



## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### 50 CFR Part 20

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### Migratory Bird Hunting; 2025–26 Seasons for Certain Migratory Game Birds

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This rule prescribes the seasons, hours, areas, and daily bag and possession limits for hunting migratory game birds. Taking of migratory game birds is prohibited unless specifically provided for by annual regulations. This rule permits the taking of designated species during the 2025–26 season.

**DATES:** This rule takes effect on [INSERT DATE OF FILING FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

**ADDRESSES:** You may inspect comments received on the migratory bird hunting regulations at <https://www.regulations.gov> at Docket No. FWS–HQ–MB–2024–0127. You may obtain copies of referenced reports from the Division of Migratory Bird Management’s website at <https://www.fws.gov/program/migratory-birds> or at <https://www.regulations.gov> at Docket No. FWS–HQ–MB–2024–0127.

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## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### **Regulations Schedule for 2025**

On January 21, 2025, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service, we) published in the *Federal Register* (90 FR 7056) a proposal to amend title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at part 20. The proposal provided a background and overview of the migratory bird hunting regulations process and addressed the establishment of seasons, limits, and other regulations for hunting migratory game birds under §§ 20.100 through 20.107, 20.109, and 20.110 of subpart K. Major steps in the 2025–26 regulatory cycle relating to open public meetings and *Federal Register* notifications were illustrated in the diagram at the end of the January 21, 2025, proposed rule (90 FR 7056 at 7065).

We provided the meeting dates and locations for the Service Regulations Committee (SRC) on our website at <https://www.fws.gov/event/us-fish-and-wildlife-service-migratory-bird-regulations-committee-meeting> and Flyway Council meetings on flyway calendars posted on our website at <https://www.fws.gov/partner/migratory-bird-program-administrative-flyways>. On November 19, 2024, we held open meetings with the Flyway Council Consultants, at which the participants reviewed information on the current status of migratory game birds and developed recommendations for the 2025–26 regulations for these species. The January 21, 2025, proposed rule provided detailed information on the proposed 2025–26 regulatory schedule.

On April 24, 2025, we published in the *Federal Register* (90 FR 17300) the proposed frameworks for migratory game bird hunting regulations during the 2025–26 season. On August 18, 2025, we published in the *Federal Register* (90 FR 40178) the final frameworks for migratory game bird hunting regulations, from which State wildlife conservation agency officials selected seasons, hours, areas, and limits for hunting migratory birds during the 2025–26 season.

The final rule described here is the final in the series of proposed, supplemental, and final rulemaking documents for migratory game bird hunting regulations for the 2025–26 season and deals specifically with amending subpart K of 50 CFR part 20. It sets hunting seasons, hours,

areas, and limits for migratory game bird species. This final rule is the culmination of the annual rulemaking process allowing migratory game bird hunting, which started with the January 21, 2025, proposed rule. As discussed elsewhere in this document, we supplemented that proposal on April 24, 2025, and published final season frameworks on August 18, 2025, that provided the regulatory frameworks from which the States selected their hunting seasons. This final rule sets the migratory game bird hunting seasons based on that input from the States.

## **Required Determinations**

### *National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Consideration*

The programmatic document, “Second Final Supplement, USFWS, Issuance of Annual Regulations Permitting the Hunting of Migratory Birds” (EIS No. 20130139), filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on May 24, 2013, addresses NEPA compliance by the Service for issuance of the annual framework regulations for hunting of migratory game bird species. We published a notice of availability in the *Federal Register* on May 31, 2013 (78 FR 32686), and our record of decision on July 26, 2013 (78 FR 45376). We also address NEPA compliance for waterfowl hunting frameworks through the annual preparation of separate environmental assessments, the most recent being the Duck Hunting Regulations for the 2025–26 Season and its corresponding 2025 finding of no significant impact.

### *Endangered Species Act Consideration*

Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), provides that the Secretary shall insure that any action authorized, funded, or carried out is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered species or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat. Consequently, we conducted consultations to ensure that actions resulting from these regulations would not likely jeopardize the continued existence of endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of their critical habitat. Findings from these consultations are included in a biological opinion, which concluded that the regulations are not likely to jeopardize the

continued existence of any endangered or threatened species. Additionally, these findings may have caused modification of some regulatory measures previously proposed, and the final frameworks (90 FR 40178, August 18, 2025) reflect any such modifications. The biological opinion is available from <https://www.regulations.gov> at Docket No. FWS–HQ–MB–2024–0127.

Executive Order (E.O.) 12866, as reaffirmed by E.O. 13563, provides that the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) will review all significant rules. This action is a significant regulatory action, as defined under section 3(f)(1) of E.O. 12866 (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993).

An economic analysis was prepared for the 2025–26 migratory bird hunting season. This analysis was based on data from the 2011 and the 2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation (National Survey), the most recent years for which data are available. See discussion under **Required Determinations**, *Regulatory Flexibility Act*, below. This analysis estimated consumer surplus for four alternatives for hunting regulations. As defined by OMB in Circular A–4, consumers’ surplus is the difference between what a consumer pays for a unit of a good or service and the maximum amount the consumer would be willing to pay for that unit. The duck hunting regulatory alternatives are (1) not opening a hunting season; (2) issuing restrictive regulations that allow fewer days than the 2024–25 season; (3) issuing moderate regulations that allow more days than in Alternative 2 but fewer days than the 2024–25 season, and (4) issuing liberal regulations that allow days similar to the 2024–25 season. The estimated consumer surplus associated with liberal regulations issued for the 2024–25 season across all flyways was \$624 million to \$816 million (2024\$). We also chose Alternative 4 (liberal regulations) for the 2009–10 through 2024–25 seasons. The 2025–26 analysis is part of the record for this rulemaking action and is available at <https://www.regulations.gov> at Docket No. FWS–HQ–MB–2024–0127.

*Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.)*

The annual migratory bird hunting regulations have a significant economic impact on substantial numbers of small entities, such as restaurants, grocery stores, lodging, transportation, and sporting goods stores under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.). An initial regulatory flexibility analysis was prepared to analyze the economic impacts of the annual hunting regulations on small business entities. This analysis is updated annually. The primary source of information about hunter expenditures for migratory game bird hunting is the National Survey, which is generally conducted at 5-year intervals. The 2022 National Survey did not collect migratory bird expenditure data, so the 2025–26 migratory bird hunting season analysis is based on the 2011 and 2016 National Surveys and the U.S. Department of Commerce’s County Business Patterns, from which it is estimated that migratory bird hunters will spend approximately \$2.5 billion (2024\$) at small businesses during the 2025–26 migratory bird hunting season. In summary, this final rule will have a significant beneficial economic impact on small entities. Without these annual regulations, States cannot establish migratory bird hunting seasons. A wide range of businesses and individuals benefit economically from the establishment of the annual migratory bird hunting regulations. The initial regulatory flexibility analysis can be found in the economic analysis of the migratory game bird hunting regulations for the 2025–26 season. Copies of the economic analysis are available upon request from the person listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** or from <https://www.regulations.gov> at Docket No. FWS–HQ–MB–2024–0127.

#### *Congressional Review Act*

Pursuant to subtitle E of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (also known as the Congressional Review Act or CRA, 5 U.S.C. 801 et seq.), OIRA designated this action as a major rule, as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2), because it is likely to result in an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more. However, because this final rule establishes a regulatory program for activity related to hunting and because hunting seasons are time sensitive, we establish the effective date of this final rule using the exemption in the CRA at 5 U.S.C. 808(1).

*Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.)*

This final rule does not contain any new collection of information that requires approval by OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.). OMB has previously approved the information collection requirements associated with migratory bird surveys and the procedures for establishing annual migratory bird hunting seasons under the following OMB control numbers:

- 1018–0019, “North American Woodcock Singing Ground Survey” (expires 02/28/2027).
- 1018–0023, “Migratory Bird Surveys, 50 CFR 20.20” (expires 05/31/2026). Includes Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program, Migratory Bird Hunter Surveys, Sandhill Crane Survey, and Parts Collection Survey.
- 1018–0171, “Establishment of Annual Migratory Bird Hunting Seasons, 50 CFR Part 20” (expires 11/30/2027).

You may view the information collection request(s) at

<https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

*Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (2 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.)*

We have determined and certify, in compliance with the requirements of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (2 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.) that this final rulemaking does not include any Federal mandate that may result in the expenditure by State, local, and Tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$100 million or more (adjusted for inflation) in any 1 year and does not significantly or uniquely affect small governments.

*Civil Justice Reform—E.O. 12988*

The Department, in promulgating this final rule, has determined that this rule will not unduly burden the judicial system and that it meets the requirements of sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of E.O. 12988.

### *Takings Implication Assessment—E.O. 12630*

In accordance with E.O. 12630, this final rule, authorized by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA), does not have significant takings implications and does not affect any constitutionally protected property rights. This final rule will not result in the physical occupancy of property, the physical invasion of property, or the regulatory taking of any property. In fact, this final rule will allow hunters to exercise otherwise unavailable privileges and, therefore, reduces restrictions on the use of private and public property.

### *Energy Effects—E.O. 13211*

E.O. 13211 requires agencies to prepare statements of energy effects when undertaking certain actions. While this final rule is a significant regulatory action under E.O. 12866, it is not likely to have a significant adverse effect on the supply, distribution, or use of energy and has not been designated by OIRA as a significant energy action. Therefore, no statement of energy effects is required.

### *Government-to-Government Relationship with Tribes*

In accordance with the President's memorandum of April 29, 1994, "Government-to-Government Relations with Native American Tribal Governments" (59 FR 22951), E.O. 13175, and 512 DM 2, we have evaluated possible effects on federally recognized Indian Tribes with respect to impacts to Tribes' treaty rights to hunt waterfowl. We have determined that there are de minimis effects on Indian Tribes for that aspect of their treaty rights. Through this process to establish annual hunting regulations, we regularly coordinate with Tribes that are affected by this final rulemaking action. Tribes have the opportunity to attend spring and fall flyway meetings, provide comments on *Federal Register* publications concerning migratory bird hunting, and, whenever needed, we hold informal consultations with Tribes regarding trust resources, trust assets, health, and safety. Also, in an effort to streamline the migratory bird hunting regulation process, four informational webinars were held to present a proposed new process to Tribes, giving Tribes the opportunity to provide input and to ask questions about the Tribal migratory bird hunting regulations. This final rule will

not have substantial direct effects on one or more Indian Tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian Tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian Tribes.

This final rule is general in nature and does not directly affect any specific Tribal lands, treaty rights, or Tribal trust resources. In addition, this final rule does not interfere with the ability of Tribes to manage themselves or their funds or to regulate migratory bird activities on Tribal lands. Therefore, we conclude that this final rule does not have “Tribal implications” under section 1(a) of E.O. 13175 with respect to waterfowl treaty rights. Thus, formal government-to-government consultation is not required by E.O. 13175 and related policies of the Department of the Interior. We will continue to collaborate with Tribes on concerns related to migratory bird hunting regulations.

#### *Federalism Effects—E.O. 13132*

Due to the migratory nature of certain species of birds, the Federal Government has been given responsibility over these species by the MBTA. We annually prescribe frameworks from which the States make selections regarding the hunting of migratory birds, and we employ guidelines to establish special regulations on Federal Indian reservations and ceded lands. This process preserves the ability of the States and Tribes to determine which seasons meet their individual needs.

Any State or Tribe may be more restrictive in its regulations than the Federal frameworks at any time. The frameworks are developed in a cooperative process with the States and the Flyway Councils. This process allows States to participate in the development of frameworks from which they will make selections, thereby having an influence on their own regulations. This final rule will not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Therefore, in accordance with E.O. 13132, these regulations do not have federalism implications and do not warrant the preparation of a federalism summary impact statement.

#### **Review of Public Comments**

The preliminary proposed rulemaking, which appeared in the January 21, 2025, *Federal Register*, opened the public comment period for migratory game bird hunting regulations for the 2025–26 hunting season. We subsequently published in the *Federal Register* the proposed regulatory frameworks for the 2025–26 migratory game bird hunting season on April 24, 2025, which also included a request for public comments. We previously addressed all pertinent comments from both rules in our August 18, 2025, final rule (90 FR 40178 at 40179–40185).

### **Regulations Promulgation**

The rulemaking process for migratory game bird hunting, by its nature, operates under a time constraint as seasons must be established each year or hunting seasons remain closed. However, we intend that the public be provided extensive opportunity for public input and involvement in compliance with Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 551 et seq.) requirements. Thus, when the preliminary proposed rulemaking was published, we established what we concluded were the longest periods possible for public comment and the most opportunities for public involvement. We also provided notification of our participation in multiple Flyway Council meetings, opportunities for additional public review and comment on all Flyway Council proposals for regulatory change, and opportunities for additional public review during the SRC meeting. Therefore, we conclude that sufficient public notice and opportunity for involvement have been given to affected persons.

Further, States need sufficient time to communicate these season selections to their affected publics, and to establish and publicize the necessary regulations and procedures to implement these seasons. Thus, we find that “good cause” exists, within the terms of 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3) of the Administrative Procedure Act, and, therefore, under authority of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (July 3, 1918), as amended (16 U.S.C. 703–711), these regulations will take effect less than 30 days after publication. Accordingly, with each conservation agency having had an opportunity to participate in selecting the hunting seasons desired for its State or Territory on those species of migratory birds for which open seasons are now prescribed, and

consideration having been given to all other relevant matters presented, certain sections of title 50, chapter I, subchapter B, part 20, subpart K of the CFR are hereby amended as set forth below.

### **List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 20**

Endangered and threatened species, Exports, Hunting, Imports, Plants, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Transportation, Wildlife.

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### **Regulation Promulgation**

For the reasons described in the preamble, title 50, chapter I, subchapter B, part 20, subpart K of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

#### **PART 20—MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING**

1. The authority citation for part 20 continues to read as follows:

AUTHORITY: 16 U.S.C. 703 et seq., and 16 U.S.C. 742a–j.

**Note:** The following annual hunting regulations provided for by §§ 20.101 through 20.107 and 20.109 of 50 CFR part 20 will not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations because of their seasonal nature.

2. Section 20.101 is revised to read as follows:

#### **§ 20.101 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.**

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, areas open to hunting, respective open seasons (dates inclusive), shooting and hawking hours, and daily bag and possession limits for the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows:

Shooting and hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

CHECK COMMONWEALTH REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

*Puerto Rico.*

*Restrictions:* In Puerto Rico, the season is closed on the ruddy duck, white-cheeked pintail, West Indian whistling duck, fulvous whistling duck, masked duck, purple gallinule, American coot, Caribbean coot, white-crowned pigeon, and plain pigeon.

*Closed Areas:* Closed areas are described in the August 18, 2025, *Federal Register* (90 FR 40178).

Species	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Doves and Pigeons:			
Zenaida, white-winged, and mourning doves (1)	Sept. 6–Nov. 3	30	90
Scaly-naped pigeons	Sept. 6–Nov. 3	5	15
Ducks	Nov. 15–Dec. 2 & Jan. 10–Jan. 26	6	18
	Jan. 10–Jan. 26	6	18
Common Gallinules	Nov. 15–Dec. 22 & Jan. 10–Jan. 26	6	18
	Jan. 10–Jan. 26	6	18
Snipe	Nov. 15–Dec. 22 & Jan. 10–Jan. 26	8	24
	Jan. 10–Jan. 26	8	24

(1) The daily bag limit for Zenaida, white-winged, and mourning doves is in the aggregate and may include not more than 10 Zenaida and 3 mourning doves. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

3. Section 20.102 is revised to read as follows:

**§ 20.102 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for Alaska.**

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, areas open to hunting, respective open seasons (dates inclusive), shooting and hawking hours, and daily bag and possession limits for the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows:

Shooting and hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset. Area descriptions were published in the August 18, 2025, *Federal Register* (90 FR 40178).

**Note:** Light geese include lesser snow (including blue) geese, greater snow geese, and Ross's geese.

*Falconry:* The total combined bag and possession limit for migratory game birds taken with the use of a raptor under a falconry permit is three per day, nine in possession, and may not exceed a more restrictive limit for any species listed in this section.

*Special Tundra Swan Season:* In Game Management Units (Units) 17, 18, 22, and 23, in the North Zone, the tundra swan season is from September 1 through October 31 with a season limit of 3 tundra swans per hunter. This season is by State permit only; hunters will be issued one permit allowing the take of up to three tundra swans. Hunters will be required to file a harvest report with the State after the season is completed. Up to 500 permits may be issued in Unit 18; 300 permits each in Units 22 and 23; and 200 permits in Unit 17.

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

Area	Season dates
North Zone	Sept. 1–Dec. 16
Gulf Coast Zone	Sept. 1–Dec. 16
Southeast Zone	Sept. 1–Nov. 30 & Dec. 16–Dec. 31
Pribilof and Aleutian Islands Zone	Oct. 8–Jan. 22
Kodiak Zone	Oct. 8–Jan. 22

Daily bag and possession limits								
Area	Ducks (1)	Canada & Cackling Geese (2)(3)(4)(5)	White-Fronted Geese (6)(7)	Light Geese	Brant	Emperor Geese	Snipe	Sandhill Cranes (8)(9)
North Zone	10–30	4–12	4–12	6–18	2–6	Closed	8–24	3–9
Gulf Coast Zone	8–24	4–12	4–12	6–18	2–6	Closed	8–24	2–6
Southeast Zone	7–21	4–12	4–12	6–18	2–6	Closed	8–24	2–6
Pribilof and Aleutian Islands Zone	7–21	4–12	4–12	6–18	2–6	Closed	8–24	2–6
Kodiak Zone	7–21	4–12	4–12	6–18	2–6	Closed	8–24	2–6

(1) The basic duck bag limits may include no more than two canvasbacks daily and may not

include sea ducks. In addition to the basic duck limits, the sea duck limit is 10 daily, including no more than 6 each of either harlequin or long-tailed ducks. Sea ducks include scoters, common and king eiders, harlequin ducks, long-tailed ducks, and common, hooded, and red-breasted mergansers. The season for Steller's and spectacled eiders is closed.

(2) Daily bag and possession limits are in the aggregate for the two species.

(3) In Game Management Units (Units) 5 and 6, in the Gulf Coast Zone, the taking of Canada and cackling geese is only permitted from September 28 through December 16. In the Middleton Island portion of Unit 6, the taking of Canada and cackling geese is by special permit only. The maximum number of Canada and cackling geese permits is 10 for the season. A mandatory goose-identification class is required. Hunters must check in and out. The daily bag and possession limits are one Canada or cackling goose. The season will close if harvest includes five dusky Canada geese. A dusky Canada goose is any dark-breasted Canada goose (Munsell 10 YR color value five or less) with a bill length between 40 and 50 millimeters.

(4) In Unit 9, in the Gulf Coast Zone, and Unit 17 and Unit 18, in the North Zone, for Canada and cackling geese, the daily bag limit is 3 and the possession limit is 9.

