

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Fish and Wildlife Service****50 CFR Part 20**

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**Migratory Bird Hunting; Early Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits for Certain Migratory Game Birds in the Contiguous United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands****AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This rule prescribes the hunting seasons, hours, areas, and daily bag and possession limits of mourning, white-winged, and white-tipped doves; band-tailed pigeons; rails; moorhens and gallinules; woodcock; common snipe; sandhill cranes; sea ducks; early (September) waterfowl seasons; migratory game birds in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands; and some extended falconry seasons. Taking of migratory birds is prohibited unless specifically provided for by annual regulations. This rule permits taking of designated species during the 2009–10 season.

**DATES:** This rule is effective on September 1, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** You may inspect comments received on the migratory bird hunting regulations during normal business hours at the Service's office in Room 4107, Arlington Square Building, 4501 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA. You may obtain copies of referenced reports from the street address above, or from the Division of Migratory Bird Management's Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/>, or at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Regulations Schedule for 2009**

On April 10, 2009, we published in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 16339) a proposal to amend 50 CFR part 20. The proposal provided a background and overview of the migratory bird hunting regulations process, and dealt with the establishment of seasons, limits, and other regulations for hunting migratory game birds under §§ 20.101 through

20.107, 20.109, and 20.110 of subpart K. Major steps in the 2009–10 regulatory cycle relating to open public meetings and **Federal Register** notifications were also identified in the April 10 proposed rule. Further, we explained that all sections of subsequent documents outlining hunting frameworks and guidelines were organized under numbered headings.

On May 27, 2009, we published in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 25209) a second document providing supplemental proposals for early- and late-season migratory bird hunting regulations, providing detailed information on the 2009–10 regulatory schedule, and announcing the Service Migratory Bird Regulations Committee (SRC) and Flyway Council meetings.

On June 24 and 25, 2009, we held open meetings with the Flyway Council Consultants at which the participants reviewed information on the current status of migratory shore and upland game birds and developed recommendations for the 2009–10 regulations for these species plus regulations for migratory game birds in Alaska, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands; special September waterfowl seasons in designated States; special sea duck seasons in the Atlantic Flyway; and extended falconry seasons. In addition, we reviewed and discussed preliminary information on the status of waterfowl as it relates to the development and selection of the regulatory packages for the 2009–10 regular waterfowl seasons. On July 24, 2009, we published in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 36870) a third document specifically dealing with the proposed frameworks for early-season regulations. On August 25, 2009, we published in the **Federal Register** a final rule which contained final frameworks for early migratory bird hunting seasons from which wildlife conservation agency officials from the States, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands selected early-season hunting dates, hours, areas, and limits.

On July 29–30, 2009, we held open meetings with the Flyway Council Consultants at which the participants reviewed the status of waterfowl and developed recommendations for the 2009–10 regulations for these species. Proposed hunting regulations were discussed for late seasons. We published proposed frameworks for the 2009–10 late-season migratory bird hunting regulations in an August 13, 2009 **Federal Register** (74 FR 41008).

The final rule described here is the sixth in the series of proposed, supplemental, and final rulemaking documents for migratory game bird

hunting regulations and deals specifically with amending subpart K of 50 CFR part 20. It sets hunting seasons, hours, areas, and limits for mourning, white-winged, and white-tipped doves; band-tailed pigeons; rails; moorhens and gallinules; woodcock; common snipe; sandhill cranes; sea ducks; early (September) waterfowl seasons; mourning doves in Hawaii; migratory game birds in Alaska, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands; youth waterfowl hunting day; and some extended falconry seasons.

**National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) Consideration**

NEPA considerations are covered by the programmatic document "Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement: Issuance of Annual Regulations Permitting the Sport Hunting of Migratory Birds (FSES 88–14)," filed with the Environmental Protection Agency on June 9, 1988. We published a notice of availability in the **Federal Register** on June 16, 1988 (53 FR 22582). We published our record of decision on August 18, 1988 (53 FR 31341). In addition, an August 1985 environmental assessment entitled "Guidelines for Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations on Federal Indian Reservations and Ceded Lands" is available by writing to the street address indicated under the caption **ADDRESSES**.

In a notice published in the September 8, 2005 **Federal Register** (70 FR 53376), we announced our intent to develop a new Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the migratory bird hunting program. Public scoping meetings were held in the spring of 2006, as detailed in the March 9, 2006 **Federal Register** (71 FR 12216). A scoping report summarizing the scoping comments and scoping meetings is available by either writing to the street address indicated under **ADDRESSES** or by viewing on our Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/>.

**Endangered Species Act Consideration**

Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531–1543; 87 Stat. 884), provides that, "The Secretary shall review other programs administered by him and utilize such programs in furtherance of the purposes of this Act" (and) 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 formal 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 reflect any such modifications. Our biological opinions resulting from this section 7 consultation are public documents available for public inspection at the street address indicated under **ADDRESSES**.

#### **Executive Order 12866**

The Office of Management and Budget has determined that this rule is significant and has reviewed this rule under Executive Order 12866. OMB bases its determination of regulatory significance upon the following four criteria:

a. Whether the rule will have an annual effect of \$100 million or more on the economy or adversely affect an economic sector, productivity, jobs, the environment, or other units of the government.

b. Whether the rule will create inconsistencies with other Federal agencies' actions.

c. Whether the rule will materially affect entitlements, grants, user fees, loan programs, or the rights and obligations of their recipients.

d. Whether the rule raises novel legal or policy issues.

An Economic Analysis was prepared for the 2008–09 season. This analysis was based on data from the 2006 National Hunting and Fishing Survey, the most recent year for which data are available (see discussion in Regulatory Flexibility Act section below). This analysis estimates consumer surplus for three alternatives for duck hunting (estimates for other species are not quantified due to lack of data). The alternatives are (1) Issue restrictive regulations allowing fewer days than those issued during the 2007–08 season, (2) Issue moderate regulations allowing more days than those in alternative 1, and (3) Issue liberal regulations identical to the regulations in the 2007–08 season. For the 2008–09 season, we chose alternative 3, with an estimated consumer surplus across all flyways of \$205–\$270 million. For the upcoming 2009–10 season, we again considered these three alternatives and again chose

alternative 3 for ducks. We made minor modifications to the season frameworks for some other species, but these do not significantly change the economic impacts of the rule, which were not quantified for other species. For these reasons, we have not conducted a new Economic Analysis, but the 2008–09 analysis is part of the record for this rule and is available at <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/NewReportsPublications/SpecialTopics/SpecialTopics.html#HuntingRegs> or at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

#### **Regulatory Flexibility Act**

The regulations have a significant economic impact on substantial numbers of small entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*). We analyzed the economic impacts of the annual hunting regulations on small business entities in detail as part of the 1981 cost-benefit analysis. This analysis was revised annually from 1990–95. In 1995, the Service issued a Small Entity Flexibility Analysis (Analysis), which was subsequently updated in 1996, 1998, 2004, and 2008. The primary source of information about hunter expenditures for migratory game bird hunting is the National Hunting and Fishing Survey, which is conducted at 5-year intervals. The 2008 Analysis was based on the 2006 National Hunting and Fishing Survey and the U.S. Department of Commerce's County Business Patterns, from which it was estimated that migratory bird hunters would spend approximately \$1.2 billion at small businesses in 2008. Copies of the Analysis are available by writing to the street address indicated under **ADDRESSES** or from our Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/NewReportsPublications/SpecialTopics/SpecialTopics.html#HuntingRegs> or at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

#### **Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act**

This rule is a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804(2), the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act. For the reasons outlined above, it has an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more.

