



Surveys

Migration Counts

In the fall hundreds of thousands of waterfowl migrate through Oak Hammock Marsh. It is one of the major stops for many ducks, geese and shorebirds. It is a safe place for the birds to feed and put on fat for the next leg of the journey. Each year Manitoba Conservation does weekly estimates during peak migration of the number of waterfowl at Oak Hammock Marsh.



Ideally four teams of two are situated at four different corners of the Wildlife Management Area before dawn. They count the number of waterfowl leaving the marsh. The teams then gather later in the morning and combine the numbers to come up with the estimate.

Waterfowl Estimates							
2017							
	21-Sep	28-Sep	5-Oct	12-Oct			
Ducks	5 570	4 600	7 300	11 140			
Canada Geese	19 700	25 800	58 600	37 500			
Snow Geese	1 300	3 500	6 300	8 000			
2016							
	21-Sep	28-Sep	5-Oct	12-Oct	19-Oct		
Ducks	13 300	14 000	21 700	33 200	22 600		
Canada Geese	23 200	27 000	36 000	42 300	44 100		
Snow Geese	25	300	300	1 100	650		
2015							
	09-Oct (foggy)	14-Oct	22-Oct (foggy)				
Ducks	10 300	57 600	16 600				
Canada Geese	13 000	57 700	28 700				
Snow Geese	1 000	3 600	900				
2014							
	01-Oct	08-Oct	15-Oct				
Ducks	18 500	27 000	24 400				
Canada Geese	49 900	93 000	62 900				
Snow Geese	5 000	33 100	22 900				

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Waterfowl Estimates							
2013							
	24-Sep	4-Oct	10-Oct				
Ducks	10 000	10 400	12 400				
Canada Geese	39 700	57 600	53 000				
Snow Geese	11 000	6 500	9 700				
2012							
	19-Sep	25-Sep	03-Oct				
Ducks	9 300	Too foggy	5 800				
Canada Geese	52 000	Too foggy	70 900				
Snow Geese	1 000	Too foggy	4 900				
2011							
	21-Sep	27-Sep	5-Oct	12-Oct	19-Oct		
Ducks	2 800	10 700	2 800	3 800	3 500		
Canada Geese	27 300	67 950	59 300	39 500	31 200		
Snow Geese	6 950	11 700	5 000	17 200	10 600		
2010							
	16-Sep	22-Sep	30-Sep	7-Oct	13-Oct		
Ducks	10 400	10 600	23 400	32 750	8 800		
Canada Geese	39 800	49 500	51 800	38 350	29 400		
Snow Geese	2 100	3 810	4 000	17 500	10 600		
2009							
	16-Sep	24-Sep	30-Sep	8-Oct	21-Oct		
Ducks	31 000	39 500	71 350	68 300	48 000		
Canada Geese	21 600	73 200	159 700	117 500	31 300		
Snow Geese	20	4 000	17 300	6 120	6 350		
2008							
	17-Sep	24-Sep	3-Oct	8-Oct	16-Oct	22-Oct	
Ducks	49 300	57 000	46 300	53 600	51 275	30 000	
Canada Geese	81 500	102 800	155 000	144 670	87 438	36 250	
Snow Geese	40 600	40 300	121 700	153 800	76 155	24 325	

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Waterfowl Estimates							
2007							
	14-Sep	28-Sep	12-Oct	26-Oct			
Ducks	12 000	18 400	28 200	6 800			
Canada Geese	59 000	63 100	118 600	59 800			
Snow Geese	11 500	29 200	43 800	25 500			
2006							
	14-Sep	22-Sep	29-Sep	13-Oct			
Ducks	17 000	16 100	18 800	4 900			
Canada Geese	64 000	103 800	130 000	22 800			
Snow Geese	14 000	62 100	89 000	27 600			
Unknown	3 000	1 000	7 700	200			
2005							
	21-Sep	28-Sep	5-Oct	12-Oct	19-Oct	2-Nov	
Ducks	73 300	144 300	45 000	24 200	13 500	15 200	
Canada Geese	42 400	100 500	61 800	61 100	40 300	54 000	
Snow Geese	23 000	43 000	30 500	15 900	15 000	1 000	
Unknown	1 000						
2004							
	13-Sep	21-Sep	24-Sep	8-Oct	15-Oct	22-Oct	5-Nov
Ducks	50 000	50 000	116 000	141 200	142 000	76 000	16 000
Canada Geese	10 000	15 000	93 000	145 900	130 000	160 000	105 000
Snow Geese	1 000	5 000	20 000	34 600	122 000	159 000	79 000
Unknown			21 000	15 000	9 500	12 000	8 000
2003							
	17-Sep	24-Sep	3-Oct	22-Oct			
Ducks	60 000	80 000	80 000	24 100			
Canada Geese	15 000	75 000	158 200	96 600			
Snow Geese	1 000	19 000	64 100	65 000			
2002							
	20-Sep	27-Sep	11-Oct				
Ducks	58 000	60 000	102 000				
Canada Geese	55 500	86 000	127 000				
Snow Geese	3 500	27 000	111 000				

