

Flyway Biologist, BWSN, Twin Cities, Minn.
Fort Snelling

December 27, 1973

Assistant Regional Supervisor, IZ, Atlanta, Ga.

Mid-December Goose Survey

The following Canada geese were observed during subject survey:

<u>Arkansas</u>	Molla Bend Refuge	600
	White River Refuge	700
	Wapanocca Refuge	<u>4,000</u>
	Total:	1,300
<u>Kentucky</u>	Henderson County	800
	Barkley Lake	2,000
	Mississippi River	7,400
	Ballard County	<u>24,000</u>
	Total:	34,200
<u>Louisiana</u>	Southwest	1,000
	Southeast	none
<u>Mississippi</u>	Memphis Refuge	300 **
	Yazoo Refuge	<u>Trace *</u>
	Sardis Lake	<u>2,500</u>
	Total:	2,800
<u>Alabama</u>	Wheeler Refuge	21,000
	Schattsboro	1,500
	Eufaula Refuge	<u>300</u>
	Total:	22,800
<u>Tennessee</u>	Beaufort Refuge	1,600
	Tennessee Refuge	29,400
	Old Hickory Reservoir	1,300 *
	Hempstead Refuge	1,500
	Crook Creek Refuge	6,300
	Paint Rock Refuge	<u>800</u>
Total:	40,300	

** Pinioned Giant Canadas

* Local Free Flyers

Data for blue and snow geese and white fronts will be provided by
Flyway Biologist Brandt.

Parker B. Smith

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Regional Directors, Regions 3, 4, and 6

DATE: November 2, 1973

FROM : Flyway Biologist, BSWF, Twin Cities, Minnesota

SUBJECT: Mid-December Goose Counts - December 1973

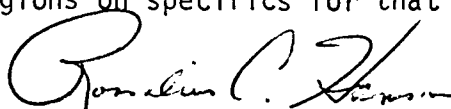
Attached are copies of two memorandums from Dr. John Rogers on the December 11-15, 1973, goose counts. The October 29 memorandum may not be entirely clear wherein it states that I should organize the survey effort in Region III. The October 30 memorandum clarifies this by specifying that "execution and reporting will be accomplished through the migratory bird specialists (or designee) in each regional office." This latter statement is correct and follows the procedures established during the past years. The regions' responsibilities remain the same as before in collecting the data within the regions, and I will compile the data sent to me from the regions into the final Mississippi Flyway report. I will also be available to assist in actual aerial survey work, probably in Region III.

Note that Arthur Brazda will prepare the coordinated blue/snow goose report for the Mississippi and Central Flyways. Therefore, the regions' reports on blue/snow geese numbers and survey data should be sent directly to him, while all Canada goose data comes to me. Mr. Brazda should be contacted directly on any questions pertaining to the blue/snow goose survey or problems connected with it.

Included with this memorandum are copies of last year's Mississippi December Canada goose inventory. Please note the areas in each state that have been surveyed in previous years and attempt to retain this same coverage this year. Deletions or additions to this should be so indicated.

It is realized that reorganization within the Bureau and changes in responsibilities such as the game management agents relinquishing their management responsibilities will cause some hardship situations. It is hoped that every effort will be made to complete the survey with state and federal personnel available for this work. All efforts are appreciated in these changing times.

As soon as the January 1974 dates for the midwinter waterfowl survey are official, I will contact the regions on specifics for that particular survey.


Rossalius C. Hanson

Attach.





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In Reply Refer To:
FSF/MB

Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Regions 2, 3, 4 and 6
Acting Deputy
From: Assistant Director-Operations
Subject: Mid December Goose Counts

The wintering ground counts of geese are a primary measure of the status of these waterfowl and are used when developing the annual hunting regulations. In recent years there has been a coordinated mid-December goose survey in the Central and Mississippi Flyways. These December counts of geese, separate from January counts of ducks, have been recommended because better counts of geese can be obtained when (1) the geese are still bunched during the hunting season, and (2) observers do not have to count geese and ducks at the same time.

The 1973 coordinated goose survey for the Central and Mississippi Flyways is scheduled for December 11 through 15. The survey is included in the Migratory Bird Program Advice issued on August 17, 1973. In the Central Flyway, Raymond J. Buller will organize the survey effort. In the Mississippi Flyway, Ross C. Hanson, Region 3, and Parker B. Smith, Region 4, should organize the survey effort. Ross C. Hanson will also be responsible for the December 1973 report of Canada geese in the Mississippi Flyway, and Arthur R. Brazda will prepare the coordinated blue-snow goose report for both the Mississippi and Central Flyways.

This year's effort should be organized in essentially the same manner as was the December 1972 survey. Information concerning the January 1974 winter survey of waterfowl will follow shortly.

