

Ruddy Duck (*Oxyura jamaicensis*)

WINTER: Casual Visitant. See Remarks section for CBC data and high counts.

SUMMER: NO RECORDS.

MIGRATION:

Spring: Uncommon Migrant from mid-March to mid-April. Late dates, one on 06 May 1989 (WA, AT, LW); six (4 at Byrd Locks & Dam, WA, PD, MG, DP, PT and 2 at Green Bottom WMA, JW) on 30 April 2005; 15 on 21 April 1997 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA); two on 19 April 1970 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (HS). See Remarks section for high counts.

Fall: Uncommon to Fairly Common Migrant from mid-October to late November. Early dates, one on 09 October 1970 and 1972 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (HS); one on 11 October 1969 at McClintic WMA (HS); one on 19 October 1975 at McClintic WMA (HS). Most December records are likely late migrants. See Remarks section for high counts.

REMARKS:

Winter High Counts: 12 on 04 January 1976 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (HS); 10 on 29 January 2011 at Byrd Locks & Dam (DP) and 10 (8 at Gallipolis Ferry, Mason Co., WV, 2 at Byrd Locks & Dam) on 22 January 2012 (GR); 9 (7 at Byrd Locks & Dam and 2 at Gallipolis, Gallia Co., OH) on 18 December 2010 (WA, MG, DP); 7 on 19 February 2011 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA, MG, DP); 4 on 19 January 1997 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA); 3 on 30 January 2000 on the Ohio River at Green Bottom WMA (GR) and 22 December 2005 at Gavin Power Plant (HS).

Spring High Counts: 15 on 21 April 1997 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA); 6 (4 at Byrd Locks & Dam, WA, PD, MG, DP, PT and 2 at Green Bottom WMA, JW) on 30 April 2005; 4 on 12 March 1972 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (HS).

Fall High Counts: 41 on 25 October 2007 at Byrd Locks & Dam (DP); 28 on 25 November 1960 on the Ohio River, Mason Co., WV (WA, TI, LK, HCL); 20 on 30 November 1995 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA); 16 on 26 October 1975 at Byrd Locks & Dam and Kyger Creek Power Plant (HS).

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT DATA

Huntington, WV (1940 to 2001): Recorded on 12% of Counts. Total Birds: 22. Range: 1 to 14.

Mason County, WV (1953 to 1976): Recorded on 44% of Counts. Total Birds: 34. Range: 1 to 12.

Ona, WV (1962 to 2001): Recorded on 18% of Counts. Total Birds: 10. Range: 1 to 2.

Huntington, WV (1940 to 2001): Total Counts: 61. Birds/Party Hr.: <1.0. Party Hr./Bird: 137.3.

Mason County, WV (1953 to 1976): Total Counts: 18. Birds/Party Hr.: < 1.0. Party Hr./Bird: 10.4.

Ona, WV (1962 to 2001): Total Counts: 40. Birds/Party Hr.: <1.0. Party Hr./Bird: 181.5.

MID-WINTER AERIAL SURVEY (WVDNR)

OHIO RIVER, POINT PLEASANT TO HUNTINGTON, WV

Recorded on 1 survey from 1989 to 2007. 01 January 2007: 2.