

## **Gadwall (*Anas strepera*)**

**WINTER:** Casual Visitant. Occasional Resident. See Remarks section for CBC data, Mid-Winter Aerial Survey data and high counts.

**SUMMER:** Accidental. Two August records likely represent early migrants. One on 10 August 1987 at Apple Grove, Mason Co., WV (WA); nine on 30 August 1960 at McClintic WMA (WA, TI, LK).

### **MIGRATION:**

**Spring:** Fairly Common Migrant. Arrives from late February to mid-April (Donnelly 1967). Late dates, 19 May 2012 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA, DP); one on 14 May 1968 at McClintic WMA (HS); Hall (1983) cites a date of 12 May; two on 20 April 1982 at Ona, Cabell Co., WV (HS); one on 16 April 1965 in Mason Co., WV (WA, TI) and six on 16 April 1978 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (HS). See Remarks section for high counts.

**Fall:** Fairly Common to Common Migrant from early October to late November. Early dates, two on 10 September 1967 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (HS, RS); two on 18 September 1967 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (HS, RS); 35 at Kyger Creek Power Plant on 24 September 1972 (HS). See Summer section also. See Remarks section for high counts.

### **REMARKS:**

Winter High Counts: 75 on 02 January 2007 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA); 50 on 06 January 2007 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA, MG, DP); 45 on 02 December 2006 at Byrd Locks & Dam (DP); 44 on 27 February 1976 at Kyger Creek Power Plant and McClintic WMA (HS) and 31 December 2005 at Byrd Locks & Dam (MG, DP); 40 on 29 February 1992 at Kyger Creek Power Plant and McClintic WMA (WA, MG); 36 on 31 January 1988 at Kyger Creek Power Plant and Cheshire, Gallia Co., OH (WA); 32 on 07 January 2006 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA, MG, DP).

Spring High Counts: 38 on 17 March 2012 at Byrd Locks & Dam (MG); 30 On 02 April 2011 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA, MG, DP); 28 on 02 March 1975 at McClintic WMA (HS); 25 on 26 March 1972 at McClintic WMA (HS); 22 on 10 March 2007 at Green Bottom WMA (MG, DP); 21 (13 at Byrd Locks & Dam and 8 at Crab Creek, Mason Co., WV on 06 March 2011 (MG, DP); 20 on 10 March 1972 at McClintic WMA (Smith 1996).

Fall High Counts: 87 (86 at Byrd Locks & Dam and one at Milton, Cabell Co., WV) on 26 November 2010 (MG, DP); 45 on 25 November and 40 on 14 November 2010 at Byrd Locks & Dam (DP); 40 on 14 November 2010 at Byrd Locks & Dam (DP); 35 on 24 September 1972 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (HS); 24 on 18 November 2006 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA, DP); 21 on 31 October 2010 at Byrd Locks & Dam (MG, DP); 20 on 29 November 1987 at Cheshire, Gallia Co., OH (WA).

Banding Data: 5 (<1.0% of total Anatidae) were banded at McClintic WMA from 1953 to 1964. There were no recoveries (Donnelly 1967).

### **CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT DATA**

Huntington, WV (1940 to 2001): Recorded on 21% of Counts. Total Birds: 32. Range: 1 to 5.

Mason County, WV (1953 to 1976): Recorded on 28% of Counts. Total Birds: 30. Range: 2 to 17.

Ona, WV (1962 to 2001): Recorded on 35% of Counts. Total Birds: 48. Range: 1 to 19.

Huntington, WV (1940 to 2001): Number of Counts: 61. Birds/Party Hr.: <1.0. Party Hr./Bird: 94.4.

Mason County, WV (1953 to 1976): Number of Counts: 18. Birds/Party Hr.: <1.0. Party Hr./Bird: 11.8.

Ona, WV (1962 to 2001): Number of Counts: 40. Birds/Party Hr.: <1.0. Party Hr./Bird: 37.8.

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

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

Recorded on 6 surveys from 1989 to 2009: 06 January 1992: 2. 05 January 2000: 1. 05 January 2004: 12. 10 January 2006: 15.

01 January 2007: 80. 09 January 2009: 23.