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Letter from the President

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Welcome to 2020 and another year of the Indiana Audubon Quarterly, Indiana birding, and the work our Society plans to accomplish over the next 5 years. I'm thrilled to be a part of a group that is continuing to grow and find ways to reach out to our members.



As I'm writing this, a female Northern Cardinal is tapping at our windows determined to either fight off her rival, nab the insects where I haven't cleaned lately, or maybe she is reminding me of her utter persistence and determination for reasons I will never know. She's been visiting for over 6 weeks now. Every day I sit at my computer and listen to her subtle scratching after landing on our windows. I find that no matter what Carl or I try to do, she just won't give up. For instance, we've put bird tape on every window (a very successful endeavor to dissuade other birds besides her), we close the room darkening drapes, we've even put cardboard to cover one of her favorite landing points...and yet, she is determined to accomplish something I just can't figure out.

I think that the work we all do for birds, bird watching, and conservation are very similar to her. We are all determined to find the right window (our balance) and yet, we are each unwavering in our support for what we deeply care about – and many of us do this with persistence.

The second week of January 2020, I had the honor to gather a great group of folks together for our annual IAS Board of Director's meeting. Talk about excitement and determination! I couldn't have been more thrilled to welcome the Indiana Audubon Society's first full-time Executive Director, Brad Bumgardner. No longer a contractor position, Brad is helping lead and form our Society into the possibilities of our future. I, myself, can't think of a better way to begin 2020!

Your IAS Board of Directors are committed to their work of this Society and you'll continue to learn about their accomplishments in this next year. There's so much work to do – and with their skills and determination, we'll keep moving forward and building this organization into what our member's expect – transparency, adherence to policy, and outstanding events/field trips, and publications.

I wish to thank everyone for their support and DETERMINATION for the good work that you do to support IAS and its mission. Our accomplishments are only as good as your support – and in this New Year, you are deeply thanked.

We hope you enjoy this issue!

Amy Wilms, President

IAS Produces State Listing Guidelines

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In late 2018, after recommendations from several Audubon members, IAS designated a special ad hoc committee to review and help produce a standardized state approach to the hobby of bird listing. While IAS does not have an interest or ability to govern, manage, or be the judge of such birding lists, it is within the interest to provide a set of standards for those wishing to share their lists with various IAS publications.

A big year is a personal challenge or an informal competition among birders who attempt to identify as many species as possible by sight or sound, within a single calendar year and within a specific geographic area. Popularized in North America, big years are commonly done within single US states and Canadian provinces, as well as within larger areas such as the entire world, the lower 48 continental U.S. states, or within the official American Birding Association Area. The ABA big year record of 839 species was set by John Weigel of Australia in 2019. The world big year record of 6,852 species was set in 2016 by Arjan Dwarshuis of the Netherlands. A big year in Indiana can be both a fun challenge for birders with some birding experience who are looking for an additional challenge, or a motivation to get oneself into the field and explore more nature and birds around you.

The ad hoc listing committee has created and approved the following guidelines for those competing in an Indiana big year and wishing for their totals to be published in various IAS publications:

1. Birders submitting year lists should follow ABA Code of Ethics and the ABA Recording Rules and Interpretations.
2. Birds should only be included on year lists if they appear on Indiana's Official Bird Checklist, maintained by the IBRC. Potential first state records should only be included after they have been accepted by the IBRC.
3. Review list species should be submitted to the IBRC for review and should only be included on a year list if the record is accepted by the IBRC.
4. Lists should be submitted to the IAS Publications Committee by January 31 of the following year. If any species are still being reviewed by the IBRC by January 31, they can be provisionally included on the list. The list can subsequently be updated if the record is not accepted.
5. Year lists that contain more than 300 species should be submitted to the IAS Listing Committee. These lists will only be vetted for errors regarding #2 and #3 above.

Written by the IAS Listing Guidelines Ad Hoc committee (Matt Beatty, Ryan Sanderson, Kirk Roth)



Western Tanager by Pete Grube.

Fall Indiana Field Notes 2019

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August continued with warm temperatures including after a front passed through near the middle of the month. A cold front toward the end of the month brought a few days of cooler temperatures. September was the warmest in recorded history. Remnants of Tropical Storm Gordon hit the state from the 7th -9th, bringing precipitation of 3 – 12” and some flooding. October began with unseasonably hot and humid weather. There were a few days of wintry precipitation and a hard freeze on the 18th.

One of the coldest Novembers on record had below normal temperatures in the 30’s and 40’s. A cold front passed through from the 26th-28th with scattered snow showers and leaving snow cover in the northern part of the state. Central and southern Indiana was issued an Ice Storm Warning,

Season highlights included Kirtland’s Warbler, continued breeding confirmation of Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, new breeding confirmation of Blue Grosbeak, and reports of Brant, Pacific Loon, an inland Red Phalarope, Piping Plover, and Western Kingbird.

The editor is indebted to Dr. Ken Brock for his state and lakeshore fall reports, which were helpful in compiling this year’s Fall Field Notes.

Abbreviations:

FWA = Fish & Wildlife Area

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

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck: David Ward observed 1 on 8 Aug at Eagle Marsh Nature Preserve (Allen) as the first record for this site. On 9 Aug Heath and Logan Harlan observed 2 adults and 8 chicks in Mount Vernon (Posey), which is apparently a second brood.

Snow Goose- 1 photographed on 4 Aug at Chinook Mine North (Vigo) by Tabitha Olsen and Sean Verkamp.



Black-bellied Whistling-Duck at Eagle Marsh Nature Preserve in Allen Co. Taken by Geoffrey Williamson on 27 October 2019.

Ross's Goose: On 3 Nov, 1 was photographed by Karen and Mike Wade in Johnson County. On 24 Nov, 1 was observed by Robert Guth at Fiddler Pond Park (Elkhart). On 27 Nov, 1 was reported by Fritz Davis at Celery Bog NA (Tippecanoe).

Brant: On 4 Nov, Ed Hopkins had 1 flyby at Miller Beach (Lake).

Cackling Goose: Kirk Roth had 1 early bird on 16 Oct at Hoosier National Forest (Jackson).

Trumpeter Swan: 2 were seen by William Sharkey on 17 Aug at Grant Street Marsh (Lake) and was joined by a second that lingered through 28 Oct as reported by Pat Anderson. November birds were reported in Delaware, Elkhart, Greene, Jackson, Lake, La Porte, Tippecanoe, and Wayne counties. High count of 8 reported at Prairie Creek Reservoir (Delaware) by Alex Sharp on 16 Nov.

Tundra Swan: October reports include 1 in Steuben County on 16 Oct by Bruce Matasick, 1 in Noble County on 25 Oct by Rodney Strayer, and 2 at Brookville Lake (Union) on 31 Oct by William Buskirk.

American Black Duck: 1 at Cowles Bog (Porter) on 2 Aug by Charles McGrath. 1 at Carlson Oxbow Nature Park on 9 Aug by Matthew Igleski. 1 at Goose Pond FWA (Greene) on 20 Aug by Amy Kearns and Gary Langell, which was also seen on 23 Aug.

Northern Pintail: Only August sighting was at Goose Pond FWA (Greene), 1 on 29 Aug by Amy Kearns, Gary Langell and William Sharkey.

Redhead: 1 at Ouabache SP (Wells) on 8 Aug by David Clark.

Harlequin Duck: The season's only report consisted of a flyby at the 12 November lake watch at Miller Beach (Lake) as first reported by Brad Bumgardner but observed also by Brock, Cassady, Sharkey, and others.

