

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

RIN 1018-AE14

Migratory Bird Hunting; Late Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits for Certain Migratory Game Birds**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.**ACTION:** Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule prescribes the hunting seasons, hours, areas, and daily bag and possession limits for general waterfowl seasons and those early seasons for which States previously deferred selection. Taking of migratory birds is prohibited unless specifically provided for by annual regulations. This rule permits the taking of designated species during the 1997–98 season.

DATE: This rule takes effect on September 30, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The public may inspect comments during normal business hours in room 634, Arlington Square Building, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Regulations Schedule for 1997**

On March 13, 1997, the Service published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 39712) a proposal to amend 50 CFR part 20. The proposal dealt with the establishment of seasons, limits, and other regulations for migratory game birds under §§ 20.101 through 20.107, 20.109, and 20.110 of subpart K. These regulations were proposed for certain designated members of the avian families Anatidae (ducks, geese, and swans), Columbidae (doves and pigeons), Gruidae (cranes), Rallidae (rails, coots, moorhens, and gallinules), and Scolopacidae (woodcock and snipe), designated as “migratory game birds” in conventions between the United States and several foreign nations for their protection and management. All other birds designated as migratory (under 10.13 of Subpart B of 50 CFR part 10) in the aforementioned conventions may not be hunted. On June 6, 1997, the Service published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 31298) a second document providing

supplemental proposals for early- and late-season migratory bird hunting regulations frameworks. The June 6 supplement also provided detailed information on the 1997–98 regulatory schedule and announced the Service Migratory Bird Regulations Committee and Flyway Council meetings.

On June 27, 1997, the Service held a public hearing in Washington, DC, as announced in the March 13 and June 6 **Federal Registers**, to review the status of migratory shore and upland game birds. The Service discussed hunting regulations for these species and for other early seasons. On July 23, 1997, the Service published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 39712) a fourth document specifically dealing with proposed early-season frameworks for the 1997–98 season.

On August 7, 1997, the Service held a public hearing in Washington, DC, as announced in the March 13, June 6, and July 23 **Federal Registers**, to review the status of waterfowl and discuss proposed hunting regulations for late seasons. On August 20, 1997, the Service published a fifth document containing 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 August 25, 1997, (62 FR 44229), the Service published a sixth document containing proposed frameworks for the 1997–98 late-season migratory bird hunting regulations. On August 29, 1997, the Service published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 46512) a seventh document consisting of a final rule amending subpart K of title 50 CFR part 20 to set hunting seasons, hours, areas, and limits for early seasons.

The Service published final late-season frameworks for migratory game bird hunting regulations, from which State wildlife conservation agency officials selected late-season hunting dates, hours, areas, and limits for 1997–98 in an eighth document in the September 26, 1997, **Federal Register**.

The final rule described here is the ninth and final in the series of proposed, supplemental, and final rulemaking documents for migratory game bird hunting regulations for 1997–98 and deals specifically with amending subpart K of 50 CFR part 20 to set hunting seasons, hours, areas, and limits for species subject to late-season regulations and those for early seasons that States previously deferred.

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 EPA on June 9, 1988. The Service published a Notice of Availability in the June 16, 1988, **Federal Register** (53 FR 22582). The Service published its Record of Decision on August 18, 1988 (53 FR 31341). Copies of these documents are available from the Service at the address indicated under the caption **ADDRESSES**.

Endangered Species Act Consideration

As in the past, the Service designs hunting regulations to remove or alleviate chances of conflict between migratory game bird hunting seasons and the protection and conservation of endangered and threatened species. Consultations were conducted to ensure that actions resulting from these regulatory proposals will 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 and may have modified some regulatory measures previously proposed. The final frameworks here reflect any such modifications. The Service’s biological opinions resulting from its Section 7 consultation are public documents available for public inspection in the Service’s Division of Endangered Species and Office of Migratory Bird Management, at the address indicated under the caption **ADDRESSES**.

Executive Order (E.O.) 12866

This rule is economically significant and was reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under E.O. 12866.

