FIELD NOTES
FALL 2004

Bill Whan wrote in the Autumn 2004 Ohio Cardinal: “The world’s ten warmest years in recorded history have all occurred since 1990, with 2004 ranking fourth; this October ranked as the warmest ever. Inuit/inuit tribes living north of the Arctic Circle were puzzled this year by the appearance of insects they’d never seen; it turned out they were the vespid wasps we know familiarly as yellowjackets.” Strange weather patterns that began with the advent of the latest El Niño are continuing through this decade, bringing with them odd records of disoriented birds. Or are they perhaps the first wave of displaced species seeking suitable replacement habitat?

The season began with unusually cool and wet weather in the north, whereas the s.w. and w. portions of the state remained fairly warm with low-to-average precipitation. Cold fronts were few and far between, with no real fallout or good hawk flights. Waterfowl and songbird numbers throughout the state were frighteningly low. On a positive note, unprecedented numbers of Red-breasted Nuthatches, Pine Siskins, and Red Crossbills were noted rather early in the season in this non-flight year. Regular species observed more frequently than normal included Pied-billed Grebe, Northern Harrier, Bonaparte’s Gull, Common Nighthawk, Golden-crowned Kinglet, and Chipping Sparrow. The 2004 season was the best fall for Rough-legged Hawks in more than 10 years (Alan Bruner).

Indiana also hosted a number of rarities during the period, including Pacific Loon, Eared Grebe, Western Grebe, Northern Gannet, American White Pelican, Brown Pelican, Tricolored Heron, Swallow-tailed Kite, Piping Plover, Black-necked Stilt, American Avocet, Marbled Godwit, Little Gull, Black Skimmer, Snowy Owl, Rufous Hummingbird, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Varied Thrush, and Black-throated Gray Warbler. As the latter species has been observed recently in several Midwestern states, examination of every Black-and-white Warbler is recommended to increase the possibility that additional individuals of this western species will be discovered.


Localities appear in bold, county names appear in bold italics, and underlined species are those on the Indiana review list.

Abbreviations:
*doc = documentation submitted
*photo = photograph submitted
Boot L. = Boot Lake Nature Preserve in Elkhart
Chinook = Chinook Mine in Clay
Coutright = Coutright State Recreation Area just across the causeway on L. Monroe in Monroe
Eagle Cr. = Eagle Creek Park in Marion
Fairfax = Fairfax State Recreation Area on L. Monroe in Monroe
Flatwoods = Flatwoods Preserve off SR 46 in w. Monroe
Forysthe = Forsythe Park Wolf L. in Lake
Friendship = Friendship Rd. approx. 6 mi. e. of Bloomington just n. of Hoosier National Forest in Monroe
FWA = Fish & Wildlife Area
HammGeoLk&Wds = Hammond George L. & Woods in Lake
Hawthorn = Hawthorn Mines in Sullivan
HNF = Hoosier National Forest
IRBC = Indiana Rare Bird Committee
Little Africa = Little Africa Wildlife Viewing Area e. end of L. Lemon in Brown
MichCityHarb = Michigan City Harbor in LaPorte
NP = Nature Preserve
North Fork = North Fork Refuge where No. Fork Salt Ck. empties into L. Monroe in Monroe
Paynetown = Paynetown State Recreation Area on L. Monroe in Monroe
Pine Creek = Pine Creek Gamebird Habitat Area in Benton
Pine Grove = Pine Grove State Recreation Area on L. Monroe in Monroe
Stillwater = Stillwater Marsh in Monroe
SF = State Forest
SP = State Park
WakWWTrPlant = Wakarusa Waste Water Treatment in Elkhart
Willow Slough = Willow Slough Fish and Wildlife Area in Newton.

SPECIES ACCOUNTS
Greater White-fronted Goose Earliest report was of 8 at a pond on SR 67 0.8 mi. s. of Switz City in Greene 12 Nov (Michael Clarke, Bob Kissel, Lee Sterrenburg, Don Whitehead). High count was 20 off SR 67 s. of Switz City 30 Nov (Don Whitehead). Other reports were of 5 at the Brazil sewage lagoons in Clay 6 Nov (Alan Bruner), 8 at Hurststown Res. in Allen 7 Nov (Stockbridge Aud. Soc. field trip), and 8 off SR 67 s. of Switz City 12 Nov (Michael Clarke, Bob Kissel, Lee Sterrenburg, Don Whitehead).

Snow Goose Breaking the fall arrival date in n.e. Indiana by 5 days was 1 at Pigeon R. in Lagrange/Steuben 19 Sep (Jim Haw). High count was 40 incl. 6 blue-morph birds at Paynetown in Monroe 4 Nov (Don Whitehead).

Ross's Goose 1 white-morph adult was at the pond on SR 67 0.8 mi. s. of Switz City in Greene 6 Nov (Lee Sterrenburg *doc).

Cackling Goose 4 were at the Lebanon Business Park in Boone 13-14 Nov and 17 Nov (Lee Casebere, Roger Hedge *doc, Tom Hulvershorn, Dan Scheiman, Karl Werner). Roger Hedge noted that the Cacklings stayed together in a fairly tight group.

Canada Goose High counts of this urbanized Indiana resident included 340 at HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake 10 Nov (Carolyn Marsh), 258 at Dugger in Sullivan 12 Nov (Lee Sterrenburg), and 220 on L. Lemon primarily in Monroe, 22 Nov (Don Whitehead).

Mute Swan High counts included 30 in the L. Webster area in Kosciusko 18 Nov (Jim Haw, Sandy Schacht) and 13 at HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake 2 Oct (Carolyn Marsh). Interesting was a report of 1 adult present at County Line Marsh in Greene from at least 10 Jun through 13 Aug that built and frequently sat on what appeared to be a nest. However, no second swan ever materialized (Lee Sterrenburg).

Trumpeter Swan Neck bands on 2 birds in Allen 29 Nov (Ed Powers) and 30 Nov (Jim Haw, Doug Rood) indicated they had been released in Wisconsin.

Tundra Swan Earliest report was of 3 at Miller Beach in Lake 3 Nov (Michael Topp). High count was 55 at MichCtyHarb in LaPorte 28 Nov (Ken Brock, Brendan Grube, Pete Grube, Jeff McCoy). Other reports included 1 at MichCtyHarb in LaPorte 6 Nov (Barny Dunning, Sycamore Aud. Soc. field trip), 7 at Hurststown Res. in Allen 7 Nov (Stockbridge Aud. Soc. field trip) with 2 still present the next day (Jim Haw), and 2 adults at Browning Wetland in Boone 12 Nov (Roger Hedge *doc, Steve Housefield).

Ducks Ken Brock’s description of the season’s duck flight as dismal was echoed widely. Brock noted disturbingly low counts of Canvasback, Common Merganser, and Hooded Merganser, with the strongest flights (using the term loosely) by Green-winged Teal and Wood Duck. Most species were not seen at all on most days afield, although Stillwater in Monroe in November must have been alive with ducks.

Dabbling duck sp. The 5000 seen at Paynetown in Monroe 4 Nov (Don Whitehead) included more individuals than in all other reports combined.

Wood Duck High counts included 100 at Willow Slough in Newton 21 Sep and 27 Sep (Jed Hertz) and 125 at Stillwater in Monroe 19 Nov (Don Whitehead).

Gadwall Earliest report was of 2 at HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake 28 Aug (Carolyn Marsh). Alan Bruner had the two high counts, both at the Brazil sewage lagoons in Clay, with 196 on 6 Nov and 170 on 25 Nov. Noteworthy were 22 at Pine Grove in Monroe 22 Oct (Don Whitehead), 70 at Stillwater in Monroe 1 Nov (Frank Prosser), 120 at Stillwater 18 Nov (Frank Prosser, Don Whitehead), 65 at Pigeon R. in Lagrange/Steuben 23 Nov (Jim Haw, Sandy Schacht), and 80 at Stillwater 29 Nov (Don Whitehead).

American Wigeon Earliest report was of 1 at HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake 8 Sep (Carolyn Marsh). Jed Hertz found 2 at Willow Slough in Newton 27 Sep, one month ahead of his early date for that area. High counts included 21 at HammGeoLk&Wds 3 Oct (Carolyn Marsh) and 60 at the Brazil sewage lagoons in Clay 25 Nov (Alan Bruner).

American Black Duck Earliest reports were of 2 at HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake 3 Sep (Carolyn Marsh) and 1 at the WakWWTrPlant in Elkhart 4 Sep (Dan Stoltzfus, South Bend/Elkhart Audubon Soc. field trip). High count was 60 at Stillwater in Monroe 18 Nov (Don Whitehead).

Mallard Reported statewide in high numbers, feral birds no doubt accounting for a high percentage of the totals. High counts included 200 L. Lemon in Brown 10 Oct (Michael Clarke, Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Lee Sterrenburg, Don Whitehead) and 240 at Stillwater in Monroe 29 Nov (Don Whitehead).

Blue-winged Teal High counts included 26 at Willow Slough in Newton 27 Aug (Jed Hertz), 46 at Miller Beach in Lake 31 Aug (Jed Hertz), and 100 at Fairfax in Monroe 17 Oct (Ken Burton, Michael Clarke). Latest report was of 12 at the WakWWTrPlant in Elkhart 8 Oct (Dan Stoltzfus).

Northern Shoveler High counts were all at the WakWWTrPlant in Elkhart with 41 on 11 Oct (Dan Stoltzfus, Ruth Mallory), 32 on 18 Oct (Dan Stoltzfus), 54 on 21 Oct (Dan Stoltzfus), 41 on 3 Nov (Dan Stoltzfus, Drew Weber), and 22 on 24 Nov (Dan Stoltzfus). Latest report was of 5 on L. Lemon in Brown 30 Nov (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld).

Northern Pintail Very low numbers reported, mostly individuals at the WakWWTrPlant in Elkhart. Earliest report was of 2 on Tannanbaum L. in Parke 30 Aug (Alan Bruner). High counts failed to reach double digits: 9 at the WakWWTrPlant 13 Sep (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus) and 8 at Miller Beach in Lake 4 Oct (Jed Hertz).

Green-winged Teal Fairly widespread; greatest numbers reported from n.w. Indiana. Earliest report was of 1 at the WakWWTrPlant in Elkhart 2 Aug (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus); the next report was more than two weeks later, 2 at Kankakee Sands in Newton 18 Aug (Jed Hertz). High counts included 100 at Willow Slough in Newton 27 Sep (Jed Hertz), 210 at Stillwater in Monroe 18 Nov (Don Whitehead), and 150 at Stillwater 29 Nov (Don Whitehead).
Canvasback  Two reports, with a maximum of 9 individuals reported for the period: 1 at MichCtyHarb in LaPorte 17 Oct (Jeff McCoy), 2 males at Dunes SP in Porter 26 Oct (Ken Brock), 1 at Miller Beach in Lake 7 Nov (Jeff McCoy) and 2 there 26 Nov (Michael Topp), and 3 on L. Wawasee in Kosciusko 18 Nov (Jim Haw, Sandy Schacht).

Redhead  Sparsely and spottily distributed, with 4 reports: 3 at HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake 3 Oct (Carolyn Marsh), 1 at Paynetown in Monroe 5 Nov (Don Whitehead), 26 at L. Papakeechee in Kosciusko 18 Nov (Jim Haw, Sandy Schacht), and 6 at Riddle Point Park (L. Lemon) in Monroe 28 Nov (Don Whitehead).

Ring-necked Duck  Relatively common and widespread during the period. Earliest report was 1 female on L. Lemon 4 Oct (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld). High counts included 60 at Stillwater in Monroe 30 Oct (Greg Hess, Frank Prosser) and 270 at Stillwater 5 Nov (Don Whitehead). Six at Lieber in Putnam 11 Nov (Dan Stoltzfus), 500+ at the Brazil sewage lagoons in Clay 25 Nov (Alan Bruner), 140 at Stillwater 29 Nov (Don Whitehead), and 44 at Lieber NP 29 Nov (Dan Stoltzfus).

Greater Scaup  Very few reports, a maximum of 9 individuals reported for the period. Earliest report was of 3 at Miller Beach in Lake 4 Oct (Jed Hertz). All other reports were in Nov: 2 at Riddle Point Park (L. Lemon) in Monroe 5 Nov (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), 4 on L. Lemon in Monroe 15 Nov (Don Whitehead), 1 on L. Lemon in Brown 29 Nov (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), and 2 at Stillwater in Monroe 29 Nov (Don Whitehead).

Lesser Scaup  Relatively low numbers with highest concentrations on L. Monroe in Brown/Monroe. Earliest report was of 1 at HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake 17 Oct (Carolyn Marsh). All other reports were in Nov, with high counts at Paynetown in Monroe of 200 on 25 Nov, 50 on 3 Nov, and 76 on 4 Nov (Don Whitehead).

Scaup sp.  500 at Paynetown in Monroe 25 Nov (Don Whitehead)

Surf Scoter  Three reports, a maximum of 5 individuals reported for the period, all in Nov: 1 adult male at Summit Lake SP in Henry 21 Nov (Don Gorney, m.ob.), 2 on Adams L. in Lagrange 11 Nov (Jim Haw, Casey Ryan, Sandy Schacht), and 2 juv at Riddle Point Park (L. Lemon) in Monroe 26-29 Nov (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, John Lawrence, Don Whitehead).

White-winged Scoter  Ken Brock noted that this sea duck executed the weakest flight of the scoters, with a mere 31 counted in the Dunes area. The only sighting away from L. Michigan was 1 female at the Brazil sewage lagoons in Clay 6 Nov (Alan Bruner).

Black Scoter  Two reports, a maximum of 3 individuals reported for the period: 2 imm or females on L. Waveland in Montgomery 27 Oct (Alan Bruner) and 1 female or juv at Paynetown in Monroe 14 Nov (Don Whitehead).

Long-tailed Duck  1 at Paynetown in Monroe 16 Nov (Don Whitehead).

Bufflehead  Earliest report was of 1 at the WakWWTrPlant in Elkhart 1 Oct (Dan Stoltzfus). High counts were all at L. Lemon primarily in Monroe with numbers increasing toward the end of the period: 15 on 5 Nov (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), 32 on 23 Nov (Don Whitehead), and high count of 43 on 29 Nov (Don Whitehead).

Common Goldeneye  A single report of 3 in Steuben 11 Nov (Jim Haw, Casey Ryan, Sandy Schacht).

Hooded Merganser  Ken Brock noted that only 40 were reported from the Dunes area. Earliest report was 26 Oct at Eagle Cr. in Marion (Larry Peavler), with high counts of 17 at Stillwater in Monroe 8 Nov (Don Whitehead), 16 in s.e. Elkhart 12 Nov (Dan Stoltzfus), 23 at Riddle Point Park (L. Lemon) in Monroe 15 Nov (Don Whitehead, Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), and 32 at HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake 29 Nov (Carolyn Marsh).