Surf Scoter: Lake watchers at Miller Beach (Lake) on 28 Sep observed 3.

Black Scoter: Don Gorney found 4 rare inland birds at Geist Dam (Marion) on 11 Nov. This is the rarest inland scoter. John Kendall found 1 in Warsaw (Kosciusko) on 18 Nov, provides a first county record.

Hooded Merganser: 3 at Eagle Marsh NP (Allen) on 13 Aug by David Ward, increased to 5 on 28 Sep. At Willow Slough (Newton), 1 observed on 24 Aug by Robert Hughes. On 7 Sep 1 at Industrial Park (Hamilton) by Don Gorney. On 14 Sep, 1 at Potato Creek SP (St. Joseph) by Jim Fuehrmeyer.

Ruffed Grouse: There were no reports this season.

Red-necked Grebe: Single birds reported 15 Nov at Fall Creek Trail (Marion) by Greg Osland, 18 Nov in Warsaw (Kosciusko) by John Kendall, 19 Nov at Eagle Creek Reservoir (Marion) by Steve Huggins, 23 Nov at Whitewater Memorial SP (Union) by Audubon Society of OH and Cincinnati Bird Club, and 29



Red-necked Grebe at Whitewater Memorial (Union) on 24 November 2019. Photo by Cole DiFabio.

Nov at Muscatatuck NWR (Jackson). Eric Michael reported 2 on 28 Nov at Lake of the Woods (Marshall). Observation reports on the Lakefront include: 27 Oct, 7 Nov, 22 Nov at Marquette Park (Lake). 17 Nov at Miller Beach (Lake). 8 & 22 Nov at Lakefront Park & Sanctuary (Lake).

Western Grebe- 1 discovered at Port of Indiana (Porter) on 19 Nov by Ed Hopkins, providing the lakefront's first record since Dec 2017.

Common Nighthawk: Brian Gall reported 1 in Jefferson Co on 4 Nov, providing the sixth latest state fall record.

Virginia Rail: Late season reports included single birds in Gibson, Marion, Monroe, and Porter Counties.

Sandhill Crane: The official DNR count from Jasper-Pulaski FWA, (Jasper) on 3 Dec was 20,324, a lower count than last year.

Black-necked Stilt: On 2 Oct, 1 was observed at Goose Pond FWA (Greene) by Amy Kearns, Gary Langell and William Sharkey.

American Avocet: Record fall count of 300 reported across 17 counties. Latest observation was 1 on 3 Nov by Amy Kearns at Mounds SRA (Franklin). High count of 45 were reported by Evan Speck on 24 Oct at Cane Ridge WMA (Gibson). On 23 Oct, 17 birds were reported at five locations in the counties of Brown, Lake, Marion, Porter, and Union.

Black-bellied Plover: High count of 4 was logged at Miller Beach (Lake) on 7 Sep by Jeff McCoy.

American Golden-Plover: 1 observed at Brookville Lake (Union) on 1 & 8 Oct by William Buskirk. On 2 Oct there were 2 recorded at Goose Pond FWA (Greene) by Amy Kearns, Gary Langell and William Sharkey. On 13 Oct 4 birds were reported on Gibson Lake (Gibson) by Heath & Logan Harlan.

Piping Plover: On 1 Aug, Matt Kalwasinski observed 1 un-banded bird at Miller Beach (Lake), which was joined during the morning of 3 Aug by 1 adult bird in breeding plumage as observed by several birders. On 15 Aug, John Kendall observed 1 banded juvenile at Michigan City Harbor (La Porte). On 19 Aug, John Leonard photographed 1 bird near Long Beach (La Porte).

Whimbrel: Lakefront observations include 1 flyby at Miller Beach (Lake) on 2 Aug by Michael Topp, 2 sitting at Port of Indiana (Porter) on 22 Aug by Matt Beatty, and 1 adult photographed at Michigan City Harbor (La Porte) on 22 Aug by John Kendall.

Hudsonian Godwit: William Buskirk identified 1 at Brookville Lake (Union) on 8 Oct for the season's only report. The bird was seen through 15 Oct.

Marbled Godwit: Richard Garret discovered 1 at Carlson Oxbow Park (Lake) on 17 Aug. Vern Wilkins found 1 at Fairbanks Landing FWA (Sullivan) on 13 Sep.



**Piping Plover on 10 August 2019,
Miller Beach (Lake Co.). Photo by
Matt Igleski.**

Red Knot: 1 found at Scott Starling Sanctuary (Marion) by Whitney Yoerger on 28 Aug. The bird lingered through 1 Sep and provided the first fall inland record since 2011. Chandler Roberts discovered 1 juvenile near Whitestown, on 1 Sep, providing Boone County's second record.

Purple Sandpiper: Jeff McCoy noticed 1 at Michigan City Harbor (LaPorte) on 10 Nov. A late rarity found at Portage Lakefront (Porter) on 29 Nov by Eric Michael stayed through 1 Dec.

Western Sandpiper: 1 at Goose Pond FWA (Greene) by William Sharkey on 19 Aug. Evan Speck photographed 2 at Cane Ridge WMA (Gibson) on 13 Sep.

Long-billed Dowitcher: Michael Topp found 1 at Lakefront Park & Sanctuary (Lake) on 14 Oct.

Wilson's Phalarope: Julie Woods photographed 1 at Michigan City Harbor (La Porte) on 30 Aug.

Red-necked Phalarope- On 4 Sept, John Kendall observed 1 at Miller Beach (Lake).

Red Phalarope- 1 at Brookville Lake (Union) on 2 Nov by Stephen Weddle. That lingered through 10 Nov.

Spotted Sandpiper: Last of the season bird at Eagle Creek Park (Marion) was identified by Kristina and Logan Lakins on 2 Nov.

Willet- 90 were counted on the lakefront, with a high count of 80 by Rhiannon Thunell at Michigan City Harbor (La Porte) on 18 Sep.

Pomarine Jaeger: 1 juvenile was seen at Miller Beach Lake) by lake watchers on 22 Nov.

Parasitic Jaeger: A total count of 16 was recorded at the lakefront between 4 Sep and 16 Oct.

Long-tailed Jaeger: The season's total was 4 at the lakefront. Matt Beatty logged Porter County's fifth record when he spotted 1 at West Beach (Porter).

Black-legged Kittiwake: 5 reported for the season with a high count of 2 by Brad Bumgardner at Indiana Dunes SP (Porter) on 11 Nov.

Sabine's Gull: 1 stayed at Cane Ridge WMA (Gibson) from 12 Sept, when first seen by Evan Speck, through 17 Sept. High count was 3 by Michael Topp on 6 Sep at Miller Beach (Lake). Evan Speck found 2 at Cane Ridge WMA (Gibson) on 12 Sep, providing that county's third record.

Franklin's Gull: The high count of 138 was tallied in Gibson County on 27 Oct by Evan Speck.

Least Tern- Gary Bowman counted 12 on 4 Aug at Cane Ridge WMA (Gibson) with some staying through 16 Sep. Evan Speck saw 2 on 19 Aug at Patoka River NWR (Gibson).



Jeff Packer took this Red Phalarope photo at Brookville Lake (Union Co.) on 09 November 2019.

Black Tern: The lowest season total since 1998 was 105 reported birds.

Arctic Tern: John Cassady, William Sharkey, and Lynn Vernon were rewarded with 1 flying at Marquette Park (Lake) on 31 Oct. This was Indiana's fifth Arctic Tern.