Congressional Review

In accordance with Section 251 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (5 U.S.C. 8), this rule has been submitted to Congress and has been declared major. Because this rule establishes hunting seasons, this rule qualifies for an exemption under 5 U.S.C. 808(1); therefore, the Department determines that this rule shall take effect immediately.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

These regulations have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.). In the March 13, 1997, **Federal Register**, the Service reported measures it took to comply with requirements of the Act. One measure was to prepare a

Small Entity Flexibility Analysis (Analysis) in 1996 documenting the significant beneficial economic effect on a substantial number of small entities. The Analysis estimated that migratory bird hunters would spend between \$254 and \$592 million at small businesses in 1996. Copies of the Analysis are available upon request from the MBMO.

Paperwork Reduction Act

The Department examined these regulations under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507(d)). Under the Act, information collections must be approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The Service uses the various information collection requirements contained in this rule to develop future migratory game bird hunting regulations. Specifically, the information collection requirements of the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program have been approved by OMB and assigned clearance number 1018-0015. This information is used to provide a sampling frame for voluntary national surveys to improve Service harvest estimates for all migratory game birds in order to better manage these populations. The information collection requirements of the Sandhill Crane Harvest Questionnaire have been approved by OMB and assigned clearance number 1018-0023. The information from this survey is used to estimate the magnitude, the geographical and temporal distribution

of harvest, and the portion it constitutes of the total population.

Regulations Promulgation

The rulemaking process for migratory game bird hunting must, by its nature, operate under severe time constraints. However, the Service intends that the public be given the greatest possible opportunity to comment on the regulations. Thus, when the proposed rulemaking was published, the Service established what it believed were the longest periods possible for public comment. In doing this, the Service 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, the States and Territories would have insufficient time to establish and publicize the necessary regulations and procedures to implement their decisions. The Service therefore finds that "good cause" exists, within the terms of 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3) of the Administrative Procedure Act, and these regulations will, therefore, 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.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Service has determined and certifies in compliance with the requirements of the Unfunded Mandates 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.

Civil Justice Reform—Executive Order 12988

The Department, in promulgating this rule, has determined that these regulations meet the applicable standards provided in Sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of Executive Order 12988.

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 20

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

Dated: September 23, 1997.

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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 is amended as follows.

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

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 703-712; and 16 U.S.C. 742 a-j.

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Note - The following annual regulations provided for by §20.104, 20.105, 20.106, 20.107, and 20.109 of 50 CFR part 20 will not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations because of their seasonal nature.

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.

2. Section 20.104 is amended by adding the entries for the following States in alphabetical order 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 restricted by State regulations. Area descriptions were published in the August 20 and September 26 Federal Registers.

NOTE: The following seasons are in addition to the seasons published previously in the August 29, 1997, Federal Register (62 FR 48152).

	Sora & Virginia Rails	Clapper & King Rails	Woodcock	Common Snipe
Daily bag limit	25 (1)	15 (2)	3	8
Possession limit	25 (1)	30 (2)	6	16
ATLANTIC FLYWAY				
Maryland	Sept. 1-Nov. 8	Sept. 1-Nov. 8	Oct. 25-Nov. 14 & Jan. 2-Jan. 10	Sept. 17-Nov. 28 & Dec. 15-Jan. 17
Massachusetts (4)	Sept. 1-Nov. 8	Closed	Oct. 18-Nov. 15	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
Vermont	Closed	Closed	Oct. 6-Nov. 4	Oct. 4-Dec. 7
MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY				
Tennessee Reelfoot Zone	Nov. 15-Nov. 16 & Nov. 22-Jan. 18	Closed	Oct. 11-Nov. 24	Nov. 14-Feb. 28
State Zone	Nov. 15-Nov. 22 & Nov. 28-Jan. 18	Closed	Oct. 11-Nov. 24	Nov. 14-Feb. 28