#### **Paperwork Reduction Act**

We examined these regulations under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). The various recordkeeping and reporting requirements imposed under regulations established in 50 CFR part 20, subpart K, are utilized in the formulation of migratory game bird hunting regulations. Specifically, OMB has

approved the information collection requirements of our Migratory Bird Surveys and assigned control number 1018–0023 (expires 2/28/2011). This information is used to provide a sampling frame for voluntary national surveys to improve our harvest estimates for all migratory game birds in order to better manage these populations. A Federal 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**

We have determined and certify, in compliance with the requirements of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act, 2 U.S.C. 1502 *et seq.*, that this rulemaking will not impose a cost of \$100 million or more in any given year on local or State government or private entities. Therefore, this rule is not a “significant regulatory action” under the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

#### **Civil Justice Reform—Executive Order 12988**

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

#### **Takings Implication Assessment**

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

#### **Energy Effects—Executive Order 13211**

Executive Order 13211 requires agencies to prepare Statements of Energy Effects when undertaking certain actions. While this rule is a significant regulatory action under Executive Order 12866, it is not expected to adversely affect energy supplies, distribution, or use. Therefore, this action is not a significant energy action and 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), Executive Order 13175, and 512 DM 2, we have evaluated possible effects on Federally-recognized Indian tribes and have determined that there are no effects on Indian trust resources. However, in the April 10 **Federal Register**, we solicited proposals for special migratory bird hunting regulations for certain Tribes on Federal Indian reservations, off-reservation trust lands, and ceded lands for the 2009–10 migratory bird hunting season. The resulting proposals were contained in a separate August 11, 2009, proposed rule (74 FR 36870). By virtue of these actions, we have consulted with affected Tribes.

#### **Federalism Effects**

Due to the migratory nature of certain species of birds, the Federal Government has been given responsibility over these species by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. 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 Indian Tribe may be more restrictive 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. These rules do not have a substantial direct effect on fiscal capacity, change the roles or responsibilities of Federal or State governments, or intrude on State policy or administration. Therefore, in accordance with Executive Order 13132, these regulations do not have significant federalism effects and do not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

#### **Regulations Promulgation**

The rulemaking process for migratory game bird hunting must, by its nature, operate under severe time constraints. However, we intend that the public be given the greatest possible opportunity to comment. Thus, when the preliminary proposed rulemaking was published, we established what we believed were the longest periods possible for public comment. In doing this, we recognized that when the comment period closed, time would be of the essence. That is, if there were a delay in the effective date of these regulations after this final rulemaking, States would have insufficient time to select season dates and limits; to communicate those selections to us; and to establish and publicize the necessary regulations and procedures to implement their decisions. 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 immediately upon 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, are hereby amended as set forth below.

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

Exports, Hunting, Imports, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Transportation, Wildlife.

Dated: August 20, 2009.

#### **Will Shafroth,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.*

■ For the reasons set out 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—[AMENDED]**

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

**Authority:** Migratory Bird Treaty Act, 40 Stat. 755, 16 U.S.C. 703–712; Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, 16 U.S.C. 742 a–j, Public Law 106–108, 113 Stat. 1491, Note Following 16 U.S.C. 703.

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-Note - The following annual hunting regulations provided for by §§20.101 through 20.106 and 20.109 of 50 CFR 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.

(a) Puerto Rico

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Doves and Pigeons			
Zenaida, white-winged, and mourning doves (1)	Sept. 5-Nov. 2	20	20
Scaly-naped pigeons	Sept. 5-Nov. 2	5	5
Ducks	Nov. 14-Dec. 21 & Jan. 9-Jan. 25	6 6	12 12
Common Moorhens	Nov. 14-Dec. 21 & Jan. 9-Jan. 25	6 6	12 12
Common Snipe	Nov. 14-Dec. 21 & Jan. 9-Jan. 25	8 8	16 16

(1) Not more than 10 Zenaida and 3 mourning doves in the aggregate.

**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 July 24, 2009 Federal Register (74 FR 36870).

(b) Virgin Islands

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Zenaida doves	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	10	10
Ducks	CLOSED		

**Restrictions:** In the Virgin Islands, the seasons are closed for ground or quail doves, pigeons, ruddy duck, white-cheeked pintail, West Indian whistling duck, fulvous whistling duck, masked duck, and purple gallinule.

**Closed Areas:** Ruth Cay, just south of St. Croix, is closed to the hunting of migratory game birds.

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 July 24, 2009 Federal Register (74 FR 36870).

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

Area Seasons	Dates
North Zone	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
Gulf Coast Zone	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
Southeast Zone	Sept. 16-Dec. 31
Pribilof & Aleutian Islands Zone	Oct. 8-Jan. 22
Kodiak Zone	Oct. 8-Jan. 22

Daily Bag and Possession Limits						
Area	Ducks (1)	Dark Geese (2)(3)(4)	Light Geese (2)	Brant(2)(3)	Common Snipe	Sandhill Cranes (5)
North Zone	10-30	4-8	4-8	2-4	8-16	3-6
Gulf Coast Zone	8-24	4-8	4-8	2-4	8-16	2-4
Southeast Zone	7-21	4-8	4-8	2-4	8-16	2-4
Pribilof and Aleutian Islands Zone	7-21	4-8	4-8	2-4	8-16	2-4
Kodiak Zone	7-21	4-8	4-8	2-4	8-16	2-4

(1) The basic duck bag limits may include no more than 1 canvasback daily, 3 in possession, and may not include sea ducks. In addition to the basic duck limits, sea duck limits of 10 daily, 20 in possession, singly or in the aggregate, including no more than 6 each of either harlequin or long-tailed ducks, are allowed. Special sea duck limits will be available to non-residents, but at lower daily limits than residents, and they may take no more than a possession limit of 20 per season, including no more than 4 each of harlequin and long-tailed ducks, black, surf, and white-winged scoters, and king and common eiders. Sea ducks include scoters, common and king eiders, harlequin ducks, long-tailed ducks, and common and red-breasted mergansers. The season for Steller's and spectacled eiders is closed.

(2) Dark geese include Canada and white-fronted geese. Light geese include snow geese and Ross' geese. Separate limits apply to brant. The season for emperor geese is closed Statewide.

(3) In Units 5 and 6, the taking of Canada geese is only permitted from September 28 through December 16. In the Middleton Island portion of Unit 6, the taking of Canada geese is by special permit only, with a maximum of 10 permits for the season and a daily bag and possession limit of 1. The season shall close if incidental harvest includes 5 dusky Canada geese. In Units 6-B, 6-C, and on Hinchinbrook and Hawkins Islands in Unit 6-D, a special, permit-only Canada goose season may be offered. Hunters must have all harvested geese checked and classified to subspecies. The daily bag limit is 4 daily and 8 in possession. The Canada goose season will close in all of the permit areas if the total dusky goose harvest reaches 40.

(4) In Units 9, 10, 17, and 18, dark goose limits are 6 per day, 12 in possession; however, no more than 2 may be Canada geese in Units 9(E) and 18; and no more than 4 may be Canada geese in Units 9(A-C), 10 (Unimak Island portion), and 17.

(5) In Unit 17, the daily bag limit for sandhill cranes is 2 and the possession limit is 4.

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**Falconry:** The total combined bag and possession limit for migratory game birds taken with the use of a falcon under a falconry permit is 3 per day, 6 in possession, and may not exceed a more restrictive limit for any species listed in this subsection.

**Special Tundra Swan Season:** In Units 17, 18, 22, and 23, there will be a tundra swan season from September 1 through October 31 with a season limit of 3 tundra swans per hunter. This season is by registration permit only; hunters will be issued 1 permit allowing the take of up to 3 tundra swans. Hunters will be required to file a harvest report 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.

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 July 24, 2009 Federal Register (74 FR 36870).