(5) In Unit 10, in the Pribilof and Aleutian Islands Zone, for Canada and cackling geese, the daily bag limit is 6 and the possession limit is 18.

(6) In Unit 9, in the Gulf Coast Zone, Unit 10, in the Pribilof and Aleutian Islands Zone, and Unit 17, in the North Zone, for white-fronted geese, the daily bag limit is 6 and the possession limit is 18.

(7) In Unit 18, in the North Zone, for white-fronted geese, the daily bag limit is 10 and the possession limit is 30.

(8) In the North and Southeast Zones, for sandhill cranes, season dates are September 1 through October 21, in the Gulf Coast Zone are October 1 through November 20, and in the Pribilof and Aleutian Islands and Kodiak Zones are October 8 through November 27.

(9) In Unit 17, in the North Zone, for sandhill cranes, the daily bag limit is 2 and the possession

limit is 6.

4. Section 20.103 is revised to read as follows:

**§ 20.103 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for doves and pigeons.**

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, areas open to hunting, respective open seasons (dates inclusive), shooting and hawking hours, and daily bag and possession limits for the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows:

Shooting and hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset except as otherwise noted. Area descriptions were published in the August 18, 2025, *Federal Register* (90 FR 40178).

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

(a) *Doves*.

**Note:** Unless otherwise specified, the seasons listed below are for mourning and white-winged doves. The daily bag and possession limits are in the aggregate for the two species.

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<i>EASTERN MANAGEMENT UNIT</i>			
<i>Alabama:</i>			
North Zone:			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 6 only	15	15
one-half hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 7–Oct. 19 & Nov. 22–Nov. 30 & Dec. 13–Jan. 18	15 15 15	45 45 45
South Zone:			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 13 only	15	15
one-half hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 14–Oct. 26 & Nov. 22–Dec. 30 & Dec. 13–Jan. 18	15 15 15	45 45 45
<i>Delaware</i>			
	Sept. 1–Sept. 28 & Nov. 24–Nov. 30 & Dec. 8–Jan. 31	15 15 15	45 45 45
<i>Florida</i>			
	Sept. 27–Oct. 19 & Nov. 8–Nov. 30 &	15 15	45 45

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
	Dec. 19–Jan. 31	15	45
<i>Georgia</i>	Sept. 6–Oct. 12 & Nov. 22–Nov. 30 & Dec. 19–Jan. 31	15 15 15	45 45 45
<i>Illinois</i> (1)	Sept. 1–Nov. 14 & Dec. 26–Jan. 9	15 15	45 45
<i>Indiana</i>	Sept. 1–Oct. 19 & Nov. 1–Nov. 30 & Dec. 20–Dec. 30	15 15 15	45 45 45
<i>Kentucky:</i>			
11 a.m. to sunset	Sept. 1 only	15	15
one-half hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 2–Oct. 26 & Nov. 27–Dec. 7 & Dec. 20–Jan. 11	15 15 15	45 45 45
<i>Louisiana:</i>			
North Zone	Sept. 6–Sept. 28 & Oct. 11–Nov. 16 & Dec. 20–Jan. 18	15 15 15	45 45 45
South Zone	Sept. 6–Sept. 21 & Oct. 18–Nov. 30 & Dec. 13–Jan. 11	15 15 15	45 45 45
<i>Maryland:</i>			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 1–Oct. 18	15	45
one-half hour before sunrise to sunset	Oct. 25–Nov. 28 & Dec. 20–Jan. 9	15 15	45 45
<i>Mississippi:</i>			
North Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 30 & Oct. 18–Nov. 16 & Dec. 27–Jan. 25	15 15 15	45 45 45
South Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 30 & Oct. 18–Nov. 16 & Dec. 27–Jan. 25	15 15 15	45 45 45
<i>North Carolina</i>	Sept. 1–Oct. 4 & Nov. 8–Nov. 29 & Dec. 16–Jan. 31	15 15 15	45 45 45
<i>Ohio</i> (1)	Sept. 1–Nov. 9 &	15	45

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
	Dec. 13–Jan. 1	15	45
<i>Pennsylvania</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 28 & Dec. 20–Jan. 3	15 15	45 45
<i>Rhode Island:</i>	Sept. 1–Sept. 30 & Oct. 18–Dec. 16	15 15	45 45
<i>South Carolina:</i>	Sept. 1–Oct. 4 & Nov. 15–Nov. 29 & Dec. 22–Jan. 31	15 15 15	45 45 45
<i>Tennessee:</i>			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 1 only	15	15
one-half hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 2–Sept. 28 & Oct. 11–Nov. 2 & Dec. 8–Jan. 15	15 15 15	45 45 45
<i>Virginia:</i>			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 1 only	15	15
one-half hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 2–Oct. 19 & Nov. 22–Nov. 30 & Dec. 19–Jan. 19	15 15 15	45 45 45
<i>West Virginia:</i>			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 1 only	15	15
one-half hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 2–Oct. 12 & Nov. 3–Nov. 16 & Dec. 8–Jan. 10	15 15 15	45 45 45
<i>Wisconsin</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 29	15	45
<i>CENTRAL MANAGEMENT UNIT</i>			
<i>Arkansas</i>	Sept. 6–Oct. 26 & Dec. 8–Jan. 15	15 15	45 45
<i>Colorado</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 29	15	45
<i>Iowa</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 29	15	45
<i>Kansas</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 29	15	45
<i>Minnesota</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 29	15	45

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<i>Missouri</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 29	15	45
<i>Montana</i>	Sept. 1–Oct. 30	15	45
<i>Nebraska</i>	Sept. 1–Oct. 30	15	45
<i>New Mexico:</i>			
North Zone	Sept. 1–Nov. 29	15	45
South Zone	Sept. 1–Oct. 28 & Dec. 1–Jan. 1	15 15	45 45
<i>North Dakota</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 29	15	45
<i>Oklahoma</i>	Sept. 1–Oct. 31 & Dec. 1–Dec. 29	15 15	45 45
<i>South Dakota</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	15	45
<i>Texas (2):</i>			
North Zone	Sept. 1–Nov. 9 & Dec. 19–Jan. 7	15 15	45 45
Central Zone	Sept. 1–Oct. 26 & Dec. 12–Jan. 14	15 15	45 45
South Zone	Sept. 14–Oct. 26 & Dec. 12–Jan. 22	15 15	45 45
Special White-winged Dove Area	Sept. 5–Sept. 7 & Sept. 12–Sept. 13	15 15	45 45
<i>Wyoming</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 29	15	45
<i>WESTERN MANAGEMENT UNIT</i>			
<i>Arizona</i>	Sept. 1–Sept. 15 & Nov. 21–Jan. 4	15 15	45 45
<i>California</i>	Sept. 1–Sept. 15 & Nov. 8–Dec. 22	15 15	45 45
<i>Idaho</i>	Sept. 1–Oct. 30	15	45
<i>Nevada</i>	Sept. 1–Oct. 30	15	45
<i>Oregon:</i>			
Zone 1	Sept. 1–Sept. 30 & Nov. 15–Dec. 14	15 15	45 45

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Zone 2	Sept. 1–Oct. 30	15	45
<i>Utah</i>	Sept. 1–Oct. 30	15	45
<i>Washington</i>	Sept. 1–Oct. 30	15	45
<i>OTHER POPULATIONS</i>			
<i>Hawaii</i> (3)	Nov. 1–Jan. 11	10	30

(1) In *Illinois* and *Ohio*, shooting hours are sunrise to sunset.

(2) In *Texas*, the daily bag limit is 15 mourning, white-winged, and white-tipped doves in the aggregate, of which no more than 2 may be white-tipped doves with a maximum 90-day season. Possession limits are three times the daily bag limit. During the special season in the Special White-winged Dove Area of the South Zone, the daily bag limit is 15 mourning, white-winged, and white-tipped doves in the aggregate, of which no more than 2 may be mourning doves and no more than 2 may be white-tipped doves. Possession limits are three times the daily bag limit. Shooting hours in the Special White-winged Dove area are from noon to sunset.

(3) In *Hawaii*, the season is open only on the islands of Hawaii and Maui. On the island of Hawaii, the daily bag limit is 10 mourning doves, spotted doves, and chestnut-bellied sandgrouse in the aggregate. On the island of Maui, the daily bag limit is 10 mourning doves. Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise through one-half hour after sunset. See State regulations for additional restrictions on hunting dates and areas.

(b) *Band-tailed Pigeons*.

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<i>Arizona</i>	Sept. 26–Oct. 9	2	6
<i>California:</i>			
North Zone	Sept. 20–Sept. 28	2	6
South Zone	Dec. 20–Dec. 28	2	6
<i>Colorado</i> (1)	Sept. 1–Sept. 14	2	6

<i>New Mexico</i> (1):				
North Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 14	2	6	
South Zone	Oct. 1–Oct. 14	2	6	
<i>Oregon</i>				
	Sept. 15–Sept. 23	2	6	
<i>Utah</i> (1)				
	Sept. 1–Sept. 14	2	6	
<i>Washington</i>				
	Sept. 15–Sept. 23	2	6	

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(1) Each band-tailed pigeon hunter must have a band-tailed pigeon hunting permit issued by the State.

5. Section 20.104 is revised to read as follows:

**§ 20.104 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for rails, woodcock, and snipe.**

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, areas open to hunting, respective open seasons (dates inclusive), shooting and hawking hours, and daily bag and possession limits for the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows:

Shooting and hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset except as otherwise noted. Area descriptions were published in the August 18, 2025, *Federal Register* (90 FR 40178).

**Note:** Unless otherwise specified, the daily bag and possession limits for sora and Virginia rails are in the aggregate, and the daily bag and possession limits for clapper and king rails are in the aggregate.

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

Area	Sora and Virginia Rails	Clapper and King Rails	Woodcock	Snipe
Daily bag limit	25	15	3	8
Possession limit	75	45	9	24

*ATLANTIC FLYWAY*

<i>Connecticut</i> (1)	Sept. 3–Oct. 25 & Nov. 3–Nov. 29	Sept. 3–Oct. 25 & Nov. 3–Nov. 29	Oct. 23–Dec. 13	Sept. 3–Oct. 11 & Oct. 18–Jan. 3
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Area	Sora and Virginia Rails	Clapper and King Rails	Woodcock	Snipe
Daily bag limit	25	15	3	8
Possession limit	75	45	9	24
<i>Delaware</i> (2)	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Nov. 24–Nov. 30 & Dec. 25–Jan. 31	Sept. 23–Nov. 30 & Dec. 25–Jan. 31
<i>Florida</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Dec. 18–Jan. 31	Nov. 1–Feb. 15
<i>Georgia</i>	Sept. 8–Sept. 13 & Oct. 6–Nov. 30	Sept. 8–Sept. 13 & Oct. 6–Nov. 30	Dec. 6–Jan. 19	Nov. 15–Feb. 28
<i>Maine</i> (3)	Sept. 1–Nov. 20	Closed	Sept. 27–Nov. 18	Sept. 1–Jan. 2
<i>Maryland</i> (1)	Sept. 1–Nov. 20	Sept. 1–Nov. 20	Oct. 25–Nov. 28 & Jan. 12–Jan. 28	Sept. 27–Jan. 29
<i>Massachusetts</i> (4)	Sept. 1–Nov. 6	Closed	Oct. 2–Nov. 22	Sept. 1–Dec. 15
<i>New Hampshire</i>	Closed	Closed	Oct. 1–Nov. 14	Sept. 15–Nov. 14
<i>New Jersey</i> (2)(5):				
North Zone	Sept. 1–Nov. 20	Sept. 1–Nov. 20	Oct. 18–Oct. 25 & Oct. 28–Nov. 29	Sept. 6–Jan. 8
South Zone	Sept. 1–Nov. 20	Sept. 1–Nov. 20	Nov. 8–Dec. 6 & Dec. 20–Jan. 1	Sept. 6–Jan. 8
<i>New York</i> (6)	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 1–Nov. 14	Sept. 1–Nov. 9
<i>North Carolina</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 20	Sept. 1–Nov. 20	Dec. 11–Jan. 31	Oct. 28–Feb. 28
<i>Pennsylvania</i> (7)	Sept. 1–Nov. 20	Closed	Oct. 18–Nov. 28 & Dec. 15–Dec. 24	Oct. 18–Nov. 28 & Dec. 15–Dec. 24
<i>Rhode Island</i> (8)	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Oct. 18–Dec. 1	Sept. 1–Nov. 9
<i>South Carolina</i>	Sept. 8–Sept. 12 & Oct. 6–Dec. 9	Sept. 8–Sept. 12 & Oct. 6–Dec. 9	Dec. 18–Jan. 31	Nov. 14–Feb. 28
<i>Vermont</i>	Closed	Closed	Sept. 27–Nov. 10	Sept. 27–Nov. 10
<i>Virginia</i> (9)	Sept. 6–Oct. 25 & Nov. 11–Nov. 30	Sept. 6–Oct. 25 & Nov. 11–Nov. 30	Nov. 11–Nov. 30 & Dec. 26–Jan. 19	Sept. 29–Nov. 30 & Dec. 19–Jan. 31

Area	Sora and Virginia Rails	Clapper and King Rails	Woodcock	Snipe
Daily bag limit	25	15	3	8
Possession limit	75	45	9	24
<i>West Virginia</i> (10)	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 18–Nov. 22 & Dec. 1–Dec. 9	Sept. 1–Dec. 16
<i>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</i>				
<i>Alabama</i> (11)	Sept. 13–Sept. 21 & Nov. 28–Jan. 27	Sept. 13–Sept. 21 & Nov. 28–Jan. 27	Dec. 13–Dec. 14 & Dec. 20–Jan. 31	Nov. 8–Feb. 22
<i>Arkansas</i>	Sept. 13–Nov. 21	Closed	Nov. 1–Dec. 15	Nov. 1–Feb. 15
<i>Illinois</i> (12)	Sept. 6–Nov. 14	Closed	Oct. 18–Dec. 1	Sept. 6–Dec. 21
<i>Indiana</i> (13)	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 15–Nov. 28	Sept. 1–Dec. 16
<i>Iowa</i> (14)	Sept. 6–Nov. 14	Closed	Oct. 4–Nov. 17	Sept. 6–Nov. 30
<i>Kentucky</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 25–Nov. 7 & Nov. 10–Dec. 10	Sept. 17–Oct. 26 & Nov. 27–Feb. 1
<i>Louisiana</i>	Sept. 20–Sept. 28 & Nov. 8–Jan. 7	Sept. 20–Sept. 28 & Nov. 8–Jan. 7	Dec. 18–Jan. 31	Nov. 2–Dec. 7 & Dec. 20–Feb. 28
<i>Michigan</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Sept. 15–Oct. 29	Sept. 1–Nov. 9
<i>Minnesota</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Sept. 20–Nov. 3	Sept. 1–Dec. 16
<i>Mississippi</i>	Sept. 1–Sept. 30 & Nov. 22–Dec. 31	Sept. 1–Sept. 30 & Nov. 22–Dec. 31	Dec. 18–Jan. 31	Nov. 14–Feb. 28
<i>Missouri</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 18–Dec. 1	Sept. 1–Dec. 16
<i>Ohio</i> (12)	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 11–Nov. 24	Sept. 1–Nov. 19 & Dec. 6–Jan. 1
<i>Tennessee</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Nov. 8–Nov. 30 & Jan. 10–Jan. 31	Nov. 14–Feb. 28
<i>Wisconsin</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Sept. 20–Nov. 3	Sept. 1–Nov. 9
<i>CENTRAL FLYWAY</i>				

Area	Sora and Virginia Rails	Clapper and King Rails	Woodcock	Snipe
Daily bag limit	25	15	3	8
Possession limit	75	45	9	24
<i>Colorado</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1–Dec. 16
<i>Kansas</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 11–Nov. 24	Sept. 1–Dec. 16
<i>Montana</i>	Closed	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1–Dec. 16
<i>Nebraska</i> (10)	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 4–Nov. 17	Sept. 1–Dec. 16
<i>New Mexico</i> (15)	Sept. 13–Nov. 21	Closed	Closed	Oct. 11–Jan. 25
<i>North Dakota</i>	Closed	Closed	Sept. 20–Nov. 3	Sept. 13–Nov. 30
<i>Oklahoma</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Nov. 1–Dec. 15	Sept. 27–Jan. 11
<i>South Dakota</i> (16)	Closed	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1–Oct. 31
<i>Texas</i>	Sept. 20–Sept. 28 & Nov. 1–Dec. 31	Sept. 20–Sept. 28 & Nov. 1–Dec. 31	Dec. 18–Jan. 31	Nov. 1–Feb. 15
<i>Wyoming</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1–Dec. 16
<i>PACIFIC FLYWAY</i>				
<i>Arizona</i>	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 23–Jan. 31 & Feb. 7 & Feb. 8
<i>California</i>	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 18–Feb. 1
<i>Colorado</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1–Dec. 16
<i>Idaho:</i>				
Zone 1	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 4–Jan. 16
Zone 2	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 4–Jan. 16
Zone 3	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 19–Jan. 31
Zone 4	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 4–Jan. 16
<i>Montana</i>	Closed	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1–Dec. 16
<i>Nevada:</i>				
Northeast Zone	Closed	Closed	Closed	Sept. 27–Dec. 2 & Dec. 13–Jan. 19
Northwest Zone	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 11–Jan. 4 &

Area	Sora and Virginia Rails	Clapper and King Rails	Woodcock	Snipe
Daily bag limit	25	15	3	8
Possession limit	75	45	9	24
South Zone (17)	Closed	Closed	Closed	Jan. 7–Jan. 25 Oct. 11–Oct. 19 & Oct. 22–Jan. 25
<i>New Mexico</i>	Sept. 13–Nov. 21	Closed	Closed	Oct. 17–Jan. 31
<i>Oregon:</i>				
Zone 1	Closed	Closed	Closed	Nov. 1–Feb. 15
Zone 2	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 11–Jan. 25
<i>Utah:</i>				
Northern Zone	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 4–Jan. 17
Southern Zone	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 11–Jan. 24
<i>Washington:</i>				
East Zone	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 11–Oct. 19 & Oct. 22–Jan. 25
West Zone	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 11–Oct. 19 & Oct. 22–Jan. 25
<i>Wyoming</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1–Dec. 16

(1) In *Connecticut* and *Maryland*, the daily bag limit for clapper and king rails is 10 and may include no more than 1 king rail. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

(2) In *Delaware* and *New Jersey*, the limits for clapper and king rails are 10 daily and 30 in possession.

(3) In *Maine*, the daily bag and possession limit for sora and Virginia rails is 25.

(4) In *Massachusetts*, the limits for sora are 5 daily and 15 in possession; the limits for Virginia rails are 10 daily and 30 in possession.

(5) In *New Jersey*, the season for king rail is closed by State regulation.