	Sora & Virginia Rails	Clapper & King Rails	Woodcock	Common Snipe
Wisconsin North Zone	Oct. 4-Dec. 2	Closed	Sept. 20-Nov. 3	Oct. 4-Dec. 2
South Zone	Oct. 4-Dec. 2	Closed	Sept. 20-Nov. 3	Oct. 4-Dec. 2
CENTRAL FLYWAY				
New Mexico (15) North Zone	Oct. 11-Oct. 26 & Oct. 30-Jan. 18	Closed	Closed	Oct. 11-Oct. 26 & Oct. 30-Jan. 18
South Zone	Oct. 14-Jan. 18	Closed	Closed	Oct. 14-Jan. 18
Texas	Sept. 13-Sept. 21 & Nov. 8-Jan. 7	Sept. 13-Sept. 21 & Nov. 8-Jan. 7	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	Oct. 25-Feb. 8
Wyoming	Sept. 13-Nov. 16	Closed	Closed	Sept. 13-Dec. 14
PACIFIC FLYWAY				
Arizona (16) North Zone	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 10-Jan. 18
South Zone	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 10-Jan. 18
California	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 4-Jan. 18
Nevada Lincoln & Clark County	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 4-Jan. 17
Rest of State	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 4-Jan. 17
New Mexico (15)	Oct. 4-Jan. 18	Closed	Closed	Oct. 4-Jan. 18

(a) Common Moorhens and Purple Gallinules
(Atlantic, Mississippi, and Central Flyways)

NOTE: The following seasons are in addition to the seasons published previously in the August 29, 1997, Federal Register (62 FR 46152). The zones named in this paragraph are the same as those used for setting duck seasons.

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits Possession
ATLANTIC FLYWAY			
Georgia	Nov. 22-Jan. 20	15	30
Virginia	Oct. 8-Oct. 11 & Nov. 17-Jan. 20	15	30
West Virginia Zone 1	Oct. 1-Oct. 18 & Nov. 28-Jan. 17	15	30
Zone 2	Oct. 1-Oct. 18 & Nov. 14-Jan. 3	15	30
MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY			
Michigan North Zone	Oct. 4-Dec. 2	15	30
Middle Zone	Oct. 4-Dec. 2	15	30
South Zone	Oct. 11-Dec. 9	15	30
Minnesota (2)	Oct. 4-Dec. 2	15	30
Tennessee Reelfoot Zone	Nov. 15-Nov. 18 & Nov. 22-Jan. 18	15	30
State Zone	Nov. 15-Nov. 22 & Nov. 28-Jan. 18	15	30

	Sora & Virginia Rais	Clapper & King Rais	Woodcock	Common Snipe
Oregon Zone 1	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 5-Jan. 18
Zone 2	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 5-Jan. 18
Utah Zone 1	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 4-Jan. 18
Washington East Zone	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 4-Jan. 17
West Zone	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 4-Jan. 17

(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.

(4) In Massachusetts, the sora bag limit is 5 daily and 5 in possession; the Virginia rail bag limit is 10 daily and 10 in possession.

(15) In New Mexico, the rail limits are 10 daily and 10 in possession.
(16) In Arizona, Ashurst Lake in Unit 5B is closed to common snipe hunting.

3. In Section 20.105, paragraphs (a), (b), and (f) are amended by adding the entries for the following States in alphabetical order and paragraph (e) 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 restricted by State regulations. Area descriptions were published in the August 20 and September 26 Federal Registers.

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<u>Maine</u>	Oct. 1-Jan. 20	7	14
<u>Maryland</u>	Oct. 6-Jan. 20	5	10
<u>Massachusetts</u>	Oct. 6-Jan. 20	7	14
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<u>North Carolina</u>	Oct. 1-Jan. 20	7	14
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<u>South Carolina</u>	Oct. 6-Jan. 20	7	14
<u>Virginia</u>	Oct. 6-Jan. 20	7	14

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.

(e) Waterfowl, Coots, and Pacific-Flyway Seasons for Common Moorhens and Purple Gallinules

Definitions

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 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' geese.

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

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<u>Wisconsin</u>	Oct. 4-Dec. 2	5	10
<u>North Zone</u>			
<u>South Zone</u>	Oct. 4-Dec. 2	5	10
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>			
<u>New Mexico (1)</u>	Oct. 11-Oct. 26 & Oct. 30-Jan. 18	1 1	2 2
<u>North Zone</u>			
<u>South Zone</u>	Oct. 14-Jan. 18	1	2
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<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u>			
<u>All States</u>			

Seasons are in aggregate with coots and listed in paragraph (e).

