

## 2nd Annual Spring Eagle Survey – New and Bluestone Rivers

New & Bluestone Rivers, WV – 10 a.m.–2 p.m. on March 14, 2009

- Twenty-nine individuals were stationed at eight different sites for this survey.
- Five of the eight sites experienced eagle sightings during the day.
- Comparing times & locations we can only be sure of 2 (1 adult, 1 immature) bald eagles for the day.
- Poor visibility and the nearly constant rain would account for fewer birds being seen.
- Even though we had about the same number of people out, fewer sites were covered.

Observation Sites	Observers and notes
<b>Shanklin's Ferry</b> <a href="#">Bluestone WMA</a>	Bill & Peggy Opengari saw no eagles.
<b>Bertha</b> <b>Bluestone WMA</b>	Allen & Mindy Waldron, Alma Lowry & Wayde Snyder saw a bald eagle fly by from the upper end of the campground to the lower end at 12:15. At 1p.m. they relocated it. It had a dark head and tail and light colored wing coverts. At 1:20 p.m. it flew back upstream. At 2 p.m. they had an unidentified eagle fly down river.
<b>Mouth of the Bluestone River</b> <a href="#">Bluestone State Park</a>	Jim & Judy Phillips, Don Schnegg, Terri Reynolds, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Edwards, Ken & Hazel Kirschenmann and the Creager family watched from here. From 10 a.m. to about 10:30 a.m. we watched an adult bald eagle on the Bluestone River. It flew up into the park. About 12:30 p.m. it came back in sight flew down the river toward us and then back over the mountain above the Bluestone S.P. entrance out of sight. At 2 p.m., an adult bald eagle flew south above Rt. 20 and headed back up the Bluestone River.
<b>Fishing Pier</b> <b>Bluestone State Park</b>	Greg Gregory watched the adult bald eagle that had been at the mouth of the river from about 10:30 to 12:30.
<b>Bluestone Turnpike Trail</b> (upstream to the Little Bluestone River) <b>Bluestone WMA</b>	Lyndon Fields saw no eagles.
<b>Rt. 20 Overlook</b> (1 mile south of Bluestone Dam) <b>U.S. Army Corps</b>	Ron & Wendy Perrone, Terry Carter and Jeff Hajenga saw the 2 p.m. adult bald eagle fly up river from the Bluestone Dam toward the Lilly Bridge.
<b>Army Corps Fishing Pier</b> (below Bluestone Dam ) <b>U.S. Army Corps</b>	Rodney Davis, Betsy Reeder and Chuck & Beverly Wright saw no eagles.
<b>On Bluestone Lake</b> (by canoe)	Brian Hirt and Rick Steelhammer paddled from the mouth of the Bluestone River up almost to Bertha. They saw one adult bald eagle under the Lilly Bridge.

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