Red-winged Blackbird (Agelaius phoeniceus)

WINTER: Uncommon to Common Resident. Very Common to Very Abundant in some years. See Remarks section for CBC data.

SUMMER: Abundant Resident. See Remarks section.

MIGRATION:

Spring: Abundant Migrant from late February to late March. Territorial males arrive in late February and early March.

Fall: Common Migrant from early September to mid-November (Edeburn et al. 1960, Hall 1983, Kiff et al. 1986).

REMARKS:

Singing Male Census (Koch 1971): McClintic WMA, Mason Co., WV (1967): shallow pond-cattail marsh (elevation, 183 m): 5600 males/100 ha. (based on an intensive search of 8,250 sq. ft. of cattail marsh, resulting in 12 occupied nests).

Singing Male Census (Koch 1974): McClintic WMA, Mason Co., WV (1971): abandoned bottomland (elevation, 186 m): 33 males/100 ha.

Breeding Bird Survey (Koch 1974): McClintic WMA, Mason Co., WV (29 May 1969): 50 Stops, 12.25 Mile. Number of Stops Recorded: 16. Total Birds: 88.

Breeding Bird Survey (Koch and Hurley 1972): Beech Fork Lake, Wayne Co., WV (29 May 1969): 50 Stops, 25 Mile. Number of Stops Recorded: 15. Total Birds: 41.

Breeding Bird Survey (Bullard 2003): Cabwaylingo State Forest, Wayne Co., WV (2002): 135 Stops (7 surveys), 64 Mile. Number of Stops Recorded: 3. Total Birds: 3.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT DATA

Huntington, WV (1940 to 2001):Recorded on 62% of Counts. Total Birds: 4,810. Range: 1 to 2000.Mason County, WV (1953 to 1976):Recorded on 100% of Counts. Total Birds: 464. Range: 1 to 90.Ona, WV (1962 to 2001):Recorded on 98% of Counts. Total Birds: 9,257. Range: 1 to 1,472.Huntington, WV (1940 to 2001):Number of Counts: 61. Birds/Party Hr.: 1.6. Party Hr./Bird: 1.6.Mason County, WV (1953 to 1976):Number of Counts: 18. Birds/Party Hr.: 1.3. Party Hr./Bird: 0.8.Ona, WV (1962 to 2001):Number of Counts: 40. Birds/Party Hr.: 5.1. Party Hr./Bird: 0.2.