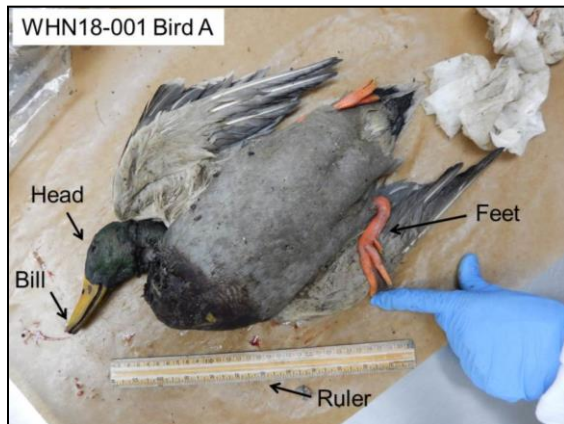


Guidelines on taking pictures for dead bird identification

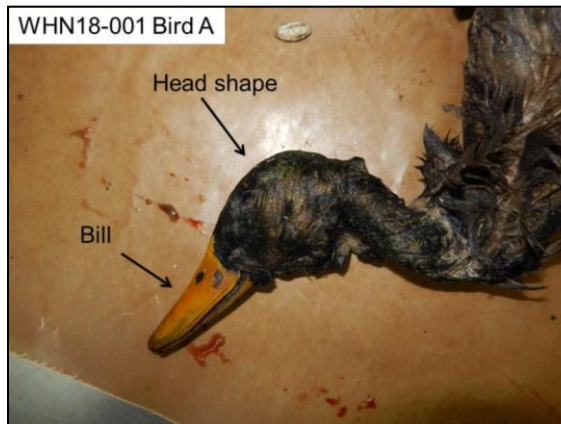
- Take photos vertically (from right above the carcass) so that the entire bird is in focus. Avoid side shots that tend to have multiple out-of-focus areas.
- For soiled birds, wipe feathers until you can see feather color and shape.
- The photo should include an identification label (location, date & ideally the WHN # followed by Bird A, B, C etc.).
- Take 3 photos per individual, as per follows:

1) Full Body



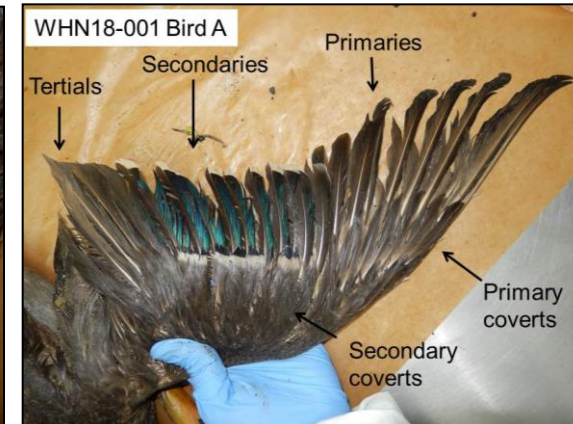
- Show head, feet and body size
- Lay head flat on its side in front of body
- Include ruler or scale reference
- Show feet details (webbed, lobed, color etc.)

2) Head close-up



- Lay head flat on its side
- Stretch the bill out, away from the neck
- Ensure that bill color and shape are visible
- Ensure that neck length visible

3) Wing close-up



- Wipe feathers if soiled
- Flatten wing and stretch feathers (if necessary, use paperclips and a clipboard or some other method to stretch the wing)
- Expose primaries, secondaries and tertial feathers

Questions?

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