(6) In *New York*, the limits for sora and Virginia rails are 8 daily and 24 in possession. Seasons for sora and Virginia rails and snipe are closed on Long Island.

(7) In *Pennsylvania*, the limits for sora and Virginia rails are three daily and nine in possession.

(8) In *Rhode Island*, the limits for sora and Virginia rails are 3 daily and 9 in possession, the limits for clapper and king rails are 1 daily and 3 in possession, and the limits for snipe are 5 daily and 15 in possession.

(9) In *Virginia*, the limit for king rail is one daily and three in possession.

(10) In *West Virginia* and *Nebraska*, the limits for sora and Virginia rails are 10 daily and 30 in possession.

(11) In *Alabama*, the limits for sora and Virginia rails are 15 daily and 45 in possession.

(12) In *Illinois* and *Ohio*, shooting hours are from sunrise to sunset.

(13) In *Indiana*, the season on Virginia rails is closed.

(14) In *Iowa*, the limits for sora and Virginia rails are 12 daily and 36 in possession.

(15) In *New Mexico*, in the Central Flyway portion of the State, the limits for sora and Virginia rails are 10 daily and 20 in possession.

(16) In *South Dakota*, the snipe limits are 5 daily and 15 in possession.

(17) In *Nevada*, the snipe season in the portion of the South Zone including Moapa Valley to the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin rivers is only open October 25 through January 25.

6. Section 20.105 is revised to read as follows:

**§ 20.105 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for waterfowl, coots, and gallinules.**

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, areas open to hunting, respective open seasons (dates inclusive), shooting and hawking hours, and daily bag and possession limits for the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows:

Shooting and hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset, except as otherwise noted. Area descriptions were published in the August 18, 2025, *Federal Register* (90 FR 40178).

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

(a) *Gallinules*.

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<i>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</i>			
<i>Delaware</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	15	45
<i>Florida (1)</i>	Nov. 10–Dec. 13	15	45
<i>Georgia</i>	Nov. 22–Nov. 30 &	15	45
	Dec. 6–Jan. 25	15	45
<i>New Jersey</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 20	1	3
<i>New York:</i>			
Long Island	Closed	--	--
Remainder of State	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	8	24
<i>North Carolina</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 20	15	45
<i>Pennsylvania</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 20	3	9
<i>South Carolina</i>	Sept. 8–Sept. 12 &	15	45
	Oct. 6–Dec. 9	15	45
<i>Virginia</i>	Sept. 6–Oct. 25 &	15	45
	Nov. 11–Nov. 30	15	45
<i>West Virginia</i>	Oct. 4–Oct. 12 &	15	45
	Dec. 2–Jan. 31	15	45
<i>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</i>			
<i>Alabama</i>	Sept. 13–Sept. 21 &	15	45
	Nov. 28–Jan. 27	15	45
<i>Arkansas</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	15	45
<i>Kentucky</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	3	9
<i>Louisiana</i>	Sept. 20–Sept. 28 &	15	45
	Nov. 8–Jan. 7	15	45
<i>Michigan</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	1	3
<i>Minnesota (2):</i>			

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
North Zone	Sept. 27–Nov. 25	15	45
Central Zone	Sept. 27–Oct. 5 & Oct. 11–Nov. 30	15	45
South Zone	Sept. 27–Oct. 5 & Oct. 18–Dec. 7	15	45
<i>Mississippi</i>	Sept. 1–Sept. 30 & Nov. 22–Dec. 31	15	45
<i>Ohio</i> (3)	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	15	45
<i>Tennessee</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	15	45
<i>Wisconsin</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	8	24
<i>CENTRAL FLYWAY</i>			
<i>New Mexico</i>	Sept. 13–Nov. 21	1	3
<i>Oklahoma</i>	Sept. 1–Nov. 9	15	45
<i>Texas</i>	Sept. 20–Sept. 28 & Nov. 1–Dec. 31	15	45
<i>PACIFIC FLYWAY</i>			
<i>All States</i>	Seasons are in the aggregate with coots and listed in paragraph (d).		

(1) In *Florida*, the season applies to common gallinules only.

(2) In *Minnesota*, the daily bag limit is 15 and the possession limit is 45 coots and gallinules in the aggregate.

(3) In *Ohio*, shooting hours are from sunrise to sunset.

(b) *Early (September) Duck Seasons*.

**Note:** Unless otherwise specified, the seasons listed below are for teal only.

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession

*ATLANTIC FLYWAY*

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<i>Delaware</i> (1)	Sept. 20–Sept. 28	6	18
<i>Florida</i> (2)	Sept. 20–Sept. 24	6	18
<i>Georgia</i>	Sept. 13–Sept. 21	6	18
<i>Maryland</i> (1)	Sept. 18–Sept. 27	6	18
<i>North Carolina</i> (1)	Sept. 11–Sept. 20	6	18
<i>South Carolina</i> (3)	Sept. 20–Sept. 28	6	18
<i>Virginia</i> (1):			
Area East of Interstate 95	Sept. 20–Sept. 28	6	18
Area West of Interstate 95	Sept. 23–Sept. 28	6	18
<i>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</i>			
<i>Alabama</i>	Sept. 13–Sept. 21	6	18
<i>Arkansas</i> (3)	Sept. 20–Sept. 28	6	18
<i>Illinois</i> (3)	Sept. 6–Sept. 14	6	18
<i>Indiana</i> (3)	Sept. 6–Sept. 14	6	18
<i>Iowa</i> (3)	Sept. 6–Sept. 14	6	18
<i>Kentucky</i> (2)	Sept. 20–Sept. 24	6	18
<i>Louisiana</i>	Sept. 20–Sept. 28	6	18
<i>Michigan</i>	Sept. 1–Sept. 9	6	18
<i>Minnesota</i> (3)(4)	Sept. 6–Sept. 10	6	18
<i>Mississippi</i>	Sept. 20–Sept. 28	6	18
<i>Missouri</i> (3)	Sept. 13–Sept. 21	6	18
<i>Ohio</i> (3)	Sept. 6–Sept. 14	6	18
<i>Tennessee</i> (2)	Sept. 13–Sept. 17	6	18
<i>Wisconsin</i>	Sept. 1–Sept. 9	6	18

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<i>CENTRAL FLYWAY</i>			
<i>Colorado</i> (1)	Sept. 13–Sept. 21	6	18
<i>Kansas</i> (1):			
Low Plains	Sept. 13–Sept. 21	6	18
High Plains	Sept. 20–Sept. 28	6	18
<i>Nebraska</i> (1)(5):			
Low Plains	Sept. 6–Sept. 14	6	18
High Plains	Sept. 6–Sept. 14	6	18
<i>New Mexico</i>	Sept. 13–Sept. 21	6	18
<i>Oklahoma</i>	Sept. 13–Sept. 21	6	18
<i>Texas</i> :			
High Plains	Sept. 20–Sept. 28	6	18
Rest of State	Sept. 20–Sept. 28	6	18

(1) Area restrictions. See State regulations.

(2) In *Florida*, *Kentucky*, and *Tennessee*, the daily bag limit is six wood ducks and teal in the aggregate, of which no more than two may be wood ducks. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

(3) Shooting hours are from sunrise to sunset.

(4) In *Minnesota*, hunting is prohibited on wild rice beds that are posted open to rice harvest within the boundaries of the Mille Lacs Indian Reservation, within one-half mile of wild rice beds that are posted open to rice harvest within the boundaries of the Leech Lake Reservation, and on wild rice waters within the boundaries of the White Earth Reservation. See State and Tribal regulations for more information.

(5) In *Nebraska*, the season is open to both Tier I and Tier II licensed holders.

(c) *Special Early Canada and Cackling Geese Seasons*.

**Note:** Unless otherwise specified, the daily bag and possession limits for Canada and cackling

geese are in the aggregate.

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<i>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</i>			
<i>Connecticut (1):</i>			
North Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 30	15	45
South Zone	Sept. 15–Sept. 30	15	45
<i>Delaware (2):</i>			
Outside of Special Teal Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 25	15	45
Inside of Special Teal Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 19 & Sept. 20–Sept. 25	15	45
<i>Florida</i>	Sept. 6–Sept. 28	5	15
<i>Georgia</i>	Sept. 6–Sept. 28	5	15
<i>Maine:</i>			
North Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 25	8	24
South Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 25	10	30
Coastal Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 25	10	30
<i>Maryland (1)(3):</i>			
Eastern Unit	Sept. 1–Sept. 15	8	24
Western Unit	Sept. 1–Sept. 25	8	24
<i>Massachusetts:</i>			
Central Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 19	15	45
Coastal Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 19	15	45
Western Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 19	15	45
<i>New Hampshire</i>	Sept. 1–Sept. 25	5	15
<i>New Jersey (1)(3)(4)</i>	Sept. 1–Sept. 30	15	45
<i>New York (5):</i>			
Lake Champlain Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 25	8	24
Northeastern Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 25	15	45
East Central Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 25	15	45
Hudson Valley Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 25	15	45
West Central Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 25	15	45
South Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 25	15	45
Western Long Island Zone	Closed	--	--
Central Long Island Zone	Sept. 2–Sept. 30	15	45

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Eastern Long Island Zone	Sept. 2–Sept. 30	15	45
<i>North Carolina</i> (6)(7)	Sept. 1–Sept. 30	15	45
<i>Pennsylvania</i> (8)(9)(10):	Sept. 1–Sept. 25	8	24
<i>Rhode Island</i> (1)	Sept. 1–Sept. 30	15	45
<i>South Carolina</i>	Sept. 1–Sept. 30	15	45
<i>Vermont:</i>			
Lake Champlain Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 25	8	24
Interior Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 25	8	24
Connecticut River Zone (11)	Sept. 1–Sept. 25	5	15
<i>Virginia</i> (12)	Sept. 1–Sept. 25	10	30
<i>West Virginia</i>	Sept. 1–Sept. 14	5	15
<i>CENTRAL FLYWAY</i>			
<i>North Dakota:</i>			
Missouri River Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 7	15	45
Western ND Canada, and Cackling Goose Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 15	15	45
Remainder of State	Sept. 1–Sept. 22	15	45
<i>Oklahoma</i>	Sept. 13–Sept. 22	8	24
<i>South Dakota</i> (13)	Sept. 1–Sept. 30	15	45
<i>Texas</i>			
East Goose Zone (13)	Sept. 13–Sept. 28	5	15
<i>PACIFIC FLYWAY</i>			
<i>Colorado</i>	Sept. 1–Sept. 9	5	15
<i>Idaho</i>			
Zone 4	Sept. 1–Sept. 15	5	15
<i>Oregon:</i>			
Northwest Permit Zone	Sept. 6–Sept. 20	5	15
Southwest Zone	Sept. 6–Sept. 10	5	15
Eastern Zone	Sept. 6–Sept. 10	5	15
Mid-Columbia Zone	Sept. 6–Sept. 10	5	15

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<i>Washington:</i>			
Area 1	Sept. 6–Sept. 14	5	15
Area 2 Inland	Sept. 6–Sept. 14	5	15
Area 2 Coast (14)	Sept. 6–Sept. 14	5	15
Area 3	Sept. 6–Sept. 14	5	15
Area 4	Sept. 6–Sept. 7	5	10
Area 5	Sept. 6–Sept. 7	5	10
<i>Wyoming:</i>			
Teton County Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 8	5	15
Balance of State Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 8	5	15

(1) Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

(2) In *Delaware*, shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset, the use of unplugged shotguns capable of holding more than three shotshells is allowed, and the use of electronic calls is allowed outside the Special Teal Zone from September 1 through September 25 and inside the Special teal zone from September 1 through September 19 only.

(3) In *Maryland* and *New Jersey*, the use of shotguns capable of holding more than three shotshells is allowed.

(4) In *New Jersey*, the use of electronic calls is allowed.

(5) In *New York*, shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset, the use of shotguns capable of holding more than three shotshells is allowed, and the use of electronic calls is allowed, except during Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days in Lake Champlain, Northeastern, and Southeastern Goose Hunting Areas. During the designated Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days in these areas, shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, shotguns must be capable of holding no more than three shotshells, and electronic calls are not allowed. See State regulations for further details.

(6) In *North Carolina*, the use of unplugged guns and electronic calls is allowed in the area west of U.S. Highway 17 only.

(7) In *North Carolina*, shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset in the area west of U.S. Highway 17 only.

(8) In *Pennsylvania*, shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset from September 1 to September 19. On September 20, shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

(9) In *Pennsylvania*, the area south of State Route (SR) 198 from the Ohio State line to intersection of Interstate 79 (I-79), west of I-79 to SR 358, north of SR 358 to the Ohio State line: The season dates are September 1 to September 13. The daily limit is one Canada goose with a possession limit of three geese. The season is closed on State Game Lands 214. Note: this restriction does not apply to youth participation on youth waterfowl hunting days when regular season regulations apply.

(10) In *Pennsylvania*, in the area of Lancaster and Lebanon Counties north of the Pennsylvania Turnpike I-76, east of SR 501 to SR 419, south of SR 419 to the Lebanon-Berks County line, west of the Lebanon-Berks County line and the Lancaster-Berks County line to SR 1053, west of SR 1053 to the Pennsylvania Turnpike I-76, the daily bag limit is one goose with a possession limit of three geese. On State Game Lands No. 46 (Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area), the season is closed. However, during youth waterfowl hunting days, regular season regulations apply.

(11) In *Vermont*, the season in the Connecticut River Zone is the same as the New Hampshire Inland Zone season, set by New Hampshire.

(12) In *Virginia*, shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset from September 1 to September 19 in the area east of I-95. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset from September 1 to September 22 in the area west of I-95.

(13) See State regulations for additional information and restrictions.

(14) In *Washington*, in Pacific County, the daily bag and possession limits are 15 and 45 Canada and cackling geese in the aggregate, respectively.

(d) *Waterfowl, Coots, and Pacific-Flyway Seasons for Gallinules.*

Definitions

*Atlantic Flyway:* Includes Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia.

*Mississippi Flyway:* Includes Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee, and Wisconsin.

*Central Flyway:* Includes Colorado (east of the Continental Divide), Kansas, Montana (Blaine, Carbon, Fergus, Judith Basin, Stillwater, Sweetgrass, Wheatland Counties, and all counties east thereof), Nebraska, New Mexico (east of the Continental Divide except that the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation is in the Pacific Flyway), North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming (east of the Continental Divide).

*Pacific Flyway:* Includes the States of Arizona, California, Colorado (west of the Continental Divide), Idaho, Montana (including and to the west of Hill, Chouteau, Cascade, Meagher, and Park Counties), Nevada, New Mexico (the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation and west of the Continental Divide), Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming (west of the Continental Divide including the Great Divide Basin).

*Light Geese:* Includes lesser snow (including blue) geese, greater snow geese, and Ross's geese.

*Dark Geese:* Includes Canada geese, cackling geese, white-fronted geese, brant (except in California, Oregon, Washington, and the Atlantic Flyway), and all other goose species except light geese.

**Note:** Unless otherwise specified, the daily bag and possession limits for Canada and cackling geese are in the aggregate.

## **Atlantic Flyway**

### *Flyway-Wide Restrictions*

*Duck Limits:* The daily bag limit of six ducks may include no more than four mallards (two female mallards), one scaup (except as footnoted below), two black ducks, three pintails, one mottled duck, one fulvous whistling-duck, three wood ducks, two redheads, two canvasbacks, four sea ducks

(including no more than three scoters, three long-tailed ducks, and three eiders [and no more than one female eider]). The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

**Note:** Notwithstanding the provisions of this part, the shooting of crippled waterfowl from a motorboat under power will be permitted in *Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Virginia* in those areas described, delineated, and designated in their respective hunting regulations as special sea duck hunting areas.

*Harlequin Ducks:* All areas of the Flyway are closed to harlequin duck hunting.

*Merganser Limits:* The daily bag limit is five mergansers. In States that include mergansers in the duck bag limit, the daily limit is the same as the duck bag limit. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<i>Connecticut:</i>			
Ducks and Mergansers (1):			
North Zone	Oct. 11–Oct. 18 &	6	18
	Nov. 11–Jan. 10	6	18
South Zone	Oct. 11–Oct. 13 &	6	18
	Nov. 11–Nov. 11 &	6	18
	Nov. 15–Jan. 20	6	18
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada, Cackling, and White-fronted Geese (2):			
Atlantic Flyway Resident Population (AFRP) Unit	Oct. 11–Oct. 18 &	5	15
	Nov. 22–Feb. 14	5	15
North Atlantic Population (NAP) High Unit			
North Zone	Oct. 11–Oct. 18 &	2	6
	Nov. 11–Jan. 10	2	6
South Zone	Oct. 11–Oct. 13 &	2	6
	Nov. 8–Jan. 14	2	6
Late Season	Jan. 15–Feb. 14	5	15
Atlantic Population (AP) Unit	Oct. 11–Oct. 18 &	1	3
	Nov. 4–Nov. 29	1	3
Special Season	Dec. 15–Feb. 14	5	15
Light Geese:	Oct. 1–Jan. 10 &	25	--
	Feb. 17–Mar. 10	25	--

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<i>Brant:</i>			
North Zone	Dec. 8–Jan. 10	1	3
South Zone	Dec. 16–Jan. 19	1	3
<i>Delaware:</i>			
Ducks	Nov. 1–Nov. 9 &	6	18
	Nov. 26–Nov. 30 &	6	18
	Dec. 17–Jan. 31	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada, Cackling, and White-fronted Geese (2)	Dec. 20–Jan. 3 &	1	3
	Jan. 17–Jan. 31	1	3
Light Geese (3)	Oct. 18–Jan. 31 &	25	--
	Feb. 7 only	25	--
Brant	Dec. 20–Jan. 3 &	1	3
	Jan. 17–Jan. 31	1	3
<i>Florida:</i>			
Ducks (4)	Nov. 22–Nov. 30 &	6	18
	Dec. 6–Jan. 25	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada and Cackling Geese	Nov. 22–Nov. 30 &	5	15
	Dec. 1–Jan. 30	5	15
Light Geese	Same as for Ducks	15	--
<i>Georgia:</i>			
Ducks	Nov. 22–Nov. 30 &	6	18
	Dec. 6–Jan. 25	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada, Cackling, and White-fronted Geese (2)	Oct. 11–Oct. 26 &	5	15
	Nov. 22–Nov. 30 &	5	15
	Dec. 6–Jan. 25	5	15
Light Geese	Same as for Canada, Cackling, and White-fronted Geese	5	15
Brant	Closed	--	--
<i>Maine:</i>			
Ducks (5):			
North Zone	Sept. 29–Dec. 6	6	18
South Zone	Oct. 1–Oct. 11 &	6	18
	Oct. 29–Dec. 25	6	18
Coastal Zone	Oct. 4–Oct. 11 &	6	18
	Nov. 6–Jan. 6	6	18

