

Goose Project Description, Southampton Island

Goose banding will be conducted by helicopter for a 10-day period each summer while geese are flightless, between the dates of July 15 and August 15. The information collected will be used to monitor the health of Canada goose, snow goose, Ross's goose, and brant populations as part of an ongoing monitoring program for arctic waterfowl. There will be 6 personnel involved (pilot, engineer, 4 goose banders), including a local assistant from Coral Harbor, and all will stay in Coral Harbor each night. This project has been conducted annually since 2001.

Goose Project Description, Baffin Island

Goose surveys and banding will be conducted by helicopter for a 15-day period each summer while geese are flightless, between the dates of July 15 and August 15. The information collected will be used to monitor the health of Canada goose, snow goose, Ross's goose, and brant populations, as well as swans and some sea ducks as part of an ongoing monitoring program for arctic waterfowl. There will be up to 7 personnel involved (pilot, engineer, and up to 5 goose surveyors/banders), and all will stay at an existing camp at Nikko Island. This project has operated annually since 1989.

Goose Project Description, McConnell River

This project has two phases: a study of nesting Ross's geese, snow geese, and Canada geese will occur between May 15 and July 15 each year, and will involve 2-6 personnel, including at least one local assistant. The study is intended to provide information on the health of local goose populations, which have changed markedly over the past 40 years. Snow geese have declined and their nesting distribution has expanded northward and southward, while Ross's geese and Canada geese have increased around McConnell River. ATVs are used to transport people and gear to camp, and to transport people from camp to the edge of the nesting colony. All other field work is done on foot to minimize disturbance. This project has occurred annually since 2002, and will be concluded in 2006.

Goose banding will be conducted by helicopter and/or ATV for a 10-day period each summer while geese are flightless, between the dates of July 15 and August 15. The information collected will be used to monitor the health of goose populations as part of an ongoing monitoring program for arctic waterfowl. There will be 4-6 personnel involved (pilot, engineer, 4 goose banders), including at least one local assistant from Arviat, and all will stay in Arviat or at an existing cabin near McConnell River each night. This project has occurred annually since 1987.