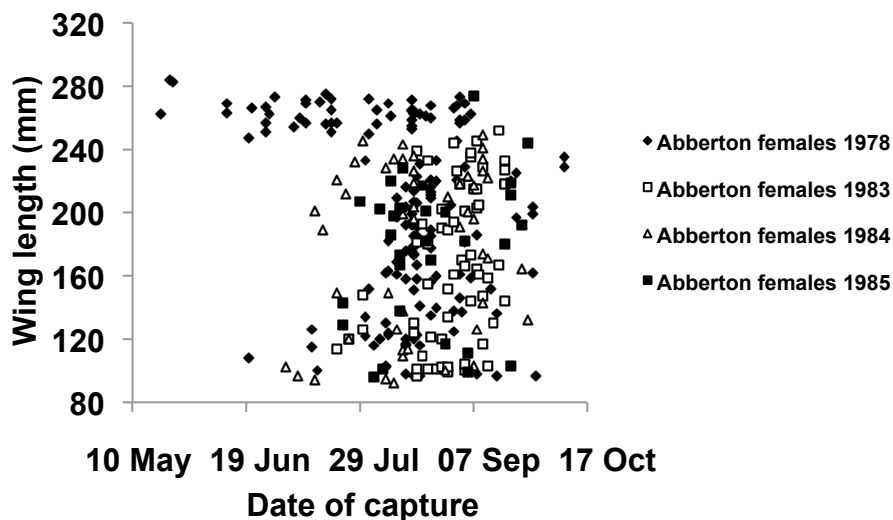
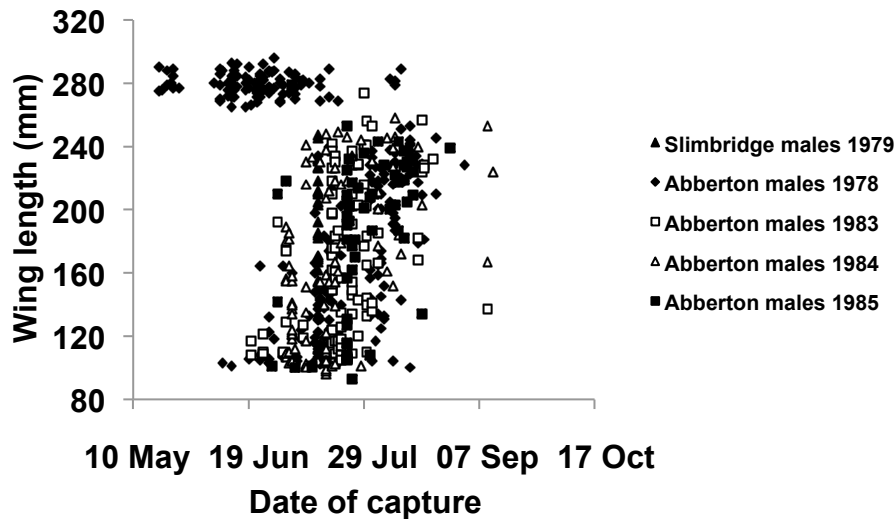


Supplementary material

Appendix 1. Graphs of wing length against catch date for all the individual Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos* featured in the analysis of moult in this manuscript. Upper graph includes males caught at Slimbridge, Gloucestershire, SW England in 1979 where birds were fed *ad libitum* within fox-proof fenced largely predator-free area and wild caught birds at Abberton Reservoir, Essex, SE England in 1978 and 1983-1985 inclusive. Lower graph shows females caught at Abberton in 1978 and 1983-1985 inclusive. See text for full details of catch sites and measurement techniques.



Appendix 2. Graphs of body mass against catch date for all the individual Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos* featured in the analysis of moult in this manuscript. Upper graph includes males caught at Slimbridge, Gloucestershire, SW England in 1979 where birds were fed *ad libitum* within fox-proof fenced largely predator-free area and wild caught birds at Abberton Reservoir, Essex, SE England in 1978 and 1983-1985 inclusive. Lower graph shows females caught at Abberton in 1978 and 1983-1985 inclusive. See text for full details of catch sites and measurement techniques.