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Canada, Cackling, and White-fronted Geese (2):			
North Zone	Oct. 1–Dec. 9	2	6
South Zone	Oct. 1–Oct. 11 & Oct. 29–Dec. 25	2	6
Coastal Zone	Oct. 4–Oct. 11 & Oct. 25–Jan. 6	3	9
Light Geese	Oct. 1–Jan. 30	25	--
Brant:			
North Zone	Sept. 29–Nov. 1	1	3
South Zone	Oct. 1–Oct. 11 & Oct. 29–Nov. 20	1	3
Coastal Zone	Oct. 4–Oct. 11 & Dec. 11–Jan. 6	1	3
<i>Maryland:</i>			
Ducks and Mergansers (6)(7)			
Eastern Zone	Oct. 11–Oct. 18 & Nov. 15–Nov. 28 & Dec. 16–Jan. 31	6	18
Western Zone	Oct. 4–Oct. 18 & Nov. 22–Nov. 28 & Dec. 16–Jan. 31	6	18
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada, Cackling, and White-fronted Geese (2):			
Resident Population (RP) Zone	Nov. 22–Nov. 28 & Dec. 15–Mar. 7	5	15
AP Zone	Dec. 19–Jan. 3 & Jan. 14–Jan. 31	1	3
Light Geese	Oct. 1–Nov. 28 & Dec. 15–Jan. 31 & Feb. 7 only	25	--
Brant	Dec. 29–Jan. 31	1	3
<i>Massachusetts:</i>			
Ducks (8)(9):			
Western Zone	Oct. 13–Nov. 28 & Dec. 13–Jan. 3	6	18
Central Zone	Oct. 11–Nov. 28 & Dec. 15–Jan. 3	6	18
Coastal Zone	Oct. 11–Oct. 18 & Nov. 28–Jan. 28	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<i>Canada and Cackling Geese:</i>			
NAP Zone:			
Central Zone	Oct. 11–Nov. 28 & Dec. 15–Jan. 3	2	6
Late Season	Jan. 17–Feb. 14	5	15
Coastal Zone	Oct. 11–Oct. 18 & Nov. 28–Jan. 28	2	6
Late Season (10)	Jan. 29–Feb. 14	5	15
Western Zone	Oct. 13–Nov. 15	1	3
Late Season	Dec. 15–Feb. 14	5	15
Light Geese:			
Western Zone	Oct. 13–Nov. 28 & Dec. 13–Jan. 3	25	--
Central Zone	Oct. 11–Nov. 28 & Dec. 15–Jan. 3 & Jan. 17–Feb. 14	25	--
Coastal Zone (10)	Oct. 11–Oct. 18 & Nov. 28–Feb. 14	25	--
Brant:			
Western and Central Zones	Closed	--	--
Coastal Zone	Nov. 28–Jan. 1	1	2
<i>New Hampshire:</i>			
Ducks:			
Northern Zone	Oct. 2–Nov. 30	6	18
Inland Zone	Oct. 13–Nov. 11 & Nov. 27–Dec. 26	6	18
Coastal Zone	Oct. 2–Oct. 8 & Nov. 27–Jan. 18	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Canada and Cackling Geese	Same as for Ducks	2	6
Brant:			
Northern Zone	Oct. 2–Oct. 31	1	3
Inland Zone	Oct. 13–Nov. 11	1	3
Coastal Zone	Oct. 2–Oct. 8 & Nov. 27–Dec. 19	1	3
<i>New Jersey:</i>			
Ducks (11):			
North Zone	Oct. 18–Oct. 25 & Nov. 22–Jan. 22	6	18
South Zone	Oct. 18–Oct. 25 & Nov. 22–Jan. 22	6	18
Coastal Zone	Nov. 22–Jan. 30	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada, Cackling, and White-fronted Geese (2):			
North Zone	Nov. 27–Nov. 29 & Dec. 23–Jan. 22	1	3
Special Season	Jan. 23–Feb. 14	5	15
South Zone	Nov. 27–Nov. 29 & Dec. 23–Jan. 22	1	3
Special Season	Jan. 23–Feb. 14	5	15
Coastal Zone	Nov. 22–Jan. 30	2	6
Light Geese:			
North, South, and Coastal Zones	Oct. 16–Feb. 14	25	--
Brant:			
North Zone	Nov. 22–Nov. 29 & Dec. 13–Jan. 8	1	3
South Zone	Nov. 22–Nov. 29 & Dec. 13–Jan. 8	1	3
Coastal Zone	Nov. 22–Nov. 29 & Dec. 24–Jan. 19	1	3
<i>New York:</i>			
Ducks and Mergansers (12):			
Long Island Zone	Nov. 22–Nov. 30 & Dec. 6–Jan. 25	6	18
Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 11–Nov. 2 & Nov. 22–Dec. 28	6	18
Northeastern Zone	Oct. 11–Nov. 30 & Dec. 13–Dec. 21	6	18
Southeastern Zone	Oct. 11–Oct. 19 & Nov. 8–Dec. 28	6	18
Western Zone	Oct. 11–Nov. 2 & Dec. 6–Jan. 11	6	18
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada, Cackling, and White-fronted Geese (2):			
Western Long Island (RP)	Nov. 8–Feb. 22	8	24
Central Long Island (NAP–L)	Nov. 22–Nov. 30 & Dec. 6–Feb. 4	3	9
Eastern Long Island (NAP–H)	Nov. 22–Nov. 30 & Dec. 6–Jan. 25	2	6
Lake Champlain (AP) Zone	Oct. 11–Nov. 9	1	3
Late Season	Dec. 1–Jan. 19	5	15
Northeast (AP) Zone	Oct. 25–Nov. 14 & Nov. 22–Nov. 30	1	3
East Central (AP) Zone	Oct. 25–Nov. 14 & Nov. 22–Nov. 30	1	3
Hudson Valley (AP) Zone	Nov. 8–Dec. 7	1	3

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
West Central (AP) Zone	Oct. 25–Nov. 14 &	1	3
	Dec. 6–Jan. 14	1	3
South (AFRP) Zone	Oct. 25–Jan. 12	5	15
Light Geese (13):			
Long Island Zone	Nov. 24–Mar. 10	25	--
Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 3–Jan. 15	25	--
Northeastern Zone	Oct. 3–Jan. 15	25	--
Southeastern Zone	Oct. 1–Dec. 31	25	--
Western Zone	Oct. 3–Jan. 15	25	--
Brant:			
Long Island Zone	Dec. 27–Jan. 25	1	2
Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 11–Nov. 9	1	2
Northeastern Zone	Oct. 11–Nov. 9	1	2
Southeastern Zone	Oct. 11–Nov. 9	1	2
Western Zone	Oct. 11–Nov. 9	1	2
<i>North Carolina:</i>			
Ducks (14)(15)			
Coastal Zone	Oct. 24–Oct. 25 &	6	18
	Nov. 8–Nov. 29 &	6	18
	Dec. 18–Jan. 31	6	18
Inland Zone	Oct. 16–Oct. 18 &	6	18
	Nov. 8–Nov. 29 &	6	18
	Dec. 19–Jan. 31	6	18
Mergansers (16)	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada, Cackling, and White-fronted Geese (2):			
RP Zone	Oct. 16–Oct. 25 &	5	15
	Nov. 8–Dec. 6 &	5	15
	Dec. 18–Feb. 7	5	15
Northeast Zone	Dec. 29–Jan. 31	1	3
Light Geese	Oct. 24–Feb. 7	25	--
Brant	Dec. 29–Jan. 31	1	3
<i>Pennsylvania:</i>			
Ducks (17):			
North Zone	Oct. 11–Oct. 25 &	6	18
	Nov. 18–Jan. 10	6	18
South Zone	Oct. 11–Oct. 18 &	6	18
	Nov. 19–Jan. 19	6	18
Northwest Zone	Oct. 11–Nov. 28 &	6	18
	Dec. 22–Jan. 10	6	18
Lake Erie Zone	Nov. 3–Jan. 10	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<i>Canada, Cackling, and White-fronted Geese (2)(18):</i>			
AP Zone	Nov. 25–Nov. 28 & Dec. 20–Jan. 19	1	3
RP Zone	Oct. 25–Nov. 28 & Dec. 15–Jan. 17 & Jan. 30–Feb. 21	5	15
<i>Light Geese:</i>			
AP Zone	Oct. 1–Jan. 24	25	--
RP Zone	Oct. 21–Feb. 21	25	--
Brant	Oct. 11–Nov. 14	1	3
<i>Rhode Island:</i>			
Ducks (19)	Oct. 10–Oct. 13 & Nov. 26–Nov. 30 & Dec. 6–Jan. 25	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada and Cackling Geese	Nov. 22–Dec. 30 & Dec. 6–Jan. 25	2	6
Special Season	Jan. 31–Feb. 14	5	15
Light Geese	Oct. 11–Jan. 25	25	--
Brant	Dec. 27–Jan. 25	1	3
<i>South Carolina:</i>			
Ducks (20)(21)(22)	Nov. 15 & Nov. 22–Nov. 29 & Dec. 12–Jan. 31	6	18
Mergansers (20)	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada, Cackling, and White-fronted Geese (2)(23)	Nov. 22–Nov. 29 & Dec. 12–Jan. 31 & Feb. 15–Mar. 1	5	15
Light Geese	Same as for Canada, Cackling, and White-fronted Geese	25	--
Brant	Jan. 2–Jan. 31	1	3
<i>Vermont:</i>			
<i>Ducks (24):</i>			
Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 11–Nov. 2 & Nov. 22–Dec. 28	6	18
Interior Zone	Oct. 11–Dec. 9	6	18
Connecticut River Zone	Oct. 13–Nov. 11 & Nov. 27–Dec. 26	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<i>Canada, Cackling, and White-fronted Geese (2):</i>			
Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 11–Nov. 9	1	3
Late Season	Dec. 1–Jan. 19	5	15
Interior Zone	Oct. 11–Nov. 9	1	3
Late Season	Dec. 1–Jan. 19	5	15
Connecticut River Zone	Oct. 13–Nov. 11 & Nov. 27–Dec. 26	2 2	6 6
Late season	Dec. 27–Jan. 15	5	15
<i>Light Geese:</i>			
Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 1–Dec. 31 & Feb. 26–Mar. 10	25 25	-- --
Interior Zone	Oct. 1–Dec. 31 & Feb. 26–Mar. 10	25 25	-- --
Connecticut River Zone	Oct. 13–Nov. 11 & Nov. 27–Dec. 26	25 25	-- --
<i>Brant:</i>			
Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 11–Nov. 9	1	3
Interior Zone	Oct. 11–Nov. 9	1	3
Connecticut River Zone	Oct. 13–Nov. 11	1	3
<i>Virginia:</i>			
Ducks (25)(26)	Oct. 10–Oct. 13 & Nov. 19–Nov. 30 & Dec. 19–Jan. 31	6 6 6	18 18 18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
<i>Canada, Cackling, and White-fronted Geese (2):</i>			
AP Zone	Dec. 24–Dec. 31 & Jan. 10–Jan. 31	1 1	3 3
RP Zone	Nov. 19–Nov. 30 & Dec. 19–Feb. 22	5 5	15 15
Light Geese	Oct. 18–Jan. 31	25	--
Brant	Dec. 24–Dec. 31 & Jan. 10–Jan. 31	1 1	3 3
<i>West Virginia:</i>			
Ducks (27)(28)	Oct. 4–Oct. 12 & Nov. 8–Nov. 16 & Dec. 21–Jan. 31	6 6 6	18 18 18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada, Cackling, and White-fronted Geese (2)	Oct. 4–Oct. 19 & Nov. 8–Nov. 16 & Dec. 8–Jan. 31	5 5 5	15 15 15

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Light Geese	Same as for Canada, Cackling, and White-fronted Geese	5	15
Brant	Jan. 2–Jan. 31	1	3

(1) In *Connecticut*, the daily bag limit for scaup is two from December 18 through January 10 in the North Zone and from December 27 through January 20 in the South Zone.

(2) The daily bag and possession limits for Canada geese, cackling geese, and white-fronted geese are in the aggregate.

(3) In *Delaware*, the Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge snow goose season is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays only.

(4) In *Florida*, the daily bag limit for scaup is two from January 7 through January 26.

(5) In *Maine*, the daily bag limit may include no more than 4 of any species, with no more than 12 of any one species in possession. Scaup daily bag limit is one for the entire season. Eider daily bag limit is two.

(6) In *Maryland*, the black duck season is closed in the first (October) segment. Two black ducks may be harvested as part of the daily duck bag limit during the 2nd and 3rd season segments of the regular duck season in both the Eastern and Western Duck Zones. Additionally, the daily bag limit of six ducks may include no more than four sea ducks, of which no more than three may be scoters, eiders, or long-tailed ducks (no more than one hen eider). Where the Sea Duck Zone (defined by State regulation 08.03.07.04) is not overlain by the Offshore Waterfowl Hunting Zone (defined by State regulation 08.03.07.07), only sea ducks (scoters, long-tailed ducks, and eiders) may be taken during the regular duck season.

(7) In *Maryland*, during the regular duck season, the daily bag limit for scaup is one during all portions of the regular duck season that occur prior to January 9. The daily bag limit for scaup is two from January 9 through January 31 in both the Eastern and Western duck zones.

(8) In *Massachusetts*, the daily bag limit may include no more than four of any single species in addition to the flyway-wide bag restrictions.

(9) In *Massachusetts*, the daily bag limit for scaup is two from January 8 through January 28 in the Coastal Zone.

(10) In *Massachusetts*, the February 1 through 14 portion of the season in the Coastal Zone is restricted to the portion of the Coastal Zone north of the Cape Cod Canal.

(11) In *New Jersey*, the daily bag limit for scaup is two from December 31 through January 22 in the North Zone, January 8 through January 22 in the South Zone, and January 8 through January 30 in the Coastal Zone. Also, the daily bag limit for black-bellied whistling-duck or fulvous whistling-duck in the aggregate is one.

(12) In *New York*, the daily bag limit for scaup is two from December 2 through December 21 in the Northeast Zone, from December 23 through January 11 in the Western Zone, from December 9 through December 28 in the Southeast Zone, from January 6 through January 25 in the Long Island Zone, and from December 9 through December 28 in the Lake Champlain Zone.

(13) In *New York*, the use of electronic calls and shotguns capable of holding more than three shotshells are allowed for hunting of light geese on any day when all other waterfowl hunting seasons are closed.

(14) In *North Carolina*, the season is closed for black ducks and mottled ducks October 16 through November 21.

(15) In *North Carolina*, the daily bag limit for scaup is two from January 9 through January 31.

(16) In *North Carolina*, the daily bag limit for mergansers is five of which no more than two may be hooded mergansers.

(17) In *Pennsylvania*, during the regular duck season in the North Zone, the daily bag limit for scaup is two from December 19 through January 10. During the regular duck season in the South Zone, the daily bag limit for scaup is two from December 27 through January 19. During the regular duck season in the Northwest Zone, the daily bag limit for scaup is two from November 27 through

November 28 and from December 22 through January 10. During the regular duck season in the Lake Erie Zone, the daily bag limit for scaup is two from December 19 through January 10.

(18) In *Pennsylvania*, the daily bag limit is three Canada geese with a possession limit of nine geese in the area south of SR 198 from the Ohio State line to the intersection of I-79, west of I-79 to SR 358, north of SR 358 to the Ohio State line. Also, areas in the public hunting sections of State Game Lands 46 (Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area) in Lebanon and Lancaster Counties that are outside the controlled goose hunting areas have a daily limit of one and a possession limit of three. Areas inside the controlled goose hunting areas of State Game Lands 46 (Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area) have a season limit of one.

(19) In *Rhode Island*, the daily bag limit for scaup is two from January 6 through January 25.

(20) In *South Carolina*, the daily bag limit of six may not exceed one black-bellied whistling-duck or hooded merganser. Further, the black duck/mottled duck limit is as follows: (1) For areas east and south of I-95, either one black or one mottled duck in the daily bag in the aggregate; (2) for areas west and north of I-95, either two black ducks, or one black duck and one mottled duck in the daily bag.

(21) In *South Carolina*, the daily bag limit for scaup is two on November 15, November 22 through November 29, and December 12 through December 22.

(22) In *South Carolina*, on November 15, only hunters 17 years of age or younger can hunt ducks [2 scaup], coots, and mergansers. The youth must be accompanied by a person 21 years of age or older who is properly licensed, including State and Federal waterfowl stamps. Youth who are 16 or 17 years of age who hunt on this day are not required to have a State license or State waterfowl stamp but must possess a Federal waterfowl stamp and migratory bird permit.

(23) In *South Carolina*, the daily bag limit may include no more than two white-fronted geese.

(24) In *Vermont*, the daily bag limit for scaup is two within the Lake Champlain Zone from December 9 through December 28 and from November 20 through December 9 within the Interior Zone. Within the Connecticut River Zone, during the regular duck season, the scaup bag limit will be one for the entire season.

(25) In *Virginia*, the season is closed for black ducks October 10 through October 13.

(26) In *Virginia*, the daily bag limit for scaup is two from January 12 through January 31.

(27) In *West Virginia*, the season is closed for eiders, whistling-ducks, and mottled ducks.

(28) In *West Virginia*, the daily bag limit for scaup is two from January 12 through January 31.

