

2002 Kennesaw Mountain Fall Summary

The current format is the same format used in the spring. The five year average now represents the previous five years and does not include the current season. We feel this change better indicates a trend and does not skew that trend by a good or bad current year. The five year averages were rounded to the nearest whole and NC for the common dates denotes that this species is "Never Common." The season total is the sum of all daily totals, so a single bird reported on successive days may artificially inflate a total. Notes appear in the comment section when this occurrence was observed. Numbers in bold indicate new (not tied) early, late or high numbers from this season.

Band Code	# this season	5 year avg	Extreme dates	Dates common	2002 Season High	2002 high date	All time high	Comments
DCCO	1	2	10/19	NC	1	10/19	10	7th fall record, never many in fall
GBHE	3	1	8/8	NC	3		1	Never many
BLVU	2		11/6	NC	2	11/6		
TUVU	75	28	9/23-11/6	NC	48	11/6	87	
OSPR		1					1	
NOHA	3	1	10/13-10/25	NC	1	several		New late date by 1 day
SSHA	28	21	8/6-11/6	NC	4	11/6	5	
COHA	13	10	7/31-11/6	NC	2	several	2	
ACC SP	2	4						
RSHA	1	8	7/28	NC	1			Declining in recent years, see note
BWHA	21	116	<b>7/18</b> -10/6	NC	10	10/6	236	New early date by 5 days, no big hawk days
RTHA	41	26	7/23-11/6	NC	6	11/6	7	
AMKE	1	2	10/6	NC	1			
MERL	1	3	<b>10/30</b>	NC	1		2	16th fall record, new late date by 2 days
PEFA	0	2					1	
Falc. Sp.	1		10/14					
MALL	1		7/19	NC	1		1	Second record for KMT
KILL	1	3	9/13	NC	1		10	
BBCU	1	0	9/10	NC	1			5th fall record, first fall record since 1998
YBCU	73	27	7/16-10/16	7/16-8/6	<b>6</b>	7/28	5	Breeders, new one day high
EASO	9	3	8/27-10/22	NC	2	8/27		
GHOW		10						
CONI	1		10/6	NC	1			
CWWI								
CHSW	1754	2088	7/16-10/27	7/16-10/8	100	10/8	300	Slightly low year, numbers variable
RTHU	348	245	7/16-10/19	7/28-9/9	15	8/2	16	Good numbers
BEKI	2		9/13-10/14	NC	1			3rd fall record
RHWO	22	9	9/9-10/13	NC	<b>8</b>	10/3	5	New one day high count, see note
YBSA	32	20	10/12-11/4	NC	4	11/1	8	Good numbers, arrived late this year *
OSFL		0					1	
EAWP	128	112	8/5- <b>10/29</b>	9/5-10/16	<b>8</b>	10/2	6	New one day high, new late date by 5 days
YBFL	3		9/8-9/22	NC	<b>1</b>	several		7th-9th fall records
ACFL		0						
TRFL		0						
EMP SP	7	6	9/10-9/29	NC	2	9/16,9/20		
EAPH	37	9	9/20-11/4	NC	<b>5</b>	10/18	3	New one day high count, good numbers *
GCFL	20	8	7/18-9/22	NC	<b>3</b>	7/24,7/26	2	New one day high count, breeders
MYAR SP		0						
EAKI		1						
WEVI	99	56	7/21-10/14	9/7-9/30	5	8/4,8/15	8	Good numbers, breeders
YTVI	43	47	7/21-10/15	NC	3	9/21	6	
BHVI	117	35	7/31-11/4	10/26	<b>18</b>	10/27	11	New one day high count *
WAVI		1					1	
PHVI	10	14	9/19- <b>10/24</b>	NC	3	10/3	3	Ties one day high, new late date by 6 days
REVI	511	453	7/16-10/17	7/16-10/7	19	9/10	45	
FICR	3	1	7/27-9/18	NC	2	7/27		4th-5th fall records

