

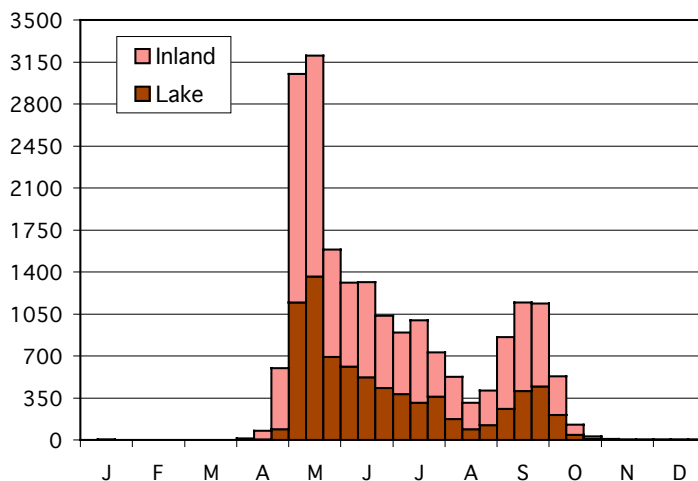
Common Yellowthroat

Geothlypis trichas

Historical Information

First Published Record: B.W. Evermann found a nest in Carroll County on 12 June 1880 (Butler 1898). This report appears to constitute Indiana's earliest published record.

Butler (1898) referred to the "Maryland Yellow-throat" as a common summer resident throughout the state. Keller et al. (1979) considered it an abundant summer resident, which was casual in winter. Mumford and Keller (1984) deemed the Yellowthroat a common summer resident and very rare winter visitor.



Current Status

The Common Yellowthroat is a Very Common (3) migrant and summer resident; it is Rare (7) in winter.

Occurrence

This widespread, and highly vocal, warbler has been recorded in every Indiana county. The Common Yellowthroat occupies the third rung on the overall warbler abundance ranking scale. Within the migration windows it ranks 3rd among all warblers in spring and 6th in fall.

Winter Records

More than 30 winter records exist for the state; most of these occurred in December. Winter period Yellowthroats have been reported in 7 of the last 20 years. The latest, among six January records, consisted of two birds reported at Lake Gibson by Denny Jones 16 January 1983 (Mumford files). This latter report ties an 18 December 1993 Dearborn County record by Paul Wharton (notes sent to *North American Birds*) for the state's largest winter count. There are no February records.

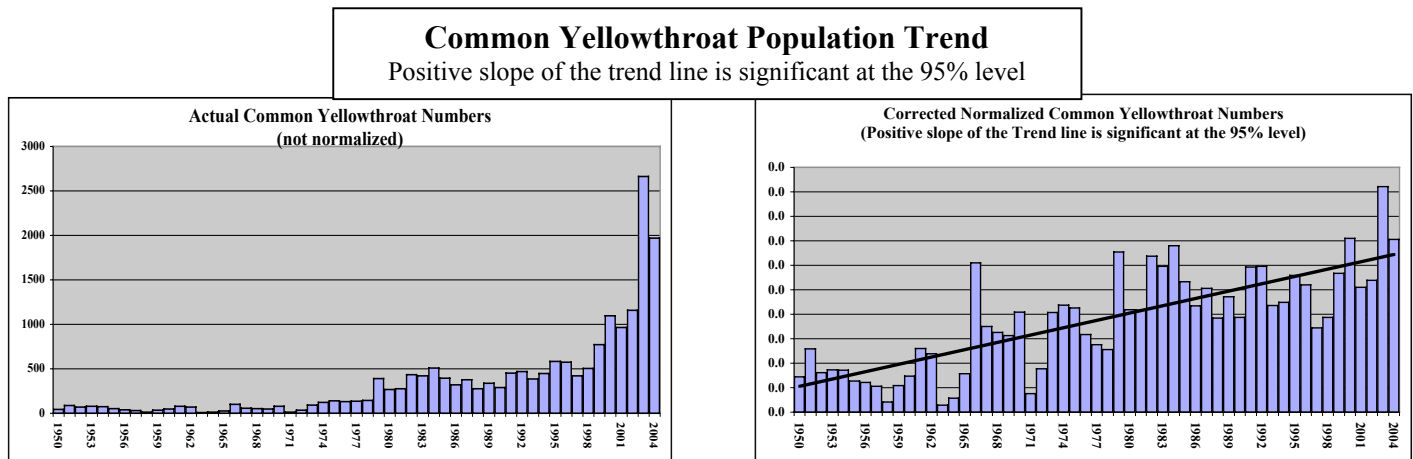
Status

Physical Evidence: Some 28 specimens, plus eggs, are housed in museums (S.F. Jackson unpublished list, J.B. Dunning unpublished computer list, and Richards, 1987).

STATUS TABLE				
Specimens				
Museum				No.
Carnegie Museum of Natural History				1
Chicago Academy of Sciences				2*
Chicago Field Museum				4
National Museum of Natural History				13*
Indiana State Museum				2
Purdue Univ. Wildlife Laboratory				6
Univ. of Michigan Museum				10*
* Includes eggs				
20-Year Abundance Table				
	Win	Spr	Sum	Fall
Northern Tier	9	3	3	3
Central Tier	9	4	4	4
Southern Tier	8	4	3	4
Entire State	7	3	3	3

Population Trend

Common Yellowthroats appear to be flourishing in Indiana. Positive slope of the trend line is statistically significant at the 95 percent level.



Breeding

In the Indiana Atlas Project Castrale et al. (1998) detected breeding evidence in more than 99 percent of the state's 647 priority blocks, with data from every Indiana county. Mumford and Keller (1984) give egg dates from 7 May through 28 July.

Common Yellowthroat Data

Maximum Single Party Counts				
Spring/early Summer				
Number	Date	Location	Observer	Ref.
77	09-May-1998	Beverly Shores	S.R. Bagby	KJB
76	10-May-2003	Newton Co	E.M. Hopkins	EMH
72	19-Jun-2001	Big Oaks NWR	J.P. Lewis	BON
Fall				
Number	Date	Location	Observer	Ref.
34	21-Sep-2002	Lakefront traps	J.K. Cassady	KJB
30	17-Sep-1994	Lakefront traps	K.J. Brock	KJB
27	3-Aug-2002	Beverly Shores	S.R. Bagby	KJB

Migration Envelopes						
Spring						
	Earliest	Arrive	Peak	Depart	Latest	Records
North	Win. Vis.	2-May	14-May	4-Jun	Sum. Res.	1140
Central	Win. Vis.	30-Apr	12-May	30-May	Sum. Res.	454
South	Win. Vis.	19-Apr	8-May	26-May	Sum. Res.	269
Fall						
	Earliest	Arrive	Peak	Depart	Latest	Records
North	Sum. Res.	29-Jul	13-Sep	5-Oct	Win. Vis.	1340
Central	Sum. Res.	30-Jul	16-Sep	7-Oct	Win. Vis.	413
South	Sum. Res.	20-Jul	18-Sep	9-Oct	Win. Vis.	196

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