## Mississippi Flyway

### *Flyway-Wide Restrictions*

*Duck Limits:* The daily bag limit of six ducks may include no more than four mallards (no more than two of which may be females), one mottled duck, two black ducks, three pintails, two canvasbacks, two redheads, one scaup (except as footnoted below), and three wood ducks. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

*Merganser Limits:* The daily bag limit is five mergansers and may include no more than two hooded mergansers. In States that include mergansers in the duck bag limit, the daily limit is the same as the duck bag limit, of which only two may be hooded mergansers. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<i>Alabama:</i>			
Ducks	Nov. 28–Nov. 29 &	6	18
	Dec. 5–Jan. 31	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Dark Geese	Sept. 6–Oct. 5 &	5	15
	Oct. 18–Nov. 1 &	5	15
	Nov. 28–Nov. 29 &	5	15
	Dec. 5–Jan. 31	5	15
Light Geese	Same as for Dark Geese	5	15
<i>Arkansas:</i>			
Ducks	Nov. 22–Dec. 1 &	6	18
	Dec. 10–Dec. 23 &	6	18
	Dec. 27–Jan. 31	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada and Cackling Geese	Sept. 1–Oct. 15 &	5	15
	Nov. 22–Dec. 1 &	2	6

Area	Season dates	Limits		
		Bag	Possession	
White-fronted Geese	Dec. 10–Dec. 23 & Dec. 27–Jan. 31	2	6	
	Oct. 25–Nov. 2 & Nov. 22–Dec. 1 & Dec. 10–Dec. 23 & Dec. 27–Jan. 31	2	6	
	Brant	Closed	--	--
	Light Geese	Same as for White-fronted Geese	20	--
	<i>Illinois:</i>			
Ducks (1):				
North Zone	Oct. 18–Dec. 16	6	18	
Central Zone	Oct. 25–Dec. 23	6	18	
South Central Zone	Nov. 15–Jan. 13	6	18	
South Zone	Nov. 29–Jan. 27	6	18	
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15	
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45	
Canada and Cackling Geese:				
North Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 15 & Oct. 18–Jan. 15	5	15	
Central Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 15 & Oct. 25–Nov. 2 & Nov. 12–Jan. 31	5	15	
South Central Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 15 & Nov. 15–Jan. 31	2	6	
South Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 15 & Nov. 29–Jan. 31	3	9	
White-fronted Geese:				
North Zone	Oct. 20–Jan. 15	2	6	
Central Zone	Nov. 5–Jan. 31	2	6	
South Central Zone	Nov. 15–Jan. 31	2	6	
South Zone	Nov. 29–Jan. 31	2	6	
Light Geese:				
North Zone	Oct. 18–Jan. 15	20	--	
Central Zone	Oct. 25–Jan. 31	20	--	
South Central Zone	Nov. 15–Jan. 31	20	--	
South Zone	Nov. 29–Jan. 31	20	--	
Brant	Same as for Light Geese	1	3	
<i>Indiana:</i>				
Ducks (2):				
North Zone	Oct. 18–Dec. 7 & Dec. 20–Dec. 28	6	18	
Central Zone	Nov. 1–Nov. 9 & Nov. 22–Jan. 11	6	18	

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
South Zone	Nov. 8–Nov. 9 &	6	18
	Nov. 29–Jan. 25	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Dark Geese (3):			
North Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 10 &	5	15
	Oct. 18–Oct. 26 &	5	15
	Nov. 22–Feb. 15	5	15
Central Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 10 &	5	15
	Nov. 1–Nov. 9 &	5	15
	Nov. 22–Feb. 15	5	15
South Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 14 &	5	15
	Nov. 8–Nov. 12 &	5	15
	Nov. 22–Feb. 15	5	15
White-fronted Geese:			
North Zone	Nov. 22–Feb. 15	2	6
Central Zone	Nov. 22–Feb. 15	2	6
South Zone	Nov. 22–Feb. 15	2	6
Light Geese:			
North Zone	Same as for Dark Geese	20	--
Central Zone	Same as for Dark Geese	20	--
South Zone	Same as for Dark Geese	20	--
<i>Iowa:</i>			
Ducks (4):			
North Zone	Sept. 27–Oct. 3 &	6	18
	Oct. 11–Dec. 2	6	18
Central Zone	Oct. 4–Oct. 10 &	6	18
	Oct. 18–Dec. 9	6	18
South Zone	Oct. 11–Oct. 17 &	6	18
	Oct. 25–Dec. 16	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Dark Geese:			
North Zone (5)	Sept. 13–Sept. 21 &	5	15
	Sept. 20–Oct. 5 &	5	15
	Oct. 11–Dec. 2 &	5	15
	Dec. 13–Jan. 10	5	15
Central Zone (5)	Sept. 13–Sept. 21 &	5	15
	Sept. 27–Oct. 12 &	5	15
	Oct. 18–Dec. 9 &	5	15
South Zone (5)	Dec. 20–Jan. 17	5	15
	Oct. 4–Oct. 19 &	5	15
	Oct. 25–Dec. 16 &	5	15
	Dec. 27–Jan. 24	5	15

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<i>Light Geese:</i>			
North Zone	Sept. 20–Oct. 5 &	20	--
	Oct. 11–Dec. 2 &	20	--
	Dec. 13–Jan. 10	20	--
Central Zone	Sept. 27–Oct. 12 &	20	--
	Oct. 18–Dec. 9 &	20	--
	Dec. 20–Jan. 17	20	--
South Zone	Same as for Dark Geese	20	--
<i>Kentucky:</i>			
<i>Ducks (6):</i>			
West Zone	Nov. 27–Nov. 30 &	6	18
	Dec. 7–Jan. 31	6	18
East Zone	Same as West Zone	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
<i>Canada and Cackling Geese</i>			
Eastern Zone	Sept. 16–Sept. 30 &	5	15
	Nov. 27–Feb. 15	3	9
Western Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 15 &	5	15
	Nov. 27–Feb. 15	3	9
White-fronted Geese	Nov. 27–Feb. 15	2	6
Brant	Nov. 27–Feb. 15	1	3
Light Geese	Nov. 27–Feb. 15	20	60
<i>Louisiana:</i>			
<i>Ducks (7):</i>			
East Zone	Nov. 22–Dec. 8 &	6	18
	Dec. 20–Jan. 31	6	18
West Zone	Nov. 15–Dec. 7 &	6	18
	Dec. 20–Jan. 25	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
<i>Canada and Cackling Geese:</i>			
East Zone	Nov. 15–Dec. 8 &	1	3
	Dec. 20–Feb. 7	1	3
West Zone	Nov. 8–Dec. 7 &	1	3
	Dec. 20–Feb. 1	1	3
White-fronted Geese	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese	3	9
Brant	Closed	--	--
Light Geese	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese	20	--

*Michigan:*

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<b>Ducks (8):</b>			
North Zone	Sept. 27–Nov. 23 & Nov. 29–Nov. 30	6	18
Middle Zone	Oct. 4–Nov. 30 & Dec. 13–Dec. 14	6	18
South Zone	Oct. 18–Dec. 14 & Dec. 27–Dec. 28	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
<b>Dark Geese (9):</b>			
North Zone	Sept. 1–Dec. 16	5	15
Middle Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 30 & Oct. 4–Dec. 19	5	15
South Zone:			
Muskegon Wastewater Game Management Unit (GMU)	Oct. 21–Dec. 20	5	15
Allegan County GMU	Sept. 1–Sept. 30 & Oct. 18–Nov. 5 & Dec. 20–Feb. 15	5	15
Remainder of South Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 30 & Oct. 18–Dec. 14 & Dec. 27–Jan. 4 & Jan. 31–Feb. 9	5	15
<b>Light Geese:</b>			
North Zone	Same as for Dark Geese	20	60
Middle Zone	Same as for Dark Geese	20	60
South Zone:			
Muskegon Wastewater GMU	Same as for Dark Geese	20	60
Allegan County GMU	Same as for Dark Geese	20	60
Remainder of South Zone	Same as for Dark Geese	20	60
<i>Minnesota:</i>			
<b>Ducks (10):</b>			
North Zone	Sept. 27–Nov. 25	6	18
Central Zone	Sept. 27–Oct. 5 & Oct. 11–Nov. 30	6	18
South Zone	Sept. 27–Oct. 5 & Oct. 18–Dec. 7	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots (11)	Same as for Ducks	15	45
<b>Dark Geese:</b>			
North Zone	Sept. 6–Sept. 21 & Sept. 27–Dec. 26	5	15
Central Zone	Sept. 6–Sept. 21 & Sept. 27–Oct. 5 &	5	15

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
	Oct. 11–Dec. 31	5	15
South Zone	Sept. 6–Sept. 21 & Sept. 27–Oct. 5 & Oct. 18–Jan. 7	5 5 5	15 15 15
Light Geese:			
North Zone	Same as for Dark Geese	20	60
Central Zone	Same as for Dark Geese	20	60
South Zone	Same as for Dark Geese	20	60
<i>Mississippi:</i>			
Ducks (6)	Nov. 28–Nov. 30 & Dec. 6–Jan. 31	6 6	18 18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada and Cackling Geese	Sept. 1–Sept 30 & Nov. 14–Nov. 30 & Dec. 6–Jan. 31	5 5 5	15 15 15
White-fronted Geese	Nov. 14–Nov. 30 & Dec. 6–Jan. 31	3 3	9 9
Brant	Same as for White–fronted Geese	1	3
Light Geese	Same as for White–fronted Geese	20	--
<i>Missouri:</i>			
Ducks and Mergansers (12):			
North Zone	Nov. 1–Dec. 30	6	18
Middle Zone	Nov. 1–Nov. 9 & Nov. 15–Jan. 4	6 6	18 18
South Zone	Nov. 27–Nov. 30 & Dec. 7–Jan. 31	6 6	18 18
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada and Cackling Geese, and Brant (13):			
North Zone	Oct. 4–Oct. 12 & Nov. 11–Feb. 6	3 3	9 9
Middle Zone	Same as North Zone	3	9
South Zone	Same as North Zone	3	9
White-fronted Geese:			
North Zone	Nov. 11–Feb. 6	2	6
Middle Zone	Same as North Zone	2	6
South Zone	Same as North Zone	2	6
Light Geese:			
North Zone	Nov. 11–Feb. 6	20	--
Middle Zone	Same as North Zone	20	--
South Zone	Same as North Zone	20	--

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<i>Ohio:</i>			
Ducks (14):			
Lake Erie Marsh Zone	Oct. 18–Nov. 2 &	6	18
	Nov. 15–Dec. 28	6	18
North Zone	Oct. 18–Oct. 26 &	6	18
	Nov. 15–Jan. 4	6	18
South Zone	Oct. 18–Oct. 27 &	6	18
	Dec. 13–Jan. 31	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Dark Geese (15):			
Lake Erie Goose Zone	Sept. 6–Sept. 14 &	5	15
	Oct. 18–Nov. 2 &	5	15
	Nov. 15–Feb. 2	5	15
North Zone	Sept. 6–Sept. 14 &	5	15
	Oct. 18–Oct. 26 &	5	15
	Nov. 15–Feb. 9	5	15
South Zone	Sept. 6–Sept. 14 &	5	15
	Oct. 18–Oct. 27 &	5	15
	Nov. 16–Feb. 9	5	15
Light Geese:			
Lake Erie Goose Zone	Same as for Dark Geese	10	30
North Zone	Same as for Dark Geese	10	30
South Zone	Same as for Dark Geese	10	30
<i>Tennessee:</i>			
Ducks (6):			
Reelfoot Zone	Nov. 29–Nov. 30 &	6	18
	Dec. 5–Jan. 31	6	18
Rest of State	Nov. 29–Nov. 30 &	6	18
	Dec. 5–Jan. 31	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada and Cackling Geese:			
Reelfoot Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 21 &	5	15
	Oct. 11–Oct. 22 &	3	9
	Nov. 29–Nov. 30 &	3	9
	Dec. 5–Feb. 14	3	9
Rest of State	Sept. 1–Sept. 21 &	5	15
	Oct. 11–Oct. 22 &	3	9
	Nov. 29–Nov. 30 &	3	9
	Dec. 5–Feb. 14	3	9
White-fronted Geese:			
Reelfoot Zone	Nov. 29–Nov. 30 &	3	9
	Dec. 5–Feb. 14	3	9
Rest of State	Nov. 29–Nov. 30 &	3	9

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
	Dec. 5–Feb. 14	3	9
Brant	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese	1	3
Light Geese	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese	20	--
<i>Wisconsin:</i>			
Ducks (16):			
North Zone	Sept. 27–Nov. 25	6	18
South Zone	Oct. 4–Oct. 12 & Oct. 18–Dec. 7	6	18
Open Water Zone	Oct. 18–Dec. 16	6	18
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	15
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Dark Geese			
North Zone (17)	Sept. 1–Sept. 15 & Sept. 16–Dec. 16	5	15
South Zone (17)	Sept. 1–Sept. 15 & Sept. 16–Oct. 12 & Oct. 18–Dec. 7 & Dec. 20–Jan. 2	5	15
Mississippi River Zone (17)	Sept. 1–Sept. 15 & Sept. 16–Oct. 12 & Oct. 18–Dec. 7 & Dec. 20–Jan. 2	5	15
Light Geese:			
North Zone	Sept. 1–Dec. 16	20	--
South Zone	Sept. 1–Oct. 12 & Oct. 18–Dec. 7 & Dec. 20–Jan. 2	20	--
Mississippi River Zone	Sept. 1–Oct. 12 & Oct. 18–Dec. 7 & Dec. 20–Jan. 2	20	--

(1) In *Illinois*, the daily bag limit for scaup is two during the first 45 days in each of the four Zones.

(2) In *Indiana*, the daily bag limit for scaup is two from November 2 through December 7 and from December 12 through December 25 in the North Zone, from November 28 through January 11 in the Central Zone, and from December 12 through January 25 in the South Zone.

(3) In *Indiana*, the daily bag limit for dark geese is five per day in the aggregate. The possession

limit is three times the daily bag limit. White-fronted geese are excluded from this aggregation.

(4) In *Iowa*, the daily bag limit for scaup is two for the last 45 days of the season.

(5) In *Iowa*, Canada and cackling geese may only be hunted September 13 through September 21, for the North and Central Zones. Beginning September 20, the dark goose daily bag limit is five and may not include more than two Canada and cackling geese September 20 through October 5 in the North Zone, September 27 through October 12 in the Central Zone, and October 4 through October 19 in the South Zone. No more than three Canada and cackling geese thereafter, until the end of the season.

(6) In *Kentucky*, *Mississippi*, and *Tennessee*, the daily bag limit for scaup is two from December 18 through January 31.

(7) In *Louisiana*, the daily bag limit for scaup daily bag limit is two after November 29 in the West Zone and after December 6 in the East Zone. The mottled duck daily bag limit is zero for the first 15 days of the season in each zone and one thereafter. The northern pintail daily bag may not include more than one female.

(8) In *Michigan*, the daily bag limit for scaup is two from September 27 through November 10 in the North Zone, from October 20 through November 30 and December 13 through December 14 in the Middle Zone, and from November 3 through December 14 and December 27 through December 28 in the South Zone.

(9) In *Michigan*, the dark goose daily bag limit is five and may not include more than one brant.

(10) In *Minnesota*, the daily bag limit for scaup is two starting October 12 in the North Zone, October 17 in the Central Zone, and October 24 in the South Zone through the remainder of the season. The daily bag limit for northern pintail is two, statewide.

(11) In *Minnesota*, the daily bag limit is 15, and the possession limit is 45 coots and gallinules in the aggregate.

(12) In *Missouri*, the daily bag limit for scaup is two from November 1 through December 15 in the North Zone, from November 1 through November 9 and November 15 through December 20 in the Middle Zone, and from November 27 through November 30 and December 7 through January 16 in the

South Zone.

(13) In *Missouri*, Canada and cackling geese and brant have an aggregate daily bag and possession limits of three and nine, respectively.

(14) In *Ohio*, the daily bag limit for scaup is two starting November 2 in the Lake Erie Zone, November 21 in the North Zone, and December 18 in the South Zone through the remainder of the season.

(15) In *Ohio*, the daily bag limit for dark geese may include no more than one brant, and only Canada and cackling geese during the first segment (September 6 through September 14).

(16) In *Wisconsin*, the daily bag limit for scaup is two from September 27 through November 10 in the North Zone, from October 24 through December 7 in the South Zone, and from October 18 through December 1 in the Open Water Zone.

(17) In *Wisconsin*, Canada and cackling geese may only be hunted September 1 through 15. After September 15, the bag limit for dark geese is three and the possession is nine. The limit and possession for white-fronted geese and brant may be no more than one and three, in the aggregate with Canada and cackling geese.

## Central Flyway

### *Flyway-Wide Restrictions*

*Duck and Merganser Limits:* The daily bag limit is six ducks (including mergansers), which may include no more than five mallards (two female mallards), three pintails, two canvasbacks, two redheads, one scaup, and three wood ducks. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

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Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<i>Colorado:</i>			
Ducks and Mergansers:			
Southeast Zone	Oct. 28–Jan. 31	6	18
Northeast Zone	Oct. 18–Nov. 30 & Dec. 11–Jan. 31	6	18
Mountain/Foothills Zone	Oct. 4–Nov. 30 & Dec. 25–Jan. 31	6	18

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Dark Geese:			
South Park Unit	Oct. 4–Jan. 16	5	15
San Luis Valley Unit	Oct. 4–Oct. 22 & Nov. 22–Feb. 15	5	15
North Park Unit	Oct. 4–Jan. 16	5	15
Rest of State in Central Flyway	Nov. 3–Feb. 15	5	15
Light Geese:			
Statewide	Nov. 1–Feb. 15	50	--
<i>Kansas:</i>			
Ducks and Mergansers (1):			
High Plains	Oct. 11–Jan. 4 & Jan. 16–Jan. 25	6	18
Low Plains:			
Early Zone	Oct. 11–Dec. 7 & Dec. 20–Jan. 4	6	18
Late Zone	Nov. 1–Jan. 4 & Jan. 17–Jan. 25	6	18
Southeast Zone	Nov. 8–Jan. 4 & Jan. 10–Jan. 25	6	18
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Dark Geese (2)	Nov. 1–Nov. 2 & Nov. 5–Feb. 15	6	18
White-fronted Geese	Nov. 1–Jan. 4 & Jan. 24–Feb. 15	2	6
Light Geese	Nov. 1–Nov. 2 & Nov. 5–Feb. 15	50	--
<i>Montana:</i>			
Ducks and Mergansers (3):			
Zone 1	Oct. 4–Jan. 8	6	18
Zone 2	Oct. 4–Oct. 12 & Oct. 25–Jan. 20	6	18
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Dark Geese:			
Zone 1	Oct. 4–Jan. 16	5	15
Zone 2	Oct. 4–Oct. 12 & Oct. 25–Jan. 28	5	15
Light Geese:			
Zone 1	Same as for Dark Geese	20	60
Zone 2	Same as for Dark Geese	20	60

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<i>Nebraska:</i>			
Ducks and Mergansers (4):			
High Plains Unit	Jan. 7–Jan. 28	6	18
Zone 1	Oct. 11–Dec. 23	6	18
Zone 2:	Oct. 4–Dec. 16	6	18
Zone 3:	Oct. 25–Jan. 6	6	18
Zone 4	Oct. 25–Jan. 6	6	18
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada and Cackling Geese:			
Niobrara Unit	Oct. 28–Feb. 9	5	15
North Central Unit	Oct. 4–Jan. 16	5	15
Platte River Unit	Oct. 28–Feb. 9	5	15
White-fronted Geese	Oct. 4–Dec. 14 & Jan. 25–Feb. 9	2 2	6 6
Light Geese	Oct. 4–Dec. 31 & Jan. 25–Feb. 9	50 50	-- --
<i>New Mexico:</i>			
Ducks and Mergansers (5):			
North Zone	Oct. 11–Jan. 14	6	18
South Zone	Oct. 28–Jan. 31	6	18
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Dark Geese:			
Middle Rio Grande Unit	Dec. 19–Jan. 31	2	2
Rest of State	Oct. 17–Jan. 31	5	15
Light Geese	Oct. 17–Jan. 31	50	--
<i>North Dakota:</i>			
Ducks and Mergansers (3):			
High Plains	Sept. 27–Dec. 7 & Dec. 13–Jan. 4	6 6	18 18
Low Plains	Sept. 27–Dec. 7	6	18
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada and Cackling Geese and Brant (6):			
Missouri River Zone	Sept. 27–Jan. 2	5	15
Western ND Zone	Sept. 27–Dec. 25	8	24
Rest of State	Sept. 27–Dec. 20	8	24
White-fronted Geese	Sept. 27–Dec. 7	3	9
Light Geese	Sept. 27–Jan. 4	50	–
<i>Oklahoma:</i>			
Ducks and Mergansers:			
High Plains	Oct. 4–Jan. 7	6	18
Low Plains:			

