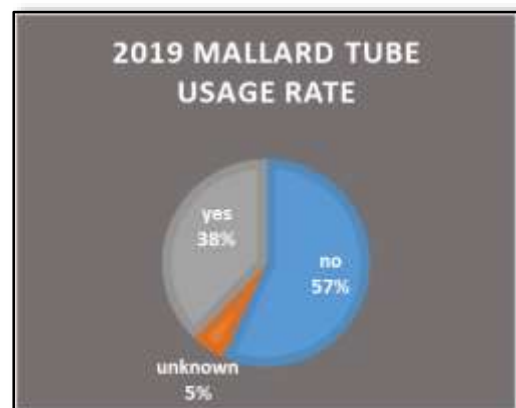


# Nesting Report: 2019 Nesting Season

Another nesting season has come and gone at Hullett Marsh and we have continued to see our Mallard Tube and Duck Box Nesting Programs thrive. This data is invaluable to us at Hullett and allows us to better understand what the birds are looking for in nesting grounds, as well as to better position boxes and tubes to allow for the highest possible usage and success rates possible. We would like to thank all of those who help to make these programs so successful year after year, without your help this would not be possible.

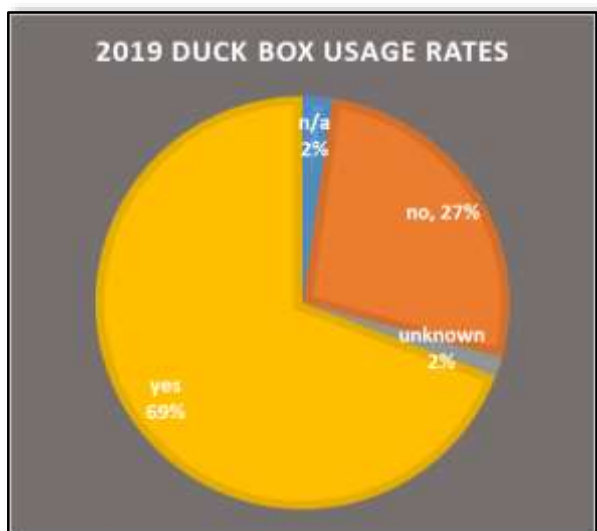
## Mallard Tubes

The Friends of Hullett observed a 38% usage rate in our Mallard Tubes during the 2019 nesting season. This is an 15% increase from last years' usage rates. 30% of the 37 tubes that were placed in the marsh were considered to be successful nests. These tubes have been replaced in the marsh and hopefully we continue to see an upward trend in usage and success in the 2020 season.



## Duck Boxes

The Friends of Hullett observed a 69% usage rates in our Duck Boxes during the 2019 season. This is an 11% increase from last years' usage rates. 26% of the 130 boxes were considered to be successful nests. Of the boxes that were used, it was found that **31% were used by Wood Duck, 37% were used by Hooded Merganser and 32% were used by both species**. This is a very even split of the different nesting possibilities and a very positive result.



With the continued help of our amazing volunteers, we will make sure that these ducks have ideal nesting grounds for years to come, and in doing so, ensuring that there will be stable populations of these birds for all outdoor enthusiasts to enjoy. We hope to see you all again in the 2020 season.

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering, please contact us at [fohoffice@tcc.on.ca](mailto:fohoffice@tcc.on.ca) for more information.