



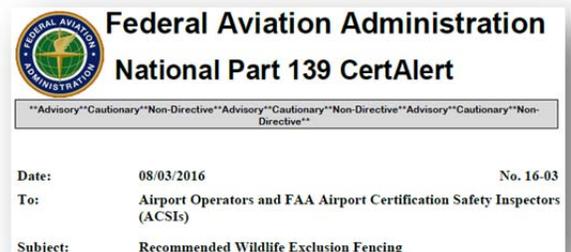
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Subject: Wildlife Activity Awareness

As the temperatures are falling and the seasons are changing, the strikes are increasing. We urge airport operators to remain vigilant as bird activity is peaking and remind operators of their duty to implement wildlife hazard mitigation activities to help prevent aircraft wildlife strikes. The unique location of the Great Lakes Region, which is located within the Mississippi Flyway, is susceptible to larger bird numbers during the month of October as bird migration numbers reach their peak.

In addition to bird strikes, airport operators are reminded that mammal strikes pose similar risks to aircraft and measures to control mammal activity must be taken. Further information on exclusion methods for deer and other large mammals can be found in [CertAlert No. 16-03 – Recommended Wildlife Exclusion Fencing](#).



Below is a summary of how to effectively manage wildlife hazards at your airport:

- Ensure procedures are in place to review and evaluate your wildlife hazard management plan (WHMP) every 12 consecutive months or following an event listed below:
 - an air carrier aircraft experiences multiple strikes
 - an air carrier experiences substantial damage from striking wildlife
 - an air carrier aircraft experiences an engine ingestion of wildlife
- Take immediate action to alleviate wildlife hazards whenever they are detected, to include wildlife of a size or in numbers capable of causing an event described above, and is observed to have access to any airport flight pattern or movement area.
- Report all wildlife strikes! All airports, towered or non-towered, should report wildlife strikes. The effectiveness of successful wildlife hazard management requires accurate and consistent reporting.
- Maintain an airport wildlife log to document wildlife activity and the airport's mitigation actions.
- Submit remains to Smithsonian Institution, Feather Identification Lab (refer to [AC 150/5200-32B](#) for instructions on how to submit remains for identification).

If you have any questions concerning this bulletin, please contact your assigned Airport Certification Safety Inspector.