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**Back cover photo:** Adult Sabine's Gull at Eagle Creek Reservoir, Marion County. Photo by Ryan Sanderson on 12 October 2018.

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## Letter from the Editor

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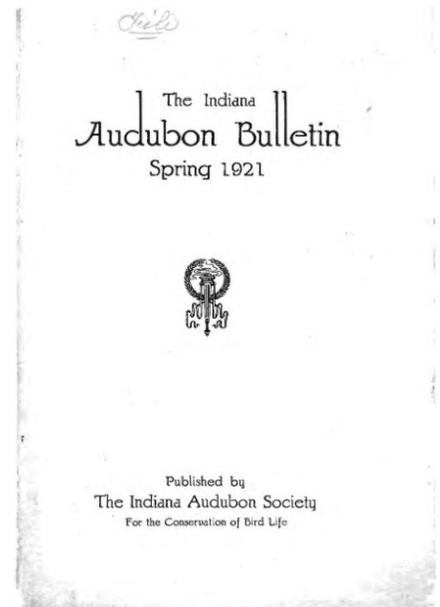
Welcome to 2019. Another year of birds and birding, and another year for the *Indiana Audubon Quarterly*. As 2018 turns into 2019, I look back at all the great bird-related accomplishments. It was an excellent reminder for me to sit at the most recent Indiana Audubon board of directors meeting last month. Held at Fort Harrison State Park, one of our newest Indiana State Parks; the weekend retreat was a chance for both new and old board members to network and brainstorm what new ideas we have as a collective superpower to further the IAS mission of conserving, protecting, and educating Hoosiers about the great avifauna found right here in Indiana.



During the course of the three days I was present, it was neat to hear people comment on the various initiatives that have been both long-term in scope for the society, and those that aren't even off the ground yet. These new projects you will no doubt hear about later in the year. But it was the long-term projects that make me proudest to see the society take ownership in and support over all these years. Among those that have been around the longest is this very publication. Produced now for nearly 100 years, the *Indiana Audubon Quarterly* has been a source of both birding research and reports, as well as member updates from the field. While the content has changed slightly, the purpose and dedication we have to producing this publication for our membership remains the same.

At the other end of the spectrum, we find advancing technology that has aided in both bird identification and the sharing of bird knowledge. Much of this is in real time today, with a report of a rare bird being made sometimes faster than it took for the initial finders to lower their binoculars. A great example is eBird.com (if you're not yet using it, you should be!). There is no doubt this site has revolutionized our ability to find and enjoy birds, and it is also a great tool for researchers wishing to study trends and swings in bird populations. Just as valuable are the social media channels that are being used to share bird sightings and promote birding in general. Facebook pages like Birding in Indiana and Advanced Birding serve to pool the vast combined knowledge the Indiana birding community, and provide a discussion platform where everyone learns from each other. The highest pinnacle of citizen science.

As we enter this new year, I hope you can take time to reflect upon the birding of old, and embrace the birding of new. It represents the best of our strength as a community and showcases the opportunities that our great hobby can bring, both for us and for the birds.



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spring 1921 issue.**

# 120 Years of the Stockbridge Audubon Society

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The Stockbridge Audubon Society has a long history in Northeastern Indiana. The society was formed the year after the Indiana Audubon Society was established. Research has shown our chapter was organized on April 12 1899 at a 3:00 pm meeting in room 8 of the City Hall (now the History Center) in Fort Wayne. There were twenty members and five junior members.

Stockbridge is the oldest Audubon chapter in the state (the Indianapolis Audubon Society – which would later become the Amos Butler Audubon Society – was formed eight months after), and was originally known as the Allen County Audubon Society. The name was changed to the Stockbridge Audubon Society to honor Charles Stockbridge following his death in 1934. Charles Stockbridge was an active member for over 30 years and was a taxidermist and had many bird mounts.



**Charles Stockbridge with Red-tailed Hawk mount, circa early 1900s.**

In March 1898, The Indiana Academy of Science began the initiative to form the Indiana Audubon Society. Fanny Wright Taylor was at the meeting in Indianapolis. She was elected one of the Vice Presidents of the Indiana Audubon Society at the formation meeting on April 26, 1898. She was also a key participant in the founding of Stockbridge. It was she, Nellie Brown Cooper and Alexander Johnson that spearheaded the organization of the Allen County Audubon Society.

At the first meeting of the Allen County chapter in April 1899, the following officers were elected: Alexander Johnson, President; Nellie Brown Cooper, Vice President; Fanny Wright Taylor, Secretary and Treasurer, and Rabbi Frederick Cohn, Hannah Hall Ellison, Lucian Powers Stapleford, the Executive Committee. They were all residents of Fort Wayne.

Alexander Johnson was a local businessman, superintendent of the state school for a number of years, and on the board of Indiana Charities. Nellie Brown Cooper was a graduate of the New York Art School, and before her marriage in 1887 to William P. Cooper, was the head of the society department of the *Fort Wayne Gazette*. Fanny Wright Taylor married Judge Robert Stewart Taylor in 1858 and was active in the community. Rabbi Frederick Cohn, Ph. D., was a popular lecturer. Hannah Hall Allison was married to Thomas Ellison, a prominent attorney and state senator. In 1906, they founded the Ellison Realty Company and she was a director on the board. Lucian Stapleford was a prominent business man and auctioneer.

A presentation on the history of the Stockbridge Audubon Society will be held at the Fort Wayne History Center at 2pm Sunday, March 3, as part of the Mather Lecture Series.

# Fall Indiana Field Notes 2018

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August continued a warm and muggy pattern with more than 8 days above 90 degrees. The average temperatures were in the 70s. A cold front came through the state on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, dropping temperatures down into the 50s. August precipitation was slightly above normal, with less in the southwestern part of the state. The northeast received about 10 inches of rain.

September started out uncomfortably, with temperatures in the 90s. Remnants of Tropical Storm Gordon hit the state from the 7<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup>, bringing 3 to 12 inches of rain and some flooding. Average temperatures in the 70s were felt the rest of the month, with the lowest night temperature on the 28<sup>th</sup> of 40 degrees.

October began with unseasonably hot and humid weather, with the second-warmest first 10 days in Indiana history. A cold front on the 10<sup>th</sup> brought highs in the 50s and lows in the 30s. There was no widespread severe weather, but the month did see a few days of wintry precipitation, as well as a hard freeze on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

November was one of the coldest on record, with below-normal temperatures in the 30s and 40s. A cold front passed through from the 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> with scattered snow showers, leaving snow cover in the northern part of the state. An ice storm warning was issued for central and southern Indiana.

Bird highlights for the season included: breeding confirmation of Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, reports of Ruffed Grouse, Yellow Rail, Roseate Spoonbill, Western Kingbird, and Evening Grosbeak. The lakefront saw all three Jaeger species, Ancient Murrelet, and a high count of Black-legged Kittiwakes.

The editor is indebted to Dr. Ken Brock for his lakeshore fall report which was helpful in compiling this year's Fall Field Notes.

## Abbreviations:

FWA = Fish & Wildlife Area

IBRC= Indiana Bird Records Committee

NA = Nature Area

NWR = National Wildlife Refuge

SP = State Park

SRA = State Recreation Area

GHA = Game Bird Habitat Area

WMA = Wildlife Management Area

WP = Wetland Preserve

WTF= Wastewater Treatment Facility



**A curious Red-breasted Nuthatch feeds from the hand in Tippecanoe County, 25 November. Photo by Tabitha Olsen.**

Species Accounts:

**Black-bellied Whistling-Duck** – 2 adults and 12 young were confirmed at Country Mark Refinery Golf Club in Posey County on 1 Aug by Brad Bumgardner and Vern Wilkins, from the group observed and recorded in late July (less 2 fledglings). Observations continued through 6 Oct, when Craig Bauer posted a photo of all 14 ducks.

**Snow Goose** – 1 blue morph at Goose Pond FWA, Greene, 1 Aug through 1 Sept. Continuing bird from July. On 21 Sept, 1 at Coffee Creek Watershed Preserve, Porter, by Jim Zervos.