Common Merganser  1 at HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake 29 Nov (Carolyn Marsh).

Red-breasted Merganser  A very early individual was reported at the WakWWTrPlant in Elkhart 4 Sep (Dan Stoltzfus, South Bend/Elkhart Audubon Soc. field trip). Possibly the same individual was there 3 Nov (Dan Stoltzfus, Drew Weber). Other reports included 9 at Hursttown Res. in Allen 8 Nov (Jim Haw), and at Riddle Point Park (L. Lemon) in Monroe were 2 on 13 Nov and (the high count) 35 on 23 Nov (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld).

Ruddy Duck  Earliest report was 29 Sep at Eagle Cr. in Marion (Larry Peavler). High counts included 49 on Hursttown Res. in Allen 24 Oct (Stockbridge Aud. Soc. field trip), 50 on L. Gage in Steuben 4 Nov (Jim Haw), 33 at Riddle Point Park (L. Lemon) on 5 Nov (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), 45 at the Brazil sewage lagoons in Clay 25 Nov (Alan Bruner), and 41 at Riddle Point Park (L. Lemon) in Monroe on 28 Nov (Don Whitehead). All other counts were single-digit.

Ring-necked Pheasant  All sightings were restricted to Newton. High counts included 9 at Kankakee Sands 11 Oct and 4 at Willow Slough 21 Sep (Jed Hertz).

Ruffed Grouse  John Castrale reported 1 bird found dead at Wiley Park, Bedford, in Lawrence 21 Sep (specimen).

Wild Turkey  With the exception of reports of singles at Willow Slough in Newton, all reports were from the southern third of the state. High counts included 12 (a family group consisting 2 adults and 10 half-grown juvs) on Lamkins Ridge Rd. in Monroe 12 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg), 23 at North Fork in Monroe 16 Aug (Michael Clarke, Don Whitehead), 16 in Unionville in Brown 8 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), 17 on Tower Ridge Rd. in s. Monroe 17 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg), and 14 at the n. end of Chinoek in Clay 27 Nov (Lee Sterrenburg).

Northern Bobwhite  Four reports of this threatened species: 2 at Flatwoods in Monroe 3 Aug (Scott Evans), 3 in Newton 10 Sep (Jed Hertz), and 1 at Kankakee Sands in Newton 3 Nov (Jed Hertz). High count was 28 at Beehunter in Greene 17 Sep (Frank Prosser, Don Whitehead).

Loons & grebes  With the major exception of Common Loon, it was a superb season for loons and grebes (Ken Brock).
Red-throated Loon Some 56 birds were reported for the season (Jim Haw). High count was 11 at two L. Michigan sites on 7 Nov (Ken Brock, John Cassidy). Other reports included 1 at Fairfax in Monroe 23 Nov (Michael Clarke) and 1 at Paynetown in Monroe 25 Nov (same bird?) (Don Whitehead).

Pacific Loon It was a banner year for this species. The season’s remarkable records constitute the first fall Dunes-area reports since 1997 and the first autumn ever in which more than one Pacific Loon was reported (Ken Brock). All reports involved lone birds: 1 flying past Miller Beach in Lake 7 Nov with two Common Loons (Jeff McCoy), 1 adult at MichCtyHarb in LaPorte 9 Nov (Ken Brock), 1 about 150 yards off Beverly Shores in Porter 16 Nov (Nila Grube, Pete Grube), 1 with a chinstrap off Beverly Shores 26 Nov (Jeff McCoy, Larry Peavler, Andy Sigler), and 1 juv lacking a chinstrap off Beverly Shores 30 Nov (Michael Topp *photo).

Common Loon Ken Brock noted that a paltry 446 Common Loons were reported on the lakefront this fall and that last year 2608 were logged, adding that this year’s showing marks the lakefront’s lowest fall total since 1990, when observer effort was far below today’s standards, and that this year lacked a single triple-digit daily count. High count for the period on the L. Michigan lakefront was 77 on 25 Nov (Brendan Grube, Jeff McCoy et al.). Away from the lakefront, high counts included 78 at Paynetown in Monroe 9 Nov (Michael Clarke, Don Whitehead), 82 on L. Lemon primarily in Monroe 22 Nov (Don Whitehead), 168 at Fairfax in Monroe 23 Nov (Michael Clarke), and 226 at Paynetown 26 Nov (Lee Sterrenburg). Larry Peavler observed an individual at Eagle Cr. in Marion during the entire reporting period, and a basic-plumaged individual at Fairfax 21 Aug-3 Sep probably was the same bird that had summered there (Michael Clarke, Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Don Whitehead et al.).

Pied-billed Grebe High counts included 40+ at L. Waveland in Montgomery 23 Oct (Alan Bruner, Wabash Valley Aud. Soc. field trip), and on L. Lemon primarily in Monroe 32 on 3 Nov (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld) and 28 on 22 Nov (Don Whitehead). Jim Haw reported that on 14 Aug at a pond near Orland in Steuben he and Sandy Schacht watched an adult feed a juv a large frog, which the juv swallowed whole with some difficulty. Commented Haw, “I didn’t know a Pied-billed Grebe could eat something that large.”

Horned Grebe A banner year for this species along the lakefront, with a total of 345 on 25 Nov (Brendan Grube, Jeff McCoy et al.), the fourth largest tally ever for the lakefront (Ken Brock). Earliest reports were both on 31 Oct with 1 at HammGeol&Wds in Lake (Carolyn Marsh) and 5 at L. Lemon primarily in Monroe (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld). High counts included 12 at Paynetown in Monroe 5 Nov and 57 on L. Lemon primarily in Monroe 26-28 Nov (Don Whitehead).

Red-necked Grebe All seen on 7 Nov were 2 at Miller Beach in Lake (Ken Brock, John Cassidy, Jeff McCoy et al.) and 1 at Paynetown in Monroe (Don Whitehead).

Eared Grebe Four reports, three of them likely of the same bird, judging by plumage (Jim Haw): on Hursttown Res. in Allen: 24 Oct (Stockbridge Aud. Soc. field trip), 7 Nov (Stockbridge Aud. Soc. field trip), and 8 Nov (Jim Haw); and 1 in open water off Miller Beach in Lake 28 Nov (John Cassady, Ed Hopkins). Ken Brock noted that although this species occasionally appears in lakefront harbors and yacht basins, it almost never is observed in open water.

Western Grebe Reported from two disjunct locations: 1 off the Miller Beach picnic shelter in Lake the morning of 6 Nov, the first lakefront record since 2002 (Nila Grube, Pete Grube, Jeff McCoy, Michael Topp); 1 on L. Lemon primarily in Monroe 13 Nov (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Bob Kissel *photo, Don Whitehead); 1 off the Miller Beach picnic shelter 25 Nov that showed some characteristics of Clark’s Grebe (Brendan Grube, Pete Grube, Jeff McCoy, Andy Sigler); and 1 off Beverly Shores in Porter 28 Nov (Pete Grube; also seen by John Cassidy, Brendan Grube, and Jeff McCoy). Pete Grube studied the bird at very close range and thought that it might have been the same bird seen at Miller Beach on 25 Nov (Ken Brock).

Northern Gannet Ken Brock observed 1 juv flying east about 50 yards offshore past Marquette Park (Miller Beach in Lake) on balmy, windless 26 Oct for Indiana’s first October record.

American White Pelican One report per month: 3 at Potato Creek SP in St. Joseph 31 Aug (Tom Stankus); 1 at Forsythe Park/Wolf L. in Lake in high N winds 8 Sep (Ed Smutniak); and 8 flying over LaPorte at dusk on 10 Oct (Jeff McCoy).

Brown Pelican Almost certainly the same very confused imm was found on the outer breakwater at MichCtyHarb in LaPorte 6 Sep (Brendan Grube) and then at Miller Beach in Lake 7 Sep (Ken Brock, Jeff McCoy, Michael Topp), 12 Sep (John Cassady), 30 Sep (Andy Sigler), and 6 Oct and 11 Oct (Michael Topp).

Double-crested Cormorant High counts included 100+ at the Hammond Bird Sanctuary in Lake on 28 Aug and 600+ there on 3 Oct (Carolyn Marsh), 50 on Gibson L. in Gibson 19 Oct (John Castrale), 275 on L. Lemon primarily in Monroe 26-27 Oct (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Don Whitehead), and 70 on L. Waveland in Montgomery 27 Oct (Alan Bruner).

Bitterns, herons & egrets Ken Brock noted that it was the best season for this group since 1996, except for the absence of Cattle Egret for the fourth consecutive fall.

American Bittern Six reports: 1 at the pond on Light St. at Chinook in Vigo 8 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg) and 1 at Kankakee Sands in Newton the same day (Lee Sterrenburg); 1 at Willow Slough in Newton 29 Aug (Jed Hertz); 2 at Willow Slough 30 Aug (Jed Hertz *photo); 1 at MichCtyHarb in LaPorte 25 Sep (Jeff McCoy), which was only the second autumn record in the last eight years (Ken Brock); and 1 at Kankakee Sands 9 Oct (Jed Hertz).

Least Bittern Two reports, both from North Fork in Monroe, possibly the same individual 14 Aug (Jim Hengeveld, Chris Wood) and 27 Aug (Don Whitehead).

Great Blue Heron No reports were submitted for Indiana’s largest rookery, in Johnson, but double-digit numbers were reported at three sites. At Willow Slough in Newton Jed Hertz had 14 on 10 Sep, 20 on 13 Sep, 15 on 17 Sep, 15 on 21 Sep, and 13 on 27 Sep. Carolyn Marsh had 15 at HammGeol&Wds in Lake 9 Sep. A consistent count of 11
was made at Pine Grove in Monroe on 24 Aug (Ken Burton, Don Whitehead), 11 Oct and 22 Oct (Don Whitehead).

**Great Egret** 10 were reported at Willow Slough in Newton 27 and 29 Aug (Jed Hertz), 50 at Clinton in Vermillion 6 Sep (Alan Bruner, Steve Kuntz, Eugene Muench), 23 at HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake 14 Sep (Carolyn Marsh), and 13 at Crooked Cr. area of L. Monroe s. of Belmont in Brown 28 Sep (Michael Clarke). Latest report was 1 on 5 Nov at Eagle Cr. in Marion (Larry Peavler).

**Snowy Egret** Two reports. One of the summer birds at the Chase Street wetland in Lake remained until 21 Aug (John Cassidy et al.), establishing the first autumn record for the Dunes area since 1997 (Ken Brock), and 1 imm was seen at Fairfax in Monroe 21-23 Aug (Michael Clarke, Dan Leach).

**Little Blue Heron** 1 was at the WawWTrPlant Elkhart 4 Aug (Ruth Clouse, Kathy Marquee, Dan Stoltzfus), 1-2 individuals at HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake 3-14 Sep (Carolyn Marsh), 1 imm at Chinook in Clay 6 Sep (Alan Bruner, Steve Kuntz, Eugene Muench), and 1 imm at the Chase Street wetland in Lake 4 Sep (Susan Bagby, Ken Brock, John Cassidy, Darel Heitkamp, Lynnea Hinchman, Randy Pals), the second September record for the Dunes area in the last seven years (Ken Brock).

**Tricolored Heron** Highly unusual was 1 imm at George L. in Lake 12 Sep (Alan Bruner, Carolyn Marsh).

**Cattle Egret** Not reported in the Dunes area for the fourth consecutive autumn (Ken Brock).

**Green Heron** High counts included 5 at Lingle Rd. near Paragon in s.w. Morgan 6 Aug (Scott Evans), 6 at Willow Slough in Newton 27 Aug (Jed Hertz), 4 at North Fork in Monroe 29 Aug (Don Whitehead), 8 at Willow Slough 30 Aug (Jed Hertz), and 6 at HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake 4 Sep (Carolyn Marsh). Latest report was a lone bird at Potato Creek SP in St. Joseph 11 Oct (Marge & Vic Riemenschneider).

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** At Willow Slough in Newton were 1 subadult and 1 imm 10 Sep (Alan Bruner), 1 adult and 1 imm 21 Sep (Jed Hertz), and 6 incl. at least 2 juv 27 Sep (Jed Hertz).

**Black Vulture** Jim Hengeveld noted that this species is obviously increasing dramatically. All reports were of single-digit numbers except for 12 at the L. Monroe dam in Monroe 12 Sep (Dan Leach, Dan Kaiser), about 10 s.e. of Mitchell in Lawrence 16 Sep (John Castrale), and 17 n. of Spring Mill SP in Lawrence 2 Nov (John Castrale).

**Turkey Vulture** High counts included 50 at the L. Monroe dam in Monroe 12 Sep (Dan Leach, Dan Kaiser), 50 at Cutright 18 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), 102 along SR 446 in Monroe 13 Nov (Don Whitehead), 90 at Paynetown in Monroe 25 Nov (Don Whitehead), and 120 at Paynetown/Cutright in Monroe 27 Nov (Don Whitehead). Latest report was 1 imm. photographed at Kankakee Sands in Newton 12 Nov (Jed Hertz *photo).
(Lee Sterrenburg). High counts included 16 over the e. end of L. Lemon in Brown 25 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Lee Sterrenburg), 6 at Eagle Cr. in Marion 26 Sep (Bill Murphy, April Sterling), 5 from the lookout tower in s. Monroe 29 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg), and 19 over the e. end of L. Lemon in Brown 10 Oct (Michael Clarke, Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Lee Sterrenburg, Don Whitehead).

Cooper’s Hawk 
Reported in small numbers throughout the period from around the state, especially from urban and suburban areas. Miles Zevin surmised that it had become the most common urban raptor in Indianapolis [in Marion]. High counts included 4 (2 adults 2 juv) at North Fork and Stillwater in Monroe 5 Aug (Don Whitehead, Lee Sterrenburg), 5 at the lookout tower in s. Monroe 17 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg), 4 at Eagle Cr. in Marion 26 Sep (Bill Murphy, April Sterling), 6 over the e. end of L. Lemon in Brown 25 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Lee Sterrenburg), and 7 there 10 Oct (Michael Clarke, Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Lee Sterrenburg, Don Whitehead).

Northern Goshawk 
Definitely noteworthy was 1 imm at Ft. Harrison SP in Marion 31 Oct (Nancy Baney, Don Gorney, Sue Gregg, Mike Mulcahy, Jan Schmidt et al.).

