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## Bird Strike

This morning a CAP crew of 3 flying a CAP aircraft on a A3 mission in the Finger Lakes Region had a most unexpected surprised. They suddenly had a duck crash right through the aircraft windscreen. As sudden and devastated the experience, loud and gory, the pilot remained calm and profession. He made all the right decisions, utilized CRM along with communications to Rochester International airport where a successful emergency landing was accomplished. Our crew, shaken and messy, are all safe. The bird did not fair as well. Therefore, NYWG has our own "Miracle in Rochester".

Bird strikes and other wildlife strikes to aircraft cause well over \$700 million in damage to aircraft annually. All aircraft are at risk, military and civilian. The most famous being the US Air Hudson River event. According to the FAA, reported bird strikes has risen from 1,851 in 1990 to a record 11,315 last year. In fact LaGuardia airport had multiple bird strikes with airline equipment just this past September 4th.

What I have attached below are 3 sites for you all to read and become familiar with. One is from the FAA and how to report a wildlife strike, the other is a web site for the Bird Strike Committee. Both sites have good information on this subject matter as well as additional links for more information.

Be aware, alert, and ready to deal with any emergency.  
We are fortunate and thankful our crew made it back safely.

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