**Ross's Goose** – Jeff Timmons recorded 1 on 10 Sept in Anderson, Madison County. On 16 Oct, Clifford Wright observed 10 birds at nearby Prairie Creek Reservoir.

**Cackling Goose** – Single bird reported on 30 Sept at Wakarusa WTF, Elkhart, by Annie Aguirre, Laura Gilbert, Eric Michael, and Tanner Troyer.

**Trumpeter Swan** – 1 on 18 Aug at Pigeon River FWA, La Grange, by Doug Selzer, and observed again on 3 Sept, and through 27 Oct by Sam Plew. September also reports included single birds in Lake and St. Joseph Counties. High count of 5 reported on 30 Oct at Celery Bog NA, Tippecanoe, by Fritz Davis.

**Tundra Swan** – 20 counties reported birds in November. High counts: Goose Pond FWA, Greene, had 74 on 10 Nov. Marquette Park, Lake, had 65 on 9 Nov. Lake Simonton, Elkhart, had 51 on 12 Nov.



**A flock of 31 Tundra Swans, Eagle Creek Park, Marion Co., 28 Nov. Photo by Don Gorney.**

**Northern Shoveler** – At Michigan City Harbor, LaPorte, John Kendall had 1 on 7 Aug. More birds were reported at the end of the month in Gibson, Greene, and Lake Counties, including a high count of 8 at Cane Ridge WMA, Gibson, on 30 Aug by Evan Speck.

**Gadwall** – 1 continuing bird at Cane Ridge WMA, Gibson, on 11 Aug by Heath and Logan Harlan. 1 at Muscatatuck NWR, Jackson, on 13 Aug by David Crouch.

**American Black Duck** – Only August sighting was on the 24th at Celery Bog NA, Tippecanoe, by Mark Arvin. Lakefront numbers were down with only 22 reports for the season.

**Northern Pintail** – August sightings: at Goose Pond FWA, Greene, 1 on 22 Aug by Michael Brown, and 3 on 28 Aug by Amy Kearns. In Benton County on 25 Aug, Ed Hopkins noted 3 ducks.

**Ring-necked Duck** – Only early season sighting was on 2 Sept at Geist Reservoir, Hamilton, by Nick Kiehl.

**Greater Scaup** – 22 Sept Lake Watch at Miller Beach, Lake, yielded an early bird first identified by Jeff McCoy.

**Lesser Scaup** – A single bird was observed by many birders in Gibson County from 3 Aug through 2 Sept, mostly at Cane Ridge WMA and Tern Bar Slough WDA.

**Harlequin Duck** – Only sighting was reported on 8 Nov at Michigan City Harbor, La Porte, by Don Gorney.

**White-winged Scoter** – High count of 10 were observed at Marquette Park, Lake, on 20 Oct by Nick Kiehl, Landon Neumann, and Aidan Rominger. Smaller numbers were noted there through 31 Oct. Indiana Dunes SP, Porter, had reports of single birds on 20 Oct by Brendan Grube, 25 Oct by Brad Bumgardner, and 27 Oct by Kim Ehn.

**Long-tailed Duck** – On 29 Nov at Blue Grass FWA, Warrick, Clay Bliznick observed 1 bird. Lakefront reports started on 30 Oct with 1 at Indiana Dunes SP, Porter, by Jeff Cherry, and continued with Michigan City Harbor, LaPorte, on 1 & 3 Nov. Porter County observations occurred on 3 & 21 Nov. Lake County observations daily on 7- 11 Nov, 26 Nov, and 30 Nov.

**Hooded Merganser** – 1 on 3 & 4 Aug at Lakefront Park & Sanctuary, Lake, by Michael Topp. 1 on 9 Aug at Lake Claire, Huntington, by Andrew Wolfe. 2 on 10 Aug at Grant Street Marsh, Lake, by Michael Topp. 1 on 19 Aug at Seidner Dune & Swale, Lake, by Matt Kalwasinski.

**Ruffed Grouse** – 1 was reported by Noah Kearns on 5 Aug at Hoosier National Forest, Lawrence.

**Red-necked Grebe** – Bruce Glick spotted 1 at Fidler Pond, Elkhart on 6 Oct. Observation reports on the Lakefront include: 27 Oct at Beverly Shores, Porter. 31 Oct at Indiana Dunes SP, Porter. 17 & 20 Oct at Marquette Park, Lake. 1 & 2 Nov at Miller Beach, Lake. 19-21 & 27 Oct at Calumet Park, Lake.

**Common Nighthawk** – Late sightings include 1 in Johnson County on 10 Oct by Rhiannon Thunell and 1 in Union County on 20 Oct by William Buskirk.

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** – Last of the season reported on 4 Nov by Tina Rosier at her residence in Marion County.

**Virginia Rail** – Late season reports included single birds in La Grange, Lake and Porter Counties.



**Red-necked Grebe in Clark County on 14 November. Photo by Tommy Becker.**

**Sora** – Vern Wilkins reported 1 on 17 Nov at Goose Pond, Greene. Nick Yarde reported 1 on 20 Nov in Kosciusko County.

**Common Gallinule** – High counts of 7 at Goose Pond, Greene, on 6 Oct by Jerry Downs. 6 at Eagle Marsh NP, Allen, on 6 Oct by Conrad Harstine. Monroe and Vigo counties also had single sightings in October.

**Yellow Rail** – On 4 Sept, John Kendall reported 1 in Kosciusko County. IBRC accepted a September report from Montgomery County.

**Sandhill Crane** – The official DNR count from Jasper-Pulaski FWA, Jasper, was on 27 Nov at 29,661, a higher count than last year.

**Black-necked Stilt** – On 2 Aug, Jim Brown and Lee Sterrenburg had 2 at Goose Pond, Greene, with last reports on 26 Sep. David Wood & Lorenzo Kleine reported 1 at Eagle Marsh NP, Allen, on 4 Aug, 11 Aug, & 12 Aug. Gibson County birds were reported from 11 Aug through 10 Sept, with a high count of 6.

**American Avocet** – High count of 5 at Gibson Lake, Gibson, on 6 Oct by Evan Speck. David Rupp saw 1 at Goose Pond, Greene, on 16 Oct & then 2 on 20 Oct.

**American Golden-Plover** – 10 observed by Ryan Sanderson in Hancock County on 4 Nov.

**Piping Plover** – Evan Speck reported 1 at Cane Ridge WMA, Gibson, early on 7 Aug, and later at Gibson Lake, Gibson. Don Gorney & Michael Topp reported 1 on 17 Aug at Miller Beach, Lake. On 7 Sep, Jason Jablonski reported 1 unbanded bird at Michigan City Harbor, LaPorte. On 8 Sept, an unbanded bird was observed by many birders at Miller Beach, Lake.

**Upland Sandpiper** – 1 in Boone County on 2 Aug by Cloyce Hedge. 1 in White County on 7 Aug by Gary Overdorf. 1 at Goose Pond FWA, Greene, on 9 Aug by Amy Kearns. 1 at Lebanon Sod Farm, Boone, on 13 Aug by Gary Langell. 1 in Hancock County on 20 Aug, first found by Don Gorney and continuing through 11 Sept. A late bird was also discovered at the State Line Flats, Lake, by Jeff McCoy on 29 Sept.



**Late Upland Sandpiper at State Line Flats, Lake, 29 Sept. Photo by Bob Huguenard.**

**Whimbrel** – Michael Topp found 1 at Miller Beach, Lake, on 3 Aug. On 6 Sept, 4 birds were seen at Marquette Park, Lake, by Brad Bumgardner & Matt Beatty, then farther west at Miller Beach, Lake, 4 birds were identified by Dr. Ken Brock and various lake watchers. John Kendall found 1 at Michigan City Harbor, LaPorte, on 6 Sept.

**Hudsonian Godwit** – 1 in Benton County on 25 Aug by Austin Broadwater. High count of 35 on 29 Aug by John Kendall & Brad Bumgardner at Miller Beach, Lake. On 1 Sept at the same location, Dr. Ken Brock, John Cassady, Randy Pals & Lynn Vernon identified a flock and upon examining the photo counted 47 birds. This is Indiana's second largest count.

