

Blue Grosbeak (*Passerina caerulea*)

WINTER: NO RECORDS.

SUMMER: Uncommon to Fairly Common Resident since the mid-1970's. See Remarks section.

MIGRATION:

Spring: Uncommon Migrant from early May to early June. Early dates, 22 and 24 April 2003 (GR); 26 April 2008 (MG, DP); 27 April 2008 (WA, MG, DP); 01 May 2004 (WA, JB, MG, DP); 03 May 2008 (MG, DP); 05 May 2012 (GR et al.); 06 May 1956 (HKL) (Edeburn et al. 1960); 07 May 2006 (MG, DP) and 2011 (JW et al.); 09 May 1998 (WA, JF, MG) and 2009 (JW).

Fall: Rare Migrant departing in August. Late dates, 29 September 2011 (MG); 12 September 1983 (HS); 30 August 1997 (WA).

REMARKS:

Historical Occurrence: Few records in our area prior to the mid-1970's (Kiff et al. 1986). This species increased in Mason and Putnam Co's. in the mid-1970's and the first nesting was confirmed (LW) on 15 July 1977 in Mason Co. (Kiff et al. 1977). Kiff et al. (1977) presents a detailed account of this species in southwestern WV.