

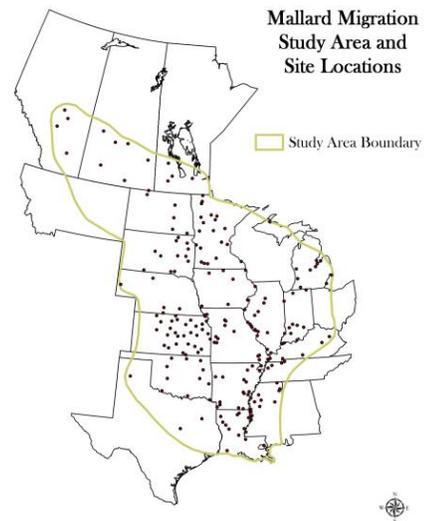
Mississippi River Waterfowl Update, Posted October 7, 2016

Mississippi River Wildlife Staff conducted an aerial flight on Thursday, September 29 covering navigation pools 7-11. The historical transect route was followed. The next intended flight will occur during the week of *October 17<sup>th</sup>*.

During the flight, detection of waterfowl was low, which was anticipated due to high water conditions. Vegetation stand densities were also noted as low due to the high water throughout the pools. Waterfowl observed included mallards, gadwall, pintails, widgeon and coot with highest numbers observed in Pool 7 followed by 8. Pool 11 held the most Canada goose followed by Pool 9.

The good news is that while conducting field work, we've observed diverse groups and good numbers of waterfowl numbers not otherwise detected by the flight.

*New for this year* – We'll be posting weekly updates to the [Mallard Observation Migration Network](#), through the Missouri Department of Conservation with postings throughout the Mississippi Flyway.



With the season closing on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> for 7 days, water conditions and boat launch accessibility likely will be more favorable as you venture out to the river for the reopener on October 15<sup>th</sup>.



Ferryville, Landing Launch, Pool 9. .  
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