**Ruddy Turnstone** – On 4 Aug, David Ayer reported 1 in Spencer County. On 11 Aug, Logan & Heath Harlan reported 2 at Cane Ridge WMA, Gibson. High count of 9 were reported by Lisa Vanderbilt at Lebanon Sod Farm, Boone, on 21 Aug. On 11 Nov, Matt Kalwasinski & Matt Igleski reported 1 at Whiting Park, Lake. Lakefront reported a total of 89 for the season.

**Red Knot** – 2 juveniles at Michigan City Harbor, LaPorte, on 1 Sept by John Cassady and birders. 3 at Miller Beach, Lake, on 3 Sept by Nick Kiehl and birders. High count of 7 on 12 Sept by Peter Scott at Miller Beach, Lake.

**Dunlin** – 1 at Goose Pond, Greene, on 26 Sept by Amy Kearns & Gary Langell. 1 at Michigan City Harbor, LaPorte, on 29 Sept by Lisa & Randy Vanderbilt.

**Baird's Sandpiper** – Later season reports include: On 25 Oct, Amy Kearns & Gary Langell identified 1 at Goose Pond, Greene. On 23 Nov, Evan Speck identified 1 at Cane Ridge WMA, Gibson.

**White-rumped Sandpiper** – 1 at Eagle Creek Park, Marion, on 29 Oct by Keith Pankhurst. 1 at Goose Pond, Greene, on 30 Oct by Richard Garrett & William Sharkey.

**Western Sandpiper** – Kim Roll observed 1 at Michigan City Harbor, LaPorte, on 7 Oct.

**American Woodcock** – Joseph Drapac had 1 at Oak Ridge Prairie County Park, Lake, on 3 Nov & 5 Nov. Steve Rose found a late bird on 18 Nov in Warrick County.

**Red Phalarope** – 1 at Brookville Lake, Union, on 22 Nov, by William Buskirk.

**Red-necked Phalarope** – On 19 Aug, Don Gorney & Adam Wilson had 1 in Hancock County. On 5 Sept, Doug Gerbracht had 2 in Newton County. On 30 Sept, Annie Aguirre, Laura Gilbert, Eric Michael, and Tanner Troyer had 1 at Wakarusa WTF, Elkhart. On 1 Oct, Ryan Sanderson photographed 1 at Eagle Creek Park, Marion.

**Spotted Sandpiper** – Last of the season bird at Flat Fork Creek Park, Hamilton, was identified by Nick Kiehl on 3 Nov.

**Solitary Sandpiper** – 1 on 3 Oct in Brown County by David Rupp. 1 on 7 Oct at Eagle Creek Park, Marion, by Becky Lomax. 1 on 9 & 25 Oct at Goose Pond, Greene, by Amy Kearns & Gary Langell.

**Willet** – 69 were counted on the lakefront. High count was 31 by Matt Kalwasinski at Miller Beach, Lake, on 4 Aug. Don Gorney reported 1 on 11 Aug in Gibson County. Alex Sharp reported 1 on 16 Aug at Prairie Creek Reservoir, Delaware.



**Rare for the lakefront, this Western Sandpiper was found at Michigan City Harbor, LaPorte, on 7 October by Kim Roll.**

**Pomarine Jaeger** – First lakeshore sighting in 3 years on 26 Nov, lakewatch at Miller Beach, Lake.

**Parasitic Jaeger** – A total of 16 were recorded at Miller Beach, Lake, between 29 Aug and 20 Nov. Josh Engel spotted 1 on 9 Sept at Indiana Dunes SP, Porter.

**Long-tailed Jaeger** – On 21 Aug, Brad Bumgardner, John Cassady, Matt Beatty, and others, obtained identifying photos of a subadult, adding to the lakefront's continuous annual sightings from 1999 through 2018. 1 juvenile was identified on 29 Aug and 1 juvenile on 6 Sept by lakewatch birders. Matt Beatty identified an unaged bird on 7 Sept.

**Ancient Murrelet** – John Kendall was in position to sight Indiana's 4<sup>th</sup> record as it flew past Miller Beach, Lake, on 20 Nov, pending IBRC acceptance.

**Black-legged Kittiwake** – On 24 Nov, Brendan Grube, David Rupp, & Steve Gilstrap observed 1 immature bird. High count of 13 on 26 Nov at Miller Beach, Lake, is Indiana's 4th largest count. Additional single birds were seen on 28 Nov at the same location.

**Sabine's Gull** – On 8 Oct, William Sharkey observed 1 at Eagle Creek Park, Marion. Birders viewed it through 15 Oct. On 17 Oct, Matt Beatty saw 1 at Marquette Park, Lake. On 20 Oct, Brendan Grube saw 1 at Indiana Dunes SP, Porter.



**Black-legged Kittiwake juvenile and Pomarine Jaeger on 26 November at Miller Beach, Lake. Photo by John Kendall.**

**Little Gull** – On 3 Sept, Ed Hopkins observed 1 bird at Marquette Park, Lake. Later that day, Ryan Sanderson observed 1 bird just west of there at Miller Beach, Lake. Bird was seen sporadically through 10 Sept.

**Laughing Gull** – 1 at Eagle Creek Park, Marion, on 21 Sept by Mark Welter. 1 at Fidler Pond, Goshen, on 7 Oct by Eric Michael. 1 at Miller Beach, Lake, on 6 Oct by Ryan Sanderson, and 1 at same location on 7 Nov by John Kendall.

**Franklin's Gull** – 1 on 3 Aug at Cane Ridge WMA, Gibson, by Evan Speck. Bird continued to be seen sporadically through 16 Sept. Annie Aguirre & Tanner Troyer spotted 1 on 21 Sept at Marquette Park, Lake. On 24 Sept, Bob Decker had 1 at Goose Pond, Greene.

**California Gull** – At Michigan City Harbor, LaPorte, Matt Beatty photographed 1 on 4 Oct, and John Kendall photographed 1 on 12 Nov.

**Iceland Gull (Thayer's)** – On 31 Oct, John Kendall identified 1 at Port of Indiana, Porter. On 10 Nov, Randy Vanderbilt saw 1 at Michigan City Harbor, LaPorte, which lingered through 17 Nov. Also on 10 Nov, Eric Michael had 1 at Fidler Pond, Goshen. On 26 Nov, lake watchers discovered 1 at Marquette Park, Lake. Eric Michael had the last of the season on 28 Nov in Elkhart County.

**Least Tern** – Ryan Sanderson observed 2 at Miller Beach, Lake, on 3 Sept, which continued through 5 Sept.

**Black Tern** – The season's only report was on 7 Oct by Michael Brown in Sullivan County.

**Red-throated Loon** – Don Gorney reported 1 at Marquette Park, Lake, on 15 Oct.

**Pacific Loon** – Gary Langell observed 1 at Lake Lemon, Monroe, on 10 Nov. It was seen by others through 12 Nov. Lakewatch at Marquette Park, Lake, on 10 Nov yielded 1 bird.

**Common Loon** – 1 on 4 Aug at Heritage Lake, Putnam, by Matthew Bowman. 1 on 26 Aug at Fairfax SRA, Monroe, by Nathan & Angie Damm.

**American White Pelican** – November reports included: 45 at Fairfax SRA, Monroe, on 4 Nov by Scott Evans, and a high count of 85 on 2 Nov at Cane Ridge WMA, Gibson, by Evan Speck.

**Brown Pelican** – IBRC accepted an August record from Gibson County.

**American Bittern** – November reports included: 1 on 21 Nov at Goose Pond NP, Greene, by Michael Clay. 1 on 21 & 23 Nov at Limberlost Swamp WP, Adams, and 1 on 23 Nov at Limberlost Swamp WP, Jay.



**American Bittern at Goose Pond FWA, Greene, 21 November. Photo by Michael Clay.**

**Least Bittern** – Down from 10 reported last year: 1 at Highland Rookery, Lake, on 5 Aug by Sean Verkamp. 1 at Goose Pond, Greene, on 9 Aug by Amy Kearns.

**Great Egret** – November birds were reported in Adams, Allen, Blackford, Elkhart, Gibson, Greene, Jay, Lake, Marion, Morgan, Pike, Sullivan, Warrick, and Wayne Counties.