(1) The season applies to common moorhens only.
(2) In Minnesota, the daily bag limit is 15 and the possession limit is 30 coots, moorhens, and gallinules in the aggregate.

(b) Sea Ducks (scoter, eider, and oldsquaw ducks in Atlantic Flyway)

NOTE: The following seasons are in addition to the seasons published previously in the August 29, 1997, Federal Register (62 FR 46152).

Within the special sea duck areas, the daily bag limit is 7 sea ducks 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>	Oct. 6-Jan. 20	7	14
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<u>Georgia</u>	Nov. 22-Jan. 20	7	14

ATLANTIC FLYWAY

Elboway-wide Restrictions

Duck Limits: The daily bag limit of 6 ducks may include no more than 4 mallards (2 female mallards), 3 pintails, 1 black duck, 1 canvasback, 1 mottled duck, 2 wood ducks, 2 redheads, and 1 fulvous tree duck. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

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

Merganser Limits: The merganser limits include no more than 1 hooded merganser daily and 2 in possession.

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits	Possession
Connecticut (1)				
Ducks (2):				
North Zone	Oct. 18-Nov. 1 & Nov. 11-Jan. 3	6	6	12
South Zone	Oct. 18-Oct. 25 & Nov. 20-Jan. 20	6	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30	30
Canada Geese:				
North Zone	Closed	-	-	-
South Zone	Closed	-	-	-
(special season)	Jan. 15-Feb. 14	State Permit Only	State Permit Only	State Permit Only
Light Geese	Oct. 18-Jan. 31	10	30	30
Brant:				
North Zone	Nov. 28-Dec. 27	2	4	4
South Zone	Dec. 13-Jan. 11	2	4	4
Delaware				
Ducks (3)	Oct. 1-Oct. 4 & Oct. 31-Nov. 8 & Nov. 27-Jan. 17	6	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30	30
Canada Geese	Closed	-	-	-
Light Geese:				
Bombay Hook NWR	Nov. 14-Nov. 23	10	30	30
Statewide	Oct. 8-Oct. 11 & Oct. 20-Nov. 13 & Nov. 24-Jan. 17 & Feb. 10-Mar. 10	10	10	30
Brant	Nov. 24-Jan. 20	2	4	4

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits	Possession
Florida				
Ducks	Nov. 22-Jan. 20	6	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30	30
Geese	Nov. 22-Nov. 30 & Jan. 10-Jan. 31	2	4	4
Georgia				
Ducks	Nov. 22-Jan. 20	6	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30	30
Canada Geese (special season) (4)	Nov. 15-Nov. 30 Jan. 10-Jan. 31	State Permit Only	State Permit Only	State Permit Only
Light Geese	Same as for ducks	2	4	4
Brant	Closed	-	-	-
Maine				
Ducks (5):				
North Zone	Oct. 1-Nov. 22	4	4	8
South Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 21 & Nov. 15-Dec. 17	4	4	8
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30	30
Canada Geese:				
North Zone	Closed	-	-	-
South Zone	Closed	-	-	-
Light Geese	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	5	10	10
Brant	Oct. 1-Nov. 27	2	4	4
Maryland				
Ducks (6)	Oct. 11-Oct. 15 & Nov. 1-Nov. 28 & Dec. 15-Jan. 20	4	4	8
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30	30
Canada Geese	Closed	-	-	-
Western Area	Nov. 15-Nov. 28 & Dec. 15-Jan. 14	2	4	4
(special season)	Jan. 15-Feb. 14	3	6	6
Light Geese	Oct. 31-Nov. 28 & Dec. 4-Mar. 10	10	30	30
Brant	Nov. 8-Nov. 28 & Dec. 15-Jan. 20	2	4	4