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

(a) Doves

Note: Unless otherwise specified, the seasons listed below are for mourning doves only.

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits Possession
<u>EASTERN MANAGEMENT UNIT</u>			
<u>Alabama (1)</u>			
North Zone			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 5 only	15	15
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 6-Oct. 4 & Oct. 24-Nov. 7 & Dec. 12-Jan. 5	15 15 15	15 15 15
South Zone			
12 noon to sunset	Oct. 3 only	15	15
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Oct. 4-Nov. 1 & Nov. 26-Nov. 29 & Dec. 5-Jan. 9	15 15 15	15 15 15
<u>Delaware</u>			
	Sept. 1-Sept. 26 & Oct. 19-Oct. 31 & Dec. 10-Jan. 9	15 15 15	30 30 30
<u>Florida (1)</u>			
12 noon to sunset	Oct. 3-Oct. 26	15	30
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Nov. 14-Nov. 29 & Dec. 12-Jan. 10	15 15	30 30
<u>Georgia (1)</u>			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 5 only	15	30
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 6-Sept. 20 Oct. 10-Oct. 18 & Nov. 26-Jan. 9	15 15 15	30 30 30
<u>Illinois (1) (2)</u>			
	Sept. 1-Oct. 31 & Nov. 7-Nov. 15	15 15	30 30
<u>Indiana (1)</u>			
	Sept. 1-Oct. 18 & Nov. 6-Nov. 27	15 15	30 30
<u>Kentucky (1)</u>			
11 a.m. to sunset	Sept. 1 only	15	30
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 2-Oct. 24 & Nov. 26-Dec. 4 & Dec. 26-Jan. 1	15 15 15	30 30 30
<u>Louisiana (1)</u>			
North Zone			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 5 only	15	30
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 6-Sept. 20 & Oct. 10-Nov. 8 & Dec. 12-Jan. 4	15 15 15	30 30 30

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits Possession
<u>Louisiana (cont.)</u>			
South Zone			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 5 only	15	30
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 6-Sept. 13 & Oct. 17-Nov. 29 & Dec. 19-Jan. 4	15 15 15	30 30 30
<u>Maryland (1)</u>			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 1-Oct. 10	15	30
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Nov. 14-Nov. 27 & Dec. 18-Jan. 2	15 15	30 30
<u>Mississippi (1)</u>			
North Zone			
	Sept. 5-Sept. 27 & Oct. 10-Nov. 3 & Dec. 25-Jan. 15	15 15 15	30 30 30
South Zone			
	Sept. 5-Sept. 13 & Oct. 10-Nov. 4 & Dec. 12-Jan. 15	15 15 15	30 30 30
<u>North Carolina</u>			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 5	15	30
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 6-Oct. 10 & Nov. 23-Nov. 28 & Dec. 19-Jan. 15	15 15 15	30 30 30
<u>Ohio (1)</u>			
	Sept. 1-Oct. 25 & Dec. 7-Dec. 21	15 15	30 30
<u>Pennsylvania (1)</u>			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 1-Sept. 26 &	15	30
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Oct. 24-Nov. 28 & Dec. 26-Jan. 2	15 15	30 30
<u>Rhode Island</u>			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 19-Oct. 3	12	24
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Oct. 17-Nov. 15 & Dec. 24-Jan. 7	12 12	24 24
<u>South Carolina</u>			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 5-Sept. 7	15	30
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 8-Oct. 10 & Nov. 21-Nov. 28 & Dec. 21-Jan. 15	15 15 15	30 30 30



	Season Dates	Bag	Limits Possession
<u>Tennessee</u>			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 1 only	15	30
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 2-Sept. 26 & Oct. 10-Oct. 25 & Dec. 19-Jan. 15	15 15 15	30 30 30
<u>Virginia</u>			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 5-Sept. 26	15	30
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Oct. 7-Nov. 7 & Dec. 25-Jan. 9	15 15	30 30
<u>West Virginia</u>			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 1 only	15	30
½ hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 2-Oct. 10 & Oct. 26-Nov. 11 & Dec. 21-Jan. 2	15 15 15	30 30 30
<u>Wisconsin</u>			
	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
<u>CENTRAL MANAGEMENT UNIT</u>			
<u>Arkansas (1)</u>			
	Sept. 5-Oct. 18 & Dec. 5-Dec. 30	15 15	30 30
<u>Colorado (1)</u>			
	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
<u>Kansas (1)</u>			
	Sept. 1-Oct. 31 & Nov. 7-Nov. 15	15 15	30 30
<u>Minnesota</u>			
	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
<u>Missouri (1)</u>			
	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
<u>Montana</u>			
	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
<u>Nebraska (1)</u>			
	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
<u>New Mexico (1)</u>			
North Zone	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
South Zone	Sept. 1-Oct. 9 & Dec. 1-Dec. 31	15 15	30 30
<u>North Dakota</u>			
	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<u>Oklahoma (1)</u>			
North Zone	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
Southwest Zone	Sept. 1-Oct. 31 & Dec. 26-Jan. 3	15 15	30 30
<u>South Dakota</u>	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
<u>Texas (3)</u>			
North Zone	Sept. 1-Oct. 25 & Dec. 26-Jan. 9	15 15	30 30
Central Zone	Sept. 1-Oct. 25 & Dec. 26-Jan. 9	15 15	30 30
South Zone			
Special Area	Sept. 18-Nov. 3 & Dec. 26-Jan. 13	15 15	30 30
(Special Season)			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 5-Sept. 6 & Sept. 12-Sept. 13	15 15	30 30
Remainder of the South Zone	Sept. 18-Nov. 3 & Dec. 26-Jan. 17	15 15	30 30
<u>Wyoming</u>	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
<u>WESTERN MANAGEMENT UNIT</u>			
<u>Arizona (4)</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 15 & Nov. 20-Jan. 3	10 10	20 20
<u>California (5)</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 15 & Nov. 7-Dec. 21	10 10	20 20
<u>Idaho</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	10	20
<u>Nevada (5)</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	10	20
<u>Oregon</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	10	20
<u>Utah (5)</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	10	20
<u>Washington</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	10	20
<u>OTHER POPULATIONS</u>			
<u>Hawaii (6)</u>	Nov. 7-Nov. 28 & Dec. 5-Dec. 27 & Jan. 1-Jan. 18	10 10 10	10 10 10

- (1) The daily bag limit is for mourning and white-winged doves in the aggregate.
- (2) In Illinois, shooting hours are sunrise to sunset.
- (3) In Texas, the daily bag limit is either 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 70-day season. Possession limits are twice 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 4 may be mourning doves and 2 may be white-tipped doves. Possession limits are twice the daily bag limit.
- (4) In Arizona, during September 1 through 15, the daily bag limit is 10 mourning and white-winged doves in the aggregate, of which no more than 6 may be white-wing doves. During November 20 through January 3, the daily bag limit is 10 mourning doves. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit. See State regulations for restrictive shooting hours in certain areas.
- (5) In Utah and the areas of California and Nevada open to white-winged dove hunting, the daily bag limit is 10 and the possession limit is 20 mourning and white-winged doves in the aggregate.
- (6) In Hawaii, the season is only open on the island of Hawaii. The daily bag and possession limits are 10 mourning doves, spotted doves and chestnut-bellied sandgrouse in the aggregate. Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise through one-half hour after sunset. Hunting is permitted only on weekends and State holidays.

