



Tundra Swan Permit Hunt Program FAQ's

What are the eligibility requirements for a tundra swan permit? Each applicant, regardless of residency, must hold a valid N.C. hunting and N.C. waterfowl privilege license on October 1, 2021 to be eligible in the drawing. A youth hunter, less than 16 years of age on October 1, 2021, who is not properly licensed, must apply for a Tundra Swan Permit as a member of a party with a properly licensed adult at least 18 years of age. Additionally, applicants who received a permit the previous year must have submitted their tundra swan permit survey by the April 1, 2021 deadline. Applicants who fail to meet the eligibility requirements and their party members will be disqualified from the drawing.

Where can I apply for a tundra swan permit? You can apply online at www.ncwildlife.org, by calling 888-248-6834, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.—5 p.m., or at a wildlife service agent. The application deadline is October 1.

How many applicants were there for the 4,895 available tundra swan permits in 2020-21? There was a total of 9,074 applicants.

Has the number of applicants increased over time? Yes, over the last 6 years, the number of applicants has increased by approximately 27% from the previous ten-year average. Most of this increase represents an increase in the number of resident hunter applications.

How many non-resident applicants receive a tundra swan permit? Non-residents receive, on average, approximately 11% of the available permits.

Are my chances better if I apply individually or as a party? The odds in favor of being selected as a party are no different than those of being selected as an individual. Applying as a party ensures all applicants in the party will be selected or not selected.

Do I get preference in the next season's drawing if I apply for and am not selected for a tundra swan permit the prior season? Yes. The Wildlife Resources Commission offers a preference point system for the Tundra Swan Permit Hunt Program. Eligible applicants not awarded a tundra swan permit in the 2020-21 season will be eligible for a preference point in the 2021-22 permit draw process.

If I fail to return my tundra swan permit survey, how long is it before I am eligible for another swan permit? Those who fail to return their tundra swan permit survey by the April 1 deadline will be disqualified during the draw process the following swan season only.



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How will I know if I was awarded a tundra swan permit? Results of the tundra swan drawing are posted on the Commission's website at www.ncwildlife.org/permithunt or by telephone at 888-248-6834, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

How long before I receive my permit after I have been selected in the drawing? Permits are mailed to successful applicants approximately 30 days from the completion of the tundra swan drawing.

Can I give my permit to someone else if I am not able to hunt? No, the permit/tag is non-transferrable and valid only for the person whose name appears on the permit. The permit/tag must also be signed to be valid.

Do I need the physical tag with me when I am hunting tundra swan? Can I tag it later? The permit/tag must be carried on your person while hunting or in possession of a tundra swan. Immediately after harvesting a tundra swan, the permit/tag must be validated by punching out both the month and day of kill and affixing the tag to the swan.

Can I bring someone with me who will not be hunting to photograph, film, watch, etc. if they do not have a permit? Yes, however the observer cannot assist in any activities associated with the hunt, such as setting decoys, calling or retrieving birds, building a blind, working a dog, etc.

Can a tundra swan be harvested while hunting other animals or utilizing other permits? Yes, as long as you have a tundra swan permit/tag and the harvest occurs within the tundra swan season. You must use weapons that are consistent with that of the waterfowl season.

Can youth, Veterans and active duty Military use their tundra swan permit/tag on Youth and Veterans/Military Waterfowl Days? Yes, refer to the [NC Inland Fishing, Hunting and Trapping Regulations Digest](#) for season information and requirements.