**Snowy Egret** – High count of 18 at Goose Pond FWA, Greene, on 6 Sept by Amy Kearns and Gary Langell. 1 on 9 Oct at Brookville, Union, by Jack Verdin.

**Little Blue Heron** – Reported in Gibson, Greene, Jackson, Lake, Marion, Monroe, Tippecanoe, Vanderburgh, and Warrick counties. High count of 26 were observed at Goose Pond FWA, Greene, on 6 Sept by Amy Kearns and William Sharkey.

**Cattle Egret** – 1 in Dubois County, reported by Grant Burcham on 2 Nov. Leland Shaum reported 1 in Elkhart County on 3 Nov, as first seen by the Ramer Family. 1 in Vigo County, reported by Marty Jones on 12 Nov, as first seen by Nancy Paden.

**Green Heron** – Eric Michael reported 1 at Bendix Park, St. Joseph, on 18 & 19 Nov. Clark County had 1 on 16 & 17 Nov at Radisson Hotel Lake, by PK Spaulding and Meg & Steve Brown.

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** – 1 at Radisson Hotel Lake, Clark, on 13 & 18 Nov by Tommy Becker. 2 at Goose Pond FWA, Greene, on 17 Nov by Vern Wilkins.

**Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** – Kirk Roth found 1 on 1 Sept, at Goose Pond FWA, Greene. At the same location on 4 Sept, Amy Kearns & Gary Langell had a high count of 4, and on 24 Sept, Bob Decker reported 2.

**\*Ibis species** – Jeremy Ross family reported a dark ibis flying over Patoka River NWR, Gibson, on 6 Oct.

**Roseate Spoonbill** – 1 seen at a landfill in White County on 4 Sept by Richard & Deborah Read.

**Black Vulture** – 1 in Tippecanoe County on 30 Aug by Helen Nesius & Tabitha Olsen, and 27 Sept by Clayton Delancey.

**Golden Eagle** – 1 in Crawford County on 11 Oct by Stuart Tower. Counties reporting November sightings: Lake, Marion, Pulaski (2 birds), St. Joseph, and Tippecanoe.

**Swallow-tailed Kite** – Clinton County site was visited by many birders 26-31 Aug. A single bird was also reported in nearby Tippecanoe County. IBRC accepted an August report from St Joseph County.

**Mississippi Kite** – New counties reporting sightings for this season: Sullivan on 12 Aug by Michael Brown. Porter on 23 Aug by Steve Mulhall. Lake on 28 Aug by Brendan Grube. Continued nesting birds reported in West Lafayette, Tippecanoe.

**Northern Goshawk** – 1 photographed on 17 Oct at West Beach, Porter, by Matt Beatty constituted the lakefront's first report in 4 years.

**Barn Owl** – Heath Harlan reported 1 at Evansville Reg. Airport, Vanderburgh, on 28 Oct. A first for the Yellowwood Owl Banding Station, Brown, a single Barn Owl was captured on 30 Oct.



**Late Cattle Egret in Elkhart Co., 3 November. Photo by Thaddaeus Shaum.**



**Indiana's third record for Roseate Spoonbill, 4 Sept., 2018. Photo by Rick Read.**

**Snowy Owl** – Brian Johnson saw 1 in Marshall County on 10 Nov, and St. Joseph County Park Employees reported 1 on 21 Nov on private property.

**Short-eared Owl** – 1st fall report was 1 on 20 Oct by Nick Kiehl, Landon Neumann, & Aidan Rominger at Marquette Park, Lake. High count of 6 was reported by Vern Wilkins at Universal Strip Mines, Vermillion, on 24 Nov. Other counties with reports were Adams, Gibson, Greene, Marion, Newton, & Tippecanoe Counties.

**Merlin** – Sam Plew reported 1 on 5 Aug in La Grange County, 2 days earlier than last year.

**Eastern Wood-pewee** – Nick Kiehl had a late bird on 6 Nov at Ritchey Woods, Hamilton, and another in Marion County.

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** – Late birds included: 7 Oct at Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary, Fayette, by Kirk Roth. 18 Oct at Indiana Dunes SP, Porter, by Brendan Grube.

**Western Kingbird** – Peter Scott observed the lakefront's 1<sup>st</sup> fall record in 8 years when he reported 1 in Beverly Shores, Porter, on 14 Sept.

**Loggerhead Shrike** – High count of 6 reported by Amy Kearns & Gary Langell in Orange County, with observations from 2 Aug through 23 Oct. Birds were also reported in Spencer County in August by Stuart Tower and Don Gorney, and in Daviess County in August & October by Amy Kearns & Gary Langell.

**Northern Shrike** – 1 at Universal Strip Mine, Vermillion, by Steven Lima on 11 Nov. One in Ripley County by Lucas Wilson on 22 Nov. One at Limberlost Marsh WP, Jay, by Kim Roll on 24 Nov. Six were reported at the Lakeshore, including the season's last on 25 Nov at Beverly Shores, Porter, by Geoffrey Williamson.

**White-eyed Vireo** – High count of 47 at Tecumseh Mine Area, Warrick, on 16 Sept by John Meredig. Third latest fall lakeshore record on 6 Oct at West Beach, Porter, by Kim Ehn. 1 on 9 Nov at Celery Bog NA, Tippecanoe, by Dave Wegiel.

**Yellow-throated Vireo** – Peter Scott reported the lakefront's second-latest fall record at Beverly Shores, Porter, on 14 Oct.

**Blue-headed Vireo** – 1 on 10 Nov in Boone County by Cloyce Hedge. 1 on 29 Nov at Purdue University, Tippecanoe, by Clayton Delancey.

**Philadelphia Vireo** – All-time latest lakefront record on 13 Oct by John Cassady at Forsythe Park, Lake.



**Captured Barn Owl at Yellowwood banding station, 30 October. Photo by Nancy Lightfoot.**

**Warbling Vireo** – 1 on 1 Oct at Purdue University, Tippecanoe, by Clayton Delancey. 1 on 3 Oct at Strawtown Koteewi Park, Hamilton, by Catherine Kubo. 1 on 9 Oct at Ritchey Woods, Hamilton, by Nick Kiehl. 1 on 13 Oct in Brown County by Susan & Jim Hengeveld & Gary Langell.

**Fish Crow** – 1 on 3 Nov by Scott Jackson at Eagle Creek Park, Marion.

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** – August sightings include: 1 on 23 Aug at Marquette Park, Lake, by Aaron Yappert. 1 on 24 Aug at Indiana Dunes SP, Porter, by Brad Bumgardner. 1 on 29 Aug in LaPorte County by Julie Gidwitz. A banner fall followed with large invasions statewide in September.

**House Wren** – Late season birds: 6 Nov in Tippecanoe County by John Dunning. 17 Nov in Hamilton County by Becky Lomax. 22 & 24 Nov in Pike County by Jeremy Ross family.

**Sedge Wren** – 2 on 3 Nov in Pike County by Jeremy Ross family.

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** – 1 on 21 Nov by Jeremy Ross family in Gibson County.

**Gray-cheeked Thrush** – On 13 Oct, John Cassady identified 1 at Lakefront Park & Sanctuary, Lake, providing the lakefront's fourth-latest record.

**Swainson's Thrush** – 1 at White River Greenway, Marion, on 12 Nov by Nick Kiehl.

**Evening Grosbeak** – Kathie Fritz observed 1 on 6 Nov in LaPorte County, providing the lakefront's first record in five years. Birds were also reported in Elkhart, Kosciusko, Lake & St. Joseph Counties.



**Evening Grosbeak at Potato Creek SP feeders, St. Joseph, 25 November. Photo by Matt Beatty.**

**Common Redpoll** – High count of 26 at Indiana Dunes SP, Porter, on 14 Nov by Brad Bumgardner. 34 birds were reported along the lakefront. Rodney Strayer had 1 in Noble County on 13 Nov. 3 birds were noted in St. Joseph County.

**Pine Siskin** – Sam Hartzler reported the only September sighting on 25 Sept in Tippecanoe County. High count of 104 on 5 Nov by Brad Bumgardner at Ogden Dunes Pinery, Porter.