Red-throated Loon: On 28 Oct, Deborah and Richard Read observed 2 at Lake Freeman (White). Also on 28 Oct, Susan and Jim Hengeveld saw 1 in Monroe County. 2 were observed on 29 Oct at Lake Lemon (Monroe) by Becky and Gary Dorman.

Pacific Loon: William Sharkey identified 1 at Beverly Shores (Porter) on 14 Nov. Matt Kalwasinski found 1 at Miller Beach (Lake) on 17 Nov.

Common Loon : 1711 Common Loons were reported statewide. High count was 237 by John Cassady during a lake watch on 7 Nov at Miller Beach (Lake).

American White Pelican: Single birds observed on 1 Nov at Wolf Lake (Lake) by Michael Topp and at Goose Pond FWA (Greene) by Peter Scott. On 4 Nov, Michael Brown saw 2 at Turtle Creek Reservoir (Sullivan). Matt Beatty saw 1 at Port of Indiana (Porter) on 16 Nov and on 19 Nov there was 1 at Michigan City Harbor (La Porte) observed by Ethan and Ian Wiist.

American Bittern: November reports Included: Single bird reported at Goose Pond FWA (Greene) on 2 Nov by Rose Harding and on 3 Nov by Terry Henning.

Snowy Egret –The lakefront's latest season record was found by Patricia Durkin at George Lake (Lake) on 2 Nov. The bird lingered through 8 Nov.

Little Blue Heron: On 9 Aug, Sean Verkamp reported 2 in Dubois County, providing the season's only report. This is Indiana's lowest season count since 1988.

Green Heron: High Count of 58 counted by David Ward on 7 Aug at Eagle Marsh Nature Preserve (Allen).

Glossy Ibis: Dave Schwartz found 1 in Elkhart County on 21 Sep.

Golden Eagle: 1 reported by Kim Roll in Grant County on 19 Nov.

Mississippi Kite –First county records in (White) on 9 Sep by Gary Overdorf and in (Fountain) on 19 Sep by Davis Balsler.

Snowy Owl: On 25 Nov, Brad Bumgardner photographed 1 at Reynolds Creek G.H.A. (Porter).

Short-eared Owl: 41 were reported in five counties. High count of 10 was at Sommerville Mines (Gibson) on 15 Nov by Tom Becker.



Season's first Snowy Owl at Reynold's Creek GHA in Porter County. Photo on 25 November 2019 by Brad Bumgardner.

Western Kingbird: Jeremy Ross photographed 1 in Pike County on 21 Aug that stayed through 28 Aug. Neal Bogan spotted 1 in Vanderburgh County on 4 Aug.

White-eyed Vireo: Richard Garrett found 1 at Lake late White-eyed Vireo in the Lakefront Park & Sanctuary (Lake) on 9 Nov.

Blue-headed Vireo: Ian and Ethan Wiist photographed 1 at Igleheart Park (Vanderburgh) on 14 Nov. This record provided Indiana's fifth latest report.

Loggerhead Shrike: The northern most report in the state was in Newton County on 19 Sep by Bob Hugendar.

Northern Shrike –18 birds were reported across ten counties.

Fish Crow: On 12 Sep, Spike Selig had a high of 48 in Marion County.

Cliff Swallow: 1 photographed at Celery Bog NA (Tippecanoe) by Dave Wegiel on 16 Oct, providing Indiana's fifth latest fall record.

Red-breasted Nuthatch Lowest season total since 2002, with 11 reported. John Waidner saw 1 in Marion County on 18 Aug.

Evening Grosbeak: There were no reports this season.

Common Redpoll: There were no reports this season.

Pine Siskin: 22 were reported statewide. High count was 5 by James Fuehmeyer at Saint Mary's Lake (St. Joseph) on 23 Oct.

Clay-colored Sparrow- At Bonneyville Mill County Park (Elkhart), Annie Aguirre reported a high count of 6 birds on 19 Sep.

Dark-eyed Junco: On 6 Aug, Ervin and Lois Rockhill photographed 1 in Anderson County. This report constitutes Indiana's first August record of this sparrow.

LeConte's Sparrow: 9 reported, which is the lowest season total in nine years. High count of 4 by Amy Kearns at Goose Pond FWA (Greene) on 5 Nov.

Nelson's Sparrow: Matthew Iglesias observed 2 at Grant Street Wetlands (Lake) on 25 Oct. Michael top found 1 at Lakefront Park & Sanctuary (Lake) 25 Sep.

Swamp Sparrow : High count of 250 at Goose Pond FWA (Greene) on 19 Oct by Ryan Sanderson.

Yellow-breasted Chat 1 photographed in Marion County on 13 Nov by Whitney Yoerger & Andy Belt, provided Indiana's second latest record behind Amos Butler's 1 December 1881 report.



Western Kingbird by Jeremy Ross. Photo taken 21 August 2019 in Pike County.

Yellow-headed Blackbird: There were no reports this season.

Northern Waterthrush: On 4 Oct 1 was observed at Griffy Lake (Monroe) by Matthias Benko. On 10 Oct, Nancy Lightfoot had 1 in Monroe County and David Ward had 1 at Eagle Marsh (Allen). On 18 Oct, Brad Bumgardner banded 1 at Indiana Dunes SP (Porter).

Nashville Warbler: Krista Oswald identified 1 at Falls of the Ohio SP (Clark) on 16 Aug.

Kirtland's Warbler- Ed Hopkins discovered this rarity on 19 Sept, in Lafayette County.

Bay-breasted Warbler: On 11 Oct, Vern Wilkins logged a high count of 39 at Cutright SRA (Monroe), which tied Indiana's fourth highest count.

Blackpoll Warbler: The 349 birds reported statewide are the lowest season total since 2013. High count of 20 was logged by John Kendall at Lakefront Park & Sanctuary-Hammond (Lake) on 16 Sep. Carl Huffman found 1 at DePauw Nature Park (Putnam) on 28 Oct provided Indiana's fifth latest fall record.

Prairie Warbler: 1 late bird was photographed in Bloomington (Monroe) on 20 Nov by Steve Bell.

Canada Warbler: 1 bird by Lucas Wilson in Ripley County on 15 Oct. provided Indiana's latest fall record (by two days).

Blue Grosbeak: John Meredig found 1 in Warrick County on 23 Oct, which is an all-time late record for the state. On 17 Aug, Michael Topp found 11 birds among 3 family groups at Miller Beach (Lake).

Dickcissel: Sarajane Damin photographed a single bird at home feeders in Perry County on 09 November.



A well observed Kirtland's Warbler in Tippecanoe Co., 20 September 2019. Photo by Matthew Bowman.



Feeder Dickcissel in Perry County. Photo by Sarajane Darmin on 09 November 2019.

Osprey from Montana photographed at Monroe Lake

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The year 2019 was a great one for osprey at Monroe Lake, which is near Bloomington.

For the first time, two pairs built nests, and one pair successfully fledged a chick. On Sept. 21, nature photographer Louis Tenney recorded an image of a banded osprey from Montana, documenting the first Indiana record of an osprey from the western United States.

By using a camera with a long lens, Tenney can capture photos of wildlife without needing to get too close. His photos from that day clearly show one band on each leg of the bird, including a green band inscribed with 58 K. Tenney reported the band to the Bird Banding Lab through its website (reportband.gov) and soon received an appreciative email from the bander, Dr. Marco Restani.