John P. Rogers



OCT 30 1973

In Reply Refer To:
FSF/MB

Memorandum

To: Mississippi Flyway Migratory Bird Coordinator

From: Chief, Office of Migratory Bird Management

Subject: Coordinated December Goose and Mid-winter Waterfowl
Surveys, Mississippi Flyway, 1973-74

In keeping with the Migratory Bird Program Advice issued on 17 August, the responsibility for conducting the subject surveys rests with Regional Directors in Regions 3, 4, and 6. The surveys are planned and coordinated at the flyway level, however, to insure their timely and appropriate completion. Most of the execution and reporting will be accomplished through Migratory Bird Specialists (or designee) in each regional office.

Since you do not yet have facilities to accomplish this task, we are asking Flyway Biologist Roscelius Hanson to schedule and coordinate the surveys this year. You should work closely with Ross and be ready to assume responsibility for this survey in the future. Ross will prepare the final reports, but may request assistance from Art Hawkins as Art's schedule permits.

(sgd.) John P. Rogers

John P. Rogers

cc:
Regional Directors 3, 4, 6
Art Hawkins
Ross Hanson
Mort Smith

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Regional Supervisor, Division of Refuges
Atlanta, Georgia
ATTN: Mr. Parker Smith

FROM : Refuge Manager, Eufaula Refuge

SUBJECT: Mid-December Goose Survey

DATE: December 12, 1973

We were unable to schedule a flight to conduct our goose survey;
however, survey made by motor vehicle this date revealed the following:

Canada geese

- 250 300 ✓

Snow geese

- 50 ✓

Blue geese

- 50 ✓

Jim Tisdale
Jimmie L. Tisdale



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Regional Director, BSF&W, Atlanta, Ga. DATE: December 11, 1973

FROM : Refuge Manager, Wheeler NWR

SUBJECT: Mid-December Goose Survey - December 11-15, 1973

In response to Supervisor Givens' memorandum of December 5, 1973, W. C. Davis flew an inventory today, December 11, and found 21,000 Canada and 1,200 blue and snow geese on this refuge. Although he did fly out other portions of Wheeler Reservoir, no geese were found off the refuge. Contact with State Game and Fish Division employees indicate approximately 1,500 Canadas using on the North Sauty Creek State Refuge on Guntersville Reservoir.

Thomas Z. Atkeson
Thomas Z. Atkeson



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Regional Director, Atlanta, Ga.
ATTN: Parker Smith

DATE: 12-13-73

FROM : Refuge Manager, Big Lake, Arkansas

SUBJECT: Mid-December Goose Survey

The subject survey was made at this station on December 11th. Total number of geese sighted were (21) Canada Geese.

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Bobby W. Brown
Bobby W. Brown



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Regional Director, Atlanta, Georgia

DATE: December 13, 1973

FROM : Refuge Manager, White River Refuge

SUBJECT: Mid-December Goose Survey 1973

An aerial census was conducted at White River Refuge on December 13, 1973.

Six hundred and seventy-five ~~(675)~~ Canada geese were observed.

700

Raymond R. McMaster
Raymond R. McMaster



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :Regional Director, SFW, Atlanta, Ga.
Attention: Parker Smith

DATE: 12/17/73

FROM :Refuge Manager, Wapanocca Refuge

SUBJECT:Mid-December Goose Survey

A waterfowl survey on December 14, revealed a total goose population
of 34 Canada geese.

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Donald J. Kosin
Donald J. Kosin

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KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE RESOURCES

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: 12-11-73

TO: Parker Smith

FROM: F.H. Dittb

SUBJECT: Results Mid-December goose survey - Kentucky

Species	Canada goose	Blue + Snow		
Ballard Co. Ref.	24,000 ✓	3,500 ✓		
Miss. River	7,400 ✓			
Ohio River	800 ✓			
Bankley Lake	2,000 ✓			
Kentucky Lake	0 ✓			
Total	34,200	3,500		

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Regional Director, Atlanta, Georgia

DATE: 12/11/73

FROM : Refuge Manager, Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge

SUBJECT: Mid-December Goose Survey - December 11-15, 1973

Att: Parker Smith

On December 11, 1973, a goose census on the refuge yielded the following populations:

~~130~~¹⁰⁰ ✓ Snow and Blue Geese
~~250~~²⁵⁰ ✓ Resident free fliers and pinioned
Giant Canada Geese.


Travis H. McDaniel



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Regional Director, Atlanta, Georgia
ATTN: Parker Smith

DATE: December 12, 1973

FROM : Refuge Manager, Lacassine NWR

SUBJECT: Mid-December Goose Survey - December, 12, 1973

Our subject survey revealed approximately 47,000 blue/snow geese, 21,000 white-fronted geese, and ~~175~~^{2,000} Canada geese for a total of ~~68,175~~. These figures include numbers on and in the immediate vicinity of the refuge as requested.

(68200)

James H. Roberts
James H. Roberts

JHR/bpb



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Regional Director, Atlanta, Georgia

DATE: December 17, 1973

FROM : Refuge Manager, Sabine NWR

SUBJECT: Mid-December Goose Survey

The following list shows our goose population during the period of December 11-15.