Red-shouldered Hawk 
Groups of 3-4 birds, probably family groups, were reported from several locations: 3 (1 adult 2 juv) flying near the Hickory Ridge fire tower in the HNF in Monroe 5 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg); 3 over the e. end of L. Lemon in Brown 18 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), 4 there 25 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), and 3 there 3 Oct (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld). Latest sighting was 1 at Beehunter Marsh in Greene 6 Nov (Lee Sterrenburg).

Broad-winged Hawk 
Thinly reported with three double-digit counts: 14 at the lookout tower in s. Monroe 17 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg), 10 at Eagle Cr. in Marion 26 Sep (Bill Murphy, April Sterling), and 10 at North Fork in Monroe 21 Sep (Michael Clarke). Latest reports were 1 at Meron in Sullivan 16 Oct (Alan Bruner, Steve Kuntz, Eugene Muench) and 1 imm over Indianapolis in Marion 24 Oct (Miles Zevin).

Red-tailed Hawk 
High count in the north was 6 at Willow Slough in Newton 8 Nov (Jed Hertz). High counts elsewhere included 12 at Hawthorn in Sullivan 29 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg), 20 at Chinook in Clay 6 Sep (Alan Bruner, Steve Kuntz, Eugene Muench), 20 in Greene/Sullivan 29 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg), 21 in Greene/Sullivan 7 Nov (Jason Arenstein, Mike Clarke, Bob Kissel, Lee Sterrenburg, Don Whitehead), 18 over the e. end of L. Lemon in Brown 10 Oct (Michael Clarke, Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Lee Sterrenburg, Don Whitehead), and 28 there 24 Oct (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld).

Rough-legged Hawk 
The consensus was that this was the best fall in years for this species. Hotspots were Kankakee Sands/Willow Slough in Newton and the strip mines in the s.w. part of the state. Alan Bruner found the first bird, 1 imm light morph somewhat early on 19 Oct in Brown’s Valley in Montgomery. High counts in Greene/Sullivan included 11 on 6 Nov (Jason Arenstein, Lee Sterrenburg), 11 on 12 Nov (Mike Clarke, Bob Kissel, Don Whitehead, Lee Sterrenburg), and 23 on 13 Nov (Scott Evans, Kim Mann, Nigel Mann, Lee Sterrenburg).

Golden Eagle 
A second-year male in Whitley on 14 Oct was the earliest record for n.e. Indiana by 4 days. It was struck by a car and taken to a raptor rehabilitator, where it remains as of April 2005 (John Winebrenner). Other reports included 1 imm in Allen 7 Nov (Jim Seely, Galen Yordy), 1 in possibly fourth-year basic plumage over the e. end of L. Lemon in Brown 13 Nov (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), and 1 imm in Wabash 14 Nov (Galen Yordy).

American Kestrel 
One of the earliest migrating raptors, reports included 13 at the US Steel breakwater at Miller Beach in Lake 8 Aug (Brendan Grube, Lee Sterrenburg), 7 at Hawthorn in Sullivan 13 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg), 16 at Miller Beach in Lake 14 Aug (John Cassady et al.) that set a record fall tally for the Dunes area, and 9 in Greene/Sullivan 29 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg).

Merlin 
Reported sparsely throughout the season with no peak noted. Earliest report was of 1 over Bloomington in Monroe 13 Aug (Don Whitehead). Peak count was 3 over Brown/Monroe 10 Oct (Lee Sterrenburg). Six were reported on the L. Michigan lakefront, 5 in Oct and 1 in Nov (Ken Brock).

Peregrine Falcon 
Singles reported statewide throughout the period from Beehunter Marsh in Greene. (Lee Sterrenburg), a pair near a nest site at BP Amoco in Whiting in Lake (John Castrale), Eagle Cr. in Marion (Scott Evans, Kim Mann, Nigel Mann, Bill Murphy, Larry Peavler, April Sterling), East Chicago in Lake (Skip Ghering, Carolyn Marsh), HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake (Carolyn Marsh), Indianapolis in Marion (John Castrale, Miles Zevin), Hickory Ridge fire tower in Monroe. (Lee Sterrenburg), Kankakee Sands in Newton (Jed Hertz), the lookout tower in s. Monroe (Michael Clarke, Lee Sterrenburg), Miller Beach in Lake (Jed Hertz, Jeff McCoy), Paynetown in Monroe (Don Whitehead), Pine Grove in Monroe (Don Whitehead), US Steel breakwater at Miller Beach (Brendan Grube, Lee Sterrenburg), and the WakWWTrollPlant in Elkhart (Dan Stoltzfus).

Virginia Rail 
Two reports, both of lone birds at North Fork in Monroe 1 Aug (may have nested) (Don Whitehead) and 19 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg, Don Whitehead).

Sora 
Five reports: 2 at Willow Slough in Newton 30 Aug (Jed Hertz); 1 juv at the Lebanon Business Park in Boone 17 Aug (Roger Hedge), 22 Aug (Cloyce Hedge) and 1 Sep (Roger Hedge); 1 at Lower Woodall Rd. in n.w. Monroe 28 Sep (Michael Clarke); and 1 at Fairfax in Monroe 14-17 Oct (Ken Burton, Michael Clarke).

Common Moorhen 
1 adult and 3 juv at Pigeon R. in Lagrange/Stevens 5 Aug furnished the only nesting evidence in n. Indiana (Jim Haw, Frannie Headings, Sandy Schacht). 1 near Orland in Stevens 5 Aug was at a traditional nesting location, but no nesting evidence was seen; 2 adults and 5 juv at Chinook in Vigo 8 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg); 1 at Beverly Shores in Porter 12 Aug (Jeff McCoy); 1 adult 4 juv at Chinook in Vigo 3 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg); 5 at Chinook n. and s. of I-70 in Clay/Sullivan 4 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg); 1 adult and 3 juv at Chinook in Clay 6 Sep (Alan Bruner, Steve Kuntz, Eugene Muench); 1 juv at Pine Creek in Benton 24 Sep (Don Gorney, Mike Mulcahy); Willow Slough in Newton (all reports Jed Hertz) were 2 juv 27 Aug, 1 adult and 1 juv 29 Aug, 1 on 30 Aug, 1 adult and 1 juv 10 Sep, 1 juv 13 Sep, 1 adult and 1 juv 17 Sep, and 1 juv 21 Sep.
American Coot 1 at Fairfax in Monroe from Aug-2 Sep probably summered there (Michael Clarke, Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Don Whitehead). Numbers at Willow Slough in Newton built up from 3 on 29 Aug to 500 by 8 Nov (Jed Hertz). Other high counts included 550 at HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake 3 Oct (Carolyn Marsh), 110 at the e. end of L. Lemon in Brown 10 Oct (Michael Clarke, Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Lee Sterrenburg, Don Whitehead), 250 at Paynetown in Monroe 1 Nov (Don Whitehead), 500 on L. Lemon primarily in Monroe 5 Nov (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), and 200 there 22 Nov (Don Whitehead).

Sandhill Crane No reports were received of the tens of thousands that staged as usual in November at Jasper-Pulaski FWA. Elsewhere small flocks were reported throughout Indiana except in the eastern third of the state. High counts included 25 at Boot L. in Elkhart 6 Oct (John Cassady, Ruth Mallory), 225 at Pigeon R. in Lagrange/Steuben 26 Oct (Jim Haw); 65 at Boot L. 28 Oct (Dan Stoltzfus); 150 at the e. end of L. Lemon in Brown 7 Nov (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld); 100 over Bloomington in Monroe 8 Nov (Dawn Hewitt); 2000 at SR 446 in Monroe 9 Nov (Jim Brown); 75 s. of Spring Mill SP in Lawrence 8 Nov at 3:45 p.m. and 175 on the e. side of Spring Mill SP at 4:15 p.m. (John Castrale); ca. 25 over Indianapolis in Marion 20 Nov (Miles Zevin); 155 over Lamplkins Ridge Rd. in Monroe 25 Nov (Lee Sterrenburg); and 1700 over Unionville in Brown 28 Nov (Jean Furlong). On 5 Nov James Cole observed a flock of 52 cranes flying south over Cool Creek Nature Center in Hamilton that were spotted 5 min. later by Bill Murphy as they flew over Lawrence in Marion and spotted 14 min. later by Janet Creamer as they flew over Southeastway Park in Marion, a total tracked distance of about 15 air miles.

Shorebirds Ken Brock wrote, “A pleasant surprise for autumn shorebird watchers was the unexpected lowering of water in the north basin at George L. [in Lake], which exposed an enormous mudflat. The last time this occurred was 20 years ago. For a brief period excellent habitat also occurred at the Chase Street wetland in Gary [in Lake]. This year 31 shorebird species were recorded in the Dunes area… the poorest lakefront showing since 2000…. White-rumped Sandpiper and Wilson’s Phalarope both made strong showings.”

Black-bellied Plover Earliest report was of 2 at Grand Kankakee Marsh 10 Aug (Josh Christian, Jim Haw, Sandy Schacht). High counts included 20 at HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake 14 Oct (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus).

American Golden-Plover Surprisingly few reports were received of this common fall migrant, the earliest of which were from the Red Hen Turf Farm in St. Joseph, where Chuck Gooding had 1 on 28 Aug and Marge and Vic Riemenschneider had 12 on 29 Aug. Other reports included 8 at HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake 29 Aug (Alan Bruner, Carolyn Marsh), 5 at the WakWWTrPlant in Elkhart 1 Oct (Dan Stoltzfus), 6 at George L. 12 Sep (Alan Bruner, Carolyn Marsh), 1 at the Engle Rd. wetland in Allen 14 Sep (Jim Haw, Doug Rood, Marisa Windell), and 1 at the WakWWTrPlant in Elkhart 23 Sep (Dan Stoltzfus). Latest report was 1 at HammGeoLk&Wds 11 Oct (Carolyn Marsh).


Piping Plover Three individuals of this endangered species were reported: 2 banded juv on Miller Beach in Lake 3 Aug (Brendan Grube) and 1 unbanded juv (fourth latest ever) there 25 Sep (Jim Zervos) and 26 Sep (Jeff McCoy *photo).

Killdeer Widely reported, with high counts of 170 at Hawthorn in Sullivan/Vigo 5 Aug (Scott Evans, Dawn Hewitt, John Lawrence, Lee Sterrenburg), 100 (Jim Spier) and 500 (Marge Riemenschneider, Vic Riemenschneider) at Red Hen Turf Farm in St. Joseph 29 Aug, and 224 at Eagle Cr. in Marion 19 Nov (Lou Anne Barriger, Larry Peavler).

Black-necked Stilt Unexpected were 2 juv at the Goose Pond lowland area in Greene 13 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg; *photos provided the first physical documentation of juv Black-necked Stilts in Indiana) and 1 discovered by Ed Hopkins at Pine Creek in Benton 23 Sep and corroborated 24 Sep (Brad Bumgardner, Barny Dunning, Don Gorney *photo, Mike Mulcahy).

American Avocet Ken Brock noted that this was the poorest lakefront flight in six years. 1 seen by m.ob. at Miller Beach in Lake 20 Aug (Brendan Grube) and 1 at Engle Rd. wetland in Allen the same day (Steve Eklad, Jim Haw, Jeff Moore, Roger Rang, Dave Reichlinger).

Greater Yellowlegs Earliest reports were 3 at the WakWWTrPlant in Elkhart 25 Aug (Dan Stoltzfus). High counts included 4 at Moore's Creek on w. side of L. Monroe in Monroe (Michael Clarke) and 8 at Fawn R. Fish Hatchery in Steuben (Jim Haw et al.), both 26 Oct, and 4 at Beehunter Marsh in Greene 13 Nov (Scott Evans, Kim Mann, Nigel Mann, Lee Sterrenburg).

Lesser Yellowlegs Recorded in good numbers, beginning with 52 at the WakWWTrPlant in Elkhart 2 Aug (John Cassidy, Dan Stoltzfus). High counts included 12 at Red Hen Turf Farm in St. Joseph 29 Aug (Marge Riemenschneider, Vic Riemenschneider), 13 at North Fork in Monroe 11 Sep (Michael Clarke, Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), 31 at North Fork 12 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg, Don Whitehead), and 13 there 29 Sep (Ken Burton, Scott Evans). The latest report was 1 at Kankakee Sands in Newton 27 Oct (Jed Hertz).

Solitary Sandpiper An early migrant, 1 was at Fairfax in Monroe 1 Aug (John Lawrence). High count was 8 at the WakWWTrPlant in Elkhart the next day (John Cassidy, Dan Stoltzfus). Latest report was 1 at Willow Slough in Newton 27 Sep (Jed Hertz).

Willet The earliest and the high count were 16 at Miller Beach in Lake and 28 at MichCtyHarb in LaPorte 9 Aug (Brendan Grube), followed by 4 at MichCtyHarb 19 Aug (Jim Haw, Framie Headings, Sandy Schacht) and 20 Aug (Brendan Grube, Roger Hedge) and 1 at Marquette Park in Lake 11 Sep (Alan Bruner).

Spotted Sandpiper Migration began before the beginning of the period and continued in relatively small numbers until 1 Oct with 1 at the WakWWTrPlant in Elkhart (Dan
Stoltzfus). High counts, all at the **WakWWTrPlant**, included 14 on 2 Aug (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus), 20 on 14 Aug (Dan Stoltzfus), 6 on 21 Aug (Howard Kaufman, Merlin Miller, Perry Miller, Dan Stoltzfus), 7 on 25 Aug (Dan Stoltzfus), and 6 on 13 Sep (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus).

**Whimbrel** All reports were from the lakefront. Birders at **Miller Beach in Lake** found 3 on 3 Aug (Jeff McCoy), 1 on 17 Aug (Ken Brock), 1 on 21 Aug (John Cassady), 1 on 26 Aug (Jeff McCoy), 4 on 28 Aug (Pete Grube), and 2 on 30 Aug (Jeff McCoy). Birders at **MichCtyHarb in LaPorte** found 1 on 3 Aug (Brendan Grube) and 1 on 20 Aug (Brendan Grube, Roger Hedge).

**Marbled Godwit** 3 at **MichCtyHarb in LaPorte** 25 Aug (Brendan Grube) and 1 flyby at **Miller Beach in Lake** 1 Sep (Michael Topp).

**Ruddy Turnstone** 2 at **HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake** 9 Sep (Carolyn Marsh), and 28 – the largest fall tally in 10 years – on the outer breakwall at **MichCtyHarb in LaPorte** 9 Aug (Brendan Grube).

