



# United States Department of the Interior

## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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In Reply Refer To:  
FWS/DMBM

Dear Waterfowl Hunter:

Thank you for volunteering to send us wings and tail feathers from the waterfowl 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:

<https://www.fws.gov/birds/surveys-and-data/reports-and-publications.php>.

You can help by donating:

- one wing from each duck or brant that **YOU PERSONALLY SHOOT** in the United States.
- the tail feathers and wing tips of each goose that **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, go to <https://migbirdapps.fws.gov/hipweb/> to order more envelopes. You will need the number at 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. 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 contact us via email at [MigratoryBirdHarvestSurveys@fws.gov](mailto:MigratoryBirdHarvestSurveys@fws.gov) or call at 1-800-419-2965 between 7:30 am and 4:00 pm Eastern Time. Again, thank you for helping us better manage our shared migratory bird resource.

Sincerely,

Kathy Fleming, Chief  
Branch of Harvest Surveys

Enclosures

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 OMB Control No. 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, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: BPHC, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

Form 3-165  
(Revised May 2013)

**WATERFOWL HUNTERS**

OMB No. 1018-0023  
Approval expires June 30, 2020

**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.

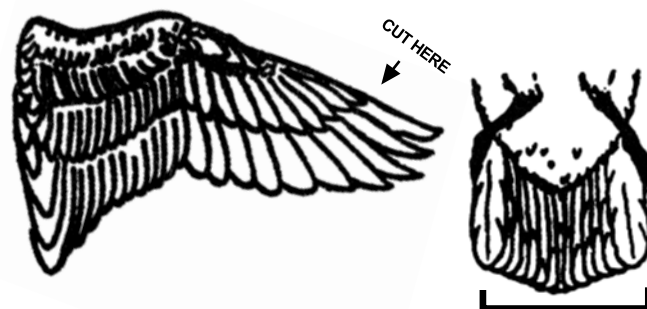


The wing should not contain any excess flesh or blood and therefore will remain dry and odor free in the mail.

- MAIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (no postage required).
- If you need more envelopes, log on to <http://migbirdapps.fws.gov/hipweb> or return the blue postcard by mail (Do not put the postcard in this envelope). You may also request more envelopes by email at [migratorybirdharvestsurveys@fws.gov](mailto:migratorybirdharvestsurveys@fws.gov) or by our toll free number 1-800-419-2965.
- 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.



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.

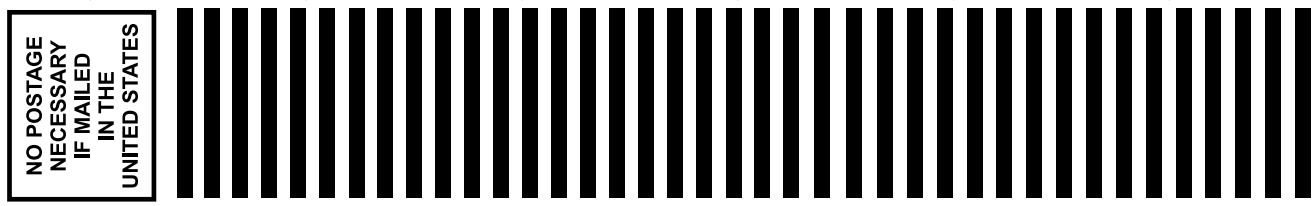
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LAUREL, MARYLAND 20708-9972

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ENVELOPE CONTENTS Duck or Brant Wing <input type="checkbox"/> Goose Tail and Wing Tip <input type="checkbox"/>							



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