

Little Blue Heron (*Egretta caerulea*)

WINTER: NO RECORDS.

SUMMER: Casual Visitant from late June through August. Early dates, one on 25 and 26 June 1969 at Wayne, Wayne Co., WV (HS); one on 26 June 1965 at McClintic WMA (Handley 1976, Smith 1996). Late dates, one on 31 and 30 August 2000 at Green Bottom WMA (WA, MG); one from 23 August to 06 September 1997 at Green Bottom WMA (WA, photographed); one on 28 August 1993 at Green Bottom WMA (WA, MG). See Remarks section for high counts.

MIGRATION:

Spring: Casual Visitant. Ten records: one on 03 April 2007 at Crab Creek, Mason Co., WV (WA); Edeburn et al. (1960) lists a record on 15 April 1960; one "immature" on 21 April 2003 at Ashton, Mason Co., WV (WA); Hall (1983) cites a record by J. Stewart of one on 23 April 1974 at McClintic WMA; one on 23 (WA, KN), 24 (GR) and 25 (MG, MO) April 2011 at Green Bottom WMA; one "adult" on 25 April 1999 at Green Bottom WMA (MG); one on 10 May 2006 at McClintic WMA (BD, JLH, GR); Edeburn et al. (1960) lists a record on 13 May 1956; one on 22 May 2006 at Green Bottom WMA (WA); two on 26 May 2003 at Green Bottom WMA (WA, JB, MO).

Fall: Accidental. Two records. Edeburn et al. (1960) lists a record on 07 September 1944; one was present from 23 August to 06 September 1997 at Green Bottom WMA (WA, photographed).

REMARKS:

Summer High Counts: As many as 6 ("adult" and 5 "immature") present from 24 July to 28 August 1993 at Green Bottom WMA (WA, MG, photographed); 4 "immature" on 30 July 2005 at Green Bottom WMA (3) and Byrd Locks & Dam (1) (WA, MG, DP).