**Red Knot** Ken Brock noted that the best fall flight in a decade was logged on the lakefront, with **Miller Beach in Lake** hosting 5 on 25 Aug (Michael Topp) and 4 on 17 Sep (Ken Brock, Joel Greenberg, Larry Peavler, Jeff McCoy). Unusual away from the lakefront, Lou Anne Barriger and Larry Peavler found 4 alt plumage adults at the **Lebanon Prairie Creek Soda Farm in Boone** 26 Aug (corroborated by Lee Casebere, Mike Clay, Don Gorney *photo, Cloyce Hedge, Roger Hedge, Ed Hopkins, and Brian Tabor); 3 birds were relocated that 27 Aug (Curt Bradburn and family, Roger Hedge, Kamal Islam), and 3 were there 29 Aug (Bob Buskirk, Dale Halbeck, Mike Halbeck, Roger Hedge).

**Sanderling** 2 at the **WakWWTrPlant in Elkhart** 13 Sep (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus), 24 at **Miller Beach in Lake** 31 Aug and 1 there 4 Oct (Jed Hertz).

**Semipalmated Sandpiper** An early migrant. High counts included 18 at the **WakWWTrPlant in Elkhart** 2 Aug (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus) and 12 on 25 Aug (Dan Stoltzfus) as well as 17 at **HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake** 6 Sep (Carolyn Marsh) and 2 there 9 Oct (Carolyn Marsh).

**Western Sandpiper** Total of 3 reported: 1 juv at the **Lebanon Business Park in Boone** 12-15 Sep (m.ob.), 1 at **Perrysville Marsh in Fountain** 18 Sep (Alan Bruner), and 1 on the **George L. mudflat in Lake** 10 Oct (Ken Brock, John Cassady, Brendan Grube, Lynea Hinchan, Jeff McCoy) through 14 Oct (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus), tying the latest Dunes-area record.

**Least Sandpiper** High counts included 9 at the **WakWWTrPlant in Elkhart** 2 Aug (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus), 15 at the **Lebanon Business Park in Boone** 18 Sep (Lee Casebere, Bill Murphy), 16 at **North Fork in Monroe** on 19 Aug (Dawn Hewitt, Don Whitehead) and 9 there 11-16 Sep (Michael Clarke, Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Don Whitehead). The latest report was 1 in **Eagle Cr. in Marion** 19 Nov (Lou Anne Barriger, Larry Peavler).

**White-rumped Sandpiper** Seen on 16 Oct were 1 juv at **George L. in Lake** (Susan Bagby, Ken Brock, John Cassady, Ed Hopkins), the first fall record for the Dunes area in 8 years (Ken Brock) and 2 at **Fawn R. in Steuben** (Jim Haw, Frannie Headings, Sandy Schacht). 1 was at **Fawn R.** 26 Oct (Jim Haw *et al.*), tying the latest date for n.e. Indiana.

**Baird's Sandpiper** Ken Brock noted that it was a below average flight for this species, with only 8 reported for the season in the Dunes area. Earliest report was of 1 at the **WakWWTrPlant in Elkhart** 25 Aug (Dan Stoltzfus). High counts included 4 at the **Red Hen Turf Farm in St. Joseph** 29 Aug (Jim Spier) and 4 at the **Lebanon Business Park in Boone** 18 Sep (Lee Casebere, Bill Murphy, Terry Walsh). Latest report and all-time latest record for n.e. Indiana by 18 days was 1 at **Engle Rd. in Allen** 6 Nov (Jim Haw).

**Pectoral Sandpiper** Widely reported. High counts included 70 at the **WakWWTrPlant in Elkhart** 2 Aug (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus), 70 at **Engle Rd. in Allen** 14 Aug (Jim Haw), and 30 at **HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake** 6 Sep (Carolyn Marsh). Last report was 2 at **Boot L. in Elkhart** 28 Oct (Dan Stoltzfus).

**Purple Sandpiper** 1 juv was on the **MichCtyHarb jetty in LaPorte** 20 Nov (Susan Bagby, Ken Brock, John Cassady, Brendan Grube, Jeff McCoy, Randy Pals).

**Dunlin** Almost all reports were in Oct. Earliest report was of 12 at **HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake** 4 Oct (Carolyn Marsh). High counts included 70 at **HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake** 24 Oct, 21 on 31 Oct (Carolyn Marsh), and 125 at **Morse Reservoir in Hamilton** 22 Oct (Don Gorney). Latest reports, both on 13 Nov, were 1 at the e. end of **L. Lemon in Brown** (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld) and 3 at **Morse Reservoir** (Don Gorney).

**Stilt Sandpiper** An excellent season for this species, according to many observers: 4 at **Engle Rd. in Allen** 1 Aug (Jim Haw), 9 at the **Chase St. wetland in Lake** 17 Aug (Ken Brock, John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus), 6 at **North Fork in Monroe** 19 Aug (Don Whitehead), 1 at **HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake** (Alan Bruner, Carolyn Marsh) and 1 at **George L. in Lake** 12 Sep (Alan Bruner, Carolyn Marsh), 13 juv at the **Lebanon Business Park in Boone** 15 Sep (m.ob.), 20 at **Engle Rd.** 17 Sep (Jeff McCoy), 4 at **North Fork** 18 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), 23 at **Engle Rd.** 20 Sep (Jeff McCoy), 1 juv at the **Lebanon Business Park** 24 Sept (Roger Hedge), 12 at **North Fork** 27 Sep (Ken Burton) and 14 there 28 Sep (Don Whitehead). Setting n.e. Indiana’s latest date by 7 days were 2 at **Engle Rd.** 16 Oct (Roger Rang).

**Buff-breasted Sandpiper** Scarce migrant during the period: 5 at the **Lebanon Prairie Creek Soda Farm in Boone** 26 Aug (Lou Anne Barriger, Larry Peavler), with 4 seen later that day (Lee Casebere, Roger Hedge); 2 at **Miller Beach in Lake** 11 Sep (Jeff McCoy); 1 at **HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake** and 1 at **George L. in Lake** 12 Sep (Alan Bruner, Carolyn Marsh); 1 at **HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake** 9 Oct (Carolyn Marsh); and 1 juv on the **George L. mudflats** 9-10 Oct (Susan Bagby, Ken Brock, John Cassady, Lynea Hinchan, Ed Hopkins, Jeff McCoy, Randy Pals, Dan Stoltzfus).

**Long-billed Dowitcher** Interesting were 2 at **Engle Rd. in Allen** 23 Oct and 1 there 31 Oct (Jim Haw), the latest for n.e. Indiana by 5 days. Haw noted that the birds were
in basic plumage and that species ID was an assumption based on time of year, as Short-billed Dowitcher should have been gone by then.

**Wilson’s Snipe** Earliest report was of 1 at the *WakWWTrPlant* in *Elkhart* 13 Sep (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus). High count was 6 at *Kankakee Sands* 11 Oct (Jed Hertz). Latest report was 1 at *Kankakee Sands* in *Newton* 12 Nov (Jed Hertz).

**American Woodcock** Earliest report was of 1 at the *Hammond Bird Sanctuary* in *Lake* 13 Aug (Carolyn Marsh). High count was 2 at *Willow Slough* in *Newton* 21 Sep (Jed Hertz). Latest report was 1 on the *State Capitol grounds* in *Indianapolis* in *Marion* 5 Nov (Roger Hedge et al.).

**Wilson’s Phalarope** Recorded in the Dunes area for the third time in the last 15 years, 1 juv was at *Chase Street, Gary* in *Lake* 10 Aug (Ken Brock, John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus). Other reports included 1 at *North Fork* in *Monroe* 15-16 Aug (Michael Clarke, Don Whitehead) and 1 at *Engle Rd.* in *Allen* 26 Aug (Jim Haw).

**Red-necked Phalarope** 1 juv at the Lebanon Business Park in *Boone* 17 Sep (Don Gorney *photo*).

**Red Phalarope** Three reports: 2 at *Miller Beach* in *Lake* 25 Sep (John Cassady), 1 at *MichCtyHarb* in *LaPorte* 2 Oct (Brendan Grube), and 1 first-year bird was at a sewage pond on *Bottom Rd.* in *Monroe* 12-15 Oct (Michael Clarke, Scott Evans, Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld *photo*, Greg Hess et al.).

**Jaegers** Ken Brock noted, “Lakefront observers enjoyed an above average jaeger flight with 56 birds… For the fourth consecutive year the greatest numbers occurred in September. All reports were from *Beverley Shores* [in *Porter*], *Dunes SP* [in *Porter*], *MichCtyHarb* [in *LaPorte*], and *Miller Beach* [in *Lake*].”

**Parasitic Jaeger** The season’s first bird, discovered at *Miller Beach* in *Lake* 19 Aug (Jeff McCoy) tied the all-time early date set in 2002. Other sightings included 1 juv at *Miller Beach* 19 Aug (Jeff McCoy), 2 juv at *MichCtyHarb* in *LaPorte* 28 Aug (Jeff McCoy), 4 juv at *Miller Beach* 7 Sep (Jeff McCoy), 1 at *Miller Beach* 8 Sep (Michael Topp), 1 at *Miller Beach* 11 Sep (Jeff McCoy), 1 subadult at *MichCtyHarb* 15 Sep (Brendan Grube), 1 juv at *MichCtyHarb* 15 Sep (Brendan Grube), 2 juv at *Miller Beach* 18 Sep (Jeff McCoy), 1 juv. at *Miller Beach* 25 Sep (Jeff McCoy), 3 juv at *Miller Beach* 28 Sep (Brendan Grube), 1 adult at *Miller Beach* 28 Sep (Brendan Grube), 1 adult at *Dunes SP* [in *Porter*] 14 Oct (Jeff McCoy), 1 adult at *Miller Beach* 20 Oct (Michael Topp), 1 juv at *MichCtyHarb* 24 Oct (Brendan Grube), 2 adult at *Miller Beach* 25 Oct (Brendan Grube), 1 subadult at *Miller Beach* 7 Nov (Jeff McCoy), and 1 subadult at *Miller Beach* 10 Nov (Michael Topp).

**Pomarine Jaeger** A relatively close juv was seen at *Miller Beach* in *Lake* 7 Nov (Ken Brock, John Cassady, Ed Hopkins, Jeff McCoy, Don Gorney, Brendan Grube, Pete Grube et al.).

**Long-tailed Jaeger** Jeff McCoy saw 1 juv at *Miller Beach* in *Lake* on the 7 Sep cold front (Ken Brock).

**Laughing Gull** 1 juv at *Fairfax* in *Monroe* 10 Aug (Don Whitehead), 1 juv over *L. Lemon* primarily in *Monroe* 9-11 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), and 1 over *Miller Beach* in *Lake* 6 Oct (Michael Topp *photo*).

**Franklin’s Gull** Earliest report was of 1 in basic plumage at the e. end of *L. Lemon* in *Brown* 9 Oct (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld). The 2 found by Larry Peavler at *Eagle Cr.* in *Marion* 24 Oct remained until 7 Nov. On 26 Oct, Pete Grube logged an excellent count of 15 off *Miller Beach* in *Lake*, the lakefront’s largest tally since 1998. Jim and Sue Hengeveld reported the last for the season the next day, at *L. Lemon* primarily in *Monroe*.

**Little Gull** For the second consecutive year a beautiful juv in fresh plumage appeared 28 Aug at *Miller Beach* in *Lake* (Michael Topp, Brendan Grube, Jeff McCoy).

**Bonaparte’s Gull** Earliest report was of 1 at the *WakWWTrPlant* in *Elkhart* 4 Aug (Ruth Clouse, Kathy Marquee, Dan Stoltzfus). They were present daily at *Tannanbaum L.* in *Parke* 1 Oct-30 Nov. High counts include 90 at *Paynetown* in *Monroe* 4 Nov (Don Whitehead), 100 at *Hursttown Res.* in *Allen* 7 Nov (Stockbridge Aud. Soc. field trip), 110 at *Riddle Point Park* (L. Lemon) in *Monroe* 12 Nov (Don Whitehead), 114 at *Eagle Cr.* in *Marion* 19 Nov (Lou Anne Barriger, Larry Peavler), and 90 at *Riddle Point Park* 23 Nov (Don Whitehead).

**Ring-billed Gull** High counts included 250 at *Miller Beach* in *Lake* 31 Aug (Jed Hertz), 225 at *MichCtyHarb* in *LaPorte* 4 Oct (Jed Hertz), 300 at *Miller Beach* 4 Oct (Jed Hertz), 200+ at *HammGeoLk&Wds* in *Lake* 20 Oct (Carolyn Marsh), 360 at *L. Lemon* primarily in *Monroe* 22 Nov (Don Whitehead), 520 there 26 Nov (Don Whitehead), and 840 there Nov (Don Whitehead).


**Odd black-backed gull** Susan Bagby, Ken Brock, John Cassady, and Ed Hopkins observed a strange adult gull on the beach at Dunes S.P. in *Porter* 16 Oct. Mantle, bill, and head were similar in tint to a Great Black-backed but the bird was Herring Gull in size, lacked a white termination on p10, and the legs were cadaver gray, tinged lightly with blue. It also had a narrow white secondary bar visible on the upper wing. There was a band on the left leg. John Cassady obtained excellent photos. This individual was seen again in the *MichCtyHarb* yacht basin (*LaPorte*) on 28 Nov (Jeff McCoy et al.).

**Lesser Black-backed Gull** 1 in basic plumage at *L. Lemon* primarily in *Monroe* 7 Nov (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Don Whitehead).

**Great Black-backed Gull** 1 at *Miller Beach* in *Lake* 10 Aug (Josh Christian, Jim Haw, Sandy Schacht), 1 first summer(?) at *Miller Beach* 31 Aug (Jed Hertz *photo*), 1 adult(?) at *MichCtyHarb* in *LaPorte* 4 Oct (Jed Hertz), and 1 at *Miller Beach* 4 Oct (Jed Hertz).
Black-legged Kittiwake Total of 5 reported: At Miller Beach in Lake 1 juv 4 Nov, 1 on 7 Nov, 1 juv on 24 Nov, and at Dunes SP in Porter were 2 on 25 Nov (Ken Brock).

Caspian Tern An early migrant. High counts included 30 at HammGeoLk&Wds 16 Aug (Carolyn Marsh), 13 at Willow Slough in Newton 29 Aug (Jed Hertz), 8 at Miller Beach in Lake 31 Aug (Jed Hertz), and 10 at HammGeoLk&Wds 8 Sep (Carolyn Marsh). Latest report was 2 at HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake 20 Sep (Carolyn Marsh).

Common Tern Reported from the beginning of the period through 7 Nov, when Stockbridge Aud. Soc. members found 1 at Hurshtown Res. in Allen, the latest for n.e. Indiana by 30 days. High count was 600 at Miller Beach in Lake 28 Aug (Jeff McCoy).

Forster's Tern Both the earliest and latest records were by Jim and Sue Hengeveld at the e. end of L. Lemon in Brown, with 1 on 22 Aug and 1 from 2-7 Nov, respectively. High count was 19 at Miller Beach in Lake 31 Aug (Jed Hertz).photo.