**Grasshopper Sparrow** – 1 on 4 Sept by John Meredig in Warrick County. 1 on 25 Sept by Brendan Grube at Reynold's Creek GHA, Porter. 1 on 6 Oct by Michael Topp at Lakefront Park & Sanctuary, Lake.

**Henslow's Sparrow** – 1 on 1 Oct at Pigeon River FWA, La Grange, by James Yoder. 1 on 3 Oct at Columbia Mine Preserve, Pike, by Jeremy Ross family. 1 on 9 Oct at Goose Pond FWA, Greene, by Jack Verdin. 1 on 13 Oct at Beverly D. Crone Restoration Area, St. Joseph, by Eric Michael.

**LeConte's Sparrow** – 1 on 25 Sept at Reynolds Creek GHA, Porter, by Brendan Grube. 1 on 11 Oct at Miller Beach, Lake, by Michael Topp. 1 on 15 Oct in Clinton County by Matthew Bowman. 1-2 birds seen from 20 Oct

through 8 Nov at Goose Pond FWA, Greene.

**Nelson's Sparrow** – On 8 Sept, Annie Aguirre reported 1 at Kankakee Sands, Newton. On 29 Sept, Andrew Wolfe reported 1 at Eagle Marsh, Allen. High count of 3 on 6 Oct at Pine Creek GHA, Benton, by Landon Neumann & Aidan Rominger. On 9 Oct, Jack Verdin reported 1 at Goose Pond FWA, Greene.

**Yellow-headed Blackbird** – There were no reports during the fall season.

**Bobolink** – High count of 27 counted by Dr. Ken Brock at Reynolds Creek GHA, Porter, on 7 Aug. Mark Welter had a high count of 10 on 1 Oct at Lye Creek Prairie Burn, Montgomery.

**Brewer's Blackbird** – Birds were observed in a LaPorte County field on 1 & 3 Sep by Matt Beatty, Brendan Grube & Martin Stoner. St. Joseph County high count was 62 on 26 Oct by Eric Michael. Gibson County high count was 76 on 7 Nov by Evan Speck.

**Worm-eating Warbler** – 1 on 1 Aug at Crooked Creek SRA, Brown, by Marne Potter. 2 on 3 Aug and 1 on 11 Aug at Yellowwood SF, Brown, by Marne Potter. 1 on 12 Aug in Jackson County by Larry McIntosh. 1 on 24 Aug at Indiana Dunes SP, Porter, by Brad Bumgardner, which was the 7<sup>th</sup> fall record for the Dunes.

**Northern Waterthrush** – Late season bird found by Nathan Goldberg on 30 Nov at Cowles Bog, Porter.

**Golden-winged Warbler** – 1 in Floyd County on 3 Oct by Tommy Becker. 1 in Spencer County on 4 Oct by John Meredig. 1 at Lincoln SP, Brown, on 6 Oct by John Meredig.

**Nashville Warbler** – 1 at Prophetstown SP, Tippecanoe, on 3 Nov by Mark Arvin. 1 at Celery Bog NA, Tippecanoe, on 8 Nov by Fritz Davis. Hamilton County had a bird spotted on 2 Nov by Bruce Cunningham and on 3 & 6 Nov by Nick Kiehl. At White River Greenway, Marion, Nick Kiehl reported 2. Ben Cvengros had 1 in Vigo County from 9-30 Nov. 1 on 17 Nov. at Hardy Lake, Scott, by local birders. Finally, an injured bird was taken in by Indiana Humane Wildlife on 27 Nov in Valparaiso, Porter.

**Yellow Warbler** – On 7 Oct, Steve Bell reported 1 at Goose Pond FWA, Greene. On 14 Oct, Amy Kearns reported 1 in Morgan County.

**Black-throated Blue Warbler** – Victor Duda photographed 1 at his feeder in Porter County on 18 Nov.

**Pine Warbler** – On 7 Nov, Tommy Becker reported 1 at Deam Lake SRA, Clark. On 11 Nov, Sean Verkamp reported 1 in Dubois County. On 12 Nov, Andrew Wolfe reported 1 in Huntington County. On 30 Nov, John Skene reported 1 at Bicentennial NA, Tippecanoe.



**One of many tardy Nashville Warblers this fall. Photo by Ben Cvengros on 9 Nov in Vigo County.**

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** – 2 on 29 Aug at Elkhart River, Elkhart, by Annie Aguirre. 1 on 30 Aug at Celery Bog NA, Tippecanoe, by John Dunning & John Skene. 1 on 30 Aug in LaPorte County by Julie Gidwitz.

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** – Latest fall record on 23 Nov at Beverly Shores, Porter, by Brendan Grube.

**Blue Grosbeak** – Elain Hotovec reported 1 in her yard in Sullivan County on 2 Oct. Birders also reported sightings in Benton, Crawford, Floyd, Greene, Pike, Putnam, and Tippecanoe counties.

**Dickcissel** – Brendan Grube found the lakefront's 3<sup>rd</sup> latest bird on 29 Sept at Reynolds Creek GHA, Porter.



**Late Rose-breasted Grosbeak at private feeders in Beverly Shores, Porter, on 23 November. Photo by Ryan Sanderson.**

# Indiana Bird Records Committee 2018 Annual Report

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The following is a summary of the Indiana Bird Records Committee (IBRC) activity for 2018.

The big news is that the IBRC has begun accepting eBird checklists as submissions for review list species. An eBird checklist link may now be simply emailed to the Chair ([ibrc@indianaudubon.org](mailto:ibrc@indianaudubon.org)). The standard information for normal documentation (such as detailed description, circumstances of sighting, how similar species are eliminated, behavior, etc.) should be included in the species comments or otherwise be provided with the checklist. Other forms of documentation, such as the Indiana Audubon Society website (<https://indianaudubon.org/documentation-forms/>), emails, mail, etc. are still welcome, of course, and now eBird can be added to the list of ways to submit rare bird documentation.

The official Indiana state bird list is now at 425 species. One bird was added to the list this year – a well-photographed **Lazuli Bunting** which visited a feeder in Elkhart County in May. Notably the **Great Kiskadee** has not yet been reviewed, and if accepted, will raise the state bird list to 426 species.

The IBRC is making steps to better define when a species should or should not be a review list species. A procedure is being investigated to define review list species as having an average of two or fewer reports per year over a ten year period, with certain exceptions if the committee feels they are justified. Under these criteria, it was decided that Fish Crow and Black-bellied Whistling-Duck should be taken off the review species list altogether (note that one Black-bellied Whistling-Duck was reviewed before this decision was made). Northern Goshawk was added to the review list. Western Kingbird was retained on the review list with the exception of Vanderburgh County.

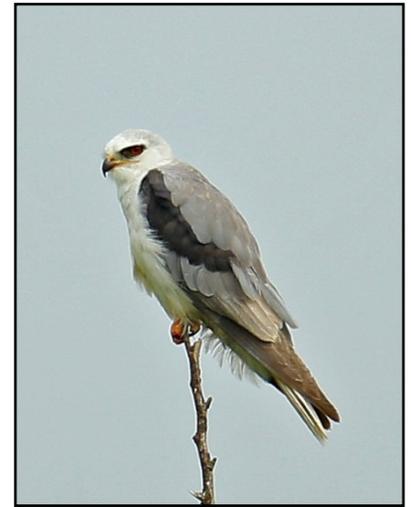
The committee acted on the following 35 records in 2018. Status codes are as follows: APE = Accepted with Physical Evidence; ANPES = Accepted with No Physical Evidence, Single Observer; ANPEM = Accepted with No Physical Evidence, Multiple Observers; NI = Not Accepted, Insufficient Evidence

- California Gull, LaPorte County, October 2018 - APE
- Glaucous Gull, Monroe County, December 2017 – APE
- Sabine’s Gull, Noble County, April 2018 – NI
- Sabine’s Gull, Marion County, October 2018 - APE
- Anhinga, Elkhart County, May 2018 – NI
- Neotropic Cormorant, St. Joseph County, April 2018 - APE
- Neotropic Cormorant, Tippecanoe County, April 2018 - APE
- Neotropic Cormorant, Marion County, May 2018 - APE



