

Common Merganser (*Mergus merganser*)

WINTER: Casual Visitant. See Remarks section for CBC data, Mid-Winter Aerial Survey Data and high counts.

SUMMER: Accidental. One on 09 June 2006 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA).

MIGRATION:

Spring: Uncommon to Fairly Common Migrant from early February to early March. Records to early May. Late dates, one on 09 May 1977 at Gavin Power Plant (HS); 07 May 1950 (Edeburn et al. 1960); one on 03 May 2008 at Byrd Locks & Dam (MG, DP); one on 05 April 1970 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (HS); two on 22 March 1976 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (HS). See Remarks section for high counts.

Fall: Uncommon Fall Migrant from early to late December (Kiff et al. 1986). Early dates, 06 November 1952 (Edeburn et al. 1960); fifteen on 15 November 1985 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (MG); one on 30 November 1995 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA). See Remarks section for high counts.

REMARKS:

Winter High Counts: 41 on 04 February 1978 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (HS); 21 on 05 February 1977 at Kyger Creek Power Plant and Gavin Power Plant (HS); 20 on 09 February 1966 on the Ohio River, Cabell Co., WV (WA).

Spring High Counts: 50 on 01 March 1986 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (MG); 45 on 03 March 1979 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (HS); 40 on 15 April 2007 at Beech Fork Lake (LWC); 13 on 19 March 1978 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (HS).

Fall High Counts: 15 on 15 November 1985 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (MG).

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT DATA

Huntington, WV (1940 to 2001): Recorded on 20% of Counts. Total Birds: 49. Range: 1 to 18.

Mason County, WV (1953 to 1976): Recorded on 56% of Counts. Total Birds: 29. Range: 1 to 8.

Ona, WV (1962 to 2001): Recorded on 33% of Counts. Total Birds: 32. Range: 1 to 4.

Huntington, WV (1940 to 2001): Number of Counts: 61. Birds/Party Hr.: <1.0. Party Hr./Bird: 61.6.

Mason County, WV (1953 to 1976): Number of Counts: 18. Birds/Party Hr.: <1.0. Party Hr./Bird: 12.2.

Ona, WV (1962 to 2001): Number of Counts: 40. Birds/Party Hr.: <1.0. Party Hr./Bird: 56.7.

MID-WINTER AERIAL SURVEY DATA (WVDNR)

OHIO RIVER, POINT PLEASANT TO HUNTINGTON, WV

Recorded (*Mergus* spp.) on 5 surveys from 1989 to 2005: 03 January 1996: 15. 04 January 1999: 9. 02 January 2001: 1.

06 January 2003: 2. 03 January 2005: 1.

Recorded Common Merganser: 06 January 2012: 4.