Restani's research on osprey seeks to understand causes of mortality and how the birds respond to stress during the nesting season. Green 58 K and its two siblings were banded along the Yellowstone River near Billings on July 8, 2019. The discovery of Green 58 K in Indiana is unusual and helps scientists studying migratory patterns of osprey. According to Restani, osprey from his project have been seen wintering in Florida, Mexico, and Costa Rica. Green 58 K may have crossed the Midwest on its migration to the coast of the Atlantic Ocean.

Once listed as endangered in Indiana, osprey made a comeback after an Indiana DNR restoration effort released 96 of the birds from 2003-2006. In 2018, 67 osprey nests were counted and the birds were delisted for exceeding conservation goals over several years. Because osprey depend on a healthy population of fish and clean water, the success of this species in Indiana points to a healthy environment that all Hoosiers can enjoy. Continued monitoring of osprey in Indiana is funded through donations to the Indiana Nongame Wildlife Fund.

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Figure 1. Osprey Green 58 K and two siblings on banding day near Billings, Montana. Photo by Ken Coffin.





Figure 3. Banding locations of osprey seen in Indiana. Banded osprey found in Indiana have originated from nine states and Ontario, Canada. The majority of banded birds (nine) originated from Michigan. (USGS Bird Banding Lab).

B_LAT	B_LON	BANDING_DATE	BANDING_LOCATION_DESCRIPTION	E_LAT	E_LON	E_PLACE_NAME	ENCOUNTER_DATE
46.41667	-84.4167	7/17/2008	DRAFTER, Michigan, United States	40.72609	-85.9149	WABASH	8/28/2014
43.84167	-80.3417	7/7/2016	12 mi W from ORANGEVILLE(LUTHER MARSH WMA), Ontario, Canada	39.52144	-85.8892	SHELBYVILLE	2/22/2017
36.08333	-88.0833	7/7/1983	CAMDEN, Benton County Tennessee, United States	39.58333	-84.9167		6/4/1990
38.41667	-76.5833	6/27/1978	ISLAND CREEK, Maryland, United States	38.25	-86.75		4/18/1980
44.91667	-83.9167	7/13/1980	11 S OF HILLMAN, Michigan, United States	40.91667	-86.75		4/15/1987
44.91667	-83.9167	7/21/1963	11 S OF HILLMAN, Michigan, United States	38.58333	-85.5833		
45.41667	-84.5833	7/18/2003	INDIAN RIVER, Michigan, United States	39.41667	-86.0833		9/4/2003
44.41667	-84.75	5/26/1998	HOUGHTON POINT, Michigan, United States	40.4167	-86.8753	La Fayette	9/1/2013
44.41667	-84.75	7/5/1995	HOUGHTON POINT, Michigan, United States	40.45	-86.03	KOKOMO	8/4/2010
44.58333	-86.0833	7/9/1997	BEULAH, Michigan, United States	41.75	-86.9167		9/29/1997
45.91667	-89.5833	7/16/1955	SAYNER, Wisconsin, United States	39.25	-87.4167		4/13/1960
40.91667	-72.25	6/5/1948	WAINSCOTT, New York, United States	40.41667	-86.5833		9/11/1948
43.50833	-80.175	7/4/2012	9km SE Guelph, Ontario, Canada	39.69081	-87.3361	Mecca	8/12/2014
41.75	-84.5833	6/27/1997	PIONEER, Williams County Ohio, United States	41.58333	-86.4167		7/22/2002
40.08333	-81.4167	7/2/1997	WINTERSET, Guernsey County Ohio, United States				10/4/2002
40.08333	-81.4167	7/2/1997	WINTERSET, Guernsey County Ohio, United States	38.41667	-86.5833	FRENCH LICK	4/30/2009
44.75	-93.0833	7/20/2003	ROSEMOUNT, Minnesota, United States	41.75	-86.25	Lakeville	7/12/2009
38.41667	-76.5833	6/21/1995	ISLAND CREEK, Maryland, United States	41.25	-85.0833		
38.41667	-86.5833	7/24/2003	ETHEL, Indiana, United States	38.39792	-86.6144	Birdseye	7/1/2015
41.08333	-86.9167	7/12/2004	MEDARYVILLE, Indiana, United States	40.41667	-87.25		10/16/2004
41.91667	-86.4167	6/28/2002	GLENDORA, Michigan, United States	39.01783	-85.1703	DILLSBORO	
43.08333	-83.4167	7/7/2008	MILLVILLE, Michigan, United States	41.52944	-86.4075	North Liberty	5/10/2013
45.58333	-108.75	7/8/2019	7 mi S from Laurel(Yellowstone River), Yellowstone County Montana, United States	39.10826	-86.3959	Knight Ridge	9/23/2019

Table 1. Banding and encounter locations and dates of all osprey encountered in Indiana 1948-2019. (USGS Bird Banding Lab)

2019 Indiana Audubon May Day Bird Count

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The Big May Day Bird Count (BMDBC) was conducted state-wide on Saturday, May 11th, 2019. 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.

We had five counties report 150+ species with Porter County leading the way with 165 individual species. Greene County was next with 161 followed by Lake (160), Gibson (155), and Tippecanoe (154).

Fifty nine of the 92 Indiana counties (64%) submitted data for this year's count and 237 bird species totaling 97,880 individuals were recorded. The 237 species is slightly below the 12-year average of 239, but the total amount of birds seen (97,880), was well below the 12 year average of over 123,000. Everyone at the Indiana Audubon Society would like to thank all the compilers and participants from this year's count. Please refer to the "Years of Participation" and "2019 Participant List" below.

Twelve species only had 1 individual reported, which included Common Merganser (Kosciusko), Red-throated Loon (Porter), Eared Grebe (Gibson), Cattle Egret (Clark), Golden Eagle (Warren), Piping Plover (Lake), Stilt Sandpiper (Vigo), Monk Parakeet (Lake), Olive-sided Flycatcher (Gibson), Loggerhead Shrike (Lawrence), Winter Wren (Porter), and Kirtland's Warbler (Porter).

Once again, Red-winged Blackbirds were the most numerous species found with 8,609 reported, followed by American Robin, European Starling, and Canada Goose. Top honors for the most numerous Neotropical migrants went to Tree Swallow with 3,306 followed by Barn Swallow (2,943).



Kentucky Warbler on 11 May 2019 in Vanderburgh Co. Photo by Heath Harlan.

