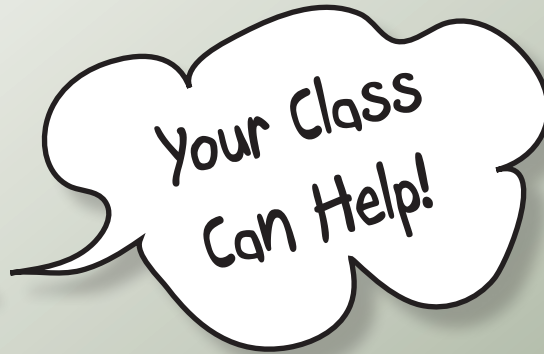


# BE PART OF THE RESEARCH

A Citizen Science Endeavor  
Exploring Alaska's  
Game Bird Population



Would you like to participate in a real scientific study? The Alaska Department of Fish and Game is soliciting science classes across the state to help collect hunter harvested grouse and ptarmigan wings, tails and heads!

ADF&G small game biologists use these samples to better understand sex and age composition of harvested birds. In past years most participants were from urban areas outside Fairbanks and Anchorage. This year ADF&G needs your help to increase participation from rural communities.

Your class can make a difference! Ask your students to collect grouse and ptarmigan wings, tails (grouse only) and heads (ptarmigan only). In return your students can interact with real scientists, participate in data collection, learn about avian ecology, anatomy and physiology, as well as the cultural importance of game birds in Alaska.

To participate, visit [www.citsci.org](http://www.citsci.org) and join the *ADF&G Wing Collection Program*! Contact Mike Taras, (907) 459-7230, with additional questions.

## It's Easy!

1. Collect hunter harvested grouse and ptarmigan wings, tails (grouse) and heads (ptarmigan).
2. Age and sex wings using plumage characteristics.
3. Enter the collection location, age and sex Online at [www.citsci.org](http://www.citsci.org) (**ADF&G Wing Collection Program**).
4. Mail samples in a pre-paid envelope to ADF&G.