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Zone 1	Nov. 8–Nov. 30 &	6	18
	Dec. 6–Jan. 25	6	18
Zone 2	Nov. 8–Nov. 30 &	6	18
	Dec. 6–Jan. 25	6	18
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada and Cackling Geese and Brant (2)	Nov. 1–Nov. 30 &	8	24
	Dec. 6–Feb. 8	8	24
White-fronted Geese	Nov. 1–Nov. 30 &	2	6
	Dec. 6–Feb. 1	2	6
Light Geese	Nov. 1–Nov. 30 &	50	--
	Dec. 6–Feb. 8	50	--
<i>South Dakota:</i>			
Ducks and Mergansers (3)(4):			
High Plains	Oct. 11–Jan. 15	6	18
Low Plains:			
North Zone	Sept. 27–Dec. 9	6	18
Middle Zone	Sept. 27–Dec. 9	6	18
South Zone	Oct. 25–Jan. 6	6	18
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada and Cackling Geese:			
Unit 1	Oct. 1–Dec. 16	8	24
Unit 2	Nov. 3–Feb. 15	4	12
Unit 3	Nov. 3–Feb. 15	4	12
White-fronted Geese	Sept. 27–Dec. 9	3	9
Light Geese	Sept. 27–Jan. 9	50	-
<i>Texas:</i>			
Ducks and Mergansers (7):			
High Plains	Oct. 18–Oct. 19 &	6	18
	Oct. 24–Jan. 25	6	18
Low Plains:			
North Zone	Nov. 8–Nov. 30 &	6	18
	Dec. 6–Jan. 25	6	18
South Zone	Nov. 1–Nov. 30 &	6	18
	Dec. 13–Jan. 25	6	18
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
Canada and Cackling Geese and Brant (8):			
Southeast Goose Zone	Nov. 1–Jan. 25	5	15
Northeast Goose Zone	Nov. 1–Jan. 25	5	15
West Goose Zone	Nov. 1–Feb. 1	5	15
White-fronted Geese (8):			
Southeast Goose Zone	Nov. 1–Jan. 25	2	6
Northeast Goose Zone	Nov. 1–Jan. 25	2	6
West Goose Zone	Nov. 1–Feb. 1	5	15

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<i>Light Geese:</i>			
Southeast Goose Zone	Nov. 1–Feb. 15	5	15
Northeast Goose Zone	Nov. 1–Feb. 15	5	15
West Goose Zone	Nov. 1–Feb. 1	5	15
<i>Wyoming:</i>			
<i>Ducks and Mergansers (3):</i>			
Zone C1	Sept. 27–Oct. 14 &	6	18
	Nov. 1–Jan. 18	6	18
Zone C2	Sept. 27–Dec. 1 &	6	18
	Dec. 13–Jan. 12	6	18
Zone C3	Same as Zone C2	6	18
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	45
<i>Dark Geese:</i>			
Zone G1A (9)	Sept. 27–Oct. 8 &	2	6
	Nov. 15–Feb. 15	5	15
Zone G1	Sept. 27–Oct. 5 &	5	15
	Nov. 1–Nov. 24 &	5	15
	Dec. 6–Feb. 15	5	15
	Sept. 27–Dec. 7 &	5	15
Zone G2	Dec. 20–Jan. 21	5	15
	Same as Zone G2	5	15
Zone G3	Same as Zone G1	5	15
Zone G4	Same as Zone G1	5	15
Light Geese	Sept. 27–Dec. 31 &	20	60
	Feb. 7–Feb. 15	20	60

(1) In *Kansas*, the daily bag limit may include no more than one northern pintail.

(2) In *Kansas* and *Oklahoma*, dark geese include Canada, cackling geese, brant, and all other geese except white-fronted geese and light geese.

(3) In *Montana*, *North Dakota*, and *Wyoming*, during the first 9 days of the duck season, and in *South Dakota* (*Tier I license*), during the first 16 days of the duck season, the daily bag and possession limit may include 2 and 6 additional blue-winged teal, respectively.

(4) In *Nebraska* and *South Dakota*, for hunters possessing a Tier II license, the daily bag limit is three ducks or mergansers of any species in the aggregate, and the possession limit is nine.

(5) In *New Mexico*, Mexican ducks are included in the aggregate with mallards.

(6) In *North Dakota*, see State regulations for additional shooting hour restrictions.

(7) In *Texas*, the daily bag limit is six ducks, which may include no more than five mallards

(only two of which may be females), two redheads, three wood ducks, one scaup, two canvasbacks, three pintails, and one dusky duck (mottled duck, Mexican duck, black duck and their hybrids). The season for dusky ducks is closed the first five days of the season in all zones. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

(8) In *Texas*, in the Southeast and Northeast Zones, the daily bag limit for dark geese is five in the aggregate and may include no more than two white-fronted geese. Possession limits are three times the daily bag limits.

(9) In *Wyoming*, for Dark Goose Zone G1A, see State regulations for additional restrictions.

## Pacific Flyway

### *Flyway-Wide Restrictions*

*Duck and Merganser Limits:* The daily bag limit of seven ducks (including mergansers) may include no more than two female mallards, three pintails, two redheads, two scaup, and two canvasbacks. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

*Coot and Gallinule Limits:* Daily bag and possession limits are in the aggregate for the two groups.

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<i>Arizona:</i>			
Ducks (1):			
North Zone:			
Scaup	Nov. 7–Jan. 31	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 23–Jan. 31	7	21
South Zone:			
Scaup	Nov. 7–Jan. 31	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 23–Jan. 31	7	21
Coots and Gallinules	Same as for Other Ducks	25	75
Dark Geese:			
North Zone	Oct. 23–Jan. 31	5	15
South Zone	Oct. 23–Jan. 31	5	15
Light Geese	Same as for Dark Geese	20	60

### *California:*

#### Ducks:

##### Northeastern Zone:

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Scaup	Oct. 4–Nov. 30 &	2	6
	Dec. 18–Jan. 14	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 4–Jan. 14	7	21
Colorado River Zone:			
Scaup	Nov. 7–Jan. 31	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 23–Jan. 31	7	21
Southern Zone:			
Scaup	Nov. 4–Jan. 28	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 18–Jan. 28	7	21
Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone:			
Scaup	Nov. 4–Jan. 28	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 18–Jan. 28	7	21
Balance of State Zone:			
Scaup	Nov. 4–Jan. 28	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 18–Jan. 28	7	21
Coots and Gallinule	Same as for Other Ducks	25	75
Canada and Cackling Geese (2)(3):			
Northeastern Zone (4)	Oct. 4–Jan. 11	10	30
Klamath Basin Special Management Area	Oct. 4–Jan. 11	10	30
Colorado River Zone	Oct. 23–Jan. 31	5	15
Southern Zone	Oct. 18–Jan. 28	3	9
Balance of State Zone	Sept. 27–Sept. 29 &	10	30
	Oct. 18–Jan. 25 &	10	30
	Feb. 14–Feb. 15	10	30
North Coast Special Management Area	Oct. 4–Dec. 20 &	10	30
	Feb. 12–Mar. 10	10	30
White-fronted Geese (2):			
Northeastern Zone	Oct. 4–Nov. 30 &	10	30
	Jan. 2–Jan. 14 &	10	30
	Feb. 5–Mar.10	10	30
Klamath Basin Special Management Area	Oct. 4–Jan. 16	10	30
Colorado River Zone	Oct. 23–Jan. 31	5	15
Southern Zone	Oct. 18–Jan. 28	3	9
Balance of State Zone	Oct. 18–Jan. 25 &	10	30
	Feb. 14–Feb. 18	10	30
Sacramento Valley Special Management Area	Oct. 18–Dec. 21	3	9
Light Geese:			
Northeastern Zone	Oct. 4–Nov. 30 &	20	60
	Jan. 2–Jan. 14 &	20	60
	Feb. 5–Mar.10	20	60
Klamath Basin Special Management Area	Oct. 4–Jan. 16	20	60
Colorado River Zone	Oct. 23–Jan. 31	20	60
Southern Zone	Oct. 18–Jan. 28	20	60
Imperial County Special Management Area	Nov. 1–Jan. 28 &	20	60
	Jan. 31–Feb. 6 &	20	60

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
	Feb. 12–Feb. 20	20	60
Balance of State Zone	Oct. 18–Jan. 25 & Feb. 14–Feb. 18	20 20	60 60
Brant:			
Northern Zone	Nov. 29–Dec. 14	2	6
Balance of State Zone	Nov. 30–Dec. 15	2	6
<i>Colorado:</i>			
Ducks:			
East Zone:			
Scaup	Oct. 4–Dec. 28	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 4–Jan. 16	7	21
West Zone:			
Scaup	Oct. 4–Oct. 21 & Nov. 6–Jan. 12	2 2	6 6
Other Ducks	Oct. 4–Oct. 21 & Nov. 6–Jan. 31	7 7	21 21
Coots	Same as for Other Ducks	25	75
Dark Geese:			
East Zone	Oct. 4–Jan. 7	5	15
West Zone	Oct. 4–Oct. 12 & Nov. 6–Jan. 31	5 5	15 15
Light Geese	Same as for Dark Geese	10	30
<i>Idaho:</i>			
Ducks:			
Zone 1:			
Scaup	Oct. 4–Dec. 28	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 4–Jan. 16	7	21
Zone 2:			
Scaup	Oct. 23–Jan. 16	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 4–Jan. 16	7	21
Zone 3:			
Scaup	Nov. 7–Jan. 31	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 19–Jan. 31	7	21
Zone 4:			
Scaup	Oct. 4–Dec. 28	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 4–Jan. 16	7	21
Coots	Same as for Other Ducks	25	75
Canada and Cackling Geese, and Brant (5):			
Zone 1	Oct. 4–Jan. 16	5	15
Zone 2	Nov. 3–Feb. 15	5	15
Zone 3	Oct. 19–Jan. 31	5	15
Zone 4	Oct. 4–Jan. 1	5	15
Zone 5	Oct. 4–Jan. 16	5	15

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Zone 6	Nov. 3–Feb. 15	5	15
White-fronted Geese:			
Zone 1	Oct. 4–Jan. 16	10	30
Zone 2	Oct. 19–Jan. 31	10	30
Zone 3	Nov. 3–Feb. 15	10	30
Zone 4	Oct. 4–Jan. 16	10	30
Zone 5	Oct. 4–Jan. 16	10	30
Light Geese:			
Zone 1	Oct. 4–Jan. 16	20	60
Zone 2	Oct. 4–Dec. 24 &	20	60
	Feb. 16–Mar. 10	20	60
Zone 3	Oct. 19–Dec. 24 &	20	60
	Feb. 1–Mar. 10	20	60
Zone 4	Oct. 19–Jan. 31	20	60
Zone 5	Oct. 4–Jan. 16	20	60
Zone 6	Oct. 4–Jan. 16	20	60
<i>Montana:</i>			
Ducks:			
Scaup	Oct. 4–Dec. 28	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 4–Jan. 16	7	21
Coots	Same as for Other Ducks	25	25
Dark Geese (6)	Oct. 4–Jan. 16	5	15
Light Geese (6)	Same as for Dark Geese	20	60
<i>Nevada:</i>			
Ducks:			
Northeast Zone:			
Scaup	Sept. 27–Dec. 2 &	2	6
	Dec. 13–Dec. 31	2	6
Other Ducks	Sept. 27–Dec. 2 &	7	21
	Dec. 13–Jan. 19	7	21
Northwest Zone:			
Scaup	Oct. 31–Jan. 4 &	2	6
	Jan. 7–Jan. 25	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 11–Jan. 4 &	7	21
	Jan. 7–Jan. 25	7	21
South Zone:			
Scaup	Nov. 1–Jan. 25	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 11–Oct. 19 &	7	21
	Oct. 22–Jan. 25	7	21
Moapa Valley Special Management Area (7):			
Scaup	Nov. 1–Jan. 25	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 25–Jan. 25	7	21
Coots and Gallinule	Same as for Other Ducks	25	75

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Canada and Cackling Geese, and Brant (5):			
Northeast Zone	Sept. 27–Dec. 2 &	5	15
	Dec. 13–Jan. 19	5	15
Northwest Zone	Oct. 11–Jan. 4 &	5	15
	Jan. 7–Jan. 25	5	15
South Zone	Oct. 11–Oct. 19 &	5	15
	Oct. 22–Jan. 25	5	15
Moapa Valley Special Management Area (7):	Oct. 25–Jan. 25	5	15
White-fronted Geese:			
Northeast Zone	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese, and Brant	10	30
Northwest Zone	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese, and Brant	10	30
South Zone	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese, and Brant	10	30
Moapa Valley Special Management Area (7):	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese, and Brant	10	30
Light Geese:			
Northeast Zone (8)	Oct. 11–Dec. 2 &	20	60
	Dec. 13–Jan. 19 &	20	60
	Feb. 23–Mar. 8	20	60
Northwest Zone (9)	Oct. 25–Jan. 4 &	20	60
	Jan. 7–Jan. 25 &	20	60
	Feb. 23–Mar. 8	20	60
South Zone	Oct. 11–Oct. 19 &	20	60
	Oct. 22–Jan. 25	20	60
Moapa Valley Special Management Area (7):	Oct. 25–Jan. 25	20	60
<i>New Mexico:</i>			
Ducks:			
Scaup	Oct. 19–Jan. 12	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 19–Jan. 31	7	21
Coots and Gallinules	Same as for Other Ducks	25	75
Canada and Cackling Geese, and Brant (5):			
North Zone	Sept. 27–Oct. 12 &	5	15
	Nov. 2–Jan. 31	5	15
South Zone	Oct. 17–Jan. 31	5	15
White-fronted Geese:			
North Zone	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese, and Brant	10	30
South Zone	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese, and Brant	10	30
Light Geese:			
North Zone	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese, and Brant	20	60
South Zone	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese, and Brant	20	60

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<i>Oregon:</i>			
Ducks (10):			
Zone 1:			
Columbia Basin Unit and Rest of Zone 1:			
Scaup	Nov. 1–Jan. 25	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 11–Oct. 26 & Oct. 30–Jan. 25	7	21
Zone 2:			
Scaup	Oct. 11–Nov. 30 & Dec. 4–Jan. 7	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 11–Nov. 30 & Dec. 4–Jan. 25	7	21
Coots	Same as for Other Ducks	25	75
Canada and Cackling Geese:			
Northwest Permit Zone (11)(12)	Oct. 18–Oct. 26 & Nov. 22–Jan. 9 & Jan. 31–Feb. 15	2	6
Southwest Zone	Oct. 11–Oct. 26 & Nov. 4–Jan. 25	4	12
South Coast Zone	Oct. 4–Dec. 7 & Dec. 20–Jan. 9 & Feb. 21–Mar. 10	6	18
Eastern Zone	Oct. 11–Nov. 30 & Dec. 9–Jan. 25	4	12
Mid-Columbia Zone	Oct. 11–Oct. 26 & Nov. 4–Jan. 25	4	12
White-fronted Geese:			
Northwest Permit Zone (11)	Oct. 18–Oct. 26 & Nov. 8–Jan. 25 & Jan. 31–Feb. 15	10	30
Southwest Zone	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese	10	30
South Coast Zone	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese	10	30
Eastern Zone (13)	Oct. 11–Nov. 30 & Jan. 16–Mar. 10	10	30
Mid-Columbia Zone	Oct. 11–Oct. 26 & Nov. 4–Jan. 8 & Jan. 31–Feb. 22	10	30
Light Geese:			
Northwest Permit Zone (11)	Same as for White-fronted Geese	20	60
Southwest Zone	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese	20	60
South Coast Zone	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese	20	60

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Eastern Zone	Same as for White-fronted Geese	20	60
Mid-Columbia Zone	Same as for White-fronted Geese	20	60
Brant	Nov. 29–Dec. 14	2	6
<i>Utah:</i>			
Ducks:			
Northern Zone:			
Scaup	Oct. 4–Dec. 28	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 4–Jan. 17	7	21
Southern Zone:			
Scaup	Oct. 31–Jan. 24	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 11–Jan. 24	7	21
Coots	Same as for Other Ducks	25	75
Canada and Cackling Geese, and Brant (5):			
East Box Elder County Zone	Oct. 4–Jan. 17	5	15
Wasatch Front Zone	Oct. 4–Oct. 11 & Nov. 10–Feb. 15	5	15
Northern Zone	Oct. 4–Oct. 11 & Oct. 27–Jan. 31	5	15
Southern Zone	Oct. 11–Jan. 24	5	15
White-fronted Geese:			
East Box Elder County Zone	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese, and Brant	10	30
Wasatch Front Zone	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese, and Brant	10	30
Northern Zone	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese, and Brant	10	30
Southern Zone	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese, and Brant	10	30
Light Geese			
Southern Zone	Oct. 25–Dec. 15 & Jan. 15–Mar. 10	20	60
Rest of State	Oct. 15–Dec. 22 & Feb. 2–Mar. 10	20	60
<i>Washington:</i>			
Ducks (14):			
East and West Zones (15):			
Scaup	Nov. 1–Jan. 25	2	6
Other Ducks	Oct. 11–Oct 19 & Oct. 22–Jan. 25	7	21
Coots	Same as for Other Ducks	25	75
Canada and Cackling Geese:			
Area 1 (16)	Oct. 11–Nov. 30 & Dec. 13–Jan. 25	3	9

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Area 2 Inland (17)(18)	Oct. 11–Oct. 26 &	2	6
	Nov. 26–Jan. 11 &	2	6
	Feb. 7–Feb. 15	2	6
Area 2 Coast (17)(18)	Oct. 11–Nov. 30 &	2	6
	Dec. 20–Jan. 11	2	6
Area 3 (16)	Oct. 11–Oct. 19 &	3	9
	Nov. 1–Jan. 25	3	9
Area 4 (16)	Oct. 11–Oct. 26 &	3	9
	Oct. 29 only &	3	9
	Nov. 1–Jan. 25	3	9
Area 5 (16)	Oct. 11–Oct. 27 &	3	9
	Nov. 1–Jan. 25	3	9
White-fronted Geese:			
Area 1 (16)	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese	10	30
Area 2 Inland (17)	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese	10	30
Area 2 Coast (17)	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese	10	30
Area 3 (16)	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese	10	30
Area 4 (16)	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese	10	30
Area 5 (16)	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese	10	30
Light Geese (19):			
Area 1 (16)	Oct. 11–Nov. 30 &	6	18
	Dec. 13–Jan. 25 &	6	18
	Feb. 7–Feb. 15	10	30
Area 2 Inland (17)	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese	10	30
Area 2 Coast (17)	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese	10	30
Area 3 (16)	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese	10	30
Area 4 (16)	Oct. 11–Nov. 30 &	10	30
	Dec. 20–Jan. 25 &	10	30
	Feb. 21–Mar. 8	20	60
Area 5 (16)	Same as for Canada and Cackling Geese	10	30
Brant (20):			
Coastal Zone	Jan. 10–Jan. 25	2	6
Puget Sound Zone	Jan. 10–Jan. 25	2	6
<i>Wyoming:</i>			
Ducks:			
Snake River and Balance of State Zones:			
Scaup	Sept. 27–Dec. 21	2	6

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Other Ducks	Sept. 27–Jan. 9	7	21
Coots	Same as for Other Ducks	15	45
Dark Geese	Sept. 27–Jan. 1	5	15
Light Geese	Sept. 27–Jan. 1	10	30

(1) In *Arizona*, the daily bag limit may include no more than either two female mallards or two Mexican ducks, or one of each; and no more than six female mallards and Mexican ducks, in the aggregate, may be in possession. For black-bellied whistling-ducks, the daily bag limit is one and the possession limit is three.