Most Numerous Resident Bird Counts 2007-2019 (2014 NOT included)

Species	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Average
Red-winged Blackbird	12241	10583	12743	10232	9947	10010	9555	10786	10326	11666	10207	8609	10,575
American Robin	8532	8085	9990	11545	8987	9554	7765	7948	8524	7121	6853	5737	8,387
European Starling	9262	8517	10026	11594	8327	7198	7163	6950	9135	6724	4987	5040	7,910
Canada Goose	6747	6719	6896	6694	5413	7391	5613	6240	8501	6240	6432	4248	6,428
Common Grackle	7319	5938	5905	5894	5203	4871	3984	4066	4876	3612	3709	2942	4,860
House Sparrow	3393	3386	3560	3281	3435	3935	3232	3888	3252	3679	2641	2095	3,315
Northern Cardinal	3684	3595	3351	2914	3360	3312	3129	3386	2937	3460	2951	2452	3,211
Ring-billed Gull	3355	2534	3568	4941	2779	1823	2518	1980	4252	1570	1626	1468	2,701
Mourning Dove	3193	2915	2878	2459	2803	3181	2863	2309	2242	2193	1895	2002	2,578
American Goldfinch	3170	2946	3054	2441	2479	2398	2564	2165	1955	1963	2131	1527	2,399
Brown-headed Cowbird	2617	2449	2976	2421	2157	2384	2342	1936	1966	1974	1838	2103	2,264
Mallard	1997	2050	1817	2098	1830	1858	1724	1723	1900	1547	1514	1113	1,764
American Crow	1418	1472	1787	1806	1710	1701	1617	1694	2044	1599	1379	1246	1,623
Song Sparrow	1819	1864	1619	1340	1599	1872	1594	1439	1443	1986	1635	1398	1,634
Rock Pigeon	1092	1302	1278	1425	1006	825	1241	1246	1341	799	722	780	1,088

Most Numerous Neotropical Migrant Bird Counts 2007-2019 (2014 NOT included)

Species	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Average
Barn Swallow	2178	2087	3098	4854	3102	2400	3852	1915	5382	2048	2545	2943	3,034
Tree Swallow	2475	2421	3777	4294	2330	1883	4426	1925	4462	1926	2740	3306	2,997
Indigo Bunting	2234	2009	2295	1420	2358	2751	1573	1829	1439	1980	1862	1421	1,931
Gray Catbird	2009	2186	1994	1342	1725	1903	1687	1877	1585	1992	1840	1489	1,802
Common Yellowthroat	1485	1834	1659	1210	1749	2396	1765	1615	1364	2035	1807	1358	1,690
Cliff Swallow	2001	1202	1721	1893	1097	2387	1615	788	1959	1305	1795	2253	1,668
Chipping Sparrow	1792	1991	1930	1493	1610	1777	1249	1484	1432	1297	1142	906	1,509
Yellow Warbler	1375	1811	1480	1113	1426	1576	1439	1567	1038	1795	1414	1105	1,428
Chimney Swift	1619	1746	2264	1301	1397	1771	1540	1170	575	1254	1054	968	1,388
Baltimore Oriole	1424	1369	1508	1031	1286	1309	1212	1530	1258	1695	1380	1123	1,344
Purple Martin	1028	1537	1508	907	1738	1550	984	983	1051	845	1058	751	1,162
Northern Rough-winged Sw.	877	992	1974	1878	858	633	1644	634	1504	730	900	730	1,113
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	653	863	1277	782	976	961	1022	1134	973	1255	1007	809	976
House Wren	1052	1302	1225	789	747	900	714	781	654	1268	1017	821	939
Bank Swallow	582	745	881	1847	505	709	832	388	1504	407	490	297	766

<i>Years of Participation - After the 2019 May Count</i>			
<i>*The individual needed to have participated in the 2019 count.</i>			
<i>40 years or more</i>	<i>30 years or more</i>	<i>20 years or more</i>	<i>10 years or more</i>
Chuck Mills	Joy Bower	Carole Riewe	Denise Sobieski
Vic Riemenschneider	John Bentley	John Cassady	Kim Harmon
Marge Riemenschneider	Alice Bentley	Christine Salberg	Randy Pals
Gene Coleman	Cindy Conway	Jim Sweeney	Dakin Polan
Dick Fessenden	Gordon Hug	Wendy Cassady	
Louise Fessenden	Stuart Jenkins	Michael Topp	
Larry Parker	Larry Lock	Ken Tweedell	
	Pat Lock	Dick Bonness	
	Rosemary Toepp	Kathy Strecker	
	Mary Ann Jenkins	Linda Leliaert	
	Laura Fuderer	Steve Lima	
	Ed Powers	Lynda McGinnis	
	Bob Leliaert		
	Dave Reichlinger		
	Barb Dodge		
	Joan Tweedell		
	Mary Beth Eberwein		

2019 Participant List

- Adams, Complier:** Terri Gorney **Observers:** Terri Gorney, David Reichlinger, Bill Hubbard, Larry Parker, Janet Parker, Jay Swyart, Curt Burnette
- Allen, Complier:** Ed Powers **Observers:** Ed Powers, David Ward, Mark Derloshon, Sandy Schacht, Valerie Pelz, Phil Wixom, Robin Stark, Stephanie Wagner, Margaret McCord, Cynthia Powers, Marisa Windell, Sue Eubank, John Winebrenner
- Bartholomew, Complier:** Emily Mott **Observers:** Emily Mott
- Blackford, Compiler:** Brent Caperton **Observers:** Brent Caperton, Kathy Lawhorn
- Boone, Compiler:** Dwight Moser **Observers:** Dwight Moser, Cloyce Hedge, Whitney Yoerger, Jonathan Yorger, Lisa Vanderbilt, Randy Vanderbilt, Brad Rusher, Aidan Romnger
- Brown, Compiler:** Patty Lindley **Observer:** Patty Lindley
- Cass, Complier:** *eBird via Kirk Roth* **Observers:** Bud Dodrill, Michael Evernham



Black-throated Green Warblery in Boone County, 11 May 2019. Photo by Dwight Moser.

