



WHAT IS A MIGRATORY BIRD PRESERVATION FACILITY?

Migratory Bird Preservation Facilities are any person, taxidermist, cold storage facility or locker plant, or hunting club which receives, possesses, or is in custody of any migratory game birds belonging to another person for purposes of picking, cleaning, freezing, processing, storage, or shipment. In order to operate a Migratory Bird Preservation Facility, the facility must (1) ensure incoming birds are properly tagged, (2) keep an accurate record of transactions [both incoming and outgoing], and (3) allow for the inspection of their premises.

ONLINE RESOURCES

For information on migratory bird preservation facilities and to download migratory bird possession tags or a sample ledger, please visit www.wlf.louisiana.gov/hunting/waterfowl-hunter-resources



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OTHER IMPORTANT RULES

Transportation of Birds of Another

No person shall transport migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are properly tagged.

Custody of Birds of Another

No person shall receive or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are properly tagged.

Species Identification Requirement

No person shall transport within the United States any migratory game birds, except doves and band-tailed pigeons, unless the head or one fully feathered wing remains attached to each such bird at all times while being transported from the place where taken until they have arrived at the personal abode of the possessor or a migratory bird preservation facility.

Hunting Clubs and Record Keeping

Record keeping as described in the Record Keeping section of this pamphlet is not necessary for hunting clubs which do not fully process migratory birds by removal of both the head and wings.

The previous are a select set of Federal Regulations pertaining to migratory game birds. Please refer to 50 CFR Part 20 for a complete listing of Federal laws surrounding migratory game birds.



Fully processed birds, properly tagged, and ready for a hunter to take home.



MIGRATORY BIRD PRESERVATION FACILITY GUIDELINES



1 PROPERLY TAGGING

Upon facilities receiving (and distributing) migratory birds, birds must have tagged attached that is:

- signed by the hunter
- stating his/her address,
- and includes the total number and species of birds harvested,
- and the date in which the birds were harvested.



Birds must be properly tagged.

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MIGRATORY BIRD POSSESSION TAG

No person shall give, put or leave migratory birds at any place or with another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information:

Hunter's Name: _____

Hunter's Address: _____

Date Taken: _____

Hunter's Signature: _____

Species	Number	Species	Number
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Failure to comply with tagging regulations may result in citations issued. Consult the Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations Pamphlet (50 CFR 20:36).

Sample tag to be attached to migratory birds.

2 RECORD KEEPING

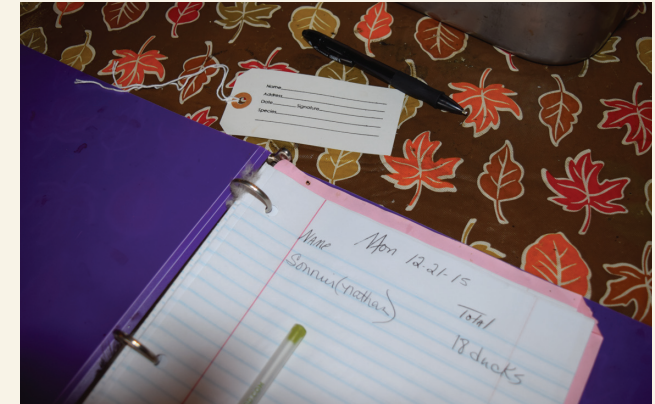
Facilities must maintain accurate records of and be able to identify every bird received by or in custody of the facility by the name of the person from whom the birds were obtained. Required elements:

- the number of each species obtained,
- the location from where the birds were taken,
- dates in which they were received,
- name and address of whom the birds were received from,
- date such bird were disposed of,
- and the name and address of the person to whom the birds were delivered.

RECORDS MUST BE MAINTAINED FOR 1 YEAR FOLLOWING THE LAST ENTRY ON THE RECORD.

3 INSPECTION OF PREMISES

Facilities shall not prevent any authorized enforcement person from entering, and inspecting the premises and records of such facilities at all reasonable hours.



DISCLAIMER: If you are unsure of regulations regarding migratory bird preservation facilities please contact your state and federal wildlife enforcement agents.

Please note the sample tags and ledgers do not intend to replace existing systems, but only provide a guideline of the required elements for tagging and record keeping when operating a migratory bird preservation facility.

Source and complete wording: Migratory Game Bird Facilities. 2015. U.S. Government Publishing Office, Electronic Code of Federal Regulations <<http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/ECFR>> Title 50, Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Part 20, Subpart I <Accessed 1 December 2015>.

Tag ID	Date Harvested	Hunter's Name and Address	Hunt Location	Number and Species Harvested	Date Out	Recipient: Name & Address
Sample, 0	12/14/15	John Doe, 123 First Street, City, LA 00000	Creole, LA	3 greenwing teal, 3 gadwall	12/16/15	John Doe, 123 First Street, City, LA 00000

Sample ledger for migratory bird preservation facilities.