(2) In *California*, the daily bag and possession limits for Canada geese, cackling geese, and white-fronted geese are in the aggregate.

(3) In *California*, small Canada geese are cackling and Aleutian cackling geese, and large Canada geese are western and lesser Canada geese.

(4) In *California*, in the Northeastern Zone, the daily bag limit may include no more than two large Canada geese.

(5) In *Idaho*, *Nevada*, *New Mexico*, and *Utah*, the daily bag and possession limits for Canada and cackling geese and brant are in the aggregate.

(6) In *Montana*, check State regulations for special seasons and exceptions.

(7) In *Nevada*, youth 17 years of age or younger are allowed to hunt on October 18 on the Moapa Valley portion of Overton Wildlife Management Area. Youth must be accompanied by an adult who is 18 years of age or older.

(8) In *Nevada*, in the Northeast Zone, there is no open season on light geese in Ruby Valley within Elko and White Pine Counties.

(9) In *Nevada*, in the Northwest Zone, the season is closed in Mason Valley and Scripps Wildlife Management Areas and Washoe Lake State Park from February 23 to March 8.

(10) In *Oregon*, the daily bag limit may include no more than one harlequin duck.

(11) In *Oregon*, in the Northwest Permit Zone, see State regulations for specific dates, times, and

conditions of permit hunts and closures.

(12) In *Oregon*, in the Northwest Permit Zone, the season for dusky Canada geese is closed.

(13) In *Oregon*, in Lake County, the daily bag and possession limits for white-fronted geese are one and three, respectively.

(14) In *Washington*, the hunting of harlequin ducks is by State-issued permit only. See State regulations for additional information.

(15) In *Washington*, the daily bag limit in the West Zone may include no more than three scoters, two long-tailed ducks, and three goldeneyes, with the possession limit three times the daily bag limit.

(16) In *Washington*, in Areas 1, 3, and 5, hunting is allowed each day. In Area 4, hunting is allowed only on Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays, and certain holidays, except hunting is allowed each day only for light geese during the February and March portion of the season. See State regulations for details, including shooting hours.

(17) In *Washington*, in Areas 2 Inland and 2 Coast, see State regulations for specific dates, times, and conditions of permit hunts and closures.

(18) In *Washington*, in Areas 2 Inland and 2 Coast, the season for dusky Canada geese is closed.

(19) In *Washington*, the daily bag limit for light geese is 10 on or before January 30.

(20) In *Washington*, brant may be hunted in Clallam, Pacific, Skagit, and Whatcom Counties only; see State regulations for specific dates.

(e) *Youth and Veteran–Active Military Personnel Waterfowl Hunting Days.*

The following seasons are open only to youth and veteran–active military personnel, except where noted. Youth must be accompanied into the field by an adult 18 years of age or older. This adult cannot duck hunt but may participate in other open seasons.

*Limits:* Bag limits may include ducks, geese, swans, mergansers, coots, and gallinules. The bag and possession limits are the same as those allowed in the regular season except in States that are allowed a daily bag limit of one or two scaup during different portions of the season, in which case the daily bag limit is two scaup per day and the possession limit is four scaup. Flyway species and area

restrictions remain in effect.

## Definitions

*Youth:* States may use their established definition of age for youth hunters. However, youth hunters may not be older than 17 years of age. Youth hunters 16 years of age and older must possess a Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (also known as Federal Duck Stamp). Swans may be taken only by participants possessing applicable swan permits.

*Veteran–Active Military Personnel:* Veterans (as defined in section 101 of title 38, U.S. Code) and members of the Armed Forces on active duty, including members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty (other than for training), may participate. All hunters must possess a Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (also known as Federal Duck Stamp). Swans may be taken only by participants possessing applicable swan permits.

Area	Species	Season dates
<i>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</i>		
<i>Connecticut</i> (1)	Ducks, mergansers, coots, geese, and brant	Oct. 4 & Nov. 1
<i>Delaware</i> (1)(2)(3)	Ducks, mergansers, coots, gallinules, geese, brant, and tundra swans	Oct. 25 & Feb. 7
<i>Florida:</i>	Ducks, mergansers, coots, gallinules, Canada geese, and light geese	
Youth		Nov. 15 & Feb. 7
Veteran–Active Military Personnel		Jan. 31 & Feb. 1
<i>Georgia</i>	Ducks, mergansers, coots, gallinules, dark geese, and brant	Nov. 15 & Nov. 16
<i>Maine</i> (1):	Ducks, mergansers, coots, geese, and brant	
North Zone		Sept. 20 & Dec. 13
South Zone		Sept. 20 & Oct. 18
Coastal Zone		Sept. 27 & Oct. 18
<i>Maryland</i> (4)(5)	Ducks, mergansers, coots, geese, brant, and light geese	Nov. 1 & Feb. 7
<i>Massachusetts:</i>	Ducks, mergansers, coots, Canada and cackling geese, and light geese	Sept. 20 & Oct. 4

Area	Species	Season dates
<i>New Hampshire</i>	Ducks, mergansers, coots, Canada and cackling geese, and brant	
Youth:		Sept. 27 & Sept. 28
Veteran–Active Military Personnel		Jan. 24 & Jan. 25
<i>New Jersey:</i>	Ducks, mergansers, coots, gallinules, geese, and brant	
Youth:		
North Zone		Oct. 11 & Jan. 31
South Zone		Oct. 11 & Jan. 31
Coastal Zone		Nov. 15 & Jan. 31
Veteran–Active Military Personnel		Nov. 8 & Jan. 31
<i>New York:</i>	Ducks, mergansers, coots, dark geese, and brant	
Youth:		
Long Island Zone		Nov. 8 & Nov. 9
Lake Champlain Zone		Sept. 27 & Sept. 28
Northeastern Zone		Sept. 27 & Sept. 28
Southeastern Zone		Sept. 27 & Sept. 28
Western Zone		Sept. 27 & Sept. 28
Veteran–Active Military Personnel:		
Long Island Zone		Nov. 8 & Nov. 9
Northeastern Zone		Sept. 27 & Sept. 28
Southeastern Zone		Sept. 27 & Sept. 28
Western Zone		Nov. 8 & Nov. 9
<i>North Carolina (3)(6)</i>	Ducks, mergansers, coots, geese, brant, and tundra swans	Dec. 6 & Feb. 7
<i>Pennsylvania (7):</i>	Ducks, mergansers, coots, gallinules, dark geese, and brant	
Youth:		
North Zone		Sept. 20 & Nov. 1
South Zone		Sept. 20 & Nov. 8
Northwest Zone		Sept. 20 & Sept. 27
Lake Erie Zone		Sept. 20 & Oct. 25
Veteran–Active Military Personnel:		
North Zone		Nov. 1 & Jan. 17
South Zone		Nov. 8 & Jan. 24
Northwest Zone		Sept. 27 & Jan. 17
Lake Erie Zone		Oct. 25 & Jan. 17
<i>Rhode Island (1)</i>	Ducks, mergansers, coots, Canada and cackling geese, light geese, and brant	Oct. 25 & Oct. 26

Area	Species	Season dates
<i>South Carolina</i>	Ducks, mergansers, coots, gallinules, and geese	Feb. 7 & Feb. 14
<i>Vermont</i> (1)	Ducks, mergansers, coots, geese, and brant	Sept. 27 & Sept. 28
<i>Virginia</i> (3)	Ducks, mergansers, coots, dark geese, and tundra swans	Oct. 25 & Feb. 7
<i>West Virginia</i> (1)	Ducks, mergansers, coots, gallinules, geese, and brant	Sept. 20 & Nov. 1
<i>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</i>		
<i>Alabama</i>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	Nov. 22 & Feb. 7
<i>Arkansas:</i>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	Feb. 7 & 8
<i>Illinois</i> (1):	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	
North Zone		Oct. 11 & Oct. 12
Central Zone		Oct. 18 & Oct. 19
South Central Zone		Nov. 8 & Nov. 9
South Zone		Nov. 15 & Nov. 16
<i>Indiana:</i>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	
North Zone		Oct. 11 & Oct. 12
Central Zone		Oct. 25 & Oct. 26
South Zone		Nov. 1 & Nov. 2
<i>Iowa</i> (1):	Ducks, mergansers, and coots	
North Zone		Sept. 20 & Sept. 21
Central Zone		Sept. 27 & Sept. 28
South Zone		Oct. 4 & Oct. 5
<i>Kentucky:</i>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	
Youth		Nov. 22 & Feb. 14
Veteran-Active Military Personnel		Nov. 23 & Feb. 8
<i>Louisiana:</i>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	
Youth		
East Zone		Nov. 15 & Nov. 16
West Zone		Nov. 8 & Nov. 9
Veteran-Active Military Personnel		
East Zone		Nov. 15 & Nov. 16
West Zone		Jan. 31 & Feb. 1

Area	Species	Season dates
<i>Michigan</i>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	Sept. 20 & Sept. 21
<i>Minnesota</i> (1)	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	Sept. 13 & Sept. 14
<i>Mississippi</i>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	Feb. 7 & Feb. 8
<i>Missouri</i> (1):	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	
North Zone		Oct. 25 & Oct. 26
Middle Zone		Oct. 25 & Oct. 26
South Zone		Nov. 22 & Nov. 23
<i>Ohio</i>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	Oct. 4 & Oct. 5
<i>Tennessee:</i>		
Youth	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	Feb. 7 & Feb. 14
Veteran–Active Military Personnel	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	Feb. 1 & Feb. 8
<i>Wisconsin</i> (1)	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	Sept. 20 & Sept. 21
<i>CENTRAL FLYWAY</i>		
<i>Colorado:</i>	Ducks, dark geese, mergansers, and coots	
Mountain/Foothills Zone		Sept. 27 & Sept. 28
Northeast Zone		Oct. 11 & Oct. 12
Southeast Zone		Oct. 18 & Oct. 19
<i>Kansas</i> (8):	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	
High Plains		Oct. 4 & Oct. 5
Low Plains:		
Early Zone		Sept. 27 & Sept. 28
Late Zone		Oct. 18 & Oct. 19
Southeast Zone		Oct. 25 & Oct. 26
<i>Montana</i> (1)	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 27 & Sept. 28
<i>Nebraska</i> (9):	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	
Zone 1		Oct. 4 & Oct. 5
Zone 2		Sept. 27 & Sept. 28
Zone 3		Oct. 18 & Oct. 19
Zone 4		Oct. 18 & Oct. 19
<i>New Mexico</i> (1):	Ducks, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	
North Zone		Oct. 4 & Oct. 5
South Zone		Oct. 25 & Oct. 26

Area	Species	Season dates
<i>North Dakota</i>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 20 & Sept. 21
<i>Oklahoma:</i>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	
High Plains		Sept. 27 & Jan. 31
Low Plains:		
Zone 1		Nov. 1 & Jan. 31
Zone 2		Nov. 1 & Jan. 31
<i>South Dakota</i> (1)(9)	Ducks, Canada and cackling geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 13 & Sept. 14
<i>Texas:</i>	Ducks, dark geese, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	
High Plains		Oct. 11 & Oct. 12
Low Plains:		
North Zone		Nov. 1 & Nov. 2
South Zone		Oct. 25 & Oct. 26
<i>Wyoming:</i>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 20 & Sept. 21
<i>PACIFIC FLYWAY</i>		
<i>Arizona</i> (1)	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	Feb. 7 & Feb. 8
<i>California:</i>		
Youth:	Ducks, geese, brant, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	
Northeastern Zone		Sept. 20 & Sept. 21
Colorado River Zone		Feb. 7 & Feb. 8
Southern Zone		Feb. 7 & Feb. 8
Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone		Feb. 7 & Feb. 8
Balance of State Zone		Feb. 7 & Feb. 8
Veteran–Active Military Personnel:	Ducks, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	
Northeastern Zone		Jan. 17 & Jan. 18
Southern Zone		Jan. 31 & Feb. 1
Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone		Jan. 31 & Feb. 1
Balance of State Zone		Jan. 31 & Feb. 1
<i>Colorado:</i>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	
East Zone		Sept. 27 & Sept. 28
West Zone		Oct. 25 & Oct. 26
<i>Idaho</i>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 27 & Sept. 28

Area	Species	Season dates
<i>Montana</i> (1)	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 27 & Sept. 28
<i>Nevada</i> (1)(3):	Ducks, geese, swans, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	
Northeast Zone		Sept. 20 & Sept. 21
Northwest Zone		Sept. 27 & Feb. 7
South Zone		Feb. 7 & Feb. 8
<i>New Mexico</i> (1)	Ducks, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	Oct. 11 & Oct. 12
<i>Oregon</i>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	
Youth		Sept. 27 & Sept. 28
Veteran–Active Military Personnel		Jan. 31
<i>Utah</i> (1)(3):	Ducks, dark geese, swans, mergansers, and coots	
Northern Zone		Sept. 20
Southern Zone		Sept. 27
<i>Washington</i> (10):	Ducks, geese, brant, mergansers, and coots	
Youth:		
East Zone		Sept. 27 & Jan. 31
West Zone		Sept. 20 & Jan. 31
Veteran–Active Military Personnel		Jan. 31
<i>Wyoming</i>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 20 & Sept. 21

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(1) The season is open to youth hunters only.

(2) In *Delaware*, tundra swans may be taken only on February 1.

(3) In *Delaware*, *North Carolina*, *Virginia*, *Nevada*, and *Utah*, the daily bag limit may not include swans except by permit.

(4) In *Maryland*, youth hunter(s) must be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older that holds a valid Maryland hunting license or is exempt from the hunting license requirements. One adult may take one or more young hunters, and that adult may call waterfowl, assist with decoys, and retrieve downed birds but may not possess a hunting weapon and may not participate in other seasons that are open on the youth waterfowl hunting days. Active military and honorably discharged veterans, of any age, that possess a valid Maryland hunting license or are exempt from the hunting license requirements

may also hunt waterfowl on November 1, 2025, and February 7, 2026. Active military and honorably discharged veterans at least 21 years of age or older may possess hunting weapons and hunt while also providing assistance to eligible youth hunters.

(5) In *Maryland*, the bag limit for Canada and cackling geese is one in the AP Zone and 5 in the RP Zone.

(6) In *North Carolina*, a permit is no longer required to hunt Canada geese or white-fronted geese in the Northeast Zone.

(7) In *Pennsylvania*, the second youth day in each duck zone is open to youth, veterans, and active-duty military.

(8) In *Kansas*, youth 17 years of age and younger may participate in the youth waterfowl hunting days.

(9) In *Nebraska* and *South Dakota*, Tier II license holders may take three ducks or mergansers of any species in the aggregate, and the possession limit is nine.

(10) In *Washington*, the brant and light goose seasons are closed in September.

7. Section 20.106 is revised to read as follows:

**§ 20.106 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for sandhill cranes.**

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, areas open to hunting, respective open seasons (dates inclusive), shooting and hawking hours, and daily bag and possession limits on the species designated in this section are as follows:

Shooting and hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset, except as otherwise noted. Area descriptions were published in the August 18, 2025, *Federal Register* (90 FR 40178).

Federally authorized, State-issued permits are issued to individuals, and only the individual whose name and address appears on the permit at the time of issuance is authorized to take sandhill cranes at the level allowed by the permit, in accordance with provisions of both Federal and State regulations governing the hunting season. The permit must be carried by the permittee when exercising its provisions and must be presented to any law enforcement officer upon request. The permit is not

transferable or assignable to another individual and may not be sold, bartered, traded, or otherwise provided to another person. If the permit is altered or defaced in any way, the permit becomes invalid.

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<i>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</i>			
<i>Alabama (1)(2)</i>			
North Zone	Nov. 28–Jan. 26	3 per season	
<i>Kentucky (1)(2)</i>	Dec. 7–Jan. 31	2	3 per season
<i>Minnesota (1)</i>			
NW Zone	Sept. 13–Oct. 19	2	6
<i>Tennessee (1)(4):</i>			
Southeast Zone	Dec. 3–Jan. 31	2 per season	
Rest of State	Dec. 3–Jan. 31	2 per season	
<i>CENTRAL FLYWAY</i>			
<i>Colorado (1)</i>	Oct. 4–Nov. 30	3	9
<i>Kansas (1)(2)(3)</i>			
West Zone	Oct. 18–Dec. 14	3	9
Central Zone	Nov. 5–Jan. 1	3	9
<i>Montana:</i>			
Regular Season Area (1)	Oct. 4–Nov. 30	3	9
Special Season Area (4)	Sept. 1–Oct. 30	2 per season	
<i>New Mexico:</i>			
Regular Season Area (1)	Oct. 25–Jan. 22	3	6
Middle Rio Grande Valley Area (4)(5)	Nov. 15–Nov. 16 & Nov. 22 & Nov. 29–Nov. 30 & Dec. 13–Dec. 14 & Jan. 3–Jan. 4 & Jan. 10–Jan. 11	3	6 per season 3 per season 6 per season 6 per season 6 per season 6 per season
Southwest Area (4)	Nov. 1–Nov. 9 & Jan. 3–Jan. 4	3	6 6 per season
Estancia Valley (4)(6)	Nov. 1–Nov. 9	3	6

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<i>North Dakota (1):</i>			
Area 1	Sept. 20–Nov. 16	3	9
Area 2	Sept. 20–Nov. 16	2	6
<i>Oklahoma (1)</i>			
	Oct. 18–Jan. 18	3	9
<i>South Dakota (1)</i>			
	Sept. 27–Nov. 23	3	9
<i>Texas (1):</i>			
Zone A	Oct. 25–Jan. 25	3	9
Zone B	Nov. 21–Jan. 25	3	9
Zone C	Dec. 13–Jan. 18	2	6
<i>Wyoming:</i>			
Regular Season (Area 7) (1)	Sept. 6–Nov. 2	3	9
Riverton-Boysen Unit (Area 4) (4)	Sept. 27–Oct. 19	1 per season	
Big Horn, Hot Springs, Park, and Washakie Counties (Area 6) (4)	Sept. 13–Oct. 5	1 per season	
Johnson, Natrona, and Sheridan Counties (Area 8) (4)	Sept. 1–Sept. 30	1 per season	
<i>PACIFIC FLYWAY</i>			
<i>Arizona (4):</i>			
Zone 1 (7)	Nov. 14–Dec. 21 & Jan. 10–Jan. 26	3 per season	
Zone 2 (8)	Nov. 21–Dec. 14	3 per season	
Zone 3 (9)	Nov. 21–Dec. 14	3 per season	
<i>Idaho (4):</i>			
Areas 1, 3, 4, 5, & 6	Sept. 1–Sept. 30	2 per season	
Area 2	Sept. 1–Sept. 15	2 per season	
<i>Montana (4):</i>			
Zone 1	Sept. 1–Oct. 30	1 per season	
Zones 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	Sept. 1–Oct. 30	2 per season	
<i>Utah (4):</i>			
Cache County	Sept. 6–Sept. 15	1 per season	
East Box Elder County	Sept. 6–Nov. 4	1 per season	
Rich County	Sept. 6–Sept. 15	1 per season	
Uintah Basin Zone	Sept. 27–Nov. 25	1 per season	
<i>Wyoming (4):</i>			
Areas 1, 2, & 5	Sept. 1–Sept. 15	1 per season	

Area	Season dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Area 3	Sept. 1–Sept. 8	1 per season	

(1) Each person participating in the regular sandhill crane seasons must have a valid sandhill crane hunting permit and/or a State-issued Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification for game bird hunting in their possession while hunting.