(b) Band-tailed Pigeons

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<u>Arizona</u> (1)	Sept. 11-Oct. 4	5	10
<u>California</u>			
North Zone	Sept. 19-Sept. 27	2	4
South Zone	Dec. 19-Dec. 27	2	4
<u>Colorado</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	5	10
<u>New Mexico</u> (2)			
North Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 20	5	10
South Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 20	5	10
<u>Oregon</u>	Sept. 15-Sept. 23	2	4
<u>Utah</u> (3)	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	5	10
<u>Washington</u>	Sept. 15-Sept. 23	2	4

- (1) See State regulations for additional information and restrictions.
- (2) In New Mexico, each band-tailed pigeon hunter must have a band-tailed pigeon hunting permit issued by the State.

(3) In Utah, each band-tailed pigeon hunter must have either a band-tailed pigeon hunting permit or a special bird permit stamp 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 common 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 July 24, 2009 Federal Register (74 FR 36870).

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

Note: States with deferred seasons may select those seasons at the same time they select waterfowl seasons in August. Consult late-season regulations for further information.

	Sora and Virginia Rails	Clapper and King Rails	Woodcock	Common Snipe
Daily bag limit	25 (1)	15 (2)	3	8
Possession limit	25 (1)	30 (2)	6	16

**ATLANTIC FLYWAY**

<u>Connecticut</u> (3)	Sept. 1-Sept. 4 & Sept. 8-Nov. 12	Sept. 1-Sept. 4 & Sept. 8-Nov. 12	Oct. 30-Nov. 28	Oct. 30-Nov. 28
<u>Delaware</u>	Sept. 4-Nov. 12	Sept. 4-Nov. 12	Nov. 23-Dec. 12 & Dec. 24-Jan. 2	Nov. 23-Dec. 12 & Dec. 24-Jan. 2
<u>Florida</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Dec. 19-Jan. 17	Nov. 1-Feb. 15
<u>Georgia</u>	Sept. 19-Oct. 21 & Oct. 31-Dec. 6	Sept. 19-Oct. 21 & Oct. 31-Dec. 6	Dec. 19-Jan. 17	Nov. 15-Feb. 28
<u>Maine</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 1-Oct. 24 & Oct. 26-Oct. 31	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>Maryland</u> (4)	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Nov. 7-Nov. 27 & Jan. 15-Jan. 23	Sept. 30-Nov. 27 & Dec. 14-Jan. 30
<u>Massachusetts</u> (5)	Sept. 1-Nov. 7	Closed	Deferred	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>New Hampshire</u>	Closed	Closed	Oct. 6-Nov. 4	Sept. 15-Nov. 4
<u>New Jersey</u> (6)				
North Zone	Sept. 1-Nov. 8	Sept. 1-Nov. 8	Oct. 15-Nov. 7	Sept. 18-Jan. 2
South Zone	Sept. 1-Nov. 8	Sept. 1-Nov. 8	Nov. 7-Nov. 28 & Jan. 1-Jan. 2	Sept. 18-Jan. 2

	Sora and Virginia Rails	Clapper and King Rails	Woodcock	Common Snipe
<u>New York</u> (7)	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 6-Nov. 4	Sept. 1-Nov. 9
<u>North Carolina</u>	Sept. 5-Nov. 13	Sept. 5-Nov. 13	Jan. 1-Jan. 30	Nov. 13-Feb. 27
<u>Pennsylvania</u> (8)	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 17-Nov. 14	Oct. 17-Nov. 28
<u>Rhode Island</u> (9)	Sept. 5-Nov. 13	Sept. 5-Nov. 13	Nov. 1-Nov. 30	Sept. 5-Nov. 13
<u>South Carolina</u>	Sept. 18-Sept. 23 & Oct. 5-Dec. 7	Sept. 18-Sept. 23 & Oct. 5-Dec. 7	Jan. 2-Jan. 31	Nov. 14-Feb. 28
<u>Vermont</u>	Closed	Closed	Deferred	Deferred
<u>Virginia</u>	Sept. 8-Oct. 3 & Oct. 5-Nov. 17	Sept. 8-Oct. 3 & Oct. 5-Nov. 17	Nov. 7-Nov. 21 & Dec. 26-Jan. 9	Oct. 8-Oct. 12 & Oct. 21-Jan. 30
<u>West Virginia</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 7	Closed	Oct. 23-Nov. 21	Sept. 1-Dec. 12
<u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u>				
<u>Alabama</u> (10)	Nov. 27-Jan. 31	Nov. 27-Jan. 31	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	Nov. 14-Feb. 28
<u>Arkansas</u>	Sept. 12-Nov. 20	Closed	Nov. 7-Dec. 21	Nov. 1-Feb. 15
<u>Illinois</u> (11)	Sept. 5-Nov. 13	Closed	Oct. 17-Nov. 30	Sept. 5-Dec. 20
<u>Indiana</u> (12)	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 15-Nov. 28	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>Iowa</u> (13)	Sept. 5-Nov. 13	Closed	Oct. 3-Nov. 16	Sept. 5-Nov. 30
<u>Kentucky</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 17-Nov. 30	Sept. 16-Nov. 1 & Nov. 26-Jan. 24
<u>Louisiana</u> (14)	Sept. 12-Sept. 27	Sept. 12-Sept. 27	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	Deferred
<u>Michigan</u> (15)	Sept. 15-Nov. 14	Closed	Sept. 19-Nov. 2	Sept. 15-Nov. 14
<u>Minnesota</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 4	Closed	Sept. 19-Nov. 2	Sept. 1-Nov. 4
<u>Mississippi</u>	Sept. 26-Dec. 4	Sept. 26-Dec. 4	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	Nov. 14-Feb. 28
<u>Missouri</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 15-Nov. 28	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>Ohio</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 10-Nov. 23	Sept. 1-Nov. 29 & Dec. 7-Dec. 23
<u>Tennessee</u>	Deferred	Closed	Oct. 24-Dec. 7	Nov. 14-Feb. 28
<u>Wisconsin</u>	Deferred	Closed	Sept. 19-Nov. 2	Deferred

	Sora and Virginia Rails	Clapper and King Rails	Woodcock	Common Snipe
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>				
<u>Colorado</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>Kansas</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 17-Nov. 30	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>Montana</u>	Closed	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>Nebraska (16)</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Sept. 19-Nov. 2	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>New Mexico (16)</u>	Sept. 19-Nov. 27	Closed	Closed	Oct. 17-Jan. 31
<u>North Dakota</u>	Closed	Closed	Sept. 19-Nov. 2	Sept. 19-Dec. 6
<u>Oklahoma</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Nov. 1-Dec. 15	Oct. 1-Jan. 15
<u>South Dakota (17)</u>	Closed	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Oct. 31
<u>Texas</u>	Sept. 12-Sept. 27 & Oct. 31-Dec. 23	Sept. 12-Sept. 27 & Oct. 31-Dec. 23	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	Oct. 31-Feb. 14
<u>Wyoming</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u>				
<u>Arizona</u>	Closed	Closed	Closed	Deferred
<u>California</u>	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 17-Jan. 31
<u>Colorado</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>Idaho:</u>				
Area 1	Closed	Closed	Closed	Deferred
Area 2	Closed	Closed	Closed	Deferred
<u>Montana</u>	Closed	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>Nevada</u>	Closed	Closed	Closed	Deferred
<u>New Mexico (16)</u>	Sept. 19-Nov. 27	Closed	Closed	Oct. 17-Jan. 31
<u>Oregon</u>	Closed	Closed	Closed	Deferred
<u>Utah</u>	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 3-Jan. 16
<u>Washington</u>	Closed	Closed	Closed	Deferred
<u>Wyoming</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16

