

**Table 1. Bird and Egg Harvest Estimates Available for Beaver.**



**Alaska Migratory Bird  
Co-Management Council (AMBCC)  
Harvest Survey Results**

September, 2015

Species Gwich'in names are shown in red	1985	2000	2006	2007	2010	2011	2014	2000-2014 Average
American wigeon <i>Chalvii</i>	–	39	62	21	13	9	11	26
Teal <i>Ch'idzin</i>	–	0	0	0	8	3	0	2
Mallard <i>Neet'ak choo</i>	–	51	44	17	43	109	29	49
Northern pintail <i>Ch'irrinjaa</i>	–	10	8	4	37	12	15	14
Northern shoveler <i>Dehdrik</i>	–	0	1	0	3	–	0	1
Black scoter	–	–	0	0	0	226	0	45
Surf scoter <i>Deetree'ah</i>	–	–	0	0	4	–	0	1
White-winged scoter <i>Njaa</i>	–	–	291	192	107	–	51	160
Scoters (unidentified)	–	142	–	–	–	–	–	142
Bufflehead <i>Tl'anndii'</i>	–	–	0	0	3	–	0	1
Goldeneye <i>Chiik'ii</i>	–	4	3	4	0	6	2	3
Canvasback <i>T'aavii</i>	–	5	22	8	7	3	0	8
Scaup <i>Taiinchoo'</i>	–	0	15	0	0	–	0	3
Harlequin duck <i>Kiiteegwilik</i>	–	–	0	0	0	–	0	0
Long-tailed duck <i>'Aahaalak</i>	–	0	38	0	29	25	15	18
Merganser <i>Traqa</i>	–	–	0	0	1	–	0	0
Duck (unidentified)	669	1	–	–	–	–	–	–
Canada goose <i>Khaih</i>	–	126	95	31	87	143	83	94
White-fronted goose <i>Deechy'ah</i>	–	355	440	209	188	477	180	308
Snow goose <i>Gwigeh</i>	–	108	8	19	10	32	43	37
Goose (unidentified)	484	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Swan <i>Daa-zhraqai</i>	–	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sandhill crane <i>Jyah</i>	7	0	0	0	3	0	0	1
Tern, gulls <i>Ch'itry'uu, Vyuh</i>	–	–	0	0	0	–	0	0
Plovers, sandpipers, etc	–	–	0	0	0	–	0	0
Loons <i>Ts'alvit, Deedzaqi, Tee'itree</i>	–	–	0	0	0	–	0	0
Grebes <i>Teekwe', Nootsik</i>	–	–	0	0	0	–	0	0
Grouses <i>Daqh, Treegwat, Ch'ahtal</i>	290	**	5	0	27	89	44	33
Ptarmigans <i>Daagoo, Daaky'aa</i>	85	**	0	0	8	15	0	5
<b>Total birds</b>	<b>1,535</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>1,032</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>1,149</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>763</b>
Bird eggs (unidentified)	–	0	–	–	–	–	–	–
Geese eggs (unidentified)	–	–	0	0	0	14	0	2
<b>Total eggs</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

**Harvest Data Sources and Notes:**

- **1985:** Sumida (1989). This survey covered November 1985–October 1986 harvests; it did not ask about egg harvest.
- **2000:** Andersen and Jennings (2001). This survey covered April–September 2000 harvests; \*\*it reported results only for migratory birds (results for resident grouse and ptarmigan were not presented).
- **2011:** Holen et al. (2012).
- **2006, 2007, 2010, 2014:** AMBCC harvest surveys. These surveys covered April–October harvests. Harvests of grouses (locally known as willow grouse and spruce hen) may be under-represented in these surveys, especially in 2004–2007, because of confusion with bird names in survey forms. 2004–2007 Data has been released as Upper Yukon subregion (Naves 2010).
- “–” Species not detailed in survey.

## Birds that may be harvested or mentioned in harvest surveys on the Upper Yukon subregion

(Western Gwich'in names are shown in red)

Ducks	
American wigeon: <b>chalvii</b>	bufflehead: <b>tl'anndii'</b>
teal: <b>ch'idzin</b>	goldeneyes: <b>chiik'ii</b> (common goldeneye, Barrow's goldeneye)
mallard: <b>neet'ak choo</b>	canvasback: <b>t'aavii</b>
northern pintail: <b>ch'irrinjaa</b>	scaup: <b>taiinchoo'</b> (greater scaup, lesser scaup)
northern shoveler: <b>dehdrik</b>	harlequin duck: <b>kiiteegwilik</b>
surf scoter: <b>deetree'ah</b>	long-tailed duck: <b>'aahaalak, 'ikhyaq</b>
white-winged scoter: <b>njaa</b>	red-breasted merganser: <b>traq</b>
Geese, Swans, Crane, Grouses, Ptarmigans	
brant: <b>dzehgak</b>	snow goose: <b>gwigeh</b>
Canada goose: <b>khaih</b>	swans: <b>daa-zhraaj</b> (tundra swan, trumpeter swan)
greater white-fronted goose: <b>deechy'ah</b>	sandhill crane: <b>jyah</b>
ptarmigan: <b>daagoo</b> (willow ptarmigan), <b>daaky'aa</b> (rock ptarmigan)	grouses: <b>dajh</b> (spruce grouse, a.k.a. spruce hen), <b>treegwat</b> (ruffed grouse, a.k.a. willow grouse), <b>ch'ahtal</b> (sharp-tailed grouse)
Seabirds, Shorebirds	
Arctic tern: <b>ch'itry'uu</b>	red-necked phalarope: <b>nehthajal, ch'idriivak</b>
Bonaparte's gull: <b>khakyya-zhraaj</b>	sandpipers (short legs): <b>teegheets'il</b>
gull: <b>vyuh</b> (several species)	sandpipers (long legs): <b>dil</b>
whimbrel: <b>deenju</b>	dowitcher: <b>deenjyaa</b>
golden/black-bellied plover: <b>ts'ilaai'</b>	Wilson's snipe: <b>zheezhyah</b>
semipalmated plover: <b>khyya'aai</b>	
Loons and Grebes	
common loon: <b>deedzaaj</b>	red-throated loon: <b>tee'itree</b>
Pacific loon: <b>ts'alvit</b>	grebes: <b>teekwe'</b> (red-necked grebe), <b>nootsik</b> (horned grebe)

Sources of Gwich'in birds names: Mueller (1964), Caufield (1983), and James and Mueller (1994).

Note: this list did not intend to represent all bird species occurring on the Upper Yukon area. For comments, corrections, and updates to this list, please see contact information at bottom of this page.

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