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Massachusetts			
Ducks (7):			
Western Zone	Oct. 13-Dec. 20	6	12
Central Zone	Oct. 14-Nov. 29 & Dec. 15-Jan. 5	6	12
Coastal Zone	Oct. 14-Oct. 25 & Nov. 15-Jan. 10	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Canada Geese:			
Western Zone	Closed	-	-
Central Zone	Closed	-	-
(special season) (4)	Jan. 15-Feb. 5	5	10
Coastal Zone	Closed	-	-
(special season) (4)	Jan. 15-Feb. 5	5	10
Light Geese:			
Western Zone	Same as for ducks	5	10
Central Zone	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coastal Zone	Same as for ducks	5	10
Brant:			
Western & Central Zone	Closed	-	-
Coastal Zone	Nov. 15-Nov. 29 & Dec. 9-Jan. 20	2	4
New Hampshire			
Ducks (8):			
Inland Zone	Oct. 2-Nov. 4 & Nov. 19-Dec. 14	6	12
Coastal Zone	Oct. 3-Oct. 19 & Nov. 19-Dec. 31	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Canada Geese:			
Inland Zone	Closed	-	-
Coastal Zone	Closed	-	-
Light Geese:			
Inland Zone	Oct. 2-Dec. 31	10	30
Coastal Zone	Oct. 3-Dec. 31	10	30
Brant:			
Inland Zone	Oct. 2-Nov. 4 & Nov. 19-Dec. 4	2	4
Coastal Zone	Oct. 3-Oct. 19 & Nov. 19-Dec. 21	2	4
New Jersey			
Ducks (9):			
North Zone	Oct. 11-Nov. 11 & Nov. 18-Jan. 3	4	8
South Zone	Oct. 11-Oct. 25 & Nov. 11-Jan. 3	4	8
Coastal Zone	Nov. 1-Nov. 15 & Nov. 18-Jan. 10	4	8
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	4	8
Coots	Same as for ducks	5	10
Canada Geese:			
North Zone	Closed	-	-
South Zone	Closed	-	-
Coastal Zone	Jan. 15-Feb. 14	5	10
(special season) (3)			
Light Geese:			
North Zone	Oct. 11-Jan. 3 & Jan. 15-Feb. 14	10	30
South Zone	Oct. 11-Oct. 25 & Nov. 11-Jan. 3 & Jan. 15-Mar. 9	10	30
Coastal Zone	Oct. 11-Jan. 10 & Jan. 15-Feb. 14	10	30
Brant:			
North Zone	Oct. 11-Nov. 1 & Nov. 18-Dec. 23	2	4
South Zone	Oct. 11-Oct. 25 & Nov. 22-Jan. 3	2	4
Coastal Zone	Nov. 1-Nov. 13 & Nov. 27-Jan. 10	2	4
New York			
Ducks (10):			
Long Island Zone	Nov. 21-Nov. 29 & Dec. 1-Jan. 20	4	8
Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 4-Oct. 19 & Oct. 25-Dec. 7	4	8
Northeastern Zone	Oct. 4-Oct. 19 & Oct. 25-Dec. 7	4	8
Southeastern Zone	Oct. 11-Oct. 19 & Nov. 1-Dec. 21	4	8
Western Zone	Oct. 16-Nov. 28 & Dec. 20-Jan. 4	4	8
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	4	8
Coots	Same as for ducks	5	10