Black Tern High count was 700+ at MichcityHarb in LaPorte 25 Aug (Brendan Grube). The state’s previous high count was 650 at the same location 5 Sep 1980. Latest report was 3 at the e. end of L. Lemon in Brown 25 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Lee Sterrenburg).

Black Skimmer Extremely rare in Indiana, 1 was 0.5 to 0.75 miles off Miller Beach in Lake 29 Sep (Brendan Grube) provided the first Dunes-area record since 1913. At least 1 and possibly 2 other individuals were reported for the period. Carolyn Marsh submitted documentation to the IRBC for 1 that she found at Forsythe Park in Lake 9 Oct. The next day Jim Zervos independently discovered the bird there and alerted the birding community. M.ob. viewed the bird through 12 Oct. Kevin Wyckoff located what might have been the same individual on Morse Reservoir in Hamilton 16 Oct (James Cole, Don Gorney *photo, Kevin Wyckoff, m.ob.).

Rock Pigeon Reported only by Jed Hertz, who had 6 at Miller Beach in Lake 31 Aug and 1 at MichcityHarb in LaPorte 4 Oct.

Eurasian Collared-Dove 2 at the traditional site in Whiting in Lake 28 Aug (John Cassidy), 1 there 11 Sep (Jeff McCoy), and 1 flyby at West Beach in Porter 26 Oct (Jeff McCoy).

Mourning Dove High counts included 120 at Beehunter in Greene 13 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg), 150 at Kankakee Sands in Newton 27 Aug (Jed Hertz), 250 in the Goose Pond lowland area in Greene 29 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg), 200 in n.e. Bloomington in Monroe 1 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), and 110 in Newton 10 Sep (Jed Hertz).

Monk Parakeet 2 in Highland in Lake 1 Aug (Carolyn Marsh), 7 on Sheffield St. in Hammond in Lake 6 Nov (Andy Sigler), and 5 there later the same day (Nila Grube, Pete Grube).

Black-billed Cuckoo 1 at Pigeon R. in Lagrange/Steuben 14 Aug (Jim Haw, Sandy Schacht), 1 at Willow Slough in Newton 29 Aug (Jed Hertz), and 1 at Salamonie in Huntington/Wabash 16 Sep (Jim Haw).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo Thinly reported, with high counts of 2 in Dunes SP in Porter 7 Aug (Randy Pals), 4 at Pigeon R. in Lagrange/Steuben 14 Aug (Jim Haw, Sandy Schacht), 4 at Fox Is. in Allen 15 Aug (Jim Haw), and 3 at Willow Slough in Newton 29-30 Aug (Jed Hertz). The latest report was 1 at North Fork in Monroe 28 Sep (Michael Clarke).

Barn Owl John Castrale reported 3 nearly fledged young near Derby in Perry 14 Sep, 3 in a church steeple at Derby 15 Oct, and 3 imm at a ground nest in a silo near Lexington in Scott 17 Nov.

Eastern Screech-Owl 2 at Outright in Monroe 31 Aug (Michael Clarke, Don Whitehead), 1 at Willow Slough in Newton 21 Sep (Jed Hertz), 1 near Mitchell in Lawrence 26 Sep (John Castrale), and 2 at Outright 18 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld).

Great Horned Owl High counts included 14 at Hawthorn in Sullivan 5 Aug (Scott Evans, Dawn Hewitt, John Lawrence, Lee Sterrenburg), 15 in Sullivan/Greene 13 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg), and 6 along Tower Ridge Rd. in the HNF in Monroe. Nov 22 (Lee Sterrenburg).

Snowy Owl One report only, 1 injured by car in Decatur 15 Nov (fide Terry Davis).

Barred Owl 2 at the end of Friendship Rd. in Monroe 1 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg), 1 at Willow Slough in Newton 10 Sep (Jed Hertz), 3 there 17 Sep (Jed Hertz), 3 at Willow Slough 27 Sep (Jed Hertz), and 4 at the e. end of L. Lemon in Brown 10 Oct (Michael Clarke, Scott Evans, Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Lee Sterrenburg).

Long-eared Owl 2 at Eagle Cr. In Marion 14 Nov (Becky Lomax) and 1 at the West Beach piny in Porter 18 Nov (Pete Grube, Larry Peavler) and 30 Nov (Michael Topp).

Short-eared Owl Locally common at Kankakee Sands in Newton and the reclaimed strip mines in Greene, Sullivan, and Vigo. First report was 1 at MichcityHarb in LaPorte 31 Oct (Jeff McCoy). High count was 8 at Chinook in Clay 27 Nov (Lee Sterrenburg).

Northern Saw-whet Owl Jim Hengeveld reported that 53 were banded in Yellowwood SF in Brown in Nov by Ross Brittain, Jeff Riegel, Jeff Hammond, and Vicki Meretsky; 3 along Tower Ridge Rd. in the HNF in Monroe 22 Nov (Lee Sterrenburg).

Common Nighthawk High counts included 42 in Indianapolis in Marion 25 Aug (Miles Zevin), 44 at Chinook in Vigo/Clay 3 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg), 38 at Chinook 4 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg), and 50 between Guion and Marshall in Parke 13 Sep (Alan Bruner). The latest report was 2 at L. Lemon in Monroe 10 Oct (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Lee Sterrenburg). Alan Bruner noted, “Although there were no very large flocks seen, this species was seen more frequently this fall than usual. Rarely did I go
anywhere from the last week of Aug through mid-Sep without seeing a few migrating southward.”

**Chuck-will's-widow** Apparently bred successfully in *Monroe*. Sterrenburg established the latest record for this species in Indiana, as 2-4 remained at the end of Friendship Rd. in *North Fork* in *Monroe* until at least 25 Aug.

**Whip-poor-will** High count was 4 at Friendship in *Monroe* 5 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg). Latest report was 1 at Friendship 25 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg).

**Chimney Swift** High counts included 100+ at the Brazil sewage lagoons in Clay 6 Sep (Alan Bruner, Steve Kuntz, Eugene Muench), 115 at *North Fork* in *Monroe* 12 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg), 110 at the e. end of *L. Lemon* in *Brown* 19 Sep (Jim Hengerveld, Sue Hengerveld, Lee Sterrenburg), 150 at *Forsythe* 27 Sep (Carolyn Marsh), and 100 at the WakWWTrPlant in *Elkhart* 1 Oct (Dan Stoltzfus). The latest report was of 7 in *w. Monroe* 13 Oct (Scott Evans).

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** High counts included 7 at Willow Slough in *Newton* 30 Aug (Jed Hertz), 7 at Boot L. in *Elkhart* 2 Sep (John Cassidy, Dan Stoltzfus), and 20 at *Miller Beach* in *Lake* 4 Sep (Susan Bagby, Ken Brock, John Cassidy, Darel Heitkamp, Lynne Hinchman, Randy Pals). An all-white hummingbird with a hint of brown smudging on some feathers and a dark pupil was banded in Evansville in *Vanderburgh* 28-29 Aug was thought to be a Ruby-throated (Katherine Fuchs *photo*, John Jones, Sandy Jones). The latest record was 1 in *Lafayette* in *Tippecanoe* 3-5 Nov (Laura Lah).

**Rufous Hummingbird** An amazing number of reports for the season. 1 adult female in Lebanon in *Boone* 29 Aug-3 Sep was banded by Allen Chartier (Roger Hedge, Cloyce Hedge, Don Gorney *photo*, Clint Murray *photo*, et al. *record accepted by IRBC*); 1 adult female in *Gas City* in *Grant* 15 Oct-15 Dec was banded by Allen Chartier (Jim Cox, Onda Cox, Don Gorney *photo*, et al.); 1 imm female in *Newburgh* in *Harrick* 6-30 Nov was banded by Cathie Hitchenson (Chuck Mills, Charles Sorenson *photo*, et al.); 1 imm female in *Indianapolis* in *Marion* late Oct-end of period was banded by Allen Chartier *photo* (Don Gorney, Earl Miller, Leng Miller et al.); 1 adult female in *Boonville* in *Warrick* late Oct-end of period was banded by Cathie Hitchenson (Mike Newlin, Pam Newlin *photo*); and 1 imm female at *Tell City* in *Perry* 5 Nov-end of period was banded by Cathie Hitchenson (Debby Taylor *photo*).

Astoundingly, the Lebanon adult female was recovered several months later in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. On 14 Apr 2005, N. Newfield posted the following information on BIRDCRAT: “…the most exciting find was an immature female Rufous in Baton Rouge that had been banded in Lebanon, Indiana, in early September 2004. This was the first time a Rufous banded in migration outside the Deep South was captured the same season in Louisiana. The record is but a single data point demonstrating a migration route by which a Rufous arrived in Louisiana. While there are likely several routes by which Rufous reach the Gulf Coast, this record lends strength to the theory that some migrate eastward through the Great Lakes region before traveling southward to their ultimate destinations.”

Regarding the age discrepancy (“adult female”/”immature female”), Newlin later emailed this compiler: “The problem is an error on my part. My data sheet ages the bird as AHY [after hatching year], which could include young birds when the age is not able to be ascertained. The data gives the maxillar corrugations as 20%. We use the extent of maxillar corrugations to age hummingbirds. Adults usually have less than 20%, while immatures have more. It is not impossible for a young bird to loose all corrugations by late January nor is it impossible for an adult to retain as much as 20% into March. The sequence of molt of the primaries and rectrices also does not give an absolute answer. However, it seems most likely to be an adult rather than an immature. I am afraid I looked at the 20% maxillar corrugations and inferred a young bird. Sorry for the confusion.”

**Selasphorus hummingbird sp.** 1 in Evansville in *Vanderburgh* 31 Aug-1 Sep (Don Goodaker, Pat Goodaker).

**Belted Kingfisher** High counts included 3 at Willow Slough in *Newton* 21 Sep (Jed Hertz) and 4 at *Potato Creek SP* in *St. Joseph* 6 Nov (Dan Stoltzfus, Aud. field trip, m.ob.)

**Red-headed Woodpecker** High counts included 15 at Willow Slough in *Newton* 11 Sep (Alan Bruner), 18 incl. 2 juv at Willow Slough 13 Sep (Jed Hertz), and 58 migrating past the Hickory Ridge fire tower in *Monroe* 17 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg). The latest report was 13 at Willow Slough 8 Nov (Jed Hertz).

**Red-bellied Woodpecker** High counts included 8 at Willow Slough in *Newton* 10 Sep and 13 Sep, 11 at *Eagle Cr.* in *Marion* 28 Sep (Bill Murphy, April Sterling), and 7 at Willow Slough 19 Oct and 8 Nov (Jed Hertz).

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** Earliest report was of 2 at the Hammond Bird Sanctuary in *Lake* 15 Sep (Carolyn Marsh). High count was 19 at the Hammond-Whiting lakefront in *Lake* 2 Oct (Carolyn Marsh). The latest report was 1 on *Headley Rd.* n. *Bloomington* in *Monroe* 26 Nov (Don Whitehead).

**Downy Woodpecker** High counts, 3 birds each, were at Willow Slough in *Newton* 30 Aug, 13 and 17 Sep, 19 Oct, and 8 Nov (Jed Hertz).

**Hairy Woodpecker** High counts included 2 at *Ft. Harrison SP* in *Marion* 21 Sep and 2 in *Indianapolis* in *Marion* 25 Nov (both Miles Zevin).

**Northern Flicker** High counts included 13 at *Eagle Cr.* in *Marion* 28 Sep (Bill Murphy, April Sterling), 7 at Willow Slough in *Newton* 13 Sep (Jed Hertz), 10 at *HammGeoLk&Wd* in *Lake* 21 Sep (Carolyn Marsh), 8 at *Flatwoods* in *Monroe* 28 Sep (Michael Clarke), and 8 at *Little Africa* in *Brown* 3 Oct (Michael Clarke).

**Pileated Woodpecker** 1 male at *Eagle Cr.* in *Marion* 28 Nov (Miles Zevin).

**Olive-sided Flycatcher** Extremely early and tying the state’s fall arrival date was 1 on *Henderson Creek Rd.* in *Lawrence* 5 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg). Other reports included 1 at *Flatwoods* in *Monroe* 22 Aug (Don Whitehead), 2 (1 juv and 1 adult) at *Forsythe* in *Lake* 28 Aug (Carolyn Marsh), 2 sitting on the same limb at Chinook in *Clay* 6 Sep (Alan Bruner, Steve Kuntz, Eugene Muench), 1 at *Fox Is.* in *Allen* 12 Sep (Jim Haw), and 1 at *Ritchey Woods* in *Hamilton* 17 Sep (Bill Murphy).
Eastern Wood-Pewee  High counts included 5 at Turkey Cr./Elkhart R. in Elkhart 16 Aug (Dan Stoltzfus), 5 at Boot L. in Elkhart 24 Aug (Dan Stoltzfus), 5 at Waterford Church/Elkhart R. in Elkhart 30 Aug (Dan Stoltzfus), 5 in w. Monroe 31 Aug (Scott Evans), and 4 at Goshen Dam in Elkhart 1 Sep (Dan Stoltzfus). The latest reports were on 9 Oct; 2 at Cutright in Monroe (Michael Clarke) and 1 at HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake 9 Oct (Carolyn Marsh).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher  Earliest report was of 1 at HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake 16 Aug (Carolyn Marsh). High count was 3 at Willow Slough in Newton 27 Aug (Jed Hertz). The latest report was 1 harassing Least Flycatchers at Ritchey Woods in Hamilton 17 Sep (Bill Murphy).

Alder/Willow Flycatchers  High count was 6 at Ritchey Woods in Hamilton 17 Sep (Bill Murphy).

Acadian Flycatcher  High count was 3 in w. Monroe 31 Aug (Scott Evans). Latest report was 1 at Griffy L. just n. of Bloomington in Monroe 30 Sep (Ken Burton, Dawn Hewitt).

Alder Flycatcher  Alan Bruner observed 1 at Tannanbaum L. in Parke 20 Sep giving its “bic” call note.

Willow Flycatcher  Latest report was 1 at Boot L. in Elkhart 16 Sep (John Cassady, Ruth Mallory).

Least Flycatcher  High count was 5 at Ritchey Woods in Hamilton 17 Sep (Bill Murphy). Latest report was 1 at Yellowwood SF in Brown 23 Sep (Michael Clarke).

Eastern Phoebe  High count was 7 at Boot L. in Elkhart 10 Sep (John Cassady, Ruth Mallory). Latest report was 1 at Pigeon R. in Lagrange/Steuben 26 Oct (Jim Haw et al.)