**First state record Lazuli Bunting, photographed 25 May 2017 in Mishawaka, Elkhart Co., by Ginny Miller Gorman.**

- Neotropic Cormorant, Marion County, November 2018 - ANPES
- Brown Pelican – Putnam County, April 2018 – APE
- Brown Pelican, Gibson County, August 2018, ANPEM
- Black-bellied Whistling Duck – St. Joseph County, May 2018 - ANPEM
- Cinnamon Teal, Tippecanoe County, September 2017 – APE
- Yellow Rail, Montgomery County, September 2018 - ANPEM
- Yellow Rail, Kosciusco County, September 2018 - ANPES
- Black Rail, LaPorte County, July 2018 – APE
- Purple Gallinule (deceased bird), May 2018 - Clark County, APE
- Ruff, Gibson County, April 2018 – APE
- Ruff, LaPorte County, April 2018 – APE
- Ruff, Lake County, August 2018 - APE
- White-tailed Kite, Porter County, May 2018 – APE
- Swallow-tailed Kite, St. Joseph County, August 2018 – ANPES
- Swallow-tailed Kite, Clinton County, August 2018 - APE
- Gyrfalcon, Greene County, March 2018 – APE
- Prairie Falcon, Knox County, December 2017 - APE
- Prairie Falcon, Gibson County, December 2017 – ANPEM
- Black-chinned Hummingbird, Johnson County, September 2018 - NI
- Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Hendricks County, October 2017 - APE
- Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Elkhart County, October 2017 – ANPES
- Townsend’s Solitaire, Marshall County, June 2018 - NI
- Hoary Redpoll, Porter County, January 2018 – APE
- Bullock’s Oriole, Elkhart County, May 2018 - NI
- Kirtland’s Warbler, Elkhart County, May 2018 - ANPEM
- Black-throated Gray Warbler, Lake County, May 2018 – ANPES
- Lazuli Bunting, Elkhart County, May 2018 – APE



**White-tailed Kite at the Indiana Dunes Birding Festival, Porter Co. The bird appeared May 18 and remained for 9 days. Photo by Leland Shaum.**

Note that not all submissions from 2018 have been voted on yet. The committee thanks all those who submitted records for review.

The Indiana Bird Records Committee (IBRC) evaluates the evidence for records of birds that are rare or unusual in Indiana and maintains a state checklist. The IBRC also maintains a Review List of birds that require documentation. Anyone observing a bird on the Review List should submit written documentation along with any photographic evidence to the IBRC chairman.

By judging the authenticity of these submitted reports, our aim is to contribute to the study of bird population and vagrancy.

For more information about our committee’s purpose and procedures, feel free to browse our Bylaws.



**Brown Pelican at Heritage Lake, Putnam Co., 23 April 2018. Photo by Ryan Sanderson.**

# The 2018 IAS Big May Day Bird Count

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The Big May Day Bird Count (BMDBC) was conducted state-wide on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The objective of the BMDBC is to count the number of birds of each species that occurs in a participating county from midnight to midnight on the second Saturday in May. The data collected provides a valuable scientific record of the resident and migratory bird populations occurring each year in Indiana. Extra assistance was provided by Amy Wilms and Kirk Roth.

Weather conditions were similar to 2017 with an average high temperature of 74.95 F and average low of 60.82 F across the state. However, there was a significant difference between the northern and southern parts of the state with some counties hovering either side of 90 degrees for a high while others had highs only in the 50s. Much like 2017, participating counties reported very minimal cloud cover, little wind, and only a few counties reported trace amounts of precipitation.

We had eight counties report 150 or more individual species with Greene County take top honors with 171. The other counties were Porter (169), Lake (168), Gibson (158), Elkhart (154), Tippecanoe (153), St. Joseph (152), and Kosciusco (150).

Sixty two of the 92 Indiana counties (67%) participated in this year's count. *(See Indiana Map below)* This is well above the 11 year average (2007-2018) of 39.91. I would personally like to applaud everyone's dedication to this event, be it your first year or your fortieth. *(See the "Years of Participation" as well as "Participation List" for this year.)*

This year, 241 bird species totaling 114,945 individuals were recorded. The number of species recorded is very close to the average of 239.64 (2007-2018), but the total number of individuals is well under the average of 125,904.

Ten species only had 1 individual reported, which included American Black Duck (Greene), Northern Pintail (Lake), Cattle Egret (Greene), Yellow-crowned Night Heron (Porter), Northern Harrier (Porter), Baird's Sandpiper (Allen), Kirtland's Warbler (Elkhart), Nelson's Sparrow (Parke), LeConte's Sparrow (St. Joseph), and Western Meadowlark (Porter).

Once again, Red-winged Blackbirds were the most numerous species found with 10,207 reported, followed by American Robin, Canada Goose, European Starling, and Common Grackle. Top honors for the most numerous Neotropical migrant went to Tree Swallow (2,740) with Barn Swallow (2,545) close behind. *(See tables below)*



**Rose-breasted Grosbeak by Ed Powers, May 2018 in Allen County.**

**Most Numerous Resident Bird Counts 2007-2018 (2014 NOT included)**

Species	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2015	2016	2017	2018	Average
Red-winged Blackbird	12241	10583	12743	10232	9947	10010	9555	10786	10326	11666	10207	10,754
American Robin	8532	8085	9990	11545	8987	9554	7765	7948	8524	7121	6853	8,628
European Starling	9262	8517	10026	11594	8327	7198	7163	6950	9135	6724	4987	8,171
Canada Goose	6747	6719	6896	6694	5413	7391	5613	6240	8501	6240	6432	6,626
Common Grackle	7319	5938	5905	5894	5203	4871	3984	4066	4876	3612	3709	5,034
House Sparrow	3393	3386	3560	3281	3435	3935	3232	3888	3252	3679	2641	3,426
Northern Cardinal	3684	3595	3351	2914	3360	3312	3129	3386	2937	3460	2951	3,280
Ring-billed Gull	3355	2534	3568	4941	2779	1823	2518	1980	4252	1570	1626	2,813
Mourning Dove	3193	2915	2878	2459	2803	3181	2863	2309	2242	2193	1895	2,630
American Goldfinch	3170	2946	3054	2441	2479	2398	2564	2165	1955	1963	2131	2,479
Brown-headed Cowbird	2617	2449	2976	2421	2157	2384	2342	1936	1966	1974	1838	2,278
Mallard	1997	2050	1817	2098	1830	1858	1724	1723	1900	1547	1514	1,823
American Crow	1418	1472	1787	1806	1710	1701	1617	1694	2044	1599	1379	1,657
Song Sparrow	1819	1864	1619	1340	1599	1872	1594	1439	1443	1986	1635	1,655
Rock Pigeon	1092	1302	1278	1425	1006	825	1241	1246	1341	799	722	1,116

**Most Numerous Neotropical Migrant Bird Counts 2007-2018 (2014 NOT included)**

Species	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2015	2016	2017	2018	Average
Barn Swallow	2178	2087	3098	4854	3102	2400	3852	1915	5382	2048	2545	3,042
Tree Swallow	2475	2421	3777	4294	2330	1883	4426	1925	4462	1926	2740	2,969
Indigo Bunting	2234	2009	2295	1420	2358	2751	1573	1829	1439	1980	1862	1,977
Gray Catbird	2009	2186	1994	1342	1725	1903	1687	1877	1585	1992	1840	1,831
Common Yellowthroat	1485	1834	1659	1210	1749	2396	1765	1615	1364	2035	1807	1,720
Cliff Swallow	2001	1202	1721	1893	1097	2387	1615	788	1959	1305	1795	1,615
Chipping Sparrow	1792	1991	1930	1493	1610	1777	1249	1484	1432	1297	1142	1,563
Yellow Warbler	1375	1811	1480	1113	1426	1576	1439	1567	1038	1795	1414	1,458
Chimney Swift	1619	1746	2264	1301	1397	1771	1540	1170	575	1254	1054	1,426
Baltimore Oriole	1424	1369	1508	1031	1286	1309	1212	1530	1258	1695	1380	1,364
Purple Martin	1028	1537	1508	907	1738	1550	984	983	1051	845	1058	1,199
Northern Rough-winged Sw.	877	992	1974	1878	858	633	1644	634	1504	730	900	1,148
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	653	863	1277	782	976	961	1022	1134	973	1255	1007	991
House Wren	1052	1302	1225	789	747	900	714	781	654	1268	1017	950
Bank Swallow	582	745	881	1847	505	709	832	388	1504	407	490	808

