

WATERFOWL HUNTERS

Form 3-165
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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.

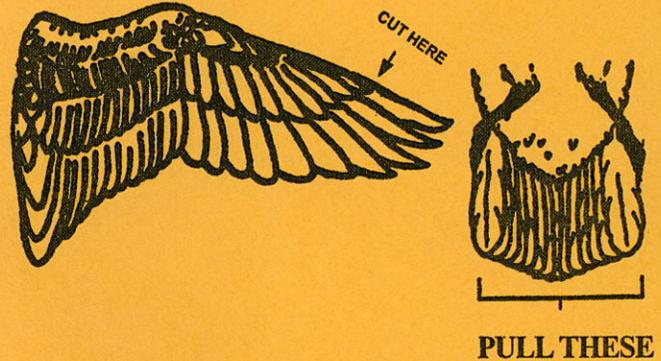


The wing should not contain any excess flesh or blood and therefore will remain dry and odor-free in the mail.

- 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 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.

PLEASE COMPLETE

Where Shot:

State _____
County _____
Town _____

When Shot:

Date _____
 MONTH DAY YEAR

Time

_____ A.M.
(hr.min) P.M.

Hunter's Name: _____

If the bird was banded, please write the band number below, **AND** report the band to the **Bird Banding Laboratory** by going to www.reportband.gov or calling **1-800-327-BAND** (2263).

Band Number: _____

ENVELOPE CONTENTS

Duck or Brant Wing

Goose Tail and Wing Tip

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P.O. BOX 128
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Division of Migratory Bird Management
Branch of Harvest Surveys
10815 Loblolly Pine Dr.
Laurel, Maryland 20708
Phone (301) 497-5980 Fax (301) 497-5981

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:

<http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/NewsPublicationsReports.html>.

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 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,

Khristi Wilkins, Chief
Branch of Harvest Surveys

Enclosures

The following table of estimated waterfowl harvest during the 2011-12 hunting season may be of interest.

Duck Harvest by Flyway

Species	Atlantic	Mississippi	Central	Pacific	Alaska	U.S. Total
Mallard	315,900	2,240,200	773,300	1,059,300	20,300	4,409,100
Black duck	66,200	22,000	200	0	0	88,400
Gadwall	68,600	1,474,400	556,100	212,200	1,400	2,312,700
American wigeon	44,400	136,800	165,700	397,700	10,800	755,300
Green-winged teal	112,100	1,001,900	327,600	504,200	3,700	1,949,400
Blue-winged/cinnamon teal	134,400	704,600	359,400	52,700	0	1,251,100
Shoveler	32,100	375,900	174,700	332,100	2,600	917,500
Pintail	18,000	212,500	188,000	383,700	7,900	810,000
Wood duck	417,600	928,200	46,600	41,600	0	1,434,000
Lesser scaup	46,200	114,900	43,500	22,000	700	227,400
Ring-necked duck	152,100	260,100	86,500	45,700	600	545,000
Total ducks	1,672,900	8,000,100	2,969,200	3,228,800	60,100	15,931,200

Goose Harvest by Flyway

Species	Atlantic	Mississippi	Central	Pacific	Alaska	U.S. Total
Snow goose	37,600	122,600	169,100	64,100	0	393,400
Ross' goose	0	4,800	32,200	15,900	0	52,900
Greater white-fronted goose	800	70,800	101,000	62,200	0	234,800
Canada goose	530,600	883,400	474,900	286,300	9,700	2,185,100
Brant	11,400	0	0	1,000	0	12,400
Total geese	580,400	1,082,500	777,500	429,700	9,700	2,879,900

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 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, Mail Stop 2042-PDM, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington D.C. 20240.