(2) In *Alabama, Kansas, and Kentucky*, shooting hours are from sunrise to sunset.

(3) In *Kansas*, each person desiring to hunt sandhill cranes is required to pass an annual, online sandhill crane identification examination.

(4) Hunting is by State permit only. See State regulations for further information.

(5) In *New Mexico*, in the Middle Rio Grande Valley Area (Bernardo and Casa Colorado Wildlife Management Areas) and Southwest Area, the season is only open for youth hunters on November 18. See State regulations for further details.

(6) In *New Mexico*, in the Estancia Valley Area, the season will be closed to crane hunting on November 1.

(7) In *Arizona*, in Zone 1, season dates are November 14 to November 16, November 21 to November 23, November 25 to November 27, November 29 to December 1, December 6 to December 8, December 11 to December 13, December 15 to December 17, December 19 to December 21, January 10 to January 12, January 16 to January 18, January 20 to January 22, and January 24 to January 26. November 14 to November 16 is restricted to archery hunters only, and December 6 to December 8 is restricted to youth hunters only.

(8) In *Arizona*, in Zone 2, season dates are November 21 to November 23, November 27 to November 29, December 5 to December 7, and December 12 to December 14.

(9) In *Arizona*, in Zone 3, season dates are November 21 to November 23, November 25 to November 27, November 29 to December 1, December 3 to December 5, December 5 to December 7, December 7 to December 9, and December 12 to December 14.

8. Section 20.107 is revised to read as follows:

**§ 20.107 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for swans.**

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, areas open to hunting, respective open seasons (dates inclusive), shooting and hawking hours, and daily bag and possession limits on the species designated in this section are as follows:

Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset, except as otherwise restricted by State regulations. Shooting and hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset, except as otherwise noted. Area descriptions were published in the August 18, 2025, *Federal Register* (90 FR 40178). Hunting is by State permit only.

Federally authorized, State-issued permits are issued to individuals, and only the individual whose name and address appears on the permit at the time of issuance is authorized to take swans at the level allowed by the permit, in accordance with provisions of both Federal and State regulations governing the hunting season. The permit must be carried by the permittee when exercising its provisions and must be presented to any law enforcement officer upon request. The permit is not transferable or assignable to another individual and may not be sold, bartered, traded, or otherwise provided to another person. If the permit is altered or defaced in any way, the permit becomes invalid.

**Note:** Successful permittees must immediately validate their harvest by the method required in State regulations.

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS AND DELINEATIONS OF GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS. SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY ON FEDERAL AND STATE PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS AND FEDERAL INDIAN RESERVATIONS.

Area	Season dates	Limits
<i>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</i>		
<i>Delaware</i>	Nov. 8–Jan. 31	1 tundra swan per permit
<i>North Carolina</i>	Nov. 8–Jan. 31	1 tundra swan per permit
<i>Virginia</i>	Nov. 15–Jan. 31	1 tundra swan per permit
<i>CENTRAL FLYWAY (1)</i>		

Area	Season dates	Limits
<i>Montana</i> (2)	Oct. 4–Jan. 8	1 swan per permit
<i>North Dakota</i> (1)	Oct. 4–Jan. 4	1 tundra swan per permit
<i>South Dakota</i>	Oct. 4–Jan. 9	1 swan per permit
<i>PACIFIC FLYWAY</i> (1)		
<i>Idaho</i> (2)	Oct. 4–Dec. 1	1 swan per season
<i>Montana</i> (2)	Oct. 11–Dec. 5	1 swan per season
<i>Nevada</i> (3)(4)	Oct. 11–Jan. 4 & Jan. 7–Jan. 25	1 swan per day, 2 per season 1 swan per day, 2 per season
<i>Utah</i> (3)(4)	Oct. 4–Dec. 14	1 swan per season

(1) See State regulations for description of area open to swan hunting.

(2) In *Idaho* and *Montana*, all harvested swans must be reported by way of a bill measurement card within three days of harvest.

(3) In *Nevada* and *Utah*, all harvested swans and tags must be checked or registered within three days of harvest.

(4) Harvests of trumpeter swans are limited to 20 in Utah and 10 in Nevada. When it has been determined that the quota of trumpeter swans allotted to Nevada and Utah have been filled, the season for taking of any swan species in the respective State will be closed by either the Director upon giving public notice through local information media at least 48 hours in advance of the time and date of closing, or by the State through State regulations with such notice and time (not less than 48 hours) as they deem necessary.

9. Section 20.109 is revised to read as follows:

**§ 20.109 Extended seasons, limits, and hours for taking migratory game birds by falconry.**

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, areas open to hunting, respective open seasons (dates inclusive), hawking hours, and daily bag and possession limits for the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows:

Hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset except as otherwise restricted by State regulations. Area descriptions were published in the August 18, 2025, *Federal Register* (90 FR 40178).

*Limits:* The daily bag limit may include no more than three migratory game birds in the aggregate. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit. These limits apply to falconry during both regular hunting seasons and extended falconry seasons, unless further restricted by State regulations. The falconry bag and possession limits are not in addition to regular season limits.

Although many States permit falconry during the gun seasons, only extended falconry seasons are shown below. Please consult State regulations for details.

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS AND DELINEATIONS OF GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS. SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY ON FEDERAL AND STATE PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS AND FEDERAL INDIAN RESERVATIONS.

Area	Extended falconry dates
<i>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</i>	
<i>Delaware:</i>	
Doves	Feb. 1–Feb. 17
Rails	Dec. 1–Jan. 6
Woodcock	Oct. 1–Oct. 29 & Feb. 6–Mar. 10
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Feb. 3–Mar. 3
Brant	Feb. 1–Feb. 6 & Feb. 10–Feb. 15
<i>Florida:</i>	
Doves	Feb. 1–Feb. 17
Rails	Nov. 10–Dec. 16
Woodcock	Nov. 24–Dec. 17 & Feb. 1–Mar. 10
Gallinules	Nov. 10–Dec. 13
Ducks, light geese, mergansers, and coots	Nov. 3–Nov. 12 & Feb. 2–Mar. 2
<i>Georgia:</i>	
Ducks, mergansers, coots, Canada geese, light geese, gallinules, doves, and woodcock	Dec. 1–Dec. 5
<i>Maine:</i>	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	
North Zone	Dec. 15–Feb. 4
South & Coastal Zones	Jan. 7–Feb. 27

Area	Extended falconry dates
<i>Maryland:</i>	
Doves	Jan. 10–Jan. 29
Rails	Nov. 21–Jan. 2
Woodcock	Oct. 1–Oct. 24 & Jan. 31–Mar. 7
Ducks	Feb. 2–Mar. 7
Brant	Feb. 2–Mar. 7
Light Geese	Feb. 21–Mar. 7
<i>Massachusetts:</i>	
Ducks and coots	
Western Zone	Nov. 29–Dec. 12 & Jan. 4–Feb. 11
Central Zone	Nov. 29–Dec. 14 & Jan. 4–Feb. 11
Coastal Zone	Oct. 19–Nov. 27 & Jan. 29–Feb. 11
<i>New Hampshire:</i>	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	
Northern Zone	Dec. 1–Jan. 12
Inland Zone	Nov. 12–Nov. 26 & Dec. 27–Jan. 23
Coastal Zone	Jan. 27–Mar. 10
<i>New Jersey:</i>	
Woodcock	
North Zone	Oct. 1–Oct. 17 & Dec. 1–Jan. 31
South Zone	Oct. 1–Nov. 7 & Dec. 8–Dec. 19 & Jan. 2–Jan. 31
Ducks	
North Zone	Jan. 23–Mar. 16
South Zone	Jan. 23–Mar. 16
Coastal Zone	Jan. 31–Mar. 16
<i>New York:</i>	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	
Long Island Zone	Nov. 1–Nov. 21 & Dec. 1–Dec. 5 & Jan. 26–Feb. 13
Northeastern Zone	Oct. 1–Oct. 10 & Dec. 1–Dec. 12 & Dec. 22–Jan. 13
Southeastern Zone	Oct. 1–Oct. 10 &

Area	Extended falconry dates
Western Zone	Oct. 20–Nov. 7 & Dec. 29–Jan. 13 Oct. 1–Oct. 10 & Nov. 3–Dec. 5 & Jan. 12–Jan. 13
<i>North Carolina:</i>	
Doves	Oct. 6–Oct. 18
Rails and gallinules	Dec. 6–Jan. 10
Woodcock	Dec. 1–Dec. 10 & Feb. 2–Feb. 21
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Oct. 1–Oct. 11 & Feb. 2–Feb. 7
<i>Pennsylvania:</i>	
Doves	Nov. 29–Dec. 18
Rails	Nov. 21–Jan. 2
Woodcock and snipe	Sept. 1–Oct. 17 & Nov. 29–Dec. 13 & Dec. 25–Jan. 2
Gallinules	Nov. 21–Dec. 31
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	
North Zone	Jan. 19–Mar. 10
South Zone	Nov. 17–Nov. 18 & Jan. 20–Jan. 23 & Jan. 26–Mar. 10
Northwest Zone	Jan. 19–Mar. 10
Lake Erie Zone	Jan. 19–Mar. 10
Canada, cackling, and white-fronted geese	
AP Zone	Dec. 8–Dec. 19 & Jan. 20–Mar. 10
RP Zone	Mar. 7–Mar. 10
<i>South Carolina:</i>	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Nov. 3–Nov. 21 & Dec. 1–Dec. 11
<i>Virginia:</i>	
Doves	Jan. 20–Jan. 31
Rails, gallinules	Oct. 26–Nov. 10 & Dec. 1–Dec. 20
Woodcock	Oct. 17–Nov. 10 & Dec. 1–Dec. 25 & Jan. 20–Jan. 31
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Dec. 1–Dec. 18 & Feb. 1–Feb. 8

Area	Extended falconry dates
Brant	Oct. 18–Dec. 23 & Jan. 1–Jan. 9
<i>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</i>	
<i>Arkansas:</i>	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Feb. 1–Feb. 15
<i>Illinois:</i>	
Doves	Nov. 15–Dec. 1
Rails	Sept. 1–Sept. 5 & Nov. 15–Dec. 16
Woodcock	Sept. 1–Oct. 17 & Dec. 2–Dec. 16
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Feb. 10–Mar. 10
<i>Indiana:</i>	
Doves	Oct. 20–Oct. 31 & Dec. 31–Jan. 4
Woodcock	Sept. 20–Oct. 14 & Nov. 29–Jan. 4
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	
North Zone	Sept. 27–Sept. 30 & Feb. 14–Mar. 10
Central Zone	Oct. 25–Oct. 31 & Feb. 17–Mar. 10
South Zone	Nov. 1–Nov. 7 & Feb. 17–Mar. 10
<i>Iowa:</i>	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Jan. 3–Feb. 7
<i>Kentucky:</i>	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Dec. 1–Dec. 6 & Feb. 1–Feb. 22
<i>Louisiana:</i>	
Doves	Sept. 13–Sept. 28
Rails and gallinules	
East Zone	Nov. 1–Nov. 7 & Jan. 8–Jan. 31
West Zone	Nov. 1–Nov. 7 & Jan. 8–Jan. 31
Woodcock	Nov. 1–Dec. 17
Ducks	
East Zone	Nov. 1–Jan. 31

Area	Extended falconry dates
West Zone	Nov. 1–Jan. 31
<i>Michigan:</i>	
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	Dec. 29–Jan. 11 & Feb. 21–Mar. 10
<i>Minnesota:</i>	
Doves	Nov. 30–Dec. 16
Rails	Nov. 10–Dec. 16
Woodcock	Sept. 1–Sept. 19 & Nov. 4–Dec. 16
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	Dec. 13–Jan. 21
<i>Mississippi:</i>	
Doves	Dec. 10–Dec. 26
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Feb. 1–Mar. 8
<i>Missouri:</i>	
Doves	Nov. 30–Dec. 16
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 13–Sept. 21 & Feb. 11–Mar. 10
<i>Tennessee:</i>	
Doves	Sept. 29–Sept. 30 & Jan. 16–Jan. 30
Rails	Nov. 10–Dec. 12
Woodcock	Nov. 1–Nov. 7 & Dec. 1–Jan. 9 & Feb. 1–Feb. 15
Snipe	Nov. 14–Feb. 28
Gallinules	Nov. 10–Dec. 12
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	
Reelfoot Zone	Dec. 1–Dec. 4 & Feb. 1–Feb. 28
Remainder of the State	Dec. 1–Dec. 4 & Feb. 1–Feb. 28
<i>Wisconsin:</i>	
Rails, snipe, and gallinules	
North Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 26 & Nov. 26–Dec. 6
South Zone	Sept. 1–Oct. 3 & Oct. 13–Oct. 17
Open Water Zone	Sept. 1–Oct. 15
Woodcock	Sept. 1–Sept. 20 & Nov. 5–Dec. 16

Area	Extended falconry dates
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 20–Sept. 21 & Jan. 9–Feb. 13
<i>CENTRAL FLYWAY</i>	
<i>Kansas:</i>	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	
Low Plains: Early Zone	Feb. 24–Mar. 10
Low Plains: Late Zone	Feb. 24–Mar. 10
Southeast Zone	Feb. 24–Mar. 10
<i>Montana (1):</i>	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	
Zone 1	Sept. 24–Oct. 3
Zone 2	Sept. 24–Oct. 3
<i>Nebraska:</i>	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots (2)	
Zone 1	Feb. 25–Mar. 10
Zone 2	Feb. 25–Mar. 10
Zone 3	Closed
Zone 4	Feb. 25–Mar. 10
<i>New Mexico:</i>	
Doves	
North Zone	Nov. 30–Dec. 4 & Dec. 21–Jan. 1
South Zone	Oct. 29–Nov. 5 & Nov. 22–Nov. 30
Band-tailed pigeons	
North Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 14
South Zone	Oct. 1–Oct. 14
Ducks and coots	Sept. 13–Sept. 21
Sandhill cranes (3)	Oct. 11–Oct. 24 & Nov. 10–Dec. 30
Gallinules	Nov. 22–Dec. 27
Sora and Virginia rails	Nov. 22–Dec. 27
<i>North Dakota:</i>	
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and snipe	Sept. 1–Sept. 5 Sept. 8–Sept. 12
<i>Oklahoma:</i>	
Doves	Feb. 18–Mar. 5
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	
Low Plains Zones 1 and 2	Feb. 9–Mar. 2

Area	Extended falconry dates
Gallinules and rails	Feb. 1–Mar. 9
Woodcock	Dec. 16–Feb. 15
Sandhill cranes	Jan. 19–Feb. 1
<i>South Dakota:</i>	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	
High Plains	Sept. 1–Sept. 8
Low Plains	
North Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 20 & Dec. 10–Dec. 20
Middle Zone	Sept. 1–Sept. 20 & Dec. 10–Dec. 20
South Zone	Oct. 1–Oct. 19 & Jan. 7–Jan. 18
<i>Texas:</i>	
Doves	Nov. 14–Nov. 30
Rails, gallinules, and woodcock	Jan. 26–Feb. 15
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	
Low Plains—North and South Zones	Jan. 26–Feb. 15
<i>Wyoming:</i>	
Doves	Nov. 30–Dec. 16
Rails	Nov. 10–Dec. 16
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	
Zone C1	Oct. 15–Oct. 22
Zone C2	Sept. 22–Sept. 26 & Dec. 2–Dec. 4
Zone C3	Same as Zone C2
<i>PACIFIC FLYWAY</i>	
<i>Arizona:</i>	
Doves	Sept. 16–Nov. 1
Ducks, mergansers, coots, snipe, and gallinules	Feb. 1–Feb. 4
<i>California:</i>	
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and gallinules	
Colorado River Zone	Feb. 1–Feb. 4
<i>Idaho:</i>	
Doves	Jan. 23–Mar. 10
<i>New Mexico:</i>	
Dove	
North Zone	Nov. 30–Dec. 4 &

Area	Extended falconry dates
South Zone	Dec. 21–Jan. 1 Oct. 29–Nov. 5 & Nov. 22–Nov. 30
<i>Oregon:</i>	
Doves	
Zone 1	Oct. 1–Nov. 14 & Dec. 15–Dec. 16
Zone 2	Oct. 31–Dec. 16
Band-tailed pigeons (4)	Sept. 1–Sept. 14 & Sept. 24–Dec. 16
<i>Utah:</i>	
Doves	Oct. 31–Dec. 16
Band-tailed pigeons	Sept. 15–Dec. 16
<i>Washington:</i>	
Doves	Oct. 31–Dec. 16
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and dark geese	
East Zone	Sept. 27 & Jan. 31
West Zone	Sept. 20 & Jan. 31
Light geese and brant	Jan. 31
<i>Wyoming:</i>	
Doves	Nov. 30–Dec. 16
Sora and Virginia rails	Nov. 10–Dec. 16

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(1) In *Montana*, the limits are two daily and six in possession.

(2) In *Nebraska*, only the portion of Zone 2 that is considered low plains is open.

(3) In *New Mexico*, the limits for sandhill cranes are three daily and six in possession.

(4) In *Oregon*, no more than one pigeon daily in bag or possession.