- (1) The bag and possession limits for sora and Virginia rails apply singly or in the aggregate of these species.
- (2) All bag and possession limits for clapper and king rails apply singly or in the aggregate of the two species and, unless otherwise specified, the limits are in addition to the limits on sora and Virginia rails in all States. In Delaware, the limits for clapper and king rails are 10 daily and 20 in possession. In Connecticut and Maryland, the limits for clapper and king rails are 10 daily and 10 in possession.
- (3) In Connecticut, the daily bag and possession limits may not contain more than 1 king rail. The common snipe daily bag and possession limits are 3 and 6, respectively.
- (4) In Maryland, no more than 1 king rail may be taken per day.
- (5) In Massachusetts, the sora rail limits are 5 daily and 5 in possession; the Virginia rail limits are 10 daily and 10 in possession.
- (6) In New Jersey, the season for king rails is closed by State regulation.
- (7) In New York, the rail daily bag and possession limits are 8 and 16, respectively. Seasons for sora and Virginia rails and common snipe are closed on Long Island.
- (8) In Pennsylvania, the daily bag and possession limits for rails are 3 and 6, respectively.
- (9) In Rhode Island, the sora and Virginia rails limits are 3 daily and 6 in possession, singly or in the aggregate; the clapper and king rail limits are 1 daily and 2 in possession, singly or in the aggregate; the common snipe limits are 5 daily and 10 in possession.
- (10) In Alabama, the rail limits are 15 daily and 15 in possession, singly or in the aggregate.
- (11) In Illinois, shooting hours are from sunrise to sunset.
- (12) In Indiana, the sora rail limits are 25 daily and 25 in possession. The season on Virginia rails is closed.
- (13) In Iowa, the limits for sora and Virginia rails are 12 daily and 24 in possession.
- (14) Additional days occurring after September 30 will be published with the late season selections.
- (15) In Michigan, the aggregate limits for sora and Virginia rails are 8 daily and 16 in possession.
- (16) In Nebraska and New Mexico, the rail limits are 10 daily and 20 in possession.
- (17) In South Dakota, the snipe limits are 5 daily and 15 in possession.

6. Section 20.105 is amended by revising paragraphs (a) through (f) 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 July 24, 2009 Federal Register (74 FR 36870).

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

Note: States with deferred seasons may select those seasons at the same time they select waterfowl seasons in August. Consult late-seasons regulations for further information.

(a) Common Moorhens and Purple Gallinules

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Delaware</u>	Sept. 4-Nov. 12	15	30
<u>Florida</u> (1)	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
<u>Georgia</u>	Deferred	--	-
<u>New Jersey</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 8	10	20
<u>New York</u>			
Long Island	Closed	--	-
Remainder of State	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	8	16
<u>North Carolina</u>	Sept. 5-Nov. 13	15	30
<u>Pennsylvania</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	3	6
<u>South Carolina</u>	Sept. 18-Sept. 23 & Oct. 5-Dec. 7	15 15	30 30
<u>Virginia</u>	Deferred	--	-
<u>West Virginia</u>	Deferred	--	-
<u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Alabama</u>	Nov. 27-Jan. 31	15	15
<u>Arkansas</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
<u>Kentucky</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
<u>Louisiana</u> (2)	Sept. 12-Sept. 27	15	30
<u>Michigan</u>	Deferred	--	--
<u>Minnesota</u>	Deferred	--	--
<u>Mississippi</u>	Sept. 26-Dec. 4	15	30
<u>Ohio</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
<u>Tennessee</u>	Deferred	--	--
<u>Wisconsin</u>	Deferred	--	-



	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>			
<u>New Mexico</u>			
Zone 1	Oct. 3-Dec. 11	1	2
Zone 2	Oct. 3-Dec. 11	1	2
<u>Oklahoma</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
<u>Texas</u>	Sept. 12-Sept. 27 & Oct. 31-Dec. 23	15 15	30 30
<u>Wyoming</u>	Deferred	--	-
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u>			
All States	Deferred	--	-

(1) The season applies to common moorhens only.

(2) Additional days occurring after September 30 will be published with the late season selections.

(b) Sea Ducks (scoter, eider, and long-tailed ducks in Atlantic Flyway).

Within the special sea duck areas, the daily bag limit is 7 scoter, eider, and long-tailed ducks, singly or in the aggregate, of which no more than 4 may be scoters. Possession limits are twice the daily bag limit. These limits may be in addition to regular duck bag limits only during the regular duck season in the special sea duck hunting areas.

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<u>Connecticut</u> (1)	Sept. 22-Jan. 23	5	10
<u>Delaware</u>	Sept. 22-Jan. 23	7	14
<u>Georgia</u>	Deferred	--	--
<u>Maine</u> (2)	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	7	14
<u>Maryland</u>	Deferred	--	--
<u>Massachusetts</u>	Deferred	--	--
<u>New Hampshire</u> (3)	Oct. 1-Jan. 15	7	14
<u>New Jersey</u>	Sept. 24-Jan. 26	7	14

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<u>New York</u>	Oct. 17-Jan. 31	7	14
<u>North Carolina</u>	Deferred	--	-
<u>Rhode Island</u>	Oct. 10-Jan. 24	5	10
<u>South Carolina</u>	Deferred	--	--
<u>Virginia</u>	Deferred	--	-

NOTE: Notwithstanding the provisions of this Part 20, the shooting of crippled waterfowl from a motorboat under power will be permitted in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Delaware, Virginia and Maryland in those areas described, delineated, and designated in their respective hunting regulations as special sea duck hunting areas.

(1) In Connecticut, the daily bag limit may include no more than 4 long-tailed ducks.

(2) In Maine, the daily bag limit for eiders is 4, and the possession limit is 8.

(3) In New Hampshire, the daily bag limit may include no more than 4 eiders, or 4 long-tailed ducks.

(c) Early (September) Duck Seasons.

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

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Delaware</u> (1)	Sept. 2-Sept. 19	4	8
<u>Florida</u> (2)	Sept. 26-Sept. 30	4	8
<u>Georgia</u>	Sept. 12-Sept. 27	4	8
<u>Maryland</u> (1)(3)	Sept. 16-Sept. 30	4	8
<u>North Carolina</u> (1)	Sept. 12-Sept. 30	4	8
<u>South Carolina</u> (3)	Sept. 15-Sept. 30	4	8
<u>Virginia</u> (1)	Sept. 21-Sept. 30	4	8
<u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Alabama</u>	Sept. 5-Sept. 20	4	8
<u>Arkansas</u> (3)	Sept. 12-Sept. 27	4	8

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<u>Illinois</u> (3)	Sept. 5-Sept. 20	4	8
<u>Indiana</u> (3)	Sept. 5-Sept. 20	4	8
<u>Iowa</u> (4)			
North Zone	Sept. 19-Sept. 23	--	--
South Zone	Sept. 19-Sept. 23	--	--
<u>Kentucky</u> (2)	Sept. 16-Sept. 20	4	8
<u>Louisiana</u>	Sept. 12-Sept. 27	4	8
<u>Mississippi</u>	Sept. 12-Sept. 27	4	8
<u>Missouri</u> (3)	Sept. 12-Sept. 27	4	8
<u>Ohio</u> (3)	Sept. 5-Sept. 20	4	8
<u>Tennessee</u> (2)	Sept. 12-Sept. 16	4	8
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Colorado</u> (1)	Sept. 12-Sept. 20	4	8
<u>Kansas</u>			
Low Plains	Sept. 19-Sept. 26	4	8
High Plains	Sept. 12-Sept. 27	4	8
<u>Nebraska</u> (1)			
Low Plains	Sept. 5-Sept. 20	4	8
High Plains	Sept. 5-Sept. 13	4	8
<u>New Mexico</u>	Sept. 19-Sept. 27	4	8
<u>Oklahoma</u>	Sept. 12-Sept. 27	4	8
<u>Texas</u>			
High Plains	Sept. 12-Sept. 27	4	8
Rest of State	Sept. 12-Sept. 27	4	8

(1) Area restrictions. See State regulations.

