



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: Boise, Idaho Accident Number: GAA19CA054

Date & Time: November 9, 2018, 23:35 Local Registration: N16HT

Aircraft: Cessna 206 Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: Birdstrike **Injuries:** 2 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Instructional

Analysis

The flight instructor reported that he and the student pilot were conducting a training flight using night vision googles. While the airplane was in the traffic pattern, he saw a small flock of geese. Shortly after, he felt a thump. The student reconfigured the rudder and flap setting and was able to land the airplane without further incident.

The airplane sustained substantial damage to the left wing.

The instructor reported that there were no preaccident mechanical failures or malfunctions with the airplane that would have precluded normal operation.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be:

The airplane's impact with a bird during the approach.

Findings

Environmental issues Animal(s)/bird(s) - Effect on equipment

Factual Information

History of Flight

Approach-VFR pattern crosswind	Birdstrike (Defining event)	
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Pilot Information

Certificate:	Airline transport; Commercial	Age:	39,Female
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Multi-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane; Helicopter	Second Pilot Present:	Yes
Instructor Rating(s):	Airplane multi-engine; Airplane single-engine; Instrument airplane	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 2 With waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	October 10, 2018
Occupational Pilot:	Yes	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	May 10, 2018
Flight Time:	(Estimated) 4400 hours (Total, all aircraft), 4.8 hours (Total, this make and model), 4220 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 7.5 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 5.5 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

Flight instructor Information

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Certificate:	Airline transport; Flight instructor	Age:	62,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Multi-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Right
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	Helicopter	Restraint Used:	4-point
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane; Helicopter	Second Pilot Present:	Yes
Instructor Rating(s):	Airplane multi-engine; Airplane single-engine; Helicopter; Instrument airplane; Instrument helicopter	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 2 With waivers/limitations	Last FAA Medical Exam:	July 15, 2018
Occupational Pilot:	Yes	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	July 15, 2018
Flight Time:	(Estimated) 10845 hours (Total, all aircraft), 98 hours (Total, this make and model), 10623 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 37 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 30 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 4 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

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Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Cessna	Registration:	N16HT
Model/Series:	206 Undesignat	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:	1964	Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	2060134
Landing Gear Type:	Tricycle	Seats:	6
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	June 7, 2018 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	3296 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	3317.89 Hrs at time of accident	Engine Manufacturer:	Continental
ELT:	C126 installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	IO 520 SERIES
Registered Owner:		Rated Power:	285 Horsepower
Operator:		Operating Certificate(s) Held:	On-demand air taxi (135)

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Night
Observation Facility, Elevation:	KEUL,2429 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	12 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	06:56 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	201°
Lowest Cloud Condition:		Visibility	10 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Overcast / 7000 ft AGL	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	5 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	None / None
Wind Direction:	230°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	N/A / N/A
Altimeter Setting:	30.15 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	3°C / -4°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	Caldwell, ID (EUL)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	Company VFR
Destination:	Boise, ID (S78)	Type of Clearance:	VFR
Departure Time:	23:30 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class E

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Airport Information

Airport:	Emmett Muni S78	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Airport Elevation:	2354 ft msl	Runway Surface Condition:	Dry
Runway Used:	28	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:	3307 ft / 55 ft	VFR Approach/Landing:	Traffic pattern

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	2 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:		Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 None	Latitude, Longitude:	43.840278,-116.529441(est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Nepomuceno, Eleazar
Additional Participating Persons:	Rudy Rossi; FAA; Boise, ID
Original Publish Date:	March 20, 2020
Note:	This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to the NTSB.
Investigation Docket:	https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=98622

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