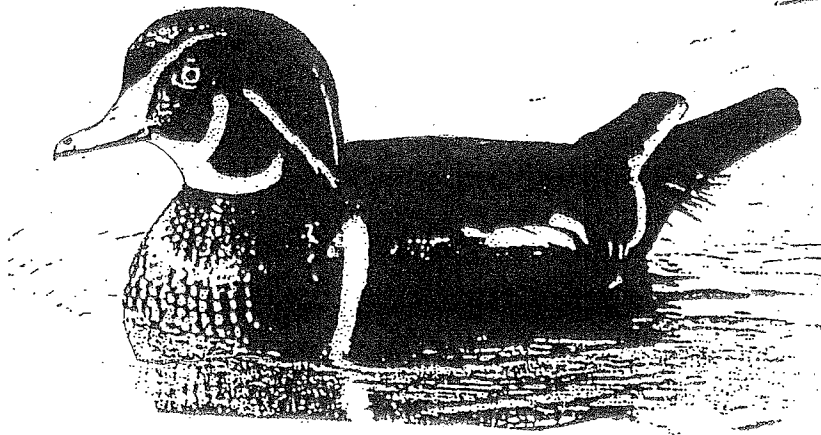


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2007 REPORT



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This was a good year for the percentage of hatched eggs to unhatched eggs at 74% to 26%. The overall 14 year average is 63% to 37 % hatched.

In 47 boxes checked, there were a total of 120 eggs, with 89 hatched and 31 unhatched. The good news is that ducks continue to use in our boxes at a fairly steady rate.

As is normal, some productive areas driven by beaver activity have turned into meadows as beaver dams have been breached. We hope that boxes in areas newly flooded areas will replace those lost and will be productive.

Duck Boxes generally last about 10 years and we lose about 10% to tree blow downs. We have built 8 new boxes, replaced 3 boxes to date, and thus are on near target for maintaining our number of boxes.

One problem we face is that certain productive areas no longer have any trees to support boxes. One solution was to put boxes on pipe. Unfortunately, even 14' pipe often are not stable in the silt deep marsh bottoms, and sink down or fall over. Another solution was to mount boxes on trees that border the marsh. To date, these boxes with "dry feet" have not been used at nearly the same rate.

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EGG COUNT SUMMARY

HATCH YEAR	# BOXES CHECKED	HATCHED/ UNHATCHED EGGS	TOTAL EGGS	% HATCHED/ UNHATCHED
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96	53	135 / 68	203	70% / 30%
97	50	119 / 58	177	67% / 33%
98	65	144 / 29	173	83% / 17%
99	60	162 / 80	242	67% / 33%
00	67	142 / 119	261	54% / 46%
01	53	153 / 43	196	78% / 22%
02	56	78 / 108	186	42% / 58%
03	57	108 / 49	157	69% / 31%
04	52	113 / 47	160	71% / 29%
05	52	68 / 77	145	47% / 53%
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ID #	year box placed	LOCATION	Usage 98-99	Usage 99-00	Usage 00-01	Usage 01-02	Usage 02-03	Usage 03-04	Usage 04-05	Usage 05-06	Usage 06-07	Usage 07-08	NOTES				
1	95/06	HUNTER'S POND	M15/0	NU	M 15/0	WD 2/2	WD 7/0	NU	WD 8/2	NEW	M 0/20	NU	NEED COVER 				

NOTES: WD=wood duck, M=merganser, ## = hatched / unhatched eggs, USAGE = nest yr/check box yr, NU = not used, UC= unchecked, LOST = box gone, OPEN or " " = # unassigned