Great Crested Flycatcher  High counts included 3 at Willow Slough in Newton 13 Sep (Jed Hertz) and 3 at Turkey Cr./Elkhart R. in Elkhart 16 Aug (Dan Stoltzfus). Latest report was 1 at Boot L. in Elkhart 16 Sep (John Cassady, Ruth Mallory).

Eastern Kingbird  The highest count by far was 26 at Willow Slough in Newton 27 Aug (Jed Hertz). Other high counts included 8 at Willow Slough 30 Aug (Jed Hertz) and 6 at Boot L. in Elkhart 2 Sep (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus). The latest record was 27 Nov, about which Ken Brock noted, “Without doubt the season’s most surprising flycatcher was a rather worn Eastern Kingbird found at Marquette Park on a dark rainy 27 Nov day (Susan Bagby, Ken Brock, Jeff McCoy, Perry Miller, Randy Pals, Dan Stoltzfus et al.). Shocked observers, who expected that any late November kingbird would be more exciting than an Eastern, were consoled by the fact that this was Indiana’s first ever November record. The state’s previous late record was also at Miller Beach [in Lake], where D. H. Boyd reported one 28 Oct 1943.”

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher  A fascinating find was 1 at Mulberry in Clinton and Dayton in Tippecanoe 11-12 Sep (Kyle Arvin, Lee Casebere, Don Gorney *photo, Brendan Grube, Nila Grube, Pete Grube, Roger Hedge, Tom Hulvershorn, Jeff McCoy *photo, Mike Mulcahy, Dianne Packett, Steve Pancol, Dan Scheiman *photo, Craig Seward *photo; record accepted by IBRC). A second discovery was 1 adult s.e. of Huntington in Dubois 31 Oct (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld *photo, Tom Stankus et al.).


Northern Shrike  All reports were in Nov. Found on 20 Nov were 1 in DeKalb (Casey Ryan), 1 adult in w. Beverly Shores in Porter (Brendan Grube, Jeff McCoy), and 1 imm at Cowles Bog in Porter (Jeff McCoy, Brendan Grube). On 23 Nov 1 was found in n.e. Elkhart (Dan Stoltzfus, Perry Miller) and 1 imm in Steuben (Jim Haw, Sandy Schacht). The latest report was 1 in central Beverly Shores 27 Nov (Brendan Grube).

White-eyed Vireo  High counts included 5 singing at Willow Slough in Newton 11 Sep (Alan Bruner), 6 at Friendship in Monroe 11 Sep (Michael Clarke, Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), 6 at Fairfax in Monroe 21 Sep (Frank Prosser, Don Whitehead), 6 at Yellowwood SF in Brown 23 Sep (Michael Clarke), and 6 at Stillwater in Monroe 26 Sep (Don Whitehead). Latest reports were 2 Oct with 2 at Fairfax (Michael Clarke) and 1 at Eagle Cr. in Marion (Larry Peavler).

Bell’s Vireo  Two reports: 1 at Stillwater in Monroe 27-28 Sep (Ken Burton, Frank Prosser) and 10 at Hawthorn in Sullivan 29 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg, Don Whitehead).

Yellow-throated Vireo  High counts included 5 at Willow Slough in Newton 11 Sep (Alan Bruner), 3 at Friendship in Monroe 11 Sep (Michael Clarke, Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), 3 in w. Monroe 12 Sep (Scott Evans), 3 at Boot L. in Elkhart 13 Sep (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus), and 3 at Fairfax in Monroe 15 Sep (Michael Clarke, Frank Prosser, Don Whitehead). The latest record was 1 at Fairfax 14 Oct (Michael Clarke).

Blue-headed Vireo  Earliest report was of 4 at Franke Park in Allen 21 Sep (Jim Haw, Frannie Headings). High count was 4 in the lakefront traps 25 Sep (Susan Bagby, John Cassady, Lynne Hinchnach, Ed Hopkins et al.) and 4 at Dunes SP in Porter 30 Sep (Randy Pals). The latest report was 1 at Cool Creek Nature Center in Hamilton 5 Nov (Becky Lomax).

Warbling Vireo  Widely reported, with high counts of 7 at Boot L. in Elkhart 2 Sep (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus) and 8 at Boot L. 10 Sep (John Cassady, Ruth Mallory). Latest report was 1 at HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake 4 Oct (Carolyn Marsh).

Philadelphia Vireo  Earliest reports were 12 Sep with 1 at Forsythe in Lake (Alan Bruner, Carolyn Marsh) and 4 in n.w. Lake (Alan Bruner, Carolyn Marsh); the latter tied the high count with 4 at Ritchey Woods in Hamilton 17 Sep (Bill Murphy). The latest report was 1 at Eagle Cr. in Marion 31 Oct (Charles Keller, Larry Peavler).

Red-eyed Vireo  The highest count by far was 24 at Cutright in Monroe 17 Aug (Don Whitehead). Other high counts included 6 at Cutright 10 Aug (Don Whitehead), 7 there 31 Aug (Michael Clarke, Don Whitehead), 6 at Boot L. in Elkhart 7 Sep (John...
Cassady, Ruth Mallory, Dan Stoltzfus), 5 at the e. end of \textit{L. Lemon in Brown} 19 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), and 6 at \textit{Hammond in Lake} 26 Sep (Carolyn Marsh). The latest report was 1 at \textit{Eagle Cr. in Marion} 11 Oct (Becky Lomax).

**Blue Jay** High counts included 232 at the e. end of \textit{L. Lemon in Brown} 25 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), 458 at the \textit{lookout tower in Monroe} 29 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg), and 400 at the e. end of \textit{L. Lemon} 10 Oct (Michael Clarke, Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Lee Sterrenburg, Don Whitehead).

**American Crow** Staging a fair recovery from the West Nile epizootic, this species was reported statewide. High counts included 50 at \textit{North Fork in Monroe} 14 Sep (Michael Clarke), 54 at the \textit{lookout tower in Monroe} 29 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg), 150 at \textit{Flatwoods in Monroe} 9 Oct (Cathy Meyer), and 65 at the e. end of \textit{L. Lemon in Brown} 24 Oct (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld).

**Horned Lark** High counts included 72 at \textit{Hawthorn in Sullivan} 29 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg), 45 there 17 Sep (Frank Prosser, Don Whitehead), 25 at the e. end of \textit{L. Lemon in Brown} 10 Oct (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Lee Sterrenburg), 38 there 7 Nov (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), and 15 there 13 Nov (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld). An oddity was an albino bird, all white except for a pale brownish wash on the head, with a small flock of its kind in \textit{Allen} 25 Nov (Jim Haw).

**Purple Martin** Most reports were from Aug, with a high count of 75 at \textit{Salamonie Dam in Wabash} 26 Aug (Jim Haw). The latest report was 1 at the e. end of \textit{L. Lemon in Brown} 17 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld).

**Tree Swallow** High counts at \textit{Willow Slough in Newton} included 350 on 29 Aug, 125 on 30 Aug, 170 on 21 Sep, and 500 on 27 Sep (Jed Hertz). Other high counts included 450 at \textit{Fairfax in Monroe} 17 Oct (Ken Burton, Michael Clarke), and 250+ at \textit{Muscatatuck NWR in Jackson/Jennings} 30 Oct (Indiana Aud. Soc. field trip). The latest report was 4 at \textit{Goose Pond in Greene} 6 Nov (Jason Arenstein, Lee Sterrenburg).

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** High counts included 100 at the \textit{Elkhart Waste Water Treatment Plant in Elkhart} 26 Aug (Ronda DeCaire), 200 at \textit{Shanklin Park, Goshen in Elkhart} 15 Sep (Dan Stoltzfus), and 150 at \textit{Perryville Marsh in Fountain} 18 Sep (Alan Bruner). The latest report was 1 at the \textit{WakWWTrPlant} 3 Nov (Dan Stoltzfus, Drew Weber).

**Bank Swallow** High count was 20 at the e. end of \textit{L. Lemon in Brown} 20 Aug (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld). The latest report was 1 there 25 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld).

**Cliff Swallow** High counts included 15 at the \textit{WakWWTrPlant in Elkhart} 4 Sep (Dan Stoltzfus, Aud. field trip, m.ob.), 100+ at \textit{Russellville in Putnam} 13 Sep (Alan Bruner), and 30 at the e. end of \textit{L. Lemon in Brown} 20 Aug (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld). The latest report was 5 at the e. end of \textit{L. Lemon} 25 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld).

**Barn Swallow** High counts included 60 at the \textit{WakWWTrPlant in Elkhart} (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus) and 70 at \textit{Paynetown in Monroe} (Don Whitehead) on 2 Aug, and 150 at the e. end of \textit{L. Lemon in Brown} 20 Aug (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld). The latest report was 1 at \textit{Muscatatuck in Jackson/Jennings} 4 Nov (Don Gorney, Mark Trabue).

**Carolina Chickadee** High count was 10 at \textit{Ritchey Woods in Hamilton} 17 Sep (Bill Murphy).

**Black-capped Chickadee** High count was 3 at the \textit{Hammond Bird Sanctuary in Lake} 5 Sep (Carolyn Marsh).

**Tufted Titmouse** High count was 5 at \textit{Willow Slough in Newton} 8 Nov (Jed Hertz).

**Red-breasted Nuthatch** Very high numbers poured through the state in mid-Sep. Earliest report was of 2 at \textit{Pigeon R. in Lagrange/Stieben} 2 Sep (Jim Haw, Frannie Headings). Warren Zevin found 1 dead by a window in downtown \textit{Indianapolis in Marion} 26 Sep. By far the highest count was 23 in the \textit{Dunes-area pinery in Porter} 19 Sep (Brendan Grube).

**White-breasted Nuthatch** High count was 3 at \textit{Willow Slough in Newton} 27 Aug (Jed Hertz).

**Brown Creeper** Earliest report was of 1 at \textit{Cool Creek Nature Center in Hamilton} 18 Sep (Becky Lomax). High count was 6 in \textit{Whiting-Hammond in Lake} 29 Sep (Carolyn Marsh).

**Carolina Wren** High count was 8 at \textit{North Fork in Monroe} 10 Sep (Don Whitehead).

**House Wren** High counts included 5 at the \textit{Hammond Bird Sanctuary in Lake} 21 Aug (Carolyn Marsh), 7 at \textit{Boot L. in Elkhart} 7 Sep (John Cassidy, Ruth Mallory, Dan Stoltzfus), and 6 at \textit{Boot L. 22 Sep (John Cassidy, Ruth Mallory). The latest report was 1 at \textit{Pine Grove in Monroe} 25 Oct (Michael Clarke).

**Winter Wren** Earliest report was of 1 at the \textit{Cool Creek Nature Center in Hamilton} 18 Sep (Becky Lomax). High count was 16 there 10 Oct (Jim Zervos).

**Sedge Wren** High counts included 9 at \textit{Kankakee Sands in Newton} 8 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg), 11 at \textit{Goose Pond in Greene} 13 Aug, 11 at \textit{Kankakee Sands} 18 Aug (Jed Hertz), 10 at \textit{Boot L. in Elkhart} 31 Aug (John Cassidy), and 9 at \textit{Boot L. 2 Sep and 20 Sep (John Cassidy, Dan Stoltzfus). Extremely late was 1 at \textit{Browning Wetland in Boone} 2 Nov (Roger Hedge, Steve Housefield).

**Marsh Wren** Earliest report was of 1 at \textit{Stillwater in Monroe} 19 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg). High count was 3 at \textit{Kankakee Sands in Newton} 27 Oct (Jed Hertz). The latest reports were of 1 at the \textit{Lebanon Business Park in Boone} 26 Oct (Roger Hedge) and 1 at \textit{Eagle Cr. in Monroe} that was seen last on 26 Dec (Becky Lomax).

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** Earliest reports were all on 29 Sep with 1 at \textit{Whiting Park in Lake} (Carolyn Marsh), 2 at \textit{Boot L. in Elkhart} (John Cassidy, Ruth Mallory), and 1 at \textit{Ritchey Woods in Hamilton} (Bill Murphy). High counts included 4 at \textit{Boot L. (John Cassidy, m.ob.)} and 4 at \textit{Ritchey Woods (Bill Murphy) on 11 Oct, 5 at \textit{Fairfax}} in
Varied Thrush A prodigious surprise for Jim Haw was 1 male in his Ft. Wayne yard in Allen 24 Nov (Josh Christian, Jim Haw *photo, Frannie Headings, Ted Heemstra, Doug Rood, Casey Ryan and his dad, Sandy Schacht). This was the fourth record for n.e. Indiana and the earliest by 13 days.

Gray Catbird High counts included 12 at HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake 16 Aug (Carolyn Marsh), 25 at Waterford Church/Elkhart R. in Elkhart 30 Aug (Dan Stoltzfus), 22 at Willow Slough in Newton 11 Sep (Alan Bruner), and 30 at Ritchey Woods in Hamilton 17 Sep (Bill Murphy). The latest report was 1 at Salamonic Res. in Huntington/Wabash 9 Nov (Jim Haw, Frannie Headings, Sandy Schacht).

Northern Mockingbird Uncommon in n. Indiana, 1 was at the Hammond Bird Sanctuary in Lake 7 Aug (Ken Brock, Susan Bagby, John Cassidy, Ed Hopkins, Lee Sterrenburg), 1 was at Cowles Bog in Porter 31 Oct (Randy Pals), and very late was 1 in e.-central Elkhart 26 Nov (Dan Stoltzfus, Drew Weber).

Brown Thrasher High count was 4 at HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake 16 Aug (Carolyn Marsh). The latest report was 1 at Upper Woodall Rd. in n.w. Monroe 13 Oct (Michael Clarke).

European Starling High counts included 500 at the e. end of L. Lemon in Brown 20 Aug (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), 1000+ at s. Wolf L. in Lake 16 Sep (Carolyn Marsh), 500 at the e. end of L. Lemon in Brown 25 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), and 3100 at Willow Slough in Newton 21 Sep (Jed Hertz).

American Pipit Earliest report was of 1 at Boot L. in Elkhart 20 Sep (John Cassidy, Dan Stoltzfus). High counts included 35 at the WawanWTrPlant in Elkhart 4 Oct (Michael Bender, Dan Stoltzfus), 34 there 11 Oct (Ruth Mallory, Dan Stoltzfus), 32 at the e. end of L. Lemon in Brown 6 Nov (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), and the latest report, 150 at Hollandsburg in Parke 25 Nov (Alan Bruner).

Cedar Waxwing High counts included 95 at Willow Slough in Newton 30 Aug (Jed Hertz) and, all at the e. end of L. Lemon in Brown, 80 on 17 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), 85 on 19 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), 322 on 25 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Lee Sterrenburg), and 55 on 6 Nov (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld).