(2) In Florida, Kentucky, and Tennessee, the daily bag limit is 4 wood ducks and teal in the aggregate, of which no more than 2 may be wood ducks. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

(3) Shooting hours are from sunrise to sunset.

(4) In Iowa, the September season is part of the regular season, and limits will conform to those set for the regular season.

(d) Special Early Canada Goose Seasons.

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Connecticut (1)</u>			
North Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 4 & Sept. 8-Sept. 30	15	30
South Zone	Sept. 15-Sept. 30	15	30
<u>Delaware</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	15	30
<u>Florida</u>	Sept. 5-Sept. 30	5	10
<u>Georgia</u>	Sept. 5-Sept. 27	5	10
<u>Maine</u>			
Northern Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	6	12
Southern Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	8	16
<u>Maryland (1)(2)</u>			
Eastern Unit	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	8	16
Western Unit	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	8	16
<u>Massachusetts</u>			
Central Zone	Sept. 8-Sept. 25	7	14
Coastal Zone	Sept. 8-Sept. 25	7	14
Western Zone	Sept. 8-Sept. 25	7	14
<u>New Hampshire</u>	Sept. 8-Sept. 25	5	10
<u>New Jersey (1)(2)(3)</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	15	30
<u>New York</u>			
Lake Champlain Zone	Sept. 8-Sept. 25	5	10
Northeastern Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	8	16
Western Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	8	16
Southeastern Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	8	16
Long Island Zone	Sept. 8-Sept. 30	8	16
<u>North Carolina (4)(5)</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	15	30
<u>Pennsylvania (1)</u>			
SJBP Zone (6)	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	3	6
Rest of State (7)	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	8	16
<u>Rhode Island</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	15	30
<u>South Carolina</u>			
Early-Season Hunt Unit	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	15	30

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<u>Vermont</u>			
Lake Champlain Zone (8)	Sept. 8-Sept. 25	5	10
Interior Vermont Zone	Sept. 8-Sept. 25	5	10
Connecticut River Zone (9)	Sept. 8-Sept. 25	5	10
<u>Virginia</u> (10)	Sept. 1-Sept. 25	10	20
<u>West Virginia</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 19	5	10
<u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Alabama</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	10
<u>Arkansas</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	10
<u>Illinois</u>			
Northeast Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	10
North Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	10
Central Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	10
South Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	2	4
<u>Indiana</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	10
<u>Iowa</u>			
South Goose Zone			
Des Moines Goose Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	10
Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Goose Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	10
Remainder of South Zone	Closed		
North Goose Zone			
Cedar Falls/Waterloo Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	10
Remainder of North Zone	Closed		
<u>Kentucky</u> (11)	Sept. 5-Sept. 13	2	4
<u>Michigan</u>			
Upper Peninsula	Sept. 1-Sept. 10	5	10
Lower Peninsula:			
Huron, Saginaw, and Tuscola Counties	Sept. 1-Sept. 10	5	10
Remainder	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	10
<u>Minnesota</u>			
Twin Cities Metro Zone	Sept. 5-Sept. 22	5	10
Southeast Goose Zone	Sept. 5-Sept. 22	5	10
Five Goose Zone	Sept. 5-Sept. 22	5	10
Northwest Goose Zone	Sept. 5-Sept. 22	5	10
<u>Mississippi</u> (12)	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	10
<u>Ohio</u> (11)	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	4	8

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<u>Tennessee</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	10
<u>Wisconsin</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	10
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Nebraska</u> (11)			
Sept. Canada Goose Unit	Sept. 5-Sept. 13	5	10
<u>North Dakota</u>			
Missouri River Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 7	5	10
Remainder of State	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	10
<u>Oklahoma</u>	Sept. 12-Sept. 21	5	10
<u>South Dakota</u> (11)	Sept. 5-Sept. 30	5	10
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Colorado:</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 9	3	6
<u>Oregon:</u>			
Northwest Zone	Sept. 5-Sept. 14	5	10
Southwest Zone (13)	Sept. 5-Sept. 14	5	10
East Zone (13)	Sept. 5-Sept. 14	5	10
<u>Washington:</u>			
Mgmt. Area 2B	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	10
Mgmt. Areas 1 & 3	Sept. 10-Sept. 15	5	10
Mgmt. Area 4 & 5	Closed	--	--
Mgmt. Area 2A	Sept. 10-Sept. 15	3	6
<u>Wyoming</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 8	2	4

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

(2) The use of shotguns capable of holding more than 3 shotshells is allowed.

(3) The use of electronic calls is allowed.

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

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

(6) In Pennsylvania, in the area south of SR 198 from the Ohio state line to intersection of SR 18, SR 18 south to SR 618, SR 618 south to US Route 6, US Route 6 east to US Route 322/SR 18, US Route 322/SR 18 west to intersection of SR 3013, SR 3013 south to the Crawford/Mercer County line, not including the Pymatuning State Park Reservoir and an area to extend 100 yards inland from the shoreline of the reservoir, excluding the area east of SR 3011 (Hartstown Road), the daily bag limit is one goose. The season is closed on State Game Lands 214.

(7) In Pennsylvania, in the area of Lancaster and Lebanon Counties north of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, 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 1 goose with a possession limit of 2 geese. On State Game Lands No. 46 (Middle Creek Wildlife Mgmt Area), the season is closed.

(8) In Vermont, in Addison County north of Route 125, the daily bag and possession limit is 2 and 4, respectively.

(9) In Vermont, the Connecticut River Zone, set by New Hampshire, is the same as the New Hampshire Inland Zone.

(10) In Virginia, shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset from September 1 to September 19, and one-half hour before sunrise to sunset from September 21 to September 25 in the area east of I-95 where the September teal season is open. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset from September 1 to September 25 in the area west of I-95.

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

(12) In Mississippi, the season is closed on Roebuck Lake in Leflore County.

(13) In Oregon, the season is closed in the Southcoast Zone and the Klamath County Zone.

(e) Regular Goose Seasons.

Note: Bag and possession limits will conform to those set for the regular season.

Season Dates

MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY

Michigan (1)

Canada:

North Zone	Sept. 16-Oct. 30
Middle Zone	Deferred
South Zone	Deferred
White-fronted and Brant	Deferred
Light geese	Deferred

Wisconsin

Horicon Zone	Sept. 16-Sept. 30
Collins Zone	Sept. 16-Sept. 30
Exterior Zone	Sept. 19-Sept. 30

(1) In Michigan, season dates for the Muskegon Wastewater, Saginaw County, Allegan County, and Tuscola/Huron Goose Management Units in the South Zone will be established in the late-season regulatory process.

(f) Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days

The following seasons are open only to youth hunters. Youth hunters must be accompanied into the field by an adult at least 18 years of age. This adult cannot duck hunt but may participate in other open seasons.

Definitions

**Youth Hunters:** Includes youths 15 years of age or younger.

**The 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.

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

**The Central Flyway:** Includes Colorado (east of the Continental Divide), Kansas, Montana (Blaine, Carbon, Fergus, Judith Basin, Stillwater, Sweetgrass, Wheatland, 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).

**The Pacific Flyway:** Includes 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).

**Note:** Bag and possession limits will conform to those set for the regular season unless there is a special season already open (e.g., September Canada goose season), in which case, that season's daily bag limit will prevail.