8. **Clark, Compiler:** Stuart Jenkins **Observers:** Stuart Jenkins, Kathy Strecker, Mary Ann Jenkins, Pat Lock, Larry Lock, Sally Haswell, Bill Haswell, Dakin Polan, Kathy Webster
9. **Clinton, Compiler:** *eBird via Kirk Roth* **Observers:** Linda Motes
10. **Dearborn, Compiler:** Bob Decker **Observers:** Bob Decker, Ann Decker
11. **Decatur, Compiler:** *eBird via Kirk Roth* **Observers:** Jeff Ludlow
12. **Delaware, Compiler:** *eBird via Kirk Roth* **Observers:** Clifford Wright, Mark Vance, Sherry Vance, Kim McKenzie
13. **Dubois, Compiler:** Sean Verkamp **Observers:** Sean Verkamp
14. **Elkhart, Compiler:** Lindsay Grossman **Observers:** Trice Berkely, John Davis, Rose Marie Tinder, Mary Kauffmann-Kennel, Lindsay Grossmann, Robert Guth, Annie Aquirre, Ronda DeCaire, Marilyn Horvath, Carolyn Farrow, Elma Chapman, Sylvia Steed, Michael Steed, Tanner Troyer, Carole Mitchell, Judy Ferrell, LouAnne Hostetler, Russ Kremer, Joyce Weber, Brenda Tudor, LelaInd Shaum
15. **Fayette, Compiler:** Carl Wilms **Observers:** Carl Wilms, Amy Wilms
16. **Fountain, Compiler:** *eBird via Kirk Roth* **Observers:** Mark Arvin
17. **Gibson, Compiler:** Charles Mills **Observers:** Charles Mills, Vicky Whitaker, Liz Haig, Evan Speck, Richard Garrett, Richard Vernier, Sue Vernier, Marietta Smith
18. **Grant, Compiler:** Kim Roll **Observers:** Kim Roll, Greg McCallister, Lita Cook
19. **Greene, Compiler:** Jess Gwinn **Observers:** Jess Gwinn, Maureen Forrest, Anne Roberts, Joan ten Hoor, Jim Brown, Lee Sterrenburg, Jerry Downs, Jim Hengeveld, Susan Hengeveld, Bill Holladay, Nancy Lightfoot, Scott Evens, Marsue Jackson, Ray Brumfiel, Donald Hall, Eve Shultz-Ridge, Pat White, Janelle Beasley, Kimberly Hineman
20. **Hamilton, Compiler:** Bill Sharkey **Observers:** Bill Sharkey, Natasha Elise, Amy King
21. **Hancock, Compiler:** Gail McNierney **Observers:** Ben Hess, Gail McNierney, Adam Wilson, Sara Wilson
22. **Harrison Compiler:** Stuart Tower **Observer:** Stuart Tower, James Tower, Eric Ratcliff
23. **Henry, Compiler:** Marcia Eichel **Observers:** Marcia Eichel, Tony Eichel, Wanda Ferguson
24. **Howard, Compiler:** Samuel Morrow **Observers:** Samuel Morrow
25. **Huntington, Compiler:** *eBird via Kirk Roth* **Observers:** Andrew Wolfe
26. **Jackson, Compiler:** Donna Stanley **Observers:** David Crouch, Donna Stanley, Terri Moore, Linda Sullivan, Susan Miller
27. **Jefferson, Compiler:** *eBird via Kirk Roth* **Observers:** Del Striegel, Kevin Turner
28. **Jennings, Compiler:** *eBird via Kirk Roth* **Observers:** David Crouch
29. **Johnson, Compiler:** Tom Hougham **Observers:** Tom Hougham, Ann Deutch
30. **Kosciusko, Compiler:** Gregory Clark **Observers:** Connie Doud, Steve Doud, Dave Hicks, Deb Hustin, Lila O'Connell, Jerry Sweeten, Steve Hammer, Andy Rich, Gregory Clark, Casey Jones, Jennifer Jones, Melinda Sweeten, Arlene Kindy, Stan Moore, Jimmy O-Connell, James, Townsend, Suzanne Beyeler, Jason Beyler, Gary Eberly, Katy Gray-Brown, Chad Fitzpatrick, Leighanne Fitzpatrick
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32. **LaPorte, Compiler:** Maureen Kolbusz **Observers:** John Brugos, Jo Brugos, Mauren Kolbusz, Kaye Martin,
33. **Lawrence, Compiler:** Amy Kearns **Observers:** Amy Kearns, Noah Kearns
34. **Marion, Compiler:** Kirk Roth **Observers:** Kirk Roth, Matthias Benko, Scott Jackson, Nick Smiley, Andy Bowman, Mike Maxwell
35. **Martin, Compiler:** Grant Burcham **Observers:** Grant Burcham, Alisha Burcham, Austin Roach
36. **Marshall, Compiler** Lynn Vernon **Observers:** Lynn Vernon
37. **Miami, Compiler:** Seth Loe **Observers:** Seth Loe, Cynthia Loe, Monte Loe, Carsten, Loe, Sullivan Loe

38. **Monroe, Compiler:** Pete Webb **Observers:** Vern Wilkins, Nathan Damm, Angie Damm, Terri Greene, Dave Henthorn, Steve Bell, S. Bryce Rogeson, Olivia Pfingston, Jody Pop Johnson, Mike Gruszynski, Kate Hunt, Pete Webb
39. **Morgan, Compiler:** Joni James **Observers:** Joni James, Tim Bailey, Pat Clark, Tim Street
40. **Newton, Compiler:** Ed Hopkins **Observers:** Ed Hopkins, Doug Gerbracht
41. **Noble, Compiler:** Rodney Strayer **Observers:** Rod Strayer, Ken Gay
42. **Ohio, Compiler:** *eBird via Kirk Roth* **Observers:** Katie Burnside
43. **Owen, Compiler:** Tina Rosier **Observer:** Tina Posier
44. **Parke, Compiler:** Alan Bruner **Observers:** Mike Brattain, Alan Bruner, Ben Cvengros, Judy Leahy, Rusty McIntrye, Kyle Rush, Patsy Steffen, Tammy Turner
45. **Perry, Compiler:** Kent LaGrange **Observers:** Keny LaGrange, Sarajane Damin, Lucy Ubelhor
46. **Pike, Compiler:** Nikki Breidenbaugh **Observers:** Nikki Breidenbaugh, Matt Breidenbaugh, Sherryl Osgatharp, Elizabeth Breidenbaugh, James Osgatharp
47. **Porter, Compiler:** Randy Pals **Observers:** Patrick Krueger, Penny Starin, John Kendall, Matt Beatty, Lynea Hinchman, Kathie Fritz, Pete Grube, Saj Braner, Bettie Haller, Bruce Haller, Brad Bumgardner, Tom Edwards, Tim Rice, Bob Lemay, Randy Pals, Howard Westbrook, Nancy Woolsey, Dan Kaminski, Nicole Braner, Ken Brock, Josh Grube, Brendan Grube, Matt Igleski, Doug Hinchman, Jeff McCoy
48. **Posey, Compiler:** *eBird via Kirk Roth* **Observers:** Bob Meier
49. **Randolph, Compiler:** Connie Howell **Observers:** Connie Howell, Nina Howell, Lora McCord, Steve Howell, Dale Hardarce, Ben Shreves, Kay Ulrey, Rachel Cunningham
50. **St. Joseph, Compiler:** Jude Keltner **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, Laura Fuderer, Cindy Conway, Jennifer Betz, Kathy Maloney, Jude Keltner, Dale Keltner, Kristen Sweinhart, Vicky Rydzynski, Joan Tweedall, Carol Riewe, Kenyon Tweedell, Tai Gunter, John Kaehr, Amy Cassner, Heidi Gray, Martin Stoner, Rosemary Toepp, Lori Wilken, Matt Wilken, Heather Donnelly, Karen Cheek, June Kohler, Michael Klingerman, Dick Niemi, Jim Spicer
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52. **Tippecanoe, Compiler:** Barny Dunning **Observers:** Kevin Arvin, Mark Arvin, Barny Dunning, John Skene, Becky Theller, Larry Theller, Temple Pearson, Trumond Best, Sara Coapstick, Karen Griggs, George Kopcha, Lisa Strong
53. **Vanderburgh, Compiler:** Stephen Heeger **Observers:** Ron Giles, Sharon Giles, Davie Sue Litov, Wayne Hall, Marcia Onnybecker, Mark Dominick, Connie Walts, Carol Pettys, Carolyn Barron, Lois Schmidt, Al Langen, Christopher Langen, Kate Lynch, Brian Taylo, Steve Heeger, Pat Goodaker, Don Batema, Jim Campbell
54. **Vigo, Compiler:** Peter E. Scott **Observers:** George Bakken, Laura Bakken, Dick Bonness, Nickolas Brown, Mary Beth Eberwien, Marty Jones, Carissa Lovett, Ellen Lunsford, Bill Mitchell, Denise Sobieski, Steve Lima, Bruce Black, Joe Dickson, Dan Weber, David Bakken, Peter Scott, Mike Sacopulos, Liz Belke, Michael Brwon, Diana Hews, Margaret Moga, Joy O'Keefe, Dave Shearer, Mark Vukovich
55. **Warren, Compiler:** Susan H. Ulrich **Observers:** Susan Ulrich, Joanna Billiard, Ellen Tobias, Amanda Beheler, Callum Beheler, Wendy Burt, Shelly Foran, Kent Walker
56. **Warrick, Compiler:** *eBird via Kirk Roth* **Observers:** Austin Broadwater
57. **Wayne, Compiler:** Karen Bays-Winslow **Observers:** Karen Bays-Winslow, Donald Winslow, Forest Winslow, Rowan Winslow
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59. **Whitley, Compiler:** Paul McAfee **Observers:** Darci Zolman, Carole Koos, Holly Meyers

