

Caspian Tern (*Hydroprogne caspia*)

WINTER: NO RECORDS.

SUMMER: Uncommon Migrant in late August. Early dates, four on 01 August 1997 at Harris River Front Park (HS); two on 11 August 1997 at Guyandotte, Cabell Co., WV (HS); one on 15 August 1987 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (HS); one on 19 August 2009 at Byrd Locks & Dam (MO). Two July records, four on 25 July 2004 along the Ohio River at Crab Creek, Mason Co., WV (WA, JB) and one on 23 July 2009 at Byrd Locks & Dam (MG). Three June records: one on 04 June 1977 at Kyger Creek Power Plant; one on 10 June 1997 at Harris River Front Park (HS); two on 18 June 1989 at Gavin Power Plant (WA, photographed). All summer records of one to four birds.

MIGRATION:

Spring: Uncommon Migrant from mid-April to early May. Casual Migrant prior to the late 1980's. Early dates, one on 03 April 2000 at Lesage, Cabell Co., WV (HS); two on 08 April 2010 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA); one on 12 April 2000 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA) and three on 12 April 2011 at Byrd Locks & Dam (MG); one on 13 April 1969 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (HS) and three on 13 April 2008 at Byrd Locks & Dam (GR); two on 17 April 2006 at Gavin Power Plant (HS). Late dates, two on 22 May 2006 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA); one on 21 May 2003 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA); one on 20 May 1992 on the Ohio River at Green Bottom WMA (WA); three on 18 May 2005 at Cheshire, Gallia Co., OH (HS); 17 on 12 May 1990 at Gavin Power Plant (WA, MG). See Remarks section for high counts.

Fall: Uncommon Migrant from early September (see Summer section) to late September. Casual Migrant prior to the early 1990's. Late dates, five on 11 November 2000 at Lesage, Cabell Co., WV (HS); one on 26 October 1975 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (HS); two on 05 October 1997 at Harris River Front Park (HS); two on 03 October 1988 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (WA).

REMARKS:

Spring High Counts: 30 on 23 April 1989 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (WA, MG); 17 on 12 May 1990 at Gavin Power Plant (WA, MG) and 17 on 19 April 2011 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA, MG); 10 on 17 April 1987 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (WA); 9 on 30 April 2005 (WA, PD, MG, DP, PT) and 8 on 29 April 2005 (WA, MG, HS) at Byrd Locks & Dam; 7 on 30 April 1988 at Kyger Creek Power Plant and 14 April 1991 at Gavin Power Plant (WA).

Fall High Counts: 8 on 03 September 1997 at Harris River Front Park (HS) and 8 (5 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA, JB, KK) and 3 at Milton, Cabell Co., WV (JB) on 01 September 2006; 7 on 03 September 1999 at Harris River Front Park (HS); 6 on 24 September 1972 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (HS).