

TUNDRA SWAN

The 2021 Tundra Swan season was open from October 2 - January 7 in the following counties: Campbell, Walworth, Potter, Sully, Hughes, Hyde, Hand, Faulk, Spink, McPherson, Edmunds, Brown, Marshall, Roberts, Day, Grant, Codington, Clark, Hamlin, Deuel, Beadle, Kingsbury, Brookings, Buffalo, Jerauld, Brule, Aurora, Sanborn, Miner, Lake, Moody, Davison, Hanson, McCook, and Minnehaha. Residents and nonresidents could purchase up to two licenses. To hunt swans, residents were required to hold a small game, 1-day small game, senior, adult, or junior combination, or youth small game license, plus a migratory bird certification. Nonresidents were required to obtain a nonresident waterfowl license, plus a migratory bird certification. All hunters aged 16 and over were also required to obtain a federal waterfowl stamp. In addition, all hunters needed to apply for and receive a lottery-issued Tundra Swan license.

There were 1,300 licenses available for the 2021 Tundra Swan season (1,100 residents, 200 nonresidents) and 1,197 licenses were sold (982 residents, 215 nonresidents; 125 hunters purchased two licenses each). All swan hunters that provided a valid email address were surveyed, and the response rate was 57%. All hunters responded through the Internet.

From the survey responses, there were a projected 86 swans harvested during the 2021 season. An estimated 7 swans were crippled and not recovered. When asked their satisfaction on the season, (1 being least satisfied, 7 being most satisfied), swan hunters reported an average rating of 4.49. From those who responded, 36% indicated they did not hunt for swans (some hunters indicate they just purchase the license in case they happen to see a swan while hunting other waterfowl). The average days hunted by swan hunters (3.36 days) projected to a total of 2,087 recreation days for the season.

The two counties with the highest reported swan harvests were Brown and McPherson.

Comparison of the 2012 – 2021 Tundra Swan seasons

Year	Licenses Sold			Harvest (w/o cripples)	Avg Days Hunted	Percent Success	Average Satisfaction
	Resident	Nonres	Total				
2012	1,064	202	1,266	157	2.85	12%	4.97
2013	1,081	178	1,259	306	3.01	24%	5.31
2014	1,018	198	1,216	280	3.27	23%	5.11
2015	1,088	211	1,299	229	3.07	18%	5.09
2016	938	145	1,083	82	2.96	8%	4.81
2017	888	180	1,068	232	5.17	22%	5.10
2018	973	216	1,189	179	4.71	15%	4.85
2019	972	213	1,185	214	4.18	18%	5.11
2020	919	247	1,166	189	4.76	16%	4.76
2021	982	215	1,197	86	3.36	7%	4.49

2021 Tundra Swan Harvest Projections

Unit/Type	Licenses														Ave. Days Hunted	Ave. Satis- faction
	Resident							Nonresident								
	App. 1st Choice *	Available	Sold	App. 1st Choice *	Available	Sold	Hunters	Response Rate	Tag Success	Cripples **	Adults	Juvnles	Unk.	Total Harvest		
00A-81	357	1,100	982	138	200	215	972	57.4%	7%	7	76	6	4	86	3.36	4.49

* Number of 1st drawing applicants with that season as 1st choice.

** Cripple estimate not included in Total Harvest Estimate.

Satisfaction is based on scale with 1=very dissatisfied and 7=very satisfied.

Tundra Swan Harvest Distribution by County 2021

COUNTY	HARVEST DISTRIBUTION			
	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *
Brown	11	20	27.5	24
Beadle	2	4	5.0	4
Codington	0	0	0.0	0
Brookings	1	2	2.5	2
Yankton	0	0	0.0	0
Clark	0	0	0.0	0
Day	1	2	2.5	2
Deuel	1	2	2.5	2
Edmunds	3	6	7.5	6
Grant	0	0	0.0	0
Hamlin	1	2	2.5	2
Hyde	0	0	0.0	0
Kingsbury	0	0	0.0	0
Lake	0	0	0.0	0
McPherson	17	32	42.5	36
Marshall	0	0	0.0	0
Potter	0	0	0.0	0
Roberts	3	6	7.5	6
Spink	0	0	0.0	0
Sully	0	0	0.0	0
Walworth	0	0	0.0	0
Unk/Unreported	6	11	-	-
TOTALS:	46	86	100%	86

Last Revised: 15 June 2022

* Includes unknown county projection values by assuming unknown county values are distributed the same as reported county values. Total values may be different due to rounding.

TUNDRA SWAN HARVEST, 1990-2021

