



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	Punta Gorda, FL	Accident Number:	MIA06CA009
Date & Time:	10/02/2005, 1100 EDT	Registration:	N952AC
Aircraft:	Cessna 172N	Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Instructional		

Analysis

The pilot stated that when the flight was approximately two to three nautical miles north of the Charlotte County Airport, a brown bird appeared to his left on a collision course. He banked to the left in an attempt to avoid a collision but heard a "crash." He noted damage to the right horizontal stabilizer; rudder and pitch control were affected. He proceeded to the destination airport and landed uneventfully.

Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be: The in-flight collision with a bird resulting in substantial damage to the airplane.

Findings

Occurrence #1: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH OBJECT
Phase of Operation: CRUISE - NORMAL

Findings

1. OBJECT - BIRD(S)

Student Pilot Information

Certificate:	Student	Age:	32
Airplane Rating(s):	None	Instrument Rating(s):	None
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	
Flight Time:	108 hours (Total, all aircraft), 108 hours (Total, this make and model), 108 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 30 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Cessna	Registration:	N952AC
Model/Series:	172N	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	Naples Air Center, Inc.	Engine Manufacturer:	Lycoming
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None	Engine Model/Series:	O-320-H2AD
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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:		Weather Information Source:	Unknown
Lowest Ceiling:		Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	/ ,
Temperature:		Visibility:	
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	Pahokee, FL (KPHK)	Destination:	Punta Gorda, FL (KPGD)

Airport Information

Airport:	Charlotte County (KPGD)	Runway Surface Type:	
Runway Used:	NA	Runway Surface Condition:	
Runway Length/Width:			

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	
Latitude, Longitude:	26.922778, -81.995278		

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Timothy W Monville	Adopted Date:	01/31/2006
Note:	This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to the NTSB.		
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