**Bird Counts 2007-2018 (2014 NOT included)**

Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2015
May Count Date	12	10	9	8	14	12	11	9
Total Counties	36	36	42	34	29	35	31	32
Total Species Observed	239	243	251	233	237	236	238	244
Total Birds Counted	131,598	129,535	141,604	128,137	119,710	132,737	120,694	116,729
Total Observers	446	488	487	487	461	476	414	376
Total Observer Hours	1,761	1,676	1,701	1,745	1,563	1,670	1,490	1449

Year	2016	2017	2018
May Count Date	14	13	12
Total Counties	53	49	62
Total Species Observed	241	233	241
Total Birds Counted	128,958	120,301	114,945
Total Observers	403	365	374
Total Observer Hours	1462	1446	1271

AVG	HIGH	LOW
<b>11.27</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>39.91</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>239.64</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>233</b>
<b>125,904</b>	<b>141,604</b>	<b>114,945</b>
<b>434.27</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>365</b>
<b>1,566.73</b>	<b>1761</b>	<b>1270.58</b>

<b><i>Years of Participation - After the 2018 May Count</i></b>			
<i>*If you see an error or an omission, please contact me at <a href="mailto:matkawasinski@yahoo.com">matkawasinski@yahoo.com</a></i>			
<b><i>40 years or more</i></b>	<b><i>30 years or more</i></b>	<b><i>20 years or more</i></b>	<b><i>10 years or more</i></b>
Chuck Mills	Larry Parker	Mike Donnelly	Steve Lima
Vic Riemenschneider	Joe Long	Mary Beth Eberwein	Lynda McGinnis
Marge Riemenschneider	Joy Bower	Carole Riewe	Denise Sobieski
Gene Coleman	John Bentley	Larry Beiberich	Kim Harmon
Dick Fessenden	Alice Bentley	John Cassady	
Louise Fessenden	Cindy Conway	Wendy Cassady	
	Gordon Hug	Carolyn Marsh	
	Stuart Jenkins	Christine Salberg	
	Laura Fuderer	Jim Sweeney	
	Ed Powers	Michael Topp	
	Bob Leliaert	Phil Snider	
	Dave Reichlinger	Jenny Snider	
	Barb Dodge	Ken Tweedell	
	Dave Reichlinger	Dick Bonness	
	Joan Tweedell	Kathy Strecker	
	Susan Bagby	Shannon Lee	
		Linda Leliaert	

## 2018 Participant List

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5. **Brown, Compiler:** Tai Gunter **Observer:** Tai Gunter, Melissa Gunter
6. **Cass, Complier:** Joe Scheidler **Observers:** Joe Scheidler, Lee Scheidler
7. **Clark, Compiler:** Stuart Jenkins **Observers:** Stuart Jenkins, Kathy Strecker,
8. **Crawford, Compiler:** Stuart Tower **Observer:** Stuart Tower, James Tower, Eric Ratcliff
9. **Dearborn, Compiler:** Bob Decker **Observers:** Bob Decker, Ann Decker
10. **Decatur, Complier:** Kirk Roth **Observers:** Dale Koeneman
11. **Delaware, Complier:** Kirk Roth **Observers:** Clifford Wright
12. **Dubois, Complier:** John Lindsey **Observers:** John Lindsey, Karen Lindsey
13. **Elkhart, Complier:** Lindsay Grossman **Observers:** Trice Berkely, John Davis, Rose Marie Tinder-O'Brien, Mary Kauffmann-Kennel, Lindsay Grossmann, Robert Guth, Annie Aquirre, Ronda DeCaire, Marilyn Horvath, Carolyn Farrow, Elma Chapman, Sylvia Steed, Michael Steed, Ben Grossmann, Laura Marie-Gilbert, Thaddaeus Shaum, Irv Pratt, Marlene Pratt, Trudy Rowe, Bruce Glick, Allen Peachey, Jim Fisher, Kerri Fisher, Ray Troyer, Gary Keister
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15. **Fountain, Complier:** Matt Bowman **Observers:** Matt Bowman
16. **Gibson, Compiler:** Charles Mills **Observers:** Ben Fritz, Charles Mills, Vicky Whitaker, Liz Haig, Evan Speck
17. **Grant, Compiler:** Kim Roll **Observers:** Kim Roll, Kim McKenzie
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20. **Harrison Compiler:** Stuart Tower **Observer:** Stuart Tower, James Tower, Eric Ratcliff
21. **Hendricks, Complier:** Matt Bowman **Observers:** Matt Bowman
22. **Henry, Complier:** Marcia Eichel **Observers:** Marcia Eichel, Tony Eichel, Jeff Ferguson, Wanda Ferguson
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35. **Martin, Compiler:** Grant Burcham **Observers:** Grant Burcham, Alisha Burcham, Austin Roach
36. **Miami, Compiler:** Seth Loe **Observers:** Seth Loe, Cynthia Loe, Sullivan Loe, Carsten Loe, Monte Loe
37. **Monroe, Compiler:** Pete Webb **Observers:** Kristi Armes, Joe Bailey, Vern Wilkins, Ginny Richey, Alex Champagne, Nathan Weller
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49. **Scott, Compiler:** Deborah Cooney **Observers:** Deborah Cooney
50. **St. Joseph, Compiler:** Louise Fessenden **Observers:** Bob Leliaert, Linda Leliaert, John Bentley, Alice Bentley, John Cassady, Wendy Cassady, Scott Namestnik, Lindsay Namestnik, Vic Riemenschneider, Marge Riemenschneider, Carol Goodall, Richard Fessenden, Louise Fessenden, Robert Fessenden, Gordon Hug, Ken Tweedell, Laura Fuderer, Cindy Conway, Michael Donnelly, Jennifer Betz, Kathy Maloney, Nancy Shephard, Kay Eason, Steve Sass, Jude Keltner, Dale Keltner, June Kohler, Dan Brazo, Kristen Sweinhart, Phil Sloan,

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- 51. **Stueban, Compiler:** Kirk Roth **Observers:** Xandri Clifton
- 52. **Spencer, Compiler:** David Ayer **Observers:** David Ayer, John Meredig
- 53. **Starke, Compiler:** Kim Ehn **Observers:** Kim Ehn
- 54. **Tippecanoe, Compiler:** Barney Dunning **Observers:** Delano Arvin, Kevin Arvin, Mark Arvin, Barney Dunning, John Skene, Becky Theller, Larry Theller, Ben Gottesman, Grace O'Brien, Temple Pearson, Tyler Stewart
- 55. **Union, Compiler:** Kirk Roth **Observers:** Cole DiFabio
- 56. **Vanderburgh, Compiler:** Stephen Heeger **Observers:** Ron Giles, Sharon Giles, Grant Hartman, Trish Walker, Davie Sue Litov, Richard Litov, Wayne Hall, Terri Hall, Marcia Onnybecker,

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- 57. **Vigo, Compiler:** Peter E. Scott **Observers:** George Bakken, Laura Bakken, Dick Bonness, Nicholas Brown, Mary Beth Eberwien, Marty Jones, Carissa Lovett, Ellen Lunsford, Bill Mitchell, Denise Sobieski, Steve Lima, Ann Black, Bruce Black, Joe Dickson, Joy Sacopulos, Dan Weber, David Bakken, Morgan Chaney, Chris Shellenburg, Peter Scott, Mike Sacopulos
- 58. **Wabash, Compiler:** Kirk Roth **Observers:** Jabin Burnworth
- 59. **Warren, Compiler:** Susan H. Ulrich **Observers:** Susan Ulrich, Joanna Billiard, Ellen Tobias, Brain Beheler, Amanda Beheler, Phoebe Beheler, Liam Beheler, Callum Beheler
- 60. **Washington, Compiler:** Jana Bowers **Observers:** Jana Bowers, Martha Bowers
- 61. **Wayne, Compiler:** Jim Seaney **Observers:** *Not provided*
- 62. **Whitley, Compiler:** Paul McAfee **Observers:** Paul McAfee, Darci Zolman, Carole Koos

