



Volunteer Opportunity

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service is seeking volunteers to assist with the counting of the six subspecies of White-cheeked Geese at Nestucca Bay National Wildlife Refuge and surrounding areas.

Volunteers would assist with surveys once a week for 4-6 hours between Oct 15 - April 15. Surveys are done from refuge vehicle at a vantage point near each survey field. Geese will be identified to a subspecies (cackling, Aleutian, Taverner's/lesser, dusky, or western) and counted at each field with the aid of binoculars and spotting scope. Observers will record the data with the use of a mobile app. All survey equipment will be provided such as binoculars, spotting scope, tablet, and vehicle.



Requirements:

- Have the ability to sit in a vehicle for up to six hours
- Have good eyesight
- Ability to record field notes
- Have the availability to conduct the weekly surveys from October 15 - April 15
- Attend a required training
- Follow all survey protocols
- Ability to identify birds strongly desired.

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