

Ring-billed Gull (*Larus delawarensis*)

WINTER: Fairly Common to Very Common Resident. See Remarks section for CBC data and high counts.

SUMMER: Casual Visitant.

MIGRATION:

Spring: Common to Very Common Migrant from late February to early May. Often Abundant from late February to late March. Uncommon to Fairly Common Migrant from mid-May to early June. See Remarks section for high counts.

Fall: Fairly Common to Very Common Migrant from late October to late December. Uncommon to Fairly Common from late September to mid-October. See Remarks section for high counts.

REMARKS:

Winter High Counts: 710 (360 at Gavin Power Plant and 350 at Kyger Creek Power Plant) on 28 February 2007 (WA); 500 on 28 January 2011 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA, MG); 497 on 24 February 2003 at Lesage, Cabell Co., WV (HS); 350 on 18 December 2010 at Byrd Locks & Dam (WA, MG, DP); 319 on 04 February 2009 at Byrd Locks & Dam (MG); 300 on 10 February 2007 at Harris River Front Park (GR).

Spring High Counts: 600 on 15 March 1970 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (HS); 598 on 09 March 2003 (450 at Harris River Front Park (JH, JLH) and 148 at Lesage, Cabell Co., WV (HS); 283 on 13 March 2005 at Lesage, Cabell Co., WV (HS); 144 on 28 April 2007 at Gavin Power Plant (HS); 120 on 01 May 1971 at Kyger Creek Power Plant (HS).

Fall High Counts: 309 on 29 November 1993 at Harris River Front Park (WA); Edeburn et al. (1960) cites November peaks of 170; 52 (50 at Byrd Locks & Dam, 2 at Gavin Power Plant) on 25 November 2005 (MG, DP); 50 on 29 September 1997 at Kenova, Wayne Co., WV (HS).

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT DATA

Huntington, WV (1940 to 2001): Recorded on 59% of Counts. Total Birds: 1,638. Range: 1 to 380.

Mason County, WV (1953 to 1976): Recorded on 83% of Counts. Total Birds: 284. Range: 1 to 70.

Ona, WV (1962 to 2001): Recorded on 58% of Counts. Total Birds: 348. Range: 1 to 82.

Huntington, WV (1940 to 2001): Number of Counts: 61. Birds/Party Hr.: <1.0. Party Hr./Bird: 1.8.

Mason County, WV (1953 to 1976): Number of Counts: 18. Birds/Party Hr.: <1.0. Party Hr./Bird: 1.2.

Ona, WV (1962 to 2001): Number of Counts: 40. Birds/Party Hr.: <1.0. Party Hr./Bird: 5.2.