

Surf Scoter (*Melanitta perspicillata*)

WINTER: Casual Visitant. Six records. two on 25 December 2008 on the Ohio River near Lesage, Cabell Co., WV (GR); one female on 28 December 1997 at Harris River Front Park (JLH, GR) one from 01 January to 10 January 2011 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA, MG, GR); six from 02 January to 09 January 1999 (WA, MG) and one on 27 February 1999 (WA) at Byrd Locks & Dam; one ("immature") on 04 January 1998 on the Ohio River at Huntington, WV (WA, CE, AT); one on 25 December 1977 (Huntington, WV, CBC).

SUMMER: NO RECORDS.

MIGRATION:

Spring: Accidental. One on 18 April 2007 at Beech Fork Lake (GR); one on 03 and 06 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA, MG); one female on 08 May 1999 at Byrd Locks & Dam (BD, JH, JLH, GR).

Fall: Casual Visitant. Six records. One ("immature") on 11 October 1993 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA); one ("immature") on 16 October 1993 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (WA); one ("immature") from 03 November to 11 November 1997 on the Ohio River at Harris River Front Park (WA, JLH, GR, HS); one on 07 November 1992 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA, MG); six (1 male, 5 female) on 23 November 2002 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA, MG, Joe Browning); one on 30 November 2011 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA, MG).

REMARKS: Since the 1980's, the Surf Scoter has become the most frequently recorded scoter in Ohio (Peterjohn 2001). In our area, 9 of 10 Surf Scoter records have occurred since 1992. See Remarks section for White-winged Scoter.