2019 Indiana Audubon Society Big May Day Count Data - TOTALS

Species	#	Species	#	Species	#	Species	#	Species	#
Greater White-fronted Goose	0	Bald Eagle	110	Lesser Black-backed Gull	0	Purple Martin	751	Worm-eating Warbler	25
Snow Goose	0	Northern Harrier	7	Glaucous Gull	0	Tree Swallow	3306	Swainson's Warbler	0
Cackling Goose	0	Sharp-shinned Hawk	6	Great Black-backed Gull	0	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	730	Ovenbird	187
Canada Goose	4248	Cooper's Hawk	59	Least Tern	7	Bank Swallow	297	Northern Waterthrush	129
Mute Swan	546	Red-shouldered Hawk	97	Caspian Tern	108	Cliff Swallow	2253	Louisiana Waterthrush	74
Trumpeter Swan	25	Broad-winged Hawk	23	Black Tern	12	Barn Swallow	2943	Kentucky Warbler	193
Tundra Swan	3	Red-tailed Hawk	217	Common Tern	4	Carolina Chickadee	471	Connecticut Warbler	9
Wood Duck	596	Rough-legged Hawk	0	Forster's Tern	11	Black-capped Chickadee	240	Mourning Warbler	6
Gadwall	2	Golden Eagle	1	Rock Pigeon	780	Tufted Titmouse	882	Common Yellowthroat	1358
American Wigeon	0	American Kestrel	71	Eurasian Collared Dove	20	Red-breasted Nuthatch	104	Hooded Warbler	87
American Black Duck	2	Merlin	0	Mourning Dove	2002	White-breasted Nuthatch	504	Wilson's Warbler	27
Mallard	1113	Peregrine Falcon	4	Monk Parakeet	1	Brown Creeper	2	Canada Warbler	11
Blue-winged Teal	172	Yellow Rail	0	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	45	Carolina Wren	453	Yellow-breasted Chat	187
Northern Shoveler	29	Black Rail	0	Black-billed Cuckoo	7	House Wren	821	Eastern Towhee	668
Northern Pintail	0	King Rail	0	Barn Owl	7	Winter Wren	1	American Tree Sparrow	3
Green-winged Teal	6	Virginia Rail	32	Eastern Screech-Owl	5	Sedge Wren	33	Chipping Sparrow	906
Canvasback	0	Sora	136	Great Horned Owl	13	Marsh Wren	115	Clay-colored Sparrow	3
Redhead	8	Purple Gallinule	0	Snowy Owl	0	Golden-crowned Kinglet	2	Field Sparrow	757
Ring-necked Duck	4	Common Gallinule	13	Barred Owl	71	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	179	Vesper Sparrow	44
Greater Scaup	0	American Coot	38	Long Eared Owl	0	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	809	Lark Sparrow	18
Lesser Scaup	9	Sandhill Crane	116	Short Eared Owl	0	Eastern Bluebird	603	Savannah Sparrow	127
Surf Scoter	0	Black-bellied Plover	5	No. Saw-Whet Owl	0	Veery	146	Grasshopper Sparrow	71
White-winged Scoter	0	American Golden-Plover	4	Common Nighthawk	31	Gray-cheeked Thrush	66	Henslow's Sparrow	49
Black Scoter	0	Semipalmated Plover	200	Chuck-will's Widow	0	Swainson's Thrush	492	Nelson's Sparrow	0
Long-tailed Duck	0	Piping Plover	1	Eastern Whip-poor-will	21	Hermit Thrush	34	LeConte's Sparrow	0
Bufflehead	8	Killdeer	626	Chimney Swift	968	Wood Thrush	493	Fox Sparrow	2
Common Goldeneye	3	Black-necked Stilt	35	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	230	American Robin	5737	Song Sparrow	1398
Hooded Merganser	66	American Avocet	0	Belted Kingfisher	61	Gray Catbird	1489	Lincoln's Sparrow	30
Common Merganser	1	Spotted Sandpiper	203	Red-headed Woodpecker	317	Northern Mockingbird	176	Swamp Sparrow	155

Red-breasted Merganser	78	Solitary Sandpiper	156	Red-bellied Woodpecker	799	Brown Thrasher	218	White-throated Sparrow	237
Ruddy Duck	12	Greater Yellowlegs	52	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	4	European Starling	5040	Harris' Sparrow	0
Northern Bobwhite	100	Willet	7	Downy Woodpecker	492	American Pipit	2	White-crowned Sparrow	429
Ring-necked Pheasant	36	Lesser Yellowlegs	127	Hairy Woodpecker	142	Cedar Waxwing	132	Dark-eyed Junco	3
Ruffed Grouse	0	Upland Sandpiper	0	Northern Flicker	269	Blue-winged Warbler	79	Summer Tanager	155
Wild Turkey	265	Whimbrel	0	Pileated Woodpecker	202	Golden-winged Warbler	23	Scarlet Tanager	343
Red-throated Loon	1	Ruddy Turnstone	11	Olive-sided Flycatcher	1	Tennessee Warbler	564	Northern Cardinal	2452
Common Loon	27	Sanderling	5	Eastern Wood-Pewee	374	Orange-crowned Warbler	17	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	675
Pied-billed Grebe	37	Semipalmated Sandpiper	42	Yellow-bellied flycatcher	4	Nashville Warbler	253	Black-headed Grosbeak	0
Horned Grebe	0	Western Sandpiper	0	Acadian Flycatcher	160	Northern Parula	423	Blue Grosbeak	81
Eared Grebe	1	Least Sandpiper	200	Alder Flycatcher	9	Yellow Warbler	1105	Indigo Bunting	1421
Double-crested Cormorant	1957	White-rumped Sandpiper	0	Willow Flycatcher	55	Chestnut-sided Warbler	215	Dickcissel	336
Am. White Pelican	73	Baird's Sandpiper	0	Least Flycatcher	153	Magnolia Warbler	230	Bobolink	138
Brown Pelican	0	Pectoral Sandpiper	92	Eastern Phoebe	353	Cape May Warbler	86	Red-winged Blackbird	8609
American Bittern	17	Purple Sandpiper	0	Great Crested Flycatcher	420	Black-throated Blue Warbler	70	Eastern Meadowlark	558
Least Bittern	4	Dunlin	8	Western Kingbird	0	Yellow-rumped Warbler	659	Western Meadowlark	0
Great Blue Heron	588	Stilt Sandpiper	1	Eastern Kingbird	470	Black-throated Green Warbler	263	Rusty Blackbird	6
Great Egret	222	Buff-breasted Sandpiper	0	Loggerhead Shrike	1	Blackburnian Warbler	113	Brewer's Blackbird	2
Snowy Egret	0	Short-billed Dowitcher	29	White-eyed Vireo	251	Yellow-throated Warbler	116	Common Grackle	2942
Little Blue Heron	0	Long-billed Dowitcher	3	Bell's Vireo	74	Pine Warbler	36	Brown-headed Cowbird	2103
Cattle Egret	1	Wilson's Snipe	16	Yellow-throated Vireo	213	Kirtland's Warbler	1	Orchard Oriole	210
Green Heron	81	American Woodcock	30	Blue-headed Vireo	55	Prairie Warbler	100	Baltimore Oriole	1123
Black-crowned Night-Heron	20	Wilson's Phalarope	0	Warbling Vireo	492	Palm Warbler	457	Purple Finch	22
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	0	Red-Necked Phalarope	0	Philadelphia Vireo	17	Bay-breasted Warbler	89	House Finch	565
Plegadis Ibis	0	Bonaparte's Gull	0	Red-eyed Vireo	636	Blackpoll Warbler	288	Pine Siskin	26
Black Vulture	60	Laughing Gull	0	Blue Jay	1482	Cerulean Warbler	55	American Goldfinch	1527
Turkey Vulture	1489	Franklin's Gull	0	American Crow	1246	Black-and-white Warbler	153	Evening Grosbeak	0
Osprey	50	Ring-billed Gull	1468	Fish Crow	8	American Redstart	754	House Sparrow	2095
Mississippi Kite	0	Herring Gull	23	Horned Lark	201	Prothonotary Warbler	88		

Indiana Bird Records Committee Annual Report 2019

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The IBRC annual meeting was held on August 25, 2019 at the Earth Discovery Center at Eagle Creek Park in Indianapolis. Agenda items included: new members for 2020; fixing the problem of uneven “classes” of IBRC members, discussion of subspecies review, transfer of physical records to a new location; and alignment of eBird and IBRC records.

