



United States Department of the Interior

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In Reply Refer To:
FWS/DMBM

Dear Waterfowl Hunter:

Thank you for volunteering to send us wings from the ducks and tail feathers and wing tips from the geese you shoot this season. With your help, we will be able to determine the species, sex and age composition of this season's duck harvest and the species and age composition of the goose harvest. If you want to see the information we get from this survey, please visit our website and view our reports on hunting statistics at: <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/reports/reports.html>. You can help by donating:

- one wing from each duck or coot **you personally shoot** in the United States.
- the tail feathers and wing tips of each goose **you personally shoot** in the United States.

Enclosed are envelopes to be used to mail the parts. We need duck wings and goose tail feathers and wing tips from birds killed throughout the season, so please send parts as long as you hunt. If you run out of envelopes, send us the post card that is enclosed in this package. Do not put the post card in a wing envelope as these are not opened until after the season closes. Also, please advise if your address shown on the post card is incorrect.

Please do not give your envelopes to other hunters. After we have examined all of the duck wings and goose tail feathers and wing tips next spring, we will send you a species, sex and age report on all the waterfowl parts that we received in **envelopes assigned to you.**

PLEASE HELP KEEP THE MAIL CLEAN

Wet, bloody or fly-blown wings will damage other mail and create offensive odors. Postal workers might refuse to handle your envelopes if they are bloody, greasy or smelly. This can be prevented if you:

- follow the instructions on the envelopes
- send only tail feathers and wing tips from the geese you bag - **do not send the entire goose wing, and do not send the entire goose rump**
- allow excess moisture or blood on wings to dry
- do not wrap in plastic as this speeds decay
- use two envelopes for each wing. Insert one wing in an inner envelope and seal the flap tightly; then place the inner envelope in the large pre-addressed outer envelope
- mail envelopes promptly.

If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-419-2965 between 7:00am – 4:00pm EST. Again, thank you for helping us better manage our shared migratory bird resource.

Sincerely,

Kenneth D. Richkus, Chief
Branch of Harvest Surveys

Enclosures

The following table of estimated waterfowl harvest during the 2007-08 hunting season may be of interest.

Duck Harvest by Flyway

| Species | Atlantic | Mississippi | Central | Pacific | Alaska | U.S. Total |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Mallard | 429,900 | 2,514,100 | 806,800 | 1,107,400 | 20,000 | 4,878,300 |
| Black duck | 98,700 | 38,700 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 137,400 |
| Gadwall | 38,900 | 842,200 | 394,300 | 198,800 | 1,000 | 1,475,300 |
| American wigeon | 25,500 | 148,800 | 157,600 | 473,300 | 13,500 | 818,800 |
| Green-winged teal | 157,000 | 792,200 | 370,900 | 622,600 | 8,500 | 1,951,100 |
| Blue-winged/cinnamon teal | 89,600 | 626,700 | 346,700 | 58,000 | 100 | 1,121,100 |
| Shoveler | 15,000 | 289,100 | 141,200 | 367,900 | 1,500 | 814,800 |
| Pintail | 19,100 | 162,400 | 88,200 | 252,300 | 7,200 | 529,100 |
| Wood duck | 337,400 | 621,600 | 75,800 | 53,100 | 0 | 1,087,800 |
| Lesser scaup | 46,600 | 84,800 | 40,700 | 51,400 | 600 | 224,000 |
| Ring-necked duck | 120,800 | 241,200 | 76,200 | 64,800 | 900 | 503,800 |
| Total ducks | 1,684,200 | 6,719,600 | 2,656,200 | 3,450,400 | 67,900 | 14,578,400 |

Goose Harvest by Flyway

| Species | Atlantic | Mississippi | Central | Pacific | Alaska | U.S. Total |
|-----------------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|
| Snow goose | 50,700 | 148,900 | 275,300 | 87,700 | 0 | 562,700 |
| Ross' goose | 1,500 | 8,800 | 29,200 | 8,800 | 0 | 48,400 |
| Greater white-fronted goose | 0 | 176,400 | 111,300 | 64,300 | 300 | 352,400 |
| Canada goose | 860,700 | 996,700 | 517,700 | 295,500 | 5,600 | 2,676,100 |
| Brant | 22,300 | 0 | 0 | 1,900 | 900 | 25,100 |
| Total geese | 936,000 | 1,330,900 | 934,200 | 458,100 | 6,800 | 3,666,000 |

In accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 522a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501), please note the following information. This study is authorized by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703 et seq.) The information that you provide will be used for estimating migratory bird hunter activity and harvest in the United States. It is our policy not to use your name for any other purpose. All names and identifying information will be removed when we compile the results, and only summary information will be reported. The information is maintained in accordance with the Privacy Act. Your response is voluntary. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to an information collection unless it displays a current valid OMB control number. The information collection has been approved by OMB and assigned the clearance number 1018-0023. We estimate that it will take you about 5 minutes to read the instructions, fill in the envelope, and mail the wing or tail feathers. Comments on this form should be mailed to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, Mail Stop 222, Arlington Square, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington D.C. 20240.

WATERFOWL HUNTERS

Form 3-165
(Revised February 2008)

OMB Control No. 1018-0023
Expires: XX/XX/XXXX

DUCKS & BRANT

1. Cut the least damaged wing close to the body without including any flesh.
2. Make certain any **blood has drained and dried.**
3. Use one envelope (with inner envelope) for each wing.
4. Do not wrap wings in plastic because this speeds decay.

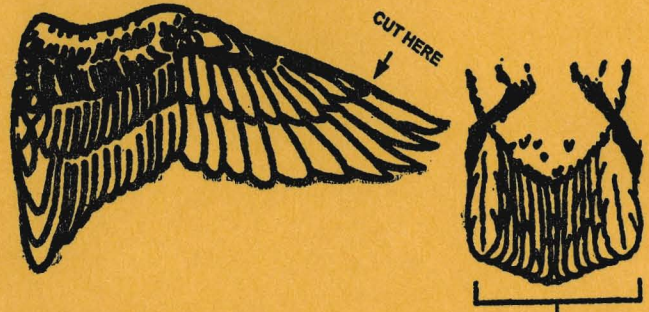


The wing should not contain any excess flesh or blood and therefore will remain dry and odor free in the mail.

- MAIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (no postage required).
- Mail the blue postcard to us if you need more envelopes. Do not put the postcard in this envelope.
- Continue sending for the entire season.

FOR GEESE ONLY

1. Cut the outer 3 primary feathers of the wing about 6 inches from the tip and **send the wing tips.**
2. Pull out all the tail feathers. **Do not cut the rump off the goose.**
3. Use one envelope (with inner envelope) for each set of wing and tail feathers.



PULL THESE

We only need the feathers that you cut from the wing and the feathers that you pull from the tail. This will ensure that the feathers do not contain flesh or oil glands and remain dry and odor free in the mail.

PLEASE COMPLETE

Where Shot:

State _____
County _____
Town _____

When Shot:

Date _____
MONTH DAY YEAR

Time _____

(hr.min)

A.M

P.M

If the bird was banded, please write the band number below, **AND report the band to the Bird Banding Laboratory** by calling **1-800-327-BAND** or www.reportband.gov

Band Number _____

Hunter's Name _____

ENVELOPE CONTENTS

Duck or Brant Wing

Goose Tail and Wing Tip

Please do not write in this block.

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