

THE CHUCK-WILLS-WIDOW IN INDIANA.

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Last spring, in company with Mr. S. E. Perkins III, I visited the collection at Shortridge High School, Indianapolis, Indiana. Miss Rousseau McClellan, the teacher in charge, very kindly showed us the specimens. Our attention was drawn to some bird skins that were in pieces through much handling by pupils. Among those appeared the head of a Chuck-Wills-Widow (*Antrostomus carolinensis* Gmel.). Miss McClellan said it had been taken in Indianapolis and was brought to her by one of her pupils in April or May, 1908. It was found dead opposite public school No. 10 at the old Medical School Building. Evidently it had flown against the brick wall of that building. It was perfectly fresh when brought to her. She made a skin of it and put it in their collection of birds. She says Harry Dietz remembers it.

This is the first record of this bird from Indiana verified by a specimen and the farthest northern point in the state it has been reported. April 20, 1878, Robert Ridgway and William Brewster identified this species on the Indiana side of the Wabash River in Knox County but did not take a specimen. Dr. Ridgway says: "I have both seen the Chuck-Wills-Widow and frequently heard its unmistakable note in Knox County, Ind., immediately opposite Mt. Carmel" (Ill.) I am informed by Roy Chansler that he has at different times in recent years heard the distinctive note of this bird in Knox County.

¹ Butler, Birds of Ind. 1897, p. 846, 1847.

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