

TUNDRA SWAN

The 2020 Tundra Swan season was open from October 3 - January 8 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. All hunters age 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 2020 Tundra Swan season (1,100 residents, 200 nonresidents) and 1,166 licenses were sold (919 residents, 247 nonresidents; 148 hunters purchased two licenses each). All swan hunters were surveyed, and the response rate was 62%. All hunters responded through the Internet.

From the survey responses, there were a projected 189 swans harvested during the 2020 season. An estimated 9 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 4.76. From those who responded, 36% indicated they did not hunt for swans (some hunters indicated they just purchased the license in case they happened to see a swan while hunting other waterfowl). The average days hunted by swan hunters (4.76 days) projected to a total of 3,082 recreation days for the season.

The two counties with the highest reported swan harvests were Day and Roberts.

Comparison of the 2011 – 2020 Tundra Swan seasons

Year	Licenses Sold			Harvest (w/o cripples)	Avg Days Hunted	Percent Success	Average Satisfaction
	Resident	Nonres	Total				
2011	978	178	1,156	261	2.94	23%	5.05
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

2020 Tundra Swan Harvest Projections

Unit/Type	Licenses														Total	Ave. Days Hunted	Ave. Satis- faction
	Resident						Nonresident						Harvest Projections				
	App. 1st Choice *	Available	Sold	App. 1st Choice *	Available	Sold	Hunters	Response Rate	Tag Success	Cripples **	Adults	Juvnles		Unk.			
00A-81	403	1,100	919	137	200	247	1,018	61.8%	16%	9	168	21	0	189	4.76	4.76	

* 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 2020

COUNTY	HARVEST DISTRIBUTION			
	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *
Brown	13	21	12.4	23
Beadle	1	2	1.0	2
Codington	2	3	1.9	4
Brookings	2	3	1.9	4
Yankton	2	3	1.9	4
Clark	7	11	6.7	13
Day	18	29	17.1	32
Deuel	1	2	1.0	2
Douglas	2	3	1.9	4
Edmunds	2	3	1.9	4
Grant	4	6	3.8	7
Hamlin	2	3	1.9	4
Hyde	0	0	0.0	0
Kingsbury	5	8	4.8	9
Lake	0	0	0.0	0
McPherson	10	16	9.5	18
Marshall	9	15	8.6	16
Potter	0	0	0.0	0
Roberts	15	24	14.3	27
Spink	10	16	9.5	18
Sully	0	0	0.0	0
Walworth	0	0	0.0	0
Unk/Unreported	12	19	-	-
TOTALS:	117	189	100%	189

Last Revised: 5 March 2021

** 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, 1990-2020

