

Mississippi River Waterfowl Survey Update: October 31, 2016

Mississippi River Wildlife Staff conducted a waterfowl survey of pools 7-11 Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Right on time, the tundra swans have begun to arrive in Pool 8. As we move into November their numbers will continue to build. Up to 50,000 can be viewed in this area at peak numbers. If you are interested in viewing these magnificent large white birds, with their harmonious call, plan a visit to the Brownsville Overlook located south of Brownsville, MN along Hwy 26.

Fun fact: The males are called cobs, the females' pens and their young are called cygnets.

Canvasback numbers (45,210) are building and have almost doubled since last week. Fairly even distributions were observed in each of lower Pool 8 and lower Pool 9.

Gadwalls are holding as the principal puddle duck being observed in Pools 7-9.

It is still quiet in pools 10 and 11, hope you are seeing more in the field than we are in the air.

For more information on our aerial surveys, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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There are several different species in this photo. Can you list them?

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