

Black Tern (*Chlidonias niger*)

WINTER: NO RECORDS.

SUMMER: Uncommon to Common Migrant during August. Early dates, two on 08 August 1953 in Mason Co., WV (HKL, HCL) (Edeburn et al. 1960); one on 08, 10 and 11 August 2005 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA, KK, MP); two on 09 August 1997 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (WA); four on 13 August 1997 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA). See Remarks section for high counts.

MIGRATION:

Spring: Casual Migrant from early to mid-May. Early dates, one on 01 May 1949 (HCL) (Edeburn et al. 1960); two on 02 May 1989 at Crab Creek, Mason Co., WV (MG); one on 03 May 2011 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA); 11 May 1941 (Edeburn et al. 1960) and four and 11 May 2006 at Crab Creek, Mason Co., WV (WA). Late dates, two on 28 May 2008 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA, MG); three on 21 May 2003 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA); one on 18 May 2003 at Byrd Locks & Dam (MG); 35 on 17 May 1997 at Green Bottom WMA (MG); See Remarks section for high counts.

Fall: Uncommon Migrant from early August (see Summer section) to early September. Late dates, one on 30 September 1995 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA, KP); three on 10 September 2000 and 2001 at Lesage, Cabell Co., WV (HS); 11 on 09 September 2000 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA, BD, MG, GR). See Remarks section for high counts.

REMARKS:

Summer High Counts: At least 100 on 31 August 2005 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA, JB, MG); 41 on 25 August 2011 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA, MG); 30 on 29 August (WA, JB) and 27 on 30 August (WA) 2005 at Byrd Locks & Dam; 16 on 25 August 2007 at Byrd Locks & Dam (MG, DP); 13 on 20 August 2009 at Byrd Locks & Dam (JTH); 11 on 17 August and 8 on 15 August 1987 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA); 10 on 01 August 2004 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA, MG, DP); 8 on 15 August 1987 (WA), 29 August (WA) and 30 August (GR) 2006 at Byrd Locks & Dam; 6 on 16 August 2002 at Lesage, Cabell Co., WV (HS).

Spring High Counts: 35 on 17 May 1997 at Green Bottom WMA (MG); 21 on 14 May 1978 at Gavin Power Plant and Kyger Creek Power Plant (HS); 5 on 13 May 2002 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA).

Fall High Counts: 25 on 01 September 1974 at Byrd Locks & Dam (HS); 12 to 30 at Byrd Locks & Dam from 01 to 04 September 2005 (WA, JB, MG, JH, JLH); 15 on 01 September 1993 at Byrd Locks & Dam (MG); 11 on 09 September 2000 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA, BD, MG, GR).