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PUMA	5	8	7/16-7/30	NC	3	7/27	8	
TRES	26	8	<b>8/13</b> -9/30	NC	20	8/21	32	7th-9th fall records, new early date by 19 days
NRSW	2	5	<b>8/24</b>	NC	2	8/24	6	New late date by 8 days, never many in fall
CLSW	4	2	<b>7/16</b>	NC	4	7/16		8th fall record, new one day high
BARS	17	20	7/21-9/30	NC	4	9/1	29	
RBNU	1	5	10/17	NC			2	15th fall record
WBNU	238	69	7/16-11/4	7/16-11/4	7	8/26		Increasing at KMT, see note
BHNU	7	4	8/25-10/27	NC	3	8/25		
BRCR	7	3	10/20-11/2	NC	<b>5</b>	11/1		19th-25th fall recs., new one day high for fall
HOWR	15	13	7/25-10/30	NC	2	10/14	5	
WIWR	25	8	10/17-11/4	NC	<b>6</b>	11/2	4	New one day high, good numbers *
MAWR		0					1	
GCKI	301	131	10/14-11/4	10/17-	<b>58</b>	11/1	41	New one day high, good numbers *
RCKI	193	126	9/9-11/4	10/22-	28	11/2	50	Good numbers *
BGGN	160	183	7/17- <b>11/1</b>	7/25-9/10	6	several	31	Slightly low, new late date by 13 days
EABL	28	14	10/7-11/1	NC	6	several		
VEER	36	15	9/10-10/16	NC	3	several	7	Good numbers **
GCTH	48	13	9/14-10/14	9/19-10/6	4	several	10	Good numbers **
SWTH	376	174	9/10-10/30	9/16-10/14	29	9/23	32	Good numbers **
HETH	34	16	10/11-11/4	10/29-	7	11/2	11	Good numbers *
WOTH	111	62	7/22-10/18	9/17-10/14	8	9/26	12	Good numbers **
GRCA	92	141	7/28- <b>11/3</b>	9/28-10/12	18	9/28	31	Low numbers, new late date by 8 days
CEDW	95	23	10/3-11/3	NC	50	10/23	55	Good numbers
SUTA	291	199	7/16- <b>10/30</b>	8/23-9/23	14	9/3	16	Good numbers, new late date by 5 days
SCTA	325	245	7/16- <b>10/29</b>	9/6-10/7	22	9/11	33	Good numbers, new late date by 4 days
CHSP	14	2	10/26-11/4	NC	5	several		Good numbers *
FISP	11	1	10/17-11/4	NC	2	several		Good numbers *
SAVS		0						
GRSP								
FOSP	1		10/24	NC				2nd fall record for KMT, 10/29/93 previous rec.
SOSP	74	4	10/17-11/4	NC	<b>33</b>	10/30	9	Great year, new one day high *
LISP	2	0	10/16-10/29	NC	1	several	1	5th-6th records for KMT
SWSP	2	0	11/2	NC	2	11/2		First records ever for KMT, long overdue
WTSP	206	50	10/7-11/4	10/22-	<b>40</b>	10/30	35	New season high*, new one day high, see note
DEJU	113	18	10/17-11/4	10/27-	15	several	87	Good numbers *, 2nd highest year, see note
RBGR	191	164	9/9- <b>10/30</b>	9/17-10/13	13	9/28	29	New late date by 3 days
BLGR		1					1	
INBU	122	104	7/16- <b>10/27</b>	7/16-8/3	12	10/6	18	New late date by 3 days, see note
BOBO	8		<b>8/26</b> -9/17	NC	5	9/5		8th-10th fall recs., new early date by 10 days
EAME	3		10/17-10/22	NC	2	10/17		
OROR		2					3	
BAOR	29	31	8/26-9/28	NC	6	9/10	10	
PUFI								
PISI								
BWWA	20	23	8/5-10/1	NC	2	several	6	
GWWA	19	30	<b>7/29</b> -10/14	NC	2	7/29	6	Declining trend, new early date by 12 days
BREW		0					1	
LWRW	1		9/19	NC				3rd fall record
TEWA	898	536	9/5-10/31	9/8-10/29	55	9/17	70	Good numbers *
OCWA	6	5	9/25-10/29	NC	1	several	3	
NAWA	3	9	10/2-10/8	NC	1	several	3	Low numbers
NOPA	38	32	7/17-10/11	NC	2	several	7	

