

Sora (*Porzana carolina*)

WINTER: Accidental. Handley noted occurrence in winter at McClintic WMA (Smith 1996). There are no recent records.

SUMMER: Casual Resident. See Remarks section.

MIGRATION:

Spring: Uncommon Migrant from early April to early May. Early dates, one on 04 April 2009 at Green Bottom WMA (MG, DP); one on 06 April 2004 at McClintic WMA (CK, KK); three (2 at Green Bottom WMA, 1 at Apple Grove, Mason Co., WV) on 08 April 2006 (WA, MG); one on 08 April 2011 at Ashton, Mason Co., WV (WA, MG) one on 10 April 2004 (WA, MG, DP) and 2011 (MG, DP) at Green Bottom WMA; one on 11 April 1997 (HS), 1998 (WA, MG) and 2009 (WA, MG, DP) at Green Bottom WMA. See Remarks section for high counts.

Fall: Uncommon Migrant during September to mid-October. Edeburn et al. (1960) notes groups up to 45 in fall. Late dates, 18 October 1987 at Ona, Cabell Co., WV (WA); one on 16 October 2011 at Green Bottom WMA (GR); October 1963 at McClintic WMA (WA, TI, JK, LK).

REMARKS:

Nesting: Nest photographed at Green Bottom WMA 1997: 04 June, 11 eggs (HS); 05 June, 9 eggs and 1 local (HS); 14 June, nest empty/intact and at least 3 local nearby (WA, HS).

Singing Male Census (Koch 1971): McClintic WMA, Mason Co., WV (1967): shallow pond-cattail marsh (elevation, 183 m): 16 males/100 ha

Spring High Counts: 12 on 02 May 2004 at Green Bottom WMA (MG, DP); 8 on 02 May 1988 and 09 May 2008 at Green Bottom WMA (WA, MG).