

## MIGRATORY BIRD WING COLLECTION SURVEY

Thank you for your interest in participating in this survey. You have indicated that you may hunt one or more of the species/types of birds listed below this season. Please send in one wing from every bird you take this season, following the instructions below:

1. These envelopes are for the birds you take. Please do not give your envelopes to other hunters or send wings from birds they shoot.
2. Cut off the least damaged wing close to the body. Make certain any blood has drained away and the wing is dry and clean for mailing. **DO NOT** enclose wings in plastic as this speeds decay.
3. Put up to 5 wings, if taken the same date and place, in an inner envelope inside this outer envelope. Use additional set (s) of envelopes if you have more than 5 wings from birds bagged the same date and place.
4. Fill in the information below labeled "PLEASE COMPLETE".
5. Mail as soon as possible - **NO POSTAGE IS REQUIRED**.
6. Continue sending for entire season.
7. If you need more envelopes, log on to <https://migbirdapps.fws.gov/hipweb> or return the postcard by mail (do not put the postcard in this envelope). You can contact the Branch of Harvest Surveys by email at [migratorybirdharvestsurveys@fws.gov](mailto:migratorybirdharvestsurveys@fws.gov) or by our toll free number 1-800-419-2965.
8. Please report all birds with METAL LEG BANDS to the Bird Banding Laboratory by calling 1-800-327-BAND or [www.reportband.gov](http://www.reportband.gov)

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FROM

Name of Hunter

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**PLEASE COMPLETE**

**Please do not write in this block**

Species \_\_\_\_\_ No. of wings \_\_\_\_\_

Woodcock (timberdoodle)

Snipe

Rails

Gallinules (moorhens)

Band-tailed pigeon

Where Shot: State \_\_\_\_\_

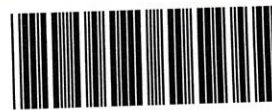
County \_\_\_\_\_

Nearest Town \_\_\_\_\_

Date shot: \_\_\_\_\_

Month Day Year

Species Code	Age/Sex Code	Molt code	Measurements, etc.		



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BRANCH OF HARVEST SURVEYS  
10815 LOBLOLLY PINE DRIVE  
LAUREL, MARYLAND 20708-4028

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**TO:** COOPERATIVE PARTS COLLECTION  
OFFICE OF MIGRATORY BIRD MANAGEMENT  
10815 LOBLOLLY PINE DRIVE  
LAUREL, MARYLAND 20708-9972

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UNITED STATES





# United States Department of the Interior

## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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Branch of Harvest Surveys  
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In Reply Refer To:  
FWS/DMBM

Dear Migratory Bird Hunter:

We need your help. To better understand the population status and reproductive success of woodcock, rails, and band-tailed pigeons, we need to know the percentage of these species that are young-of-the-year birds. Immature birds have distinctive wing feathers that let us distinguish them from adults by examining wings. You can help by donating **ONE** wing from each woodcock, rail, and band-tailed pigeon that **YOU PERSONALLY BAG** this season.

Enclosed are envelopes to be used to mail us the wings. Use an inner envelope and a single pre-addressed mailing envelope for up to five wings from a single day's hunt. If you bag more than five birds (e.g., rails) during one hunt, please use additional set(s) of envelopes. Before you mail your wings, fill in the entire lower left portion of the mailing envelope. **Please help us keep the mail clean by following the directions on the back of this letter.**

We need wings from birds killed throughout the season, so please send them for as long as you hunt. **If you run out of envelopes, go to <https://migbirdapps.fws.gov/hipweb/> to order more envelopes. You will need the top of the enclosed postcard, next to the bar code. Or, send us the post card that is enclosed in this package.** Please **DO NOT** request envelopes both by the website and by sending in the post card. **DO NOT** put the post card in a wing envelope as these are not opened until after the season closes. Due to the short duration of some seasons, the extra envelopes you request may not arrive until after the season closes. Please keep the information on when and where each bird was harvested with the correct wings so that you can report that important information accurately when the extra envelopes arrive. Also, please advise us if your address shown on the postcard is incorrect.

If you have any questions, please email us at [MigratoryBirdHarvestSurveys@fws.gov](mailto:MigratoryBirdHarvestSurveys@fws.gov) or call us at 1-800-419-2965 between 7:00 am and 4:00 pm Eastern Time. Again, thank you for helping us better manage our shared migratory bird resource.

Sincerely,

Khristi Wilkins  
Chief, Branch of Harvest Surveys

Enclosures

## **PLEASE HELP KEEP THE MAIL CLEAN**

Wet, bloody, or fly larvae-infested 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:

- remove the wings as indicated on the pre-addressed mailing envelope.
- allow excess moisture or blood on wings to dry.
- keep flies away from the wings.
- wrap wings in paper towel - do **not** wrap in plastic as this speeds decay.
- use two envelopes for each wing or group of wings. Insert the wings in an **inner** envelope and seal the flap tightly; then place the inner envelope in the large pre-addressed **outer** (mailing) envelope.
- do **not** put more than five wings in an envelope
- mail envelopes promptly.

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 currently valid OMB control number. The information collection has been approved by OMB and assigned OMB Control 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. Comments on this form should be mailed to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, Mail Stop 2042-PDM, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington D.C. 20240.