

## **Bonaparte's Gull (*Chroicocephalus Philadelphia*)**

**WINTER:** Casual Visitor. See Remarks section for CBC data.

**SUMMER:** Accidental. Two records. One on 09 August 1997 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (WA). Two from 20 to 22 August 1994 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA).

### **MIGRATION:**

**Spring:** Fairly Common to Common Migrant from late March to late April. Early dates, one on 09 March 2003 (JH, JLH); one 11 March 2012 at Beech Fork Dam (MG); seven on 13 March 2003 (JLH) at Harris River Front Park; 20 on 20 March 2002 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA); 30 on 22 March 2008 at Byrd Locks & Dam (MG); 18 on 26 March 2002 at Lesage, Cabell Co., WV (HS). Late dates, 25 on 11 May 1968 at Byrd Locks & Dam (HS); 20 on 02 May 1987 in Cabell and Mason Cos., WV (WA, AT, LW); one on 01 May 1971 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (HS). See Remarks section for high counts.

**Fall:** Casual Migrant from late October to late November. Early dates, two on 05 October 1997 at Harris River Front Park (HS); one on 22 October 1972 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (HS); one on 29 October 1997 at Harris River Front Park (HS) and 2006 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA, MG, DP); two on 31 October 1992 at Milton, Cabell Co., WV (WA, MG). See Remarks section for high counts.

### **REMARKS:**

Spring High Counts: 145 on 02 April 1977 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (HS); 60 on 12 April 1987 at Gavin Power Plant (WA); 56 on 01 (WA, MG) and 50 on 02 (WA, MG, DP) April 2011 at Gallipolis Ferry, Mason Co., WV; 50 on 21 April 1997 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA); 48 on 31 March 2000 at Lesage, Cabell Co., WV (HS).

Fall High Counts: 36 on 17 November 2002 at Beech Fork Lake (GR); 22 on 30 November 2008 at Byrd Locks & Dam (MG, DP); 16 on 21 November 2000 at Lesage, Cabell Co., WV (HS); 12 on 09 November 1997 at Harris River Front Park (HS).

### **CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT DATA**

Huntington, WV (1940 to 2001): Recorded on 8% of Counts. Total birds: 12. Range: 1 to 6.

Mason County, WV (1953 to 1976): Recorded on 11% of Counts. Total Birds: 2. Range: 1.

Ona, WV (1962 to 2001): Recorded on 10% of Counts. Total Birds: 11. Range: 1 to 6.

Huntington, WV (1940 to 2001): Number of Counts: 61. Birds/Party Hr.: <1.0. Party Hr./Bird: 251.6.

Mason County, WV (1953 to 1976): Number of Counts: 18. Birds/Party Hr.: <1.0. Party Hr./Bird: 176.5.

Ona, WV (1962 to 2001): Number of Counts: 40. Birds/Party Hr.: <1.0. Party Hr./Bird: 165.0.