The IBRC bylaws state that members should be in three classes that are approximately equal. Due to the appointment of two single-year Chairs in a row and those incoming Chairs being at end-points in their committee tenure, the committee now has a class of three, a class of four, and a class of zero. Two members of the current class of four voluntarily agreed to resign with the intention of allowing the classes to return to normal. This selfless act restores the committee organization into compliance with the bylaws and makes the committee selection procedure much easier for future committees. The committee is grateful to the individuals who helped make this possible. A bylaw clarification in Section 4.2 NUMBER AND TERM OF MEMBERS to dictate that the class slots remain static if an incoming Chair is chosen from an existing committee member. The new language, which was unanimously approved, is as follows, with the additional portion in italics:

4.2A The IBRC shall consist of seven members appointed to staggered three-year terms in three classes that are approximately equal. A member’s term will end on December 31st of the year of expiration (or appointment). Terms are static with regard to end date such that if an IBRC member is appointed at some time after the beginning of a term, the appointed IBRC member continues through the remaining time of the existing term and a new three-year term does not begin.

Discussion was made regarding subspecies records. This was spurred by the the photo documentation of a Pink-sided Junco earlier in the year. Subspecies documentation would be complicated – issues of where to draw the line and/or whether the committee would look only at select subspecies were discussed; concluding that if a committee were to look at subspecies, they would first have to decide on a list or some criteria on what is reviewable in order to have a consistent policy. There are few realistic cases of field identifiable subspecies in the state other than commonly expected subspecies. Yellow-rumped Warbler is the obvious one, with potential for split. The single record of a Black-tailed Godwit in the state may be subject to a split by future taxonomic authorities. A Common (Eurasian) Teal could theoretically show up in the state. Juncos and Redpolls are some examples of field identifiable subspecies in Indiana with a very low chance of a species level taxonomy change. Juncos are extra difficult due to the frequent Cassiar subspecies/intergrades within the state and as such, much time and effort could be spent on reviews with relatively little practical gain.



First state record Great Kiskadee in Noble County. Photo by Marty Jones, 04 January 2019.

In some cases, rare birds have been identified to subspecies by the committee on a case by case basis. The Black-tailed Godwit is an example of such a case. Eurasian experts were consulted and a reasonable diagnosis was made. The Western Scrub-jay is an example in which the subspecies was not properly identified and thus we are left with uncertainty. It was decided that no action would be made for now due to the complications involved. However, it is upon every committee to have good judgement whether subspecific investigation is warranted for any particular record.

The Chair brought up the idea of moving the physical records to Mary Gray's Bird Sanctuary. As this is under IAS stewardship, it seems like a logical place. The current records are in a storage space at Purdue University. The Chair has coordinated Purdue to have access to these, but it is not convenient. There is also some danger of records being lost, damaged, or accidentally thrown away in this situation. The committee agreed that the Chair should coordinate with Purdue and Amy Wilms at Mary Gray's to have the records transferred. It has been agreed that these will be transferred in early 2020. It was proposed that the bylaws be changed to remove the statement about the records currently being at Earlham College, as this was no longer true. This change was unanimously approved.



Long-tailed Jaeger over Lake Michigan (Lake) on 29 August 2018. Photo by John Kendall.

The submission of eBird reports as rare bird documentation has gone well, especially in those cases in which the observer supplies very complete details with the record. It was agreed that the IBRC should have an eBird account to document accepted records on eBird. This will be established in 2020, however it will take some time to have past records entered into the system and this effort will be ongoing for some time.

As of December 2019, the IBRC has completed voting on 25 records in 2019. 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. County location is provided in the record code using the first four letters of the county (e.g. MONR = Monroe County).

SPECIES	RECORD CODE	RULING	SUBMITTER	NOTES
Ancient Murrelet	0210-ANMU-003-LAKE2018	ANPES	John Kendall	
Long-tailed Jaeger	0380-LTJA-033-LAKE2018	APE	John Kendall	
Long-tailed Jaeger	0380-LTJA-034-LAKE2018	APE	John Kendall	
Glaucous Gull	0420-GLGU-010-HAM12018	APE	Brad Bumgardner, Garrett McDonald	

Glaucous Gull	0420-GLGU-010-HAMI2019	APE	David Crouch, Ryan Sanderson	
Glaucous Gull	0420-GLGU-011-MONR2019	APE	Ryan Sanderson	
California Gull	0530-CAGU029-LAPO2018	APE	John Kendall	
Least Tern	0740-LETE-009-LAKE2018	APE	Ryan Sanderson	
Least Tern	0740-LETE-010-LAKE2018	APE	John Kendall	
Brown Booby	1150-BRBO-001-2019	APE	Lisa Burr, Aidan Sudbury	First state record
Neotropic Cormorant	1210-NECO-017-STJO2018	APE	Carol Goodall	
Neotropic Cormorant	1210-NECO-018-TIPP2018	APE	Tyler Steward	
Neotropic Cormorant	1210-NECO-019-MARI2018	APE	Nick Kiehl	
Neotropic Cormorant	1210-NECO-020-MARI2018	NI		
Brown Pelican	1260-BRPE-015-GIBS2019	ANPES	Amy Kearns	
Eurasian Wigeon	1360-EUWI-006-GIBS2018	APE	Amy Kearns	
Cinnamon Teal	1410-CITE-016-LAPO2018	APE	Bob Huguenard	
Fulvous Whistling-Duck	1780-FUWD-007-ALLE2018	ANPES	David Ward	
Roseate Spoonbill	1830-ROSP-002-MONR2019	APE	Robert Barber, Nick Kiehl, Ryan Sanderson	
Prairie Falcon	3450-PRFA-018-GREE2015	APE	John Mueller	
Gyr Falcon	3540-GYRF-010-SULL2018	APE	Steve Bell	
Western Kingbird	4470-WEKI-028-PORT2018	APE	John Kendall	
Great Kiskadee	4490-GKIS-001-NOBL2018	APE	Ken Brock, DeAnn Dyson, Amy Kearns, John Kendall, Ryan Sanderson	First state record
Common Raven	4860-CORA-003-PORT2019	ANPES	Kyle Wiktor	This is the first accepted record of Common Raven in Indiana since 1953.
Kirtland's Warbler	6700-KIWA-008-PORT2019	ANPES	Lynea Hynchman	



2nd state record Roseate Spoonbill in Monroe County. Photo by Ryan Sanderson on 10 June 2019.

