

Saturday, March 4, 2017

Forty-two participants located 40 bald eagles (at eight sites along New River and its tributaries in Monroe, Summers and Raleigh Counties in West Virginia).

The breakdown for the birds follows: 13 adults, 17- 1st year birds, 7- 2nd year birds and 3- 4th year birds.

Four nests were monitored during the day. Two had two eggs and two were presumed to have eggs based on the behavior of the adult birds.

The day was topped off when, about 200 people, cheered at the release of a young female bald eagle by the Three Rivers Avian Center of Brooks, WV.

Bertha: Sharyn Ogden, Rodney Davis, Ron Eggleston, Sandy & Todd Fenstermacher. 13- BAEA* (3- adults, 7- 1st year & 3- 2nd year).

Rt. 122: Leigh & David Prince, David & Jim Shrewsbury. 2- BAEA (1- adult & 1- 1st year).

Bluestone State Park: Jerry Gladwell. 2- BAEA (adults).

Brooks Island Overlook: Wendy & Ron Perrone, Shelby Chapman & Lloyd Enoch. 4- BAEA (2- adults & 2- 2nd year).

Mouth of the Bluestone: Jim(compiler) & Judy Phillips, Julie McQuade, Beth Nelson, Ben Vest, Sue Collins, Mel Waggy, Larry & Jim McGinnis, Danny Sparks, David & Ellen Reed, Joseph Whelen, Dave & Patty Schiffour. 11- BAEA (1- adult, 6- 1st year, 2- 2nd year & 2- 4th year).

Rt. 20 Overlook: Brian Hirt, Betsy Reeder, Bev & Chuck Wright, Don Sherman, Douglas Sisung, Dale Porter, Brian Woods, Kermit Stover & Buddy Shaver. 4- BAEA (3- 1st year & 1- 4th year).

Red Sulphur Springs: Rodney & Julie Bragg. 2- BAEA (adults).

Barger Springs: Buck Price via Leigh Prince. 2- BAEA (adults).

Alfa Codes

(BAEA) Bald Eagle

(GOEA) Golden Eagle

Conditions: Temperatures for the day ranged from 28-46 degrees, cloud cover 0-90% and winds out of the west at 0-9 mph.