

## **American Black Duck (*Anas rubripes*)**

**WINTER:** Fairly Common to Very Common Resident. See Remarks section for CBC data, Mid-Winter Aerial Survey data and high counts.

**SUMMER:** Casual Resident. Nesting was documented in 1967 in Cabell Co., WV (LK) (Kiff et al. 1986). Present on 1 (05 May 1991, WA, MG, JF, AT) of 9 Century Day Counts from 1987 to 1994 (WA).

### **MIGRATION:**

**Spring:** Fairly Common to Very Common Migrant from mid-February to late March (Slack 1978). Numerous April to May records are probably late migrants. See Remarks section for high counts.

**Fall:** Fairly Common to Very Common Migrant from late October to mid-December. Numerous September records are probably early migrants. See Remarks section for high counts.

### **REMARKS:**

Winter High Counts: 700 on 09 February 1966 on the Ohio River near Green Bottom WMA (WA); 650 on 12 January 1971 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (HS); 500 on 27 February 1971 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (HS); 400 on 12 December 1971 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (HS).

Spring High Counts: 150 on 02 March 1969 and 03 March 1979 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (HS); 104 on 06 March 1971 at McClintic WMA and Kyger Creek Power Plant (HS).

Fall High Counts: 290 on 26 November 1972 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (HS); 280 on 28 November 1971 at McClintic WMA and Kyger Creek Power Plant (HS); 250 on 21 November 1971 and 30 November 1975 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (HS).

Banding Data: 682 (7.6% of total Anatidae) were banded at McClintic WMA from 1953 to 1964. Of 19.6% (134) recovered, excluding WV and Ohio, 78.9% (56) and 21.1% (15), respectively, were recovered north and south of the banding station. 66.1% (37) of recoveries north of the banding station were from Ontario, Canada. 73.3% of recoveries south of the banding station were from Tennessee (4), Alabama (3), Indiana (2) and North Carolina (2) (Donnelly 1967).

### **CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT DATA**

Huntington, WV (1940 to 2001): Recorded on 84% of Counts. Total Birds: 1,126. Range: 1 to 98.

Mason County, WV (1953 to 1976): Recorded on 100% of Counts. Total Birds: 4,982. Range: 3 to 1,124.

Ona, WV (1962 to 2001): Recorded on 98% of Counts. Total Birds: 3,528. Range: 2 to 2,008.

Huntington, WV (1940 to 2001): Number of Counts: 61. Birds/Party Hr.: <1.0. Party Hr./Bird: 2.7.

Mason County, WV (1953 to 1976): Number of Counts: 18. Birds/Party Hr.: 14.1. Party Hr./Bird: 0.1.

Ona, WV (1962 to 2001): Number of Counts: 40. Birds/Party Hr.: 1.9. Party Hr./Bird: 0.5.

### **MID-WINTER AERIAL SURVEY (WVDNR)**

#### **OHIO RIVER, POINT PLEASANT TO HUNTINGTON, WV**

13 January 1989: 66. 03 January 1990: 40. 02 January 1991: 89. 07 January 1992: 111. 04 January 1993: 137.  
10 January 1994: 249. 03 January 1995: 172. 03 January 1996: 90. 06 January 1997: 117. 05 January 1998: 18.  
04 January 1999: 670. 05 January 2000: 172. 02 January 2001: 1,132. 07 January 2002: 180. 06 January 2003: 2.  
05 January 2004: 163. 03 January 2005: 37. 10 January 2006: 112. 01 January 2007: 23. 07 January 2008: 61.  
09 January 2009: 32. 11 January 2010: 285. 96 January 2011: 181. 06 January 2012: 170