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Season Dates

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ATLANTIC FLYWAY

Connecticut

Ducks, mergansers, coots, and geese

Oct. 10 & 12

Delaware

Ducks, geese, brant, mergansers, and coots

Oct. 17

Florida

Deferred

Georgia

Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules

Nov. 14 & 15

Maine

Ducks, mergansers, and coots

Sept. 26

Maryland (1)

Ducks, mergansers, coots, and Canada geese

Deferred

Massachusetts

Deferred

New Hampshire

Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots

Sept. 26 & 27

New Jersey

Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules

North Zone

Oct. 3

South Zone

Nov. 6 & 7

Coastal Zone

Oct. 31



Season Dates

New York (2)

Ducks, mergansers, coots, brant, and Canada geese (2)	
Long Island Zone	Nov. 7 & 8
Lake Champlain Zone	Sept. 26 & 27
Northeastern Zone	Sept. 19 & 20
Southeastern Zone	Sept. 19 & 20
Western Zone	Oct. 11 & 12

North Carolina

Deferred

Pennsylvania

Ducks, mergansers, Canada geese, coots, and moorhens	Sept. 19
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Rhode Island

Ducks, mergansers and coots	Oct. 24 & 25
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South Carolina

Deferred

Vermont

Ducks, geese, mergansers and coots	Sept. 26 & 27
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Virginia

Deferred

West Virginia (3)

Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	Sept. 26
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MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY

Alabama

Ducks, mergansers, coots, geese, moorhens, and gallinules	Feb. 6 & 7
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Arkansas

Deferred

Illinois

Deferred

Indiana

Deferred

Iowa

Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	
North Zone	Oct. 3 & 4
South Zone	Oct. 3 & 4

Kentucky

Deferred

Louisiana

Deferred

Michigan

Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	Sept. 19 & 20
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	Season Dates
<u>Minnesota</u>	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	Sept. 19
<u>Mississippi</u>	Deferred
<u>Missouri</u>	Deferred
<u>Ohio</u>	Deferred
<u>Tennessee</u>	Deferred
<u>Wisconsin</u>	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	Sept. 19 & 20
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>	
<u>Colorado</u>	
Ducks, dark geese, mergansers, and coots	
Mountain/Foothills Zone	Sept. 26 & 27
Eastern Plains Zone	Sept. 26 & 27
<u>Kansas (4)</u>	Deferred
<u>Montana</u>	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 26 & 27
<u>Nebraska (5)</u>	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 26 & 27
<u>New Mexico</u>	
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and moorhens	
North Zone	Oct. 3 & 4
South Zone	Oct. 17 & 18
<u>North Dakota</u>	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 19 & 20
<u>Oklahoma</u>	Deferred
<u>South Dakota (6)</u>	
Ducks, Canada geese, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 19 & 20
<u>Texas</u>	Deferred
<u>Wyoming</u>	
Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	
Zone 1	Sept. 26 & 27
Zone 2	Sept. 19 & 20

Season Dates

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PACIFIC FLYWAY

Arizona

Deferred

California

Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules

Northeastern Zone

Sept. 26 & 27

Colorado River Zone

Deferred

Southern Zone

Deferred

Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone

Deferred

Balance-of-State Zone

Deferred

Colorado

Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots

Oct. 17 & 18

Idaho

Ducks, Canada geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules

Sept. 26 & 27

Montana

Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots

Sept. 26 & 27

Nevada

Deferred

New Mexico

Ducks, mergansers, moorhens, and coots

Oct. 10 & 11

Oregon (7)

Ducks, Canada geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules

Sept. 26 & 27

Utah

Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules

Sept. 19

Washington

Ducks, Canada geese, mergansers, and coots

Sept. 26 & 27

Wyoming

Ducks, dark geese, mergansers, and coots

Sept. 19 & 20

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(1) In Maryland, the accompanying adult must be at least 21 years of age and possess a valid Maryland hunting license (or be exempt from the license requirement). This accompanying adult may not shoot or possess a firearm.

(2) In New York, the daily bag limit for Canada geese is 2.

(3) In West Virginia, the accompanying adult must be at least 21 years of age.

(4) In Kansas, the adult accompanying the youth must possess any licenses and/or stamps required by law for that individual to hunt waterfowl.

(5) In Nebraska, see State regulations for additional information on the daily bag limit.

(6) In South Dakota, the limit for Canada geese is 3, except in areas where the Special Early Canada goose season is open. In those areas, the limit is the same as for that special season.

(7) In Oregon, the Canada goose season is closed for the youth hunt in the Northwest Special Permit Goose Zone and the Northwest General Zone.

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 July 24, 2009 Federal Register (74 FR 36870).

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

Note: States with deferred seasons may select those seasons at the same time they select waterfowl seasons in August. Consult late-season regulations for further information.

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<b><u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u></b>			
<u>Colorado</u> (1)	Oct. 3-Nov. 29	3	6
<u>Kansas</u> (1)(2)(3)	Nov. 11-Jan. 7	3	6
<u>Montana</u>			
Regular Season Area (1)	Sept. 26-Nov. 22	3	6
Special Season Area (4)	Sept. 5-Sept. 20	2 per season	
<u>New Mexico</u>			
Regular Season Area (1)	Oct. 31-Jan. 31	3	6
Middle Rio Grande Valley Area (4)(5)			
	Oct. 31-Nov. 1 &	3	6
	Nov. 14 &	3	6
	Nov. 21-Nov. 22 &	3	6
	Dec. 5-Dec. 6 &	3	6
	Jan. 9-Jan. 10	3	6
Southwest Area (4)	Oct. 31-Nov. 8 &	3	6
	Jan. 2-Jan. 3	3	6
Estancia Valley (4)	Oct. 31-Nov. 8	3	6

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits	
				Possession
<u>North Dakota</u> (1)				
Area 1	Sept. 19-Nov. 15	3		6
Area 2	Sept. 19-Oct. 25	2		4
<u>Oklahoma</u> (1)				
	Deferred	--		-
<u>South Dakota</u> (1)				
	Sept. 26-Nov. 22	3		6
<u>Texas</u> (1)				
	Deferred	--		-
<u>Wyoming</u>				
Regular Season (Area 7) (1)	Sept. 19-Nov. 15	3		6
Riverton-Boysen Unit (Area 4) (4)	Sept. 19-Oct. 9		1 per season	
Big Horn and Park Counties (Area 6) (4)	Sept. 19-Oct. 4		1 per season	
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u>				
<u>Arizona</u> (4)				
	Nov. 13-Nov. 15 &		3 per season	
	Nov. 21-Nov. 23 &		3 per season	
	Nov. 25-Nov. 27 &		3 per season	
	Nov. 29-Dec. 1 &		3 per season	
	Dec. 3-Dec. 5 &		3 per season	
	Dec. 11-Dec. 13		3 per season	
<u>Idaho</u> (4)				
Area 1	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	2		9 per season
Areas 2-5	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	2		9 per season
<u>Montana</u>				
Special Season Area (4)	Sept. 5-Sept. 20		2 per season	
<u>Utah</u> (4)				
Rich County	Sept. 5-Sept. 13		1 per season	
Cache County	Sept. 5-Sept. 13		1 per season	
Eastern Box Elder County	Sept. 5-Sept. 13		1 per season	
Uintah County	Sept. 19-Sept. 27		1 per season	
<u>Wyoming</u> (4)				
Bear River Area (Area 1)	Sept. 1-Sept. 8		1 per season	
Salt River Area (Area 2)	Sept. 1-Sept. 8		1 per season	
Eden-Farson Area (Area 3)	Sept. 1-Sept. 8		1 per season	
Uinta County (Area 5)	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 Survey Program (HIP) certification for game bird hunting in their possession while hunting.

(2) In Kansas, shooting hours are from one-half hour after sunrise until 2:00 p.m through November 30, and from sunrise until 2:00 p.m. December 1 through the close of the season.

(3) In Kansas, each person desiring to hunt sandhill cranes in Kansas is required to pass an annual, on-line 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, the season is only open for youth hunters on November 14. See State regulations for further details.

