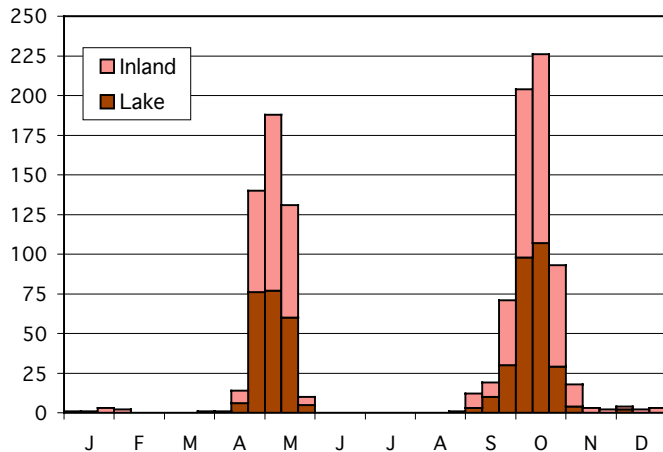


## Orange-crowned Warbler     *Vermivora celata*

### Historical Information

First Published Record: The Orange-crowned Warbler was mentioned as occurring in Lake County in 1871, but the earliest fully dated record involved a specimen collected in Lake County by H.K. Coale 16 May 1877 (Butler 1898).

Butler (1898) considered this warbler the rarest representative of its genus in Indiana. Keller et al. (1979) and Mumford and Keller (1984) deemed it a rare spring and uncommon fall migrant.



### Status

Physical Evidence: At least seven specimens from Indiana are preserved in museums (S.F. Jackson, unpublished list).

STATUS TABLE				
Specimens				
Museum				No.
Chicago Academy of Sciences				2
National Museum of Natural History				4
Univ. of Michigan Museum				1
20-Year Abundance Table				
	Win	Spr	Sum	Fall
Northern Tier	10	6	n	6
Central Tier	8	6	n	6
Southern Tier	n	7	n	6
Entire State	8	6	n	6

### Current Status

The Orange-crowned Warbler is an Uncommon (6) migrant.

### Occurrence

Butler suggested that the Orange-crowned Warbler was Indiana's rarest *Vermivora*. Although this remains true in the spring, the Orange-crowned is actually more common than both Blue-winged and Golden-winged in fall (see rankings table in Warbler Overview). This warbler migrates earlier in spring and later in fall than most other members of its clan. It has been reported in at least 62 counties and is likely even more widespread, but may be overlooked due to its cryptic plumage. On average over the past 20 years some 38 birds per year (17 in spring and 21 in fall) have been reported in the state.

### Winter Records

A dozen winter records exist for the state; these include seven in December, three in January, and two in February; Visser (1967) described a February 1967 occurrence in Vanderburgh County. The average winter count over the past two decades was 0.2 per year. The only winter record for the northern tier involved two birds reported by H.M. Smith in Whiting Park on 2 December 1936 (Smith 1936).

### Orange-crowned Warbler Data

Maximum Single Party Counts				
Spring				
Number	Date	Location	Observer	Ref.
6	7-May-1951	Marion Co	H.C. West	HCW
6	29-Apr-2004	Lakefront traps	J.J. McCoy	INB
5	30-Apr-2004	Hammond Sanct.	Michael Topp	INB
Fall				
Number	Date	Location	Observer	Ref.
10	12-Oct-2002	Lakefront traps	J.J. McCoy	KJB
7	16-Oct-1983	Cowles Bog	Fred Kase	KJB
7	13-Oct-2001	Hammond Sanct.	S.R. Bagby	KJB

Migration Envelopes						
Spring						
	Earliest	Arrive	Peak	Depart	Latest	Records
<b>North</b>	15-Apr-1994	25-Apr	7-May	17-May	27-May-1919	296
<b>Central</b>	Win. Vis.	24-Apr	5-May	19-May	23-May-2000	67
<b>South</b>	8-Apr-1999	22-Apr	3-May	14-May	17-May-2005	37
Fall						
	Earliest	Arrive	Peak	Depart	Latest	Records
<b>North</b>	26-Aug-1962	26-Sep	10-Oct	22-Oct	6-Nov-2003	314
<b>Central</b>	4-Sep-1995	23-Sep	15-Oct	31-Oct	Win. Vis.	122
<b>South</b>	7-Sep-1952	24-Sep	10-Oct	29-Oct	12-Nov-1978	89

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