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## 2018 Indiana Audubon Society Big May Day Count Data - TOTALS

Species	#	Species	#	Species	#	Species	#	Species	#
Greater White-fronted Goose	4	Bald Eagle	116	Lesser Black-backed Gull		Purple Martin	1058	Worm-eating Warbler	25
Snow Goose		Northern Harrier	1	Glaucous Gull		Tree Swallow	2740	Swainson's Warbler	
Cackling Goose		Sharp-shinned Hawk	4	Great Black-backed Gull		Northern Rough-winged Swallow	900	Ovenbird	201
Canada Goose	6432	Cooper's Hawk	51	Least Tern	5	Bank Swallow	490	Northern Waterthrush	163
Mute Swan	201	Red-shouldered Hawk	87	Caspian Tern	42	Cliff Swallow	1795	Louisiana Waterthrush	125
Trumpeter Swan	2	Broad-winged Hawk	10	Black Tern	9	Barn Swallow	2545	Kentucky Warbler	201
Tundra Swan		Red-tailed Hawk	235	Common Tern	37	Carolina Chickadee	487	Connecticut Warbler	5
Wood Duck	808	Rough-legged Hawk		Forster's Tern	12	Black-capped Chickadee	345	Mourning Warbler	17
Gadwall	17	Golden Eagle		Rock Pigeon	722	Tufted Titmouse	948	Common Yellowthroat	1807
American Wigeon		American Kestrel	88	Eurasian Collared Dove	29	Red-breasted Nuthatch	10	Hooded Warbler	100
American Black Duck	1	Merlin		Mourning Dove	1895	White-breasted Nuthatch	595	Wilson's Warbler	100
Mallard	1514	Peregrine Falcon	8	Monk Parakeet		Brown Creeper	5	Canada Warbler	57
Blue-winged Teal	85	Yellow Rail		Yellow-billed Cuckoo	97	Carolina Wren	481	Yellow-breasted Chat	253
Northern Shoveler	29	Black Rail		Black-billed Cuckoo	13	House Wren	1017	Eastern Towhee	688
Northern Pintail	1	King Rail	2	Barn Owl	4	Winter Wren	12	American Tree Sparrow	27
Green-winged Teal	5	Virginia Rail	16	Eastern Screech-Owl	13	Sedge Wren	12	Chipping Sparrow	1142
Canvasback		Sora	103	Great Horned Owl	25	Marsh Wren	85	Clay-colored Sparrow	2
Redhead	2	Purple Gallinule		Snowy Owl		Golden-crowned Kinglet	12	Field Sparrow	853
Ring-necked Duck	2	Common Moorhen	11	Barred Owl	70	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	111	Vesper Sparrow	60
Greater Scaup		American Coot	484	Long Eared Owl		Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1007	Lark Sparrow	12
Lesser Scaup	10	Sandhill Crane	212	Short Eared Owl		Eastern Bluebird	761	Savannah Sparrow	296
Surf Scoter		Black-bellied Plover	44	No. Saw-Whet Owl		Veery	163	Grasshopper Sparrow	117
White-winged Scoter		American Golden-Plover	10	Common Nighthawk	89	Gray-cheeked Thrush	128	Henslow's Sparrow	112
Black Scoter		Semipalmated Plover	317	Chuck-will's Widow	4	Swainson's Thrush	1067	Nelson's Sparrow	1
Long-tailed Duck		Piping Plover		Eastern Whip-poor-will	52	Hermit Thrush	40	LeConte's Sparrow	1
Bufflehead	6	Killdeer	872	Chimney Swift	1054	Wood Thrush	708	Fox Sparrow	3
Common Goldeneye	3	Black-necked Stilt	93	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	309	American Robin	6853	Song Sparrow	1635
Hooded Merganser	10	American Avocet		Belted Kingfisher	52	Gray Catbird	1840	Lincoln's Sparrow	75
Common Merganser	3	Spotted Sandpiper	268	Red-headed Woodpecker	293	Northern Mockingbird	150	Swamp Sparrow	154

Red-breasted Merganser	35	Solitary Sandpiper	105	Red-bellied Woodpecker	968	Brown Thrasher	326	White-throated Sparrow	208
Ruddy Duck	6	Greater Yellowlegs	43	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	3	European Starling	4987	Harris' Sparrow	
Northern Bobwhite	116	Willet	4	Downy Woodpecker	519	American Pipit	131	White-crowned Sparrow	608
Ring-necked Pheasant	40	Lesser Yellowlegs	244	Hairy Woodpecker	132	Cedar Waxwing	814	Dark-eyed Junco	5
Ruffed Grouse		Upland Sandpiper		Northern Flicker	359	Blue-winged Warbler	84	Summer Tanager	187
Wild Turkey	236	Whimbrel		Pileated Woodpecker	211	Golden-winged Warbler	25	Scarlet Tanager	373
Red-throated Loon		Ruddy Turnstone	7	Olive-sided Flycatcher	5	Tennessee Warbler	858	Northern Cardinal	2951
Common Loon	31	Sanderling	2	Eastern Wood-Pewee	669	Orange-crowned Warbler	34	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	667
Pied-billed Grebe	61	Semipalmated Sandpiper	53	Yellow-bellied flycatcher	9	Nashville Warbler	300	Black-headed Grosbeak	
Horned Grebe		Western Sandpiper		Acadian Flycatcher	331	Northern Parula	452	Blue Grosbeak	77
Eared Grebe		Least Sandpiper	529	Alder Flycatcher	11	Yellow Warbler	1414	Indigo Bunting	1862
Double-crested Cormorant	724	White-rumped Sandpiper	34	Willow Flycatcher	123	Chestnut-sided Warbler	312	Dickcissel	1019
Am. White Pelican	114	Baird's Sandpiper	1	Least Flycatcher	228	Magnolia Warbler	414	Bobolink	173
Brown Pelican		Pectoral Sandpiper	580	Eastern Phoebe	411	Cape May Warbler	55	Red-winged Blackbird	10207
American Bittern	7	Purple Sandpiper		Great Crested Flycatcher	607	Black-throated Blue Warbler	37	Eastern Meadowlark	648
Least Bittern	3	Dunlin	92	Western Kingbird		Yellow-rumped Warbler	439	Western Meadowlark	1
Great Blue Heron	776	Stilt Sandpiper	3	Eastern Kingbird	676	Black-throated Green Warbler	311	Rusty Blackbird	6
Great Egret	208	Buff-breasted Sandpiper		Loggerhead Shrike	2	Blackburnian Warbler	143	Brewer's Blackbird	
Snowy Egret	2	Short-billed Dowitcher	59	White-eyed Vireo	297	Yellow-throated Warbler	151	Common Grackle	3709
Little Blue Heron	6	Long-billed Dowitcher		Bell's Vireo	100	Pine Warbler	31	Brown-headed Cowbird	1838
Cattle Egret	1	Wilson's Snipe	7	Yellow-throated Vireo	278	Kirtland's Warbler	1	Orchard Oriole	233
Green Heron	152	American Woodcock	45	Blue-headed Vireo	69	Prairie Warbler	176	Baltimore Oriole	1380
Black-crowned Night-Heron	20	Wilson's Phalarope		Warbling Vireo	679	Palm Warbler	198	Purple Finch	17
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	1	Red-Necked Phalarope		Philadelphia Vireo	31	Bay-breasted Warbler	86	House Finch	556
Plegadis Ibis		Bonaparte's Gull	3	Red-eyed Vireo	975	Blackpoll Warbler	319	Pine Siskin	60
Black Vulture	56	Laughing Gull		Blue Jay	1294	Cerulean Warbler	83	American Goldfinch	2131
Turkey Vulture	1600	Franklin's Gull		American Crow	1379	Black-and-white Warbler	200	Evening Grosbeak	
Osprey	52	Ring-billed Gull	1626	Fish Crow	7	American Redstart	875	House Sparrow	2641
Mississippi Kite	4	Herring Gull	59	Horned Lark	277	Prothonotary Warbler	145		