			Limits	
Season Dates	Bag	Possession	Bag	Possession
New York (cont.)				
Canada Geese:				
Long Island Zone	-	-	-	-
Lake Champlain Zone	-	-	-	-
Northeastern Zone	-	-	-	-
Southeastern Zone	-	-	-	-
Western Zone	-	-	-	-
Southwest Unit	2	4	2	4
Special season	5	10	5	10
Light Geese:				
Long Island Zone	10	30	10	30
	10	30	10	30
Nov. 21-Nov. 29 &	10	30	10	30
Dec. 1-Feb. 15	10	30	10	30
Oct. 4-Jan. 18	10	30	10	30
Oct. 4-Dec. 21 &	10	30	10	30
Feb. 11-Mar. 10	10	30	10	30
Oct. 11-Dec. 21 &	10	30	10	30
Feb. 4-Mar. 10	10	30	10	30
Oct. 16-Jan. 4 &	10	30	10	30
Feb. 13-Mar. 10	10	30	10	30
Brant:				
Long Island Zone	2	4	2	4
Dec. 11-Jan. 20	2	4	2	4
Oct. 4-Nov. 22	2	4	2	4
Oct. 4-Nov. 22	2	4	2	4
Oct. 11-Nov. 29	2	4	2	4
Oct. 16-Dec. 4	2	4	2	4
North Carolina Ducks (11)	8	12	8	12
Nov. 17-Jan. 20	6	10	6	10
Same as for ducks	5	10	5	10
Mergansers	15	30	15	30
Coots	-	-	-	-
Canada Geese	2	4	2	4
Western Unit	10	30	10	30
Light Geese	10	30	10	30
Brant	2	4	2	4
Nov. 24-Jan. 20	2	4	2	4
Pennsylvania Ducks:				
North Zone	5	10	5	10
Nov. 8-Dec. 25	5	10	5	10
Oct. 11-Oct. 25 &	5	10	5	10
Nov. 10-Jan. 2	5	10	5	10
Oct. 11-Oct. 25 &	5	10	5	10
Nov. 3-Dec. 26	5	10	5	10
Oct. 27-Nov. 8 &	5	10	5	10
Nov. 13-Jan. 7	5	10	5	10
Same as for ducks	5	10	5	10
Mergansers	15	30	15	30
Coots	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania (cont.)				
Canada Geese:				
North Zone	-	-	-	-
South Zone	-	-	-	-
Western Zone	2	4	2	4
Nov. 15-Dec. 31	5	10	5	10
Jan. 15-Feb. 14	2	4	2	4
Oct. 11-Oct. 18 &	2	4	2	4
Nov. 15-Jan. 27	2	4	2	4
Oct. 11-Oct. 18 &	1	2	1	2
Nov. 3-Dec. 4	1	2	1	2
Nov. 3-Jan. 2 &	10	30	10	30
Jan. 7-Mar. 10	10	30	10	30
Oct. 11-Oct. 25 &	2	4	2	4
Nov. 3-Dec. 15	2	4	2	4
Brant				
Light Geese				
Nov. 3-Jan. 2 &	10	30	10	30
Jan. 7-Mar. 10	10	30	10	30
Oct. 11-Oct. 25 &	2	4	2	4
Nov. 3-Dec. 15	2	4	2	4
Rhode Island Ducks	6	12	6	12
Oct. 10-Oct. 14 &	6	12	6	12
Nov. 22-Nov. 30 &	6	12	6	12
Dec. 6-Jan. 20	5	10	5	10
Same as for ducks	15	30	15	30
Mergansers	-	-	-	-
Coots	-	-	-	-
Canada Geese	5	10	5	10
(special season)	5	10	5	10
Jan. 15-Feb. 15	5	10	5	10
Oct. 10-Jan. 20	10	30	10	30
Nov. 22-Nov. 30 &	2	4	2	4
Dec. 11-Jan. 20	2	4	2	4
South Carolina Ducks (12)	5	10	5	10
Nov. 19-Nov. 29 &	5	10	5	10
Dec. 8-Jan. 20	5	10	5	10
Same as for ducks	15	30	15	30
Mergansers	4	8	4	8
Coots	4	8	4	8
Canada Geese (special season) (3)	4	8	4	8
Nov. 19-Nov. 29 &	4	8	4	8
Dec. 8-Jan. 24	4	8	4	8
Same as for ducks	5	10	5	10
Light Geese	2	4	2	4
Brant				
Same as for ducks				
Vermont Ducks (13):				
Lake Champlain Zone	4	8	4	8
Oct. 4-Oct. 19 &	4	8	4	8
Oct. 25-Dec. 7	4	8	4	8
Oct. 4-Dec. 2	4	8	4	8
Same as for ducks	5	10	5	10
Mergansers	15	30	15	30
Coots	-	-	-	-
Canada Geese	-	-	-	-
Light Geese	8	24	8	24
Brant	2	4	2	4
Oct. 4-Jan. 18				
Oct. 4-Nov. 22				

(10) In New York, the season is closed for black ducks November 18 through December 7 in the Northeastern Zone, October 11 through November 11 in the Southeastern Zone, October 16 through October 31 and January 1 through January 4 in the Western Zone, and December 1 through December 10 in the Long Island Zone; the season is closed for scaup December 1 through December 10 in the Long Island Zone; in addition to the daily bag limit, 2 additional teal may be taken.

