

Red-breasted Merganser (*Mergus serrator*)

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

SUMMER: Accidental. One on 26 June 2006 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA, MG).

MIGRATION:

Spring: Fairly Common to Common Migrant from early March to early April. Uncommon Migrant from mid-April to late May. Late dates, three on 29 May 1976 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (HS); one on 28 May 1971 and 1978 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (HS); one on 30 May 2009 at Beech Fork State Park (MKE, JN). See Remarks section for high counts.

Fall: Uncommon Migrant from early November to late December. Early dates, one on 28 October 1990 on the Ohio River at Crab Creek, Mason Co., WV (WA); 13 on 01 November 1970 at Kyger Creek Power Plant and the Ohio River, Mason Co., WV (HS); one on 04 November 1970 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (HS). See Remarks section for high counts.

REMARKS:

Spring High Counts: 31 on 01 April 2006 south of Crab Creek, Mason Co., WV (MG, DP); 30 on 28 March 2008 at Crab Creek, Mason Co., WV (WA); 24 on 05 April 1970 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (HS); 23 on 16 March 1975 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (WA, HS); 22 on 09 April 1976 at Gavin Power Plant (HS).

Fall High Counts: 13 on 01 November 1970 on the Ohio River, Mason Co., WV and Kyger Creek Power Plant (HS); 8 on 29 November 1968 on the Ohio River, Mason Co., WV (WA).

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT DATA

Huntington, WV (1940 to 2001): Recorded on 18% of Counts. Total Birds: 24. Range:1 to 4.

Mason County, WV (1953 to 1976): Recorded on 17% of Counts. Total Birds: 6. Range:1 to 3.

Ona, WV (1962 to 2001): Recorded on 25% of Counts. Total Birds: 36. Range 1 to 10.

Huntington, WV (1940 to 2001): Total Counts: 61. Birds/Party Hr.: <1.0. Party Hr./Bird: 125.8.

Mason County, WV (1953 to 1976): Total Counts: 18. Birds/Party Hr.: < 1.0. Party Hr./Bird: 58.8.

Ona, WV (1962 to 2001): Total Counts: 40. Birds/Party Hr.: <1.0. Party Hr./Bird: 50.4.

MID-WINTER AERIAL SURVEY DATA (WVDNR)

OHIO RIVER, POINT PLEASANT TO HUNTINGTON, WV

Recorded (Merganser 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.