Warblers Ken Brock noted that the lakefront’s first movement was recorded 28 Aug when 15 species, incl. Golden-winged, Mourning, and Connecticut, were recorded in the Lake traps. The overall warbler flight was slightly below average. The most serious shortfall occurred with Cerulean Warblers, which was missed this fall. Numbers of Black-throated Blue Warblers were also down significantly. On a positive note, both Louisiana Waterthrush and Canada Warbler made excellent showings.

Blue-winged Warbler 1 at Boot L. in Elkhart 24 Aug (Dan Stoltzfus), 1 at Waterford Church/Elkhart R. in Elkhart 30 Aug (Dan Stoltzfus), 1 at the Hammond Bird Sanctuary in Lake 15 Sep (Carolyn Marsh), in Forsythe Park in Lake 16 Sep (Jeff McCoy), 1 at Ritchey Woods in Hamilton 17 Sep (Bill Murphy), and 1 at Eagle Cr. in Marion 19 Sep (Bill Murphy).
Golden-winged Warbler  Surprisingly, more reports were received for this species than for the previous species: 1 male at Fox Is. in Allen 5 Sep (Jim Haw), 1 at Eagle Cr. in Marion 6 Sep (Larry Peavler), 1 male at Franke Park in Allen 7 Sep (Jim Haw, Frannie Headings), 1 at Boot L. in Elkhart 8 Sep (John Cassidy, Ruth Mallory), 1 imm at Mengerson Preserve in Allen 12 Sep (Jim Haw), 2 at the Hammond Bird Sanctuary in Lake 12 Sep (Alan Bruner, Carolyn Marsh), 1 at Boot L. 13 Sep (John Cassidy, Dan Stoltzfus), 1 imm at Franke Park 14 Sep (Jim Haw, Frannie Headings), 1 at the Hammond Bird Sanctuary 15 Sep (Carolyn Marsh), 1 male at Salamonie River SF in Wabash 16 Sep (Jim Haw, Frannie Headings), 1 at Ritchey Woods in Hamilton 17 Sep (Bill Murphy), 1 at Yellowwood in Brown 23 Sep (Michael Clarke), and 2 at Ritchey Woods in Hamilton 28 Sep (Bill Murphy).

Brewster’s Warbler  1 brightly colored bird at Chain O’ Lakes SP in Noble 12 Aug (Jim Haw).

Tennessee Warbler  Earliest report was of 2 at the Morgan-Monroe SF primarily in Monroe 25 Aug (Doug Johnstone). High counts included 15 on 12 Sep at the Hammond Bird Sanctuary in Lake (Alan Bruner, Carolyn Marsh) and in w. Monroe (Scott Evans), 12 at Ritchey Woods in Hamilton 17 Sep (Bill Murphy), and 20 in w. Monroe 25 Sep (Scott Evans). The latest reports included 1 at the Westin Hotel in downtown Indianapolis in Marion 19 Oct (Cary Floyd, Cloyce Hedge, Roger Hedge), 1 at Oak Hill Cemetery, Lebanon in Boone 22 Oct (Cloyce Hedge), and 1 in Unionville in Brown 24 Oct -1 Nov (Jean Furlong, Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld).

Orange-crowned Warbler  Earliest report was of 1 at Ritchey Woods in Hamilton 17 Sep (Bill Murphy). High count was 5 at HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake 9 Oct (Carolyn Marsh). The latest reports included 1 at Pigeon R. in Lagrange/Steuben 4 Nov (Frannie Headings, Doug Rood) and 1 at Browning Wetland in Boone 2 Nov (Roger Hedge, Steve Housefield).

Nashville Warbler  Earliest reports were 31 Aug: with 1 at the Hammond Bird Sanctuary in Lake (Carolyn Marsh) and 1 at Boot L. in Elkhart (John Cassidy). High counts included 5 at Boot L. 7 Sep (John Cassidy, Ruth Mallory, Dan Stoltzfus), 7 at Boot L. 10 Sep (John Cassidy, Ruth Mallory), and 9 at Boot L. 29 Sep (John Cassidy, Ruth Mallory). The latest reports included 1 at Metea Park in Allen 24 Oct (Roger Rang) and 1 at Fairfax in Monroe 26 Oct (Michael Clarke).

Northern Parula  A scattering of reports: 1 at Cutright in Monroe 21 Aug (Don Whitehead), 1 at Fairfax in Monroe 23 Aug (Michael Clarke), 3 in w. Monroe 31 Aug (Scott Evans), 1 at Fairfax 21 Sep (Frank Prosser, Don Whitehead), 1 at Yellowwood SF in Brown 23 Sep (Michael Clarke), 1 at Eagle Cr. in Marion 26 Sep (Larry Peavler), 1 at Paynetown in Monroe 28 Sep (Michael Clarke), and 1 at Fox Is. in Allen 7 Oct (Roger Rang).

Yellow Warbler  High count was 3 at State Line/Eggers Woods IN-IL in Lake 1 Aug (Carolyn Marsh). The latest reports were 1 at Ft. Harrison SP in Marion 26 Sep (Don Gorney, Mike Mulcahy et al.) and 1 adult 22-27 Sep at Eagle Cr. in Marion (Bill Murphy, Larry Peavler et al.).

Chestnut-sided Warbler  Earliest report was of 1 at Ft. Harrison SP in Marion 21 Aug (Don Gorney). High count was 5 at the Hammond lakefront in Lake 15 Sep (Carolyn Marsh). The latest report was 1 at the e. end of L. Lemon in Brown 10 Oct (Michael Clarke, Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Jo Kelly, Phil Kelly, Lee Sterrenburg).

Magnolia Warbler  Earliest report was of 2 at the Hammond Bird Sanctuary in Lake 28 Aug (Carolyn Marsh). High count was 20 at Ritchey Woods in Hamilton 17 Sep (Bill Murphy). The latest report was 1 at Eagle Cr. in Marion 10 Oct (Larry Peavler).

Cape May Warbler  Earliest report was of 1 at the Hammond Bird Sanctuary in Lake 28 Aug (Carolyn Marsh). High counts included 7 at the Hammond Bird Sanctuary 26 Sep (Carolyn Marsh) and 12 at Yellowwood in Brown 23 Sep (Michael Clarke). The latest report was 2 at Whiting Park in Lake 11 Oct (Carolyn Marsh).

Black-throated Blue Warbler  Ken Brock noted that the 4 birds reported this autumn constitute the lowest lakefront total in 15 years. Earliest report was of 1 female at State Line Rd. in Lake 28 Aug (Carolyn Marsh). High count was 2 males at HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake 26 Sep (Carolyn Marsh). The latest report was 1 female at Newark in e. Greene 6 Oct (Jess Gwinn).

Yellow-rumped Warbler  Earliest report was of 1 at Boot L. in Elkhart 14 Sep (John Cassidy, Dan Stoltzfus). High counts included 90 at Hammond-Whiting in Lake 2 Oct (Carolyn Marsh), 45 at Fairfax in Monroe 14 Oct (Michael Clarke), and 90+ at Shades SP in Montgomery 19 Oct (Alan Bruner). The latest report was 5 at the e. end of L. Lemon in Brown 6 Nov (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld).

Black-throated Gray Warbler  Accidental in Indiana, Steve Hossler discovered 1 male in his yard in Aboite Township in Allen 31 Aug (Barb Clark, Jim Haw *doc and *photo to IBRC, Frannie Headings, Roger Rang, Sandy Schacht, Marisa Windell). It also put in brief appearances on 1, 2, 7, 15, 24, and 29 Sep. This is the only second documented occurrence of the species in Indiana.

Black-throated Green Warbler  Earliest report was of 1 at Stillwater in Monroe 30 Aug (Frank Prosser). High counts included 8 at the Hammond lakefront in Lake 26 Sep (Carolyn Marsh) and at Ritchey Woods in Hamilton 17 Sep (Bill Murphy), 4 in w. Monroe 12 Sep (Scott Evans), 4 at Stillwater 28 Sep (Michael Clarke), 6 at Cutright in Monroe 1 Oct (Michael Clarke), and 4 at HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake 2 Oct (Carolyn Marsh). The latest report was of 1 on the State Capitol grounds/Westin Hotel in Indianapolis in Marion 24 Oct (Becky Lomax).

Blackburnian Warbler  Exceptionally early was 1 adult female and 1 imm female in w. Beverly Shores in Porter 12 Aug (Jeff McCoy). High count was 3 at Boot L. in Elkhart 2 Sep (John Cassidy, Dan Stoltzfus). The latest report was 1 in Bloomington in Monroe 7 Nov (Dawn Hewitt).

Yellow-throated Warbler  High count was 4 at Paynetown in Monroe 3 Sep (Don Whitehead). The latest report was 1 at Cutright in Monroe 1 Oct (Michael Clarke).

Pine Warbler  High counts included 4 at the lookout tower in s. Monroe 19 Sep (Lee Sterrenburg), 3 at Yellowwood SF in Brown 23 Sep (Michael Clarke), and 3 at the

**Prairie Warbler** High counts included 2 at Friendship in *Monroe* 16 Aug (Michael Clarke, Don Whitehead) and 30 Aug (Michael Clarke). The latest reports were both on 23 Sep with 1 at Little Africa in *Brown* (Michael Clarke) and 1 at Yellowwood SF in *Brown* (Michael Clarke).

**Palm Warbler** Earliest report was of 2 at the Hammond Bird Sanctuary in *Lake* 12 Sep (Alan Bruner, Carolyn Marsh). High counts included 41 at the Hammond lakefront in *Lake* 2 Oct (Carolyn Marsh), 20 at Little Africa in *Brown* 3 Oct (Michael Clarke), 14 at Fairfax in *Monroe* 5 Oct (Michael Clarke), and 18 at Fairfax 17 Oct (Ken Burton, Michael Clarke). The latest report was 1 on 5 Nov near Thorntown in *Boone* (Cloyce Hedge, Roger Hedge). Don Gorney identified an individual of the subspecies *harpomyopa* at Ft. Harrison SP in *Marion* 31 Oct (Nancy Baney, Don Gorney *doc, Sue Gregg, Mike Mulcahy, Jan Schmidt et al.)*

**Bay-breasted Warbler** Earliest report was of 1 at the Hammond Bird Sanctuary in *Lake* 28 Aug (Carolyn Marsh). High count was 8 at the e. end of L. Lemon in *Brown* 19 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld). The latest report was 2 at Stillwater in *Monroe* 12 Oct (Don Whitehead).

**Blackpoll Warbler** Earliest report was of 1 at Boot L. in *Elkhart* 27 Aug (John Cassady). By far the highest count was 35 at the Hammond lakefront in *Lake* 26 Sep (Carolyn Marsh); all other counts were of 3 or fewer. The latest report was 1 first-winter bird on the State Capitol grounds in *Indianapolis* in *Marion* 20 Oct (Michael Brown, Cary Floyd, Cloyce Hedge, Roger Hedge).

**Cerulean Warbler** A declining species in desperate trouble throughout its range. Sadly, only a single report, 1 probable at Gruffy L. just n. of Bloomington in *Marion* 30 Sep (Ken Burton). Not reported in the Dunes area (Ken Brock).

**American Redstart** Earliest report was of 1 at Eagle Cr. in *Marion* 22 Aug (Larry Peavler). High count was 50+ in n.w. *Lake* incl. 30 at the Hammond Bird Sanctuary 12 Sep (Alan Bruner, Carolyn Marsh). The latest report was of 1 on the State Capitol grounds/Westin Hotel in *Indianapolis* in *Marion* 24 Oct (Bekky Lomax).
Cassady, Howard Kauffman, Randy Pals, Larry Peavler, Dan Stoltzfus), an all-time high fall daily total for the lakefront (Ken Brock). The latest records were both 29 Sep with 1 at Whiting Park in Lake (Carolyn Marsh) and 1 at Griffy L. just n. of Bloomington in Monroe (Jerry Downs).

Yellow-breasted Chat A single report of 1 at Friendship in Monroe 19 Aug (Dawn Hewitt, Don Whitehead).

Summer Tanager Earliest report was of 1 at Beverly Shores in Porter 12 Aug (Jeff McCoy), described as all green except for red on the face. Jim Haw heard 1 at Fox Is. in Allen 15 Aug in the area where a pair was on territory in 2003 and a male was singing in May 2004; Haw thought that it was probably on territory for the second summer. High count was 3 in w. Monroe 12 Sep (Scott Evans). The latest report was 1 in w. Bloomington in Monroe 3 Oct (Michael Clarke).

Scarlet Tanager High count was 3 at Cutright in Monroe 31 Aug (Michael Clarke, Don Whitehead), Cright 18 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), Ft. Harrison SP in Marion 21 Sep (Miles Zevin), and in the Morgan-Monroe SF primarily in Monroe 25 Sep (Michael Clarke, Jerry Downs). The latest report was 1 at the e. end of L. Lemon in Brown 3 Oct (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld).

Eastern towhee Reported widely throughout the state. The earliest record was 4 at Little Africa in Brown 14 Aug (Don Whitehead), tying the high count with 4 at Fairfax in Monroe 1 Sep and 4 at Stillwater in Monroe 22 Sep (Don Whitehead). The latest report was 1 at Spicer L. NP in St. Joseph 7 Nov (Marge Riemenschnieder, Vic Riemenschnieder).

American Tree Sparrow Earliest report was of 1 at HammGeol.k&Wds in Lake 17 Oct (Carolyn Marsh). High counts included 50 at Kankakee Sands in Newton 17 Nov (Jed Hertz) and 33 at Boot L. in Elkhart 29 Nov (Dan Stoltzfus).

Chipping Sparrow High counts included 50+ at Marshall in Parke 13 Sep (Alan Bruner), 50+ at Tannanbaum L. in Parke 20 Sep (Alan Bruner), and 81 at Salamonie Res. in Huntington/Wabash 21 Oct that included 75 in one flock (Jim Haw, Frannie Heading). The latest report was 1 at an Allen feeder 25 and 28 Nov (Ed Powers); the latest previous fall record for n.e. Indiana (other than records of several overwintering birds) was 16 Nov (Jim Haw).

Clay-colored Sparrow Ken Brock noted that the lakefront’s total of 6 was the best fall flight ever. 1 juv was at the Hammond Bird Sanctuary in Lake 4 Oct (Ken Brock, John Cassady), 1 was at Willow Slough in Newton 19 Oct (Jed Hertz), and on the State Capitol grounds in Indianapolis in Marion 1 was found 13 Oct (Roger Hedge), 2 on Oct 14 (Cary Floyd, Cloyce Hedge, Roger Hedge, Tom Hulvershorn, Mike Homoya, Brian Tabor) 2 on 16 Oct (Bill Murphy, April Sterling), and 1 on 20 Oct (Lou Anne Barriger, Michael Brown *photo, Cary Floyd, Cloyce Hedge, Roger Hedge, Larry Peavler).