8. 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 noted. Area descriptions were published in the July 24, 2009 Federal Register (74 FR 36870). For those extended seasons for ducks, mergansers, and coots, area descriptions were published in an August 13, 2009 Federal Register (74 FR 41008) and will be published again in a late-September 2009 Federal Register.

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

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Daily bag limit . . . . . 3 migratory birds, singly or in the aggregate.

Possession limit . . . . . 6 migratory birds, singly or in the aggregate.

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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. Unless otherwise specified, extended falconry for ducks does not include sea ducks within the special sea duck areas. Only extended falconry seasons are shown below. Many States permit falconry during the gun seasons. Please consult State regulations for details.

For ducks, mergansers, coots, geese, and some moorhen seasons; additional season days occurring after September 30 will be published with the late-season selections. Some States have deferred selections. Consult late-season regulations for further information.

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Extended Falconry Dates

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ATLANTIC FLYWAY

Delaware

Mourning doves	Sept. 28-Oct. 17 & Jan. 21-Feb. 6
Rail	Nov. 13-Dec. 19
Woodcock	Sept. 28-Oct. 8 & Jan. 4-Mar. 10
Snipe	Sept. 28-Oct. 8 & Jan. 4-Mar. 10

Florida

Doves	Oct. 27-Nov. 13 & Nov. 30-Dec. 11 & Jan. 11-Jan. 17
Rails	Nov. 10-Dec. 16
Woodcock	Nov. 24-Dec. 18 & Jan. 18-Mar. 10
Common moorhens	Nov. 10-Dec. 14

Georgia

Moorhens, gallinules, and sea ducks	Nov. 30-Dec. 11 & Feb. 1-Feb. 12
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Maryland

Doves	Oct. 11-Oct. 31 & Jan. 3- Jan. 18
Rails	Nov. 10-Dec. 16
Woodcock	Oct. 1-Oct. 31 & Jan. 24-Mar. 10

North Carolina

Mourning doves	Oct. 17-Nov. 21
Rails	Nov. 21-Dec. 26
Woodcock	Nov. 14-Dec. 31 & Feb. 1-Feb. 27

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**Extended Falconry Dates**

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North Carolina (cont.)

Common moorhens Nov. 21-Dec. 26

Pennsylvania

Doves Sept. 28-Oct. 23 &  
Nov. 30-Dec. 10

Rails Nov. 10-Dec. 16

Woodcock Sept. 1-Oct. 16 &  
Nov. 16-Dec. 17

Snipe Sept. 1-Oct. 16 &  
Nov. 30-Dec. 17

Moorhens and gallinules Nov. 10-Dec. 16

Virginia

Mourning Doves Sept. 27-Oct. 6 &  
Nov. 28-Dec. 24

Woodcock Oct. 16-Nov. 6 &  
Nov. 22-Dec. 25 &  
Jan. 10-Jan. 30

Rails Nov. 18-Dec. 23

MISSISSIPPI FLYWAYIllinois

Doves Nov. 1-Nov. 6 &  
Nov. 16-Dec. 16

Rails Sept. 1-Sept. 4 &  
Nov. 14-Dec. 16

Woodcock Sept. 1-Oct. 16 &  
Dec. 1-Dec. 16

Indiana

Doves Oct. 19-Nov. 5 &  
Jan. 1-Jan. 19

Woodcock Sept. 20-Oct. 14 &  
Nov. 29-Jan. 4



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Extended Falconry Dates

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Indiana (cont.)

Ducks, mergansers, and coots (1)  
North Zone

Sept. 27-Sept. 30

Louisiana

Doves

Sept. 21-Oct. 6

Woodcock

Oct. 28-Dec. 17 &  
Feb. 1-Feb. 11

Minnesota

Woodcock

Sept. 1-Sept. 18 &  
Nov. 3-Dec. 16

Rails and snipe

Nov. 5-Dec. 16

Missouri

Mourning and white-winged doves

Nov. 10-Dec. 16

Ohio

Ducks

Sept. 1-Sept. 16

Canada geese

Sept. 1-Sept. 15

Tennessee

Mourning doves

Sept. 27-Oct. 9 &  
Oct. 26-Nov. 18

Ducks (1)

Sept. 17-Oct. 22

Wisconsin

Rails, snipe, moorhens, and gallinules (1)

Sept. 1-Sept. 25

Woodcock

Sept. 1-Sept. 18

Ducks, mergansers, and coots

Sept. 19-Sept. 20

CENTRAL FLYWAY

Montana (2)

Ducks, mergansers, and coots (1)

Sept. 23-Sept. 30

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**Extended Falconry Dates**

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**Nebraska**

## Ducks, mergansers, and coots

High Plains

Sept. 5-Sept. 13 &amp;

Sept. 26-Sept. 27

Low Plains

Sept. 1-Sept. 30

**New Mexico**

## Doves

North Zone

Nov. 10-Nov. 12 &amp;

Nov. 28-Dec. 31

South Zone

Oct. 10-Nov. 12 &amp;

Nov. 28-Nov. 30

## Band-tailed pigeons

North Zone

Sept. 21-Dec. 16

South Zone

Oct. 21-Jan. 15

## Ducks and coots

Sept. 19-Sept. 27

## Sandhill cranes

Regular Season Area

Oct. 17-Oct. 30

Estancia Valley Area

Nov. 9-Dec. 29

## Common moorhens

Dec. 12-Jan. 17

## Sora and Virginia rails

Nov. 28-Jan. 3

**North Dakota**

## Ducks, mergansers, and coots

Sept. 7-Sept. 11 &amp;

Sept. 14-Sept. 18

## Snipe

Sept. 7-Sept. 11 &amp;

Sept. 14-Sept. 18

**South Dakota**

## Ducks, mergansers, and coots (1)

High Plains

Sept. 4-Sept. 11

Low Plains

North Zone

Sept. 4-Sept. 18 &amp;

Sept. 21-Sept. 25

Middle Zone

Sept. 4-Sept. 18 &amp;

Sept. 21-Sept. 25

South Zone

Sept. 4-Sept. 18 &amp;

Sept. 21-Sept. 30

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Extended Falconry Dates

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Texas

Doves	Nov. 19-Dec. 25
Rails and gallinules	Dec. 26-Jan. 31
Woodcock	Nov. 24-Dec. 17

Wyoming

Rails	Nov. 10-Dec. 16
Ducks, mergansers, and coots (1)	
Zone 1	Sept. 26-Sept. 27 & Oct. 21-Oct. 26
Zone 2	Sept. 19-Sept. 20 & Oct. 21-Oct. 28

PACIFIC FLYWAY

Arizona

Doves	Sept. 16-Nov. 1
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New Mexico

Doves	
North Zone	Nov. 10-Nov. 12 & Nov. 28-Dec. 31
South Zone	Oct. 10-Nov. 12 & Nov. 28-Dec. 31
Band-tailed pigeons	
North Zone	Sept. 21-Dec. 16
South Zone	Oct. 21-Jan. 15

Oregon

Mourning doves	Oct. 1-Dec. 16
Band-tailed pigeons (3)	Sept. 1-Sept. 14 & Sept. 24-Dec. 16

Utah

Doves and band-tailed pigeons	Oct. 1-Dec. 16
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Extended Falconry Dates

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Washington

Mourning doves

Oct. 1-Dec. 16

Wyoming

Rails

Nov. 10-Dec. 16

Ducks, mergansers,  
and coots (1)

Sept. 19-Sept. 20

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- (1) Additional days occurring after September 30 will be published with the late-season selections.
- (2) In Montana, the bag limit is 2 and the possession limit is 6.
- (3) In Oregon, no more than 1 pigeon daily in bag or possession.

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