Blue Geese -	7,500
Snow Geese -	2,500
White Front Geese -	1,200
Canada Geese -	30
Total	<u>11,230</u>

John R. Walther
John R. Walther

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Regional Director, BSWF, Atlanta
ATTN: Parker Smith

DATE: Dec. 17, 1973

FROM : Refuge Manager, Delta-Breton NWR

SUBJECT: Mid-December Goose Survey

On December 14, 1973 I made an aerial survey of Blue/Snow geese from New Orleans to Breton NWR and over the mouth of the Mississippi River. A total of 89,200 Blue/Snows were seen. Following is a breakdown of numbers and locations:

Oyster Bay - East side of Lake Borgne	800
Delta NWR	35,400
South Pass - West Side	9,000
Southwest Pass - At Head of Passes	20,000
Baptiste Collette -	24,000
Total	89,200

This is the greatest number of geese that we have seen here in several years. There appears to be a large percentage of young in the flocks.

CEM
Cecil E. McMullan

CM/JB



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Regional Director, Region 4, Atlanta, Ga.

DATE: December 17, 1973

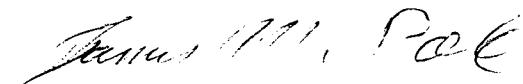
FROM : Refuge Manager, Yazoo NWR

SUBJECT: Mid-December Goose Survey - December 11-15, 1973

Reference Mr. Givens' memorandum dated December 5, 1973 relative to subject.

The only geese noted in this area were 45 free flyers which are offspring from our captive goose flock here at Yazoo.

No migrating geese were observed during the reporting period.



James M. Dale

Refuge Manager

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Regional Director, Atlanta, Georgia
ATTN : Mr. Parker Smith

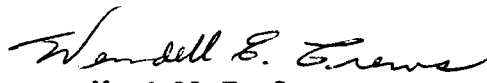
DATE: December 17, 1973

FROM : Refuge Manager, Reelfoot Refuge

SUBJECT: Mid-December Goose Survey (Mr. Givens' memo of December 5, 1973)

An aerial survey of Reelfoot and Lake Isom Refuges was made on the afternoon of December 14, 1973. We counted only 1,600 Canada geese (large subspecies). This figure is considerably low for us at this time, but, none the less, this is all we could find.

During the same flight we also counted 66 bald eagles; 40 adults and 26 immatures.


Wendell E. Crews

cc: Mr. Curtis Wilson, Div. of Refuges

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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attn: Parker Smith.
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TO : Regional Director, Atlanta, GA

DATE: Dec. 19, 1973

FROM : Refuge Manager, Hatchie NWR

SUBJECT: Mid-December Goose Survey - December 11-15, 1973

This station had only six (6) giant Canada geese to report.


Dennis B. Jordan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Regional Director, Atlanta, Georgia

Acting

FROM : Refuge Manager, Tennessee N.W. Refuge

SUBJECT: Mid-December Goose Survey

DATE: December 14, 1973

The following is a survey of geese taken on Tennessee N.W. Refuge during December 11-15, 1973.

Canada Geese	- - - - -	29,350
Snow Geese	- - - - -	90
Blue Geese	- - - - -	350
Small Canada Geese	- - - - -	12
(Presumably Hutchinson)		

Total	29,802
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Leon Rhodes
Leon Rhodes

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Regional Director, Atlanta, Ga.

DATE: December 13, 1973

FROM : Refuge Manager, Cross Creeks Refuge

SUBJECT: Mid-December Goose Survey - Dec. 11-15, 1973

This is to advise Mr. Parker Smith, Coordinator of waterfowl surveys, that the Mid-December Goose Survey was made at this station during the morning of December 12.

Our survey revealed the following:

Canada geese	6,250	6300 ✓
Blue and Snow geese	60	100 ✓
TOTAL	6,310	6400

Samuel W. Barton
Samuel W. Barton



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : See List Below

DATE: December 5, 1973

FROM : Regional Supervisor, Division of Refuges, Atlanta, Georgia

SUBJECT: Mid-December Goose Survey - December 11-15, 1973

We have been asked to participate in subject survey on the dates shown above. Population data obtained in mid-December are now used in lieu of the midwinter survey for determining goose populations in the Mississippi Flyway.

You are requested to be especially careful in estimating goose numbers on and near your refuge at the time described herein, and seeing that the information is promptly forwarded to this office marked for the attention of Parker Smith, who has been assigned as coordinator for Region 4. Since recent reorganizational changes have relieved law enforcement agents of survey and other management responsibilities it will not be necessary to provide your Agent-in-Charge copies of your report.

Please do not include estimates of duck populations in this report - only geese of all species.

Check List Summary

~~Big Lake~~
~~Hatchie~~
~~Lacassine~~
~~Tennessee~~

~~Cross Creeks~~
~~Holla Bend~~
~~Norubee~~
~~Wheeler~~

~~Delta Proton~~
~~Wapanossee~~
~~Reelfoot~~
~~White River~~

~~Eufaula~~
~~Vamos~~
~~Sabino~~

Lawrence D. Quinn

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