Field Sparrow High counts included 13 at Hawthorn in Sullivan 29 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg), 11 at Boot L. in Elkhart 10 Sep, 18 at Flatwoods in Monroe 28 Sep (Michael Clarke), and 10 at Boot L. 29 Sep (John Cassady, Ruth Mallory). The latest report was 6 at Fairfax in Monroe 26 Oct (Michael Clarke).

Vesper Sparrow Ken Brock noted that for the second consecutive year this species was not recorded on the lakefront. High counts included 5 at Pigeon R. in Lagrange/Steuben 14 Aug (Jim Haw, Sandy Schacht) and 19 Sep (Jim Haw) and 5 at Kankakee Sands in Newton 11 Oct and 13 Oct (Jed Hertz). The latest report was 2 in the Big Springs area in e.-central Boone 2 Nov (Roger Hedge, Steve Housefield).

Lark Sparrow 1 was at Kankakee Sands in Newton 9 Oct (Jed Hertz).


Grasshopper Sparrow Few reports: 6 in the Goose Pond area in Greene 13 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg), 3 in Greene 29 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg), 3 incl. 2 juv at Kankakee Sands in Newton 3 Sep (Jed Hertz), and 1 juv at Forsythe Park in Lake 4 Oct (Ken Brock, John Cassady). This species is quite rare on the lakefront in fall (Ken Brock).

Henslow’s Sparrow High counts included 10 at Hawthorn in Sullivan 5 Aug (Scott Evans, Dawn Hewitt, John Lawrence, Lee Sterrenburg) and 7 in Sullivan 13 Aug (Lee Sterrenburg). The latest report was 2 at Kankakee Sands in Newton 9 Oct (Bronson Ratcliff, Jed Hertz).

LeConte's Sparrow A total of 4: 1 at Whihala Beach in Lake 9 Oct (John Cassady), 1 at Wolf L. in Lake 10 Oct (Brendan Grube, Jeff McCoy), 1 at the Lebanon Business Park pond in Boone 21 Oct (Cloyce Hedge, Roger Hedge) for the second Boone record, and 1 at Kankakee Sands in Newton 25 Oct (Jed Hertz *photo).

Nelson’s Sharp-tailed Sparrow At least 7 were reported: 3+ at the Lebanon Business Park in Boone 27-28 Sep (Cloyce Hedge, Roger Hedge, m.ob.), 2 there 2 Oct (Dan Scheiman), 2 at Whihala Beach in Lake 9 Oct (John Cassady, Ed Hopkins), and 2 at the e. end of L. Lemon in Brown 10 Oct (Sandy Belth, Michael Clarke, Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld, Lee Sterrenburg et al.).

Fox Sparrow Earliest report was of 1 at Spicer L. NP in St. Joseph 29 Sep (Marge Riemenschnieder, Vic Riemenschnieder). High count was 6 at Bottom Rd. in the Restle Unit of Muscatatuck NWR in Jackson/Jennings 31 Oct (Don Whitehead).

Song Sparrow High counts included 40 at the Hammond lakefront in Lake 8 Oct (Carolyn Marsh), 25 on the State Capitol grounds in Indianapolis in Marion 16 Oct (Bill Murphy, April Sterling), and 23 at Kankakee Sands in Newton 11 Oct (Jed Hertz).

Lincoln’s Sparrow Earliest report was of 1 at the Hammond Bird Sanctuary in Lake 12 Sep (Alan Bruner, Carolyn Marsh). High counts included 15 at the Hammond Bird Sanctuary 26 Sep (Carolyn Marsh) and 10 on the State Capitol grounds in Indianapolis in Marion 16 Oct (Bill Murphy, April Sterling). Randy Pals tied the latest Dunes area record with 1 at Cowles Bog in Porter Nov; the previous record was set
6 Nov 1926 in Gary (Ken Brock). The latest report was 1 at the Indiana Government Center South in Indianapolis in Marion 8 Nov (Cloyce Hedge, Roger Hedge, Lee Casebere).

Swamp Sparrow Early report was of 2 at Stillwater in Monroe 2 Sep (Don Whitehead). High counts included 40 at the Hammond lakefront in Lake 8 Oct (Carolyn Marsh), 18 at Kankakee Sands in Newton 9 Oct and 17 there 11 Oct (Jed Hertz), 14 at Fairfax in Monroe 14 Oct (Michael Clarke), and 15 on the State Capitol grounds in Indianapolis in Marion 16 Oct (Bill Murphy, April Sterling). The latest report was 1 at Kankakee Sands 3 Nov (Jed Hertz).

White-throated Sparrow Early report was of 1 at HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake 16 Sep (Carolyn Marsh). High counts included 80 at the Hammond Bird Sanctuary in Lake 4 Oct (Carolyn Marsh), 20 at Ritchey Woods in Hamilton 11 Oct (Bill Murphy), and 14 at Spicer L. NP in St. Joseph 15 Oct (Marge Riemenschneider, Vic Riemenschneider).

White-crowned Sparrow Exceptionally early was 1 adult at HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake 28 Aug (Carolyn Marsh). The next sighting, nearly a month later, was 8 at Boot L. in Elkhart 27 Sep (John Cassidy). High counts included 40 at the Hammond lakefront in Lake 8 Oct (Carolyn Marsh), 15 at Willow Slough in Newton 19 Oct (Jed Hertz), 13 at Kankakee Sands in Newton 25 Oct (Jed Hertz *photo), and 100+ at Atterbury FWA in Johnson 30 Oct (Alan Bruner, Kathy Feldman).

Dark-eyed Junco Early report was of 2 in Allen Sep 15 (Ann Walton), the earliest record for n.e. Indiana by 2 days (Jim Haw). High counts included 50 at Whiting Park in Lake 23 Oct (Carolyn Marsh), 30 at Paynetown in Monroe 28 Oct (Don Whitehead), 50 at Paynetown 10 Nov (Don Whitehead), and 27 at Riemenschneider’s house in South Bend in St. Joseph 30 Nov (Marge Riemenschneider, Vic Riemenschneider).

Lapland Longspur Few reports, the earliest of which was 4 in flight past the Dunes SP lakewatch in Porter 4 Oct (Ken Brock, John Cassidy). Other reports were 8 at Kankakee Sands in Newton 12 Nov (Jed Hertz), 7 over the Woodburn sewage ponds in Allen 20 Nov (Jim Haw), 20 at Hollandsburg in Parke 25 Nov (Alan Bruner), and 3 in e-central Elkhart 26 Nov (Dan Stoltzfus, Drew Weber).

Snow Bunting Early report was of 4 at the Lebanon Business Park in Boone 20 Nov (Roger Hedge). High counts included 370 at Miller Beach in Lake and West Beach in Porter 6 Nov (Jeff McCoy), the lakefront’s fifth largest daily tally (Ken Brock); 24 at the WakWVTrPlant in Elkhart 24 Nov (Dan Stoltzfus); 40 at Woodburn sewage ponds in Allen 25 Nov (Jim Haw); and 30 at Paynetown in Monroe 25 Nov (Don Whitehead).

Northern Cardinal High counts included 11 at Ritchey Woods in Hamilton 17 Sep (Bill Murphy) and 8 at Willow Slough in Newton 8 Nov (Jed Hertz).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak Earliest report was of 1 female on Headley Rd., n. Blooming in Monroe 19 Aug (Don Whitehead). High counts included 12 at Willow Slough in Newton 11 Sep (Alan Bruner), 25 at Cutright in Monroe 18 Sep (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), 12 at Stillwater in Monroe 22 Sep (Don Whitehead), and 65 at Flatwoods in Monroe 28 Sep (Michael Clarke). The latest report was 2 in w. Monroe 11 Oct (Scott Evans).

Blue Grosbeak An early departing species, a pair that summered at Miller Beach in Lake was last recorded 6 Aug (Michael Topp). This constitutes the first fall record for the Dunes area (Ken Brock). High count was 17 in Greene/Sullivan 29 Aug (Lee Sterling). The latest report was 5 at Universal Mine in Vermillion 6 Sep (Alan Bruner, Steve Kuntz, Eugene Muench).

Indigo Bunting High counts included 31 at Stillwater in Monroe 13 Aug (Don Whitehead) and 33 at Stillwater 6 Sep and 41 there on 19 Sep (Lee Sterling), and 43 at Ritchey Woods in Hamilton 29 Sep (Bill Murphy). The latest report was 4 on the State Capitol grounds in Indianapolis in Marion 16 Oct (Bill Murphy, April Sterling).

Dickcissel An early migrant. High count was 8 in the Goose Pond area in Greene 13 Aug (Lee Sterling). The latest report was 1 at Boot L. in Elkhart 9 Sep (John Cassady, Dan Stoltzfus).

Bobolink The high count by far was an impressive migrating flock of 140 in basic plumage at Goose Pond in Greene 29 Aug (Lee Sterling). The latest report was 2 at Goose Pond 17 Sep (Frank Prosser, Don Whitehead).

Red-winged Blackbird High counts included 2000 at the e. end of L. Lemon in Brown 20 Aug (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), 1100 at Kankakee Sands in Newton 27 Oct (Jed Hertz), and on 6 Nov flocks of 3200 at Goose Pond in Greene and 1400 at Hawthorn in Sullivan (Lee Sterling).

Eastern Meadowlark High counts included 21 in Newton 10 Sep (Jed Hertz), 22 at Goose Pond in Greene 17 Sep (Frank Prosser, Don Whitehead), and 22 at Hawthorn in Sullivan 6 Nov (Lee Sterling).

Western Meadowlark 1 probable at Kankakee Sands in Newton 13 Oct (Jed Hertz).

Rusty Blackbird Earliest report was of 5 at Eagle Cr. in Marion 19 Oct (Larry Peavler). High counts included 50 at Stillwater in Monroe 30 Oct (Greg Hess, Frank Prosser), 80 at Stillwater 1 Nov (Frank Prosser), 150 at Stillwater 5 Nov (Don Whitehead), and 60 at the e. end of L. Lemon in Brown 6 Nov (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld).

Brewer’s Blackbird Two reports: 6 at the former Shamrock Turf Farm in Laporte 10 Aug (Josh Christian, Jim Haw, Sandy Schacht) and 70 at the Red Hen Turf Farm in St. Joseph 26 Aug (Jim Spier).

Common Grackle High counts included 7000 at Willow Slough in Newton 17 Sep (Jed Hertz), 14000 at Willow Slough 21 Sep (Jed Hertz), 3700 at Kankakee Sands in Newton 11 Oct (Jed Hertz), and 7500 at New Lebanon in Sullivan 16 Oct (Alan Bruner, Steve Kuntz, Eugene Muench).
Brown-headed Cowbird  High counts included 50 at Flatwoods in Monroe 9 Oct (Cathy Meyer), 3000 at New Lebanon in Sullivan 16 Oct (Alan Bruner, Steve Kuntz, Eugene Muench), 75 at Kankakee Sands in Newton 27 Oct (Jed Hertz), and 65 at Goose Pond in Greene 6 Nov (Lee Sterrenburg).

Orchard Oriole  Two reports: 2 at Pigeon R. in Lagrange/Steuben 5 Aug (Jim Haw, Frannie Headings, Sandy Schacht) and 1 at Fox Is. in Allen 22 Aug (Jim Haw); the Fox Is. bird was, oddly enough, a first fall record for Fox Is. (Jim Haw).

Baltimore Oriole  The latest report was 1 at West Beach in Porter 11 Sep, described as so bright orange that the observers at first thought it was a male Scarlet Tanager (Alan Bruner, Brendan Grube). High count was 3 at Turkey Cr./Elkhart R. in Elkhart 16 Aug (Dan Stoltzfus).

Purple Finch  Earliest report was of 1 at Fox Is. in Allen 9 Sep (Roger Rang). High counts included 7 at Waterford Church/Elkhart R. in Elkhart 27 Sep (Dan Stoltzfus), 10 at Potato Creek SP in St. Joseph 28 Oct (Colin Downey), 10 at Salamonie Res. in Huntington/Wabash 21 Oct (Jim Haw, Frannie Headings), and 12 at Fairfax in Monroe 29 Oct (Don Whitehead).

House Finch  5 at HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake 16 Aug (Carolyn Marsh), 6 at Whihala Beach in Lake 8 Oct (Carolyn Marsh), and 2 at the Hammond Bird Sanctuary in Lake 29 Oct (Carolyn Marsh).

Winter finches  Ken Brock noted that this was a most surprising autumn, with unexpected numbers of Pine Siskins and Red Crossbills (based on previous patterns) and with no redpolls reported.

Red Crossbill  Exceptional in every way was 1 captured on video at a feeder in n. Bloomington in Monroe 17 Aug (Patrick White, fide Jim Hengeveld). Jim Hengeveld commented, “We have had a previous local record of Red Crossbill early in the fall (from Chris Wood a number of years ago) so there must occasionally be an early movement of these birds.” The next report was 3 on Headley Rd. in n. Bloomington in Monroe 2 Nov (Don Whitehead). Ken Brock reported that lakewatchers at the Miller Beach picnic shelter in Lake 6 Nov observed 3 males in the adjacent leafless deciduous trees, the first Dunes-area report since 2001(Nila Grube, Pete Grube, Jeff McCoy, Michael Topp). The following afternoon a flock of 7, incl. at least 1 adult male, flew east past the shelter (Ken Brock, John Cassady). This was topped by a flock of 11 flying west past the site 18 Nov (Pete Grube, Jeff McCoy, Larry Peavler, Michael Topp). The season total in n. Indiana was 23, the best flight in the Dunes area since 1987 (Ken Brock).

Pine Siskin  Earliest report was of 11 in Unionville in Brown 11-12 Sep (Jean Furlong). High counts included 10 in s. Bloomington in Monroe 14 Oct and 14 in Unionville in Brown 18 Oct (John Lawrence), 22 at the e. end of L. Lemon in Brown 24 Oct (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld), and 45 at West Beach in Porter 25 Nov (Jeff McCoy). Ken Brock noted that the season total for n. Indiana was a hefty 172.

American Goldfinch  High counts included 40 at HammGeoLk&Wds in Lake 16 Aug (Carolyn Marsh), 45 at Willow Slough in Newton 27 Aug (Jed Hertz), 60 at Stillwater in Monroe 28 Sep (Don Whitehead), 50 at the east end of L. Lemon in Brown 24 Oct (Jim Hengeveld, Sue Hengeveld) and 77 at Goose Pond in Greene 6 Nov (Lee Sterrenburg).

House Sparrow  One report of 10 at Willow Slough in Newton 29 Aug (Jed Hertz).