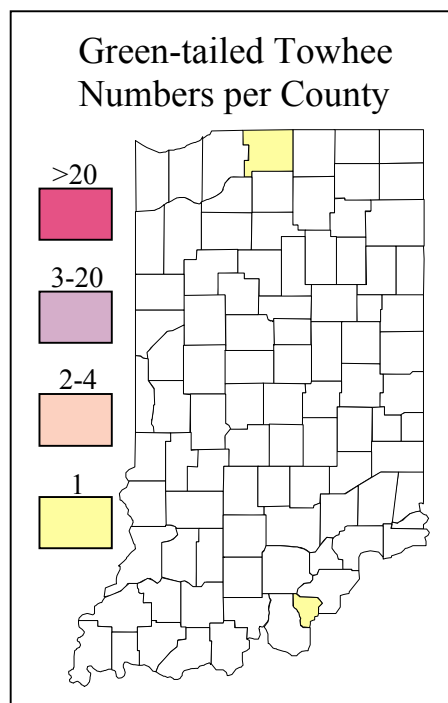
Physical Evidence: There are no known specimens from Indiana. A color photograph of the New Albany bird was published in North American Birds (2004) 58:310.

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	10	n	n	n
Entire State	10	n	n	n

Occurrence

Indiana's two accepted records occurred on opposite ends of the state. The first appeared at Russell and Mirva Dufendach's South Bend feeder on 19 April 1973 and was seen daily through 2 May 1973; it was identified by more than a dozen observers (Mumford files). The second bird arrived at the New Albany (Floyd County) backyard of Gary Dorman on 10 December 2003; it remained until 5 February 2004 and was studied by scores of observers (Brock 2004). Excellent photographs of the New Albany individual were obtained.

Mumford and Keller (1984) also mentioned a Green-tailed Towhee that visited a feeder in Goshen from November 1952 to spring 1953. The original source of this record is Witmer (1969), which provided names of the homeowners, but gave absolutely no information about the bird. Though likely correct, the inadequate details render this report unacceptable.



Green-tailed Towhee Records					
All Accepted Records					
No.	Date	Location	Observer	Notes	Ref.
1	19-Apr to 2-May-1973	South Bend	Dufendachs	feeder	M&K
1	10-Dec-2003 to 5-Feb-2004	Floyd Co	Gary Dorman	feeder	NAB



Green-tailed Towhee, New Albany (Floyd County) 13 December 2003. Photo by J.K. Cassady.

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