

## Flyway Data Books

### Migratory Game Bird Monitoring: Estimates of Abundance, Harvest, and Hunter Activity

Migratory game bird monitoring data for each administrative Flyway are summarized and provided in Flyway-specific reports called "data books." These data books include summaries of species- and population-specific abundances, harvests, and other important information derived from State-Federal Cooperative monitoring programs. Monitoring programs include the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP), Waterfowl Breeding Population and Habitat Survey, winter waterfowl surveys, and other surveys used to assess the status and harvests of hunted webbed and webless game birds.

Flyway data books are available on a US Fish and Wildlife (USFWS) file share site for download at <https://fws-fileshare.app.box.com/folder/264128778236?s=0hiuar610gudocllqf9umxgx09hve5vr>.

The **data books must be downloaded before they can be viewed**. Each book is a HTML file and can be viewed on any web browser after it is downloaded. File names are Data Book.html and HIP Book.html.

Data books may be updated at any time that there is additional data or corrections. Also, any data books missing from this file share site are in development and will be posted when possible.

#### Tips on Using Data Books

Flyway-specific data books consists of two volumes: Data Book and HIP Book. The first volume documents results from Flyway cooperative monitoring programs and harvest strategies. The second volume provides hunter activity and harvest estimates from HIP. The focus of both these volumes is data specific to the respective Flyway but may include estimates for other Flyways and the United States in total.

There is an interactive table of contents in each document to facilitate finding data of interest. Data tables are organized into sections. Click on the section heading to see the data tables available. Click on another section heading to collapse an expanded section and expand another. Click on the document title in the table of contents to collapse all sections.

Note that any figure in the documents can be copied with a right mouse click over the figure of interest and selecting "Copy image" or "Save image as."

All data and figures used in the reports may be downloaded at the file share site. These supplementary files are contained in subfolders for each data book. Each table and figure are referenced by the data table number it is associated with.

#### Purpose of Data Books

Flyway data books provide original data and calculations in support of cooperative Flyway Council and USFWS harvest strategy assessments and to help inform management decisions for all migratory game bird populations.

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We strived to keep all tables and information in the data book simple and 508 compliant. Further, all data in these data books are available in simple, unformatted worksheets in comma separated value format. Each data set is a separate file that can be downloaded at this file share site. We are happy to provide individual data sets in alternative formats upon request. Please contact Steve Olson, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Migratory Bird Management, 320-266-5808, [steven\\_olson@fws.gov](mailto:steven_olson@fws.gov).