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YWAR	1	2	9/9	NC				
CSWA	292	360	8/20-10/23	9/3-10/14	19	9/10	30	Low numbers
MAWA	246	190	9/1-10/16	9/8-10/15	22	10/7	23	Good numbers
CMWA	3	5	10/6-10/9	NC	1	several		
BTBW	4	17	9/9- <b>10/27</b>	NC	1	several	9	Low numbers, new late date by 1 day
YRWA	94	33	10/6-11/4	10/17-	12	10/25	20	Good numbers *
BTNW	497	352	7/16-10/31	9/28-10/14	22	several	36	Good numbers ***
BLBW	162	174	7/28-10/21	9/4-10/14	13	10/3	21	Decent numbers after a horrible spring
YTWA	21	10	7/29-10/8	NC	2	several	3	Good numbers, no albiflora
PIWA	182	99	7/16-11/4	9/2-10/19	8	9/6		see note
PRAW	77	37	<b>7/20</b> -10/14	9/23-10/3	4	several	8	Great year, new early date by 6 days
PAWA	11	14	9/8-10/23	NC	3	10/16	12	
BBWA	163	60	9/11-11/3	10/7-10/30	24	10/27	39	Great year, highest day count since 1994
BLPW	4	3	10/- <b>10/24</b>	NC	1	several	1	24th-25th fall recs., new late date by 11 days
CERW	135	113	7/19-9/16	8/2-8/26	12	8/2	32	Great year ****
BAWW	336	191	7/16-10/27	7/20-10/15	15	7/31	19	Great year
AMRE	344	278	8/1-10/22	9/6-10/13	23	9/29	37	
PROW	1		9/9	NC			1	3rd record ever for KMT, 2nd fall record
WEWA	72	63	7/31-10/7	8/3-8/12	6	8/8	11	
SWWA								
OVEN	37	22	8/8-10/17	NC	<b>6</b>	10/7	5	New one day high count
NOWA								
LOWA								
KEWA	3	8	8/8-8/11	NC	1	several	4	
CONW								
MOWA	2		9/23	NC	<b>2</b>	9/23	1	3rd and 4th fall recs., new one day high count
COYE	16	15	9/2-10/15	NC	3	9/20	5	
HOWA	393	235	7/21- <b>10/30</b>	8/1-10/19	14	several	22	Great year, new late date by 4 days
WIWA	3		9/10-10/7	NC	1	several	2	20th-22d fall records
CAWA	8	19	8/10-10/16	NC	2	9/21	12	Low numbers
YBCH	2		9/20-9/28	NC	1	several		12th-13th fall records

\* Higher numbers of this species were recorded due to consistent coverage in late October through early November.

\*\* Higher numbers of this species were tallied as a result of early morning coverage which recorded many species on the basis of nocturnal flight call. This was not the result of predawn thrush counts, but merely coverage the last few minutes before sunrise when many of the thrushes are giving their last nocturnal calls of the day.

\*\*\* The assessment of the status "common" for BTNW poses an interesting problem. The trend for this year, as well as for several years in the past, shows two distinct peaks in BTNW numbers. The first peak occurs in the first week of August followed by several slow weeks at the end of the month and on into the first week of September. The second peak occurs in the second week of October. An interesting aspect of the second peak is the inordinately high number of adult males who appear to be in striking fresh plumage. Efforts will be made to establish what this apparent trend can tell us about BTNW migration as it relates to geographic populations and / or migration routes as they relate to age.

\*\*\*\*The best year for CERW since 1997 when we had 222. The one day high this season was also the highest since 1997. A portion of this number can be attributed to exceptional coverage in July and early August. This one year, however, does not negate the long-term devastation that this species has experienced since the 1960's. We will continue to closely monitor this species and we encourage everyone, on behalf of Cerulean Warblers, to participate in conservation in any way they can.

The following species required more comment: RSHA, RHWO, WBNU, WTSP, DEJU, INBU, and PIWA. The decline in RSHA numbers in recent years is probably a direct result of loss of habitat in the KMT marsh and the subsequent decline in local breeders. The group of 6 RHWO observed this season gives the best evidence to date of migrating RHWO at KMT. The numbers of WBNU have increased greatly through the years and the cause for this is being investigated. The numbers

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<p>for WTSP are highly variable from year to year with low years seeing numbers in the high teens and high years averaging almost 100. Even with these variations, this was a great year. DEJU are highly variable as well with the all-time season high count being 350 in 1995 and low years seeing less than 20. The "common" dates for INBU show only a single peak. However, the common dates could also show dates in early October. In INBU these two peaks are a result of local breeders during the first peak and the presence of migrants during the second peak. The reference for common dates for PIWA should include all covered dates of the season as PIWA is a year round resident. However, the observance of this species rises and falls as a result of singing males and their susceptibility to the photo-period trigger.</p> <p>The coverage, for the third season in a row, was exceptional. For the first time in 10 years we had coverage on 100% of the days from July 16 through November 4. Total number of birds reported was 10662 up from 10381 in 2001, and of these warbler numbers were up to 3912 from 3668 in 2001. This coverage also produced 5 new early dates, 14 new late dates, 14 new one day high counts and some great records like 2 MOWA in one day as well as the first SWSP for KMT.</p> <p>As always, we would like to thank everyone who birded the Mountain and reported their observations. A special thanks to Deb Zaremba and Pierre Howard for so many days of coverage. Thanks to Bob Zaremba for his continued diligence in keeping the database current. We look forward to seeing all of you in the spring.</p> <p>This summary was compiled by Tom Egan and the final draft was edited by Giff Beaton. If you have any questions, suggestions or observations in regard to this data, please feel free to contact Tom or Giff.</p>								