(11) In North Carolina, the season is closed for black ducks October 1 through October 4 and November 17 through November 30.

(12) In South Carolina, the daily bag limit of 5 may not exceed 4 mallards and may not exceed 1 black duck, mottled duck, or female mallard in the aggregate, and not more than 2 pintails (1 hen pintail).

(13) In Vermont, in addition to the daily bag limit, 2 additional teal may be taken.

MISSISSIPPI/ELYWAX

Florida-wide Restrictions

Duck Limits: The daily bag limit of 6 ducks may include no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 of which may be females), 1 black duck, 3 pintails, 1 canvasback, 2 redheads, and 2 wood ducks. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

Merganser Limits: The merganser limits include no more than 1 hooded merganser daily and 2 in possession.

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits Possession
Alabama Ducks:			
North Zone	Nov. 15-Nov. 30 & Dec. 6-Jan. 18	6	12
South Zone	Nov. 13-Nov. 16 & Nov. 24-Jan. 18	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Geese:			
Dark Geese:			
North Zone:			
SUBP Zone	Dec. 15-Jan. 18	2	4
Rest of North Zone	Nov. 15-Nov. 30 & Dec. 6-Jan. 28	2	4
South Zone	Nov. 13-Nov. 16 & Nov. 24-Jan. 28	2	4
Light Geese	Same as for dark geese	5	5
Arkansas Ducks			
	Nov. 15-Nov. 30 & Dec. 4-Dec. 23 & Dec. 26-Jan. 18	6	12
	Same as for ducks	5	10
	Same as for ducks	15	30
Mergansers			
Coots			
Geese:			
Canada (1):			
East Zone	Jan. 17-Feb. 8	2	4
West Zone	Jan. 17-Feb. 1	1	2
White-fronted	Nov. 23-Jan. 31	2	4
Brant	Closed	-	-
Light Geese	Nov. 15-Mar. 1	10	30

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits Possession
Virginia Ducks			
	Oct. 8-Oct. 11 & Nov. 17-Jan. 20	5	10
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Canada Geese:			
Back Bay Area	Closed	-	-
Remainder of State	Closed	-	-
Western Unit (special season)	Dec. 22-Jan. 14	2	4
Light Geese	Jan. 15-Feb. 7	3	6
Brant	Nov. 6-Mar. 10	10	30
	Nov. 24-Jan. 20	2	4
West Virginia Ducks:			
Zone 1	Oct. 1-Oct. 18 & Nov. 28-Jan. 17	6	12
Zone 2	Oct. 1-Oct. 18 & Nov. 14-Jan. 3	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Canada Geese:			
Zone 1	Oct. 1-Oct. 18 & Nov. 17-Jan. 17	3	6
Zone 2	Oct. 1-Nov. 1 & Dec. 1-Jan. 17	3	6
Light Geese:			
Zone 1	Same as for Canada geese	5	10
Zone 2	Same as for Canada geese	5	10
Brant	Nov. 21-Jan. 17	2	4

(1) In Connecticut, the shooting hours on October 18 are 7:00 a.m. to sunset.

(2) In Connecticut, the season is closed for black ducks prior to November 24 in the North Zone and prior to December 8 in the South Zone; the daily bag limit may include no more than 4 scaup and 2 pintails.

(3) In Delaware, the season on black ducks is only open November 24 through January 3.

(4) State permit required.

(5) In Maine, the season is closed for black ducks October 1 through October 10.

(6) In Maryland, the daily bag limit may include no more than 2 pintails and 1 redhead; the black duck season is closed October 11 through October 15 and November 1 through November 23; and the canvasback season is open only December 22 through January 20; in addition to the daily bag, 2 additional teal may be taken during October 11 through October 15 and November 1 through November 28.

(7) In Massachusetts, the season is closed for black ducks December 1 through December 6 and January 5 through January 10 in the Coastal Zone, and November 10 through November 22 in the Western and Central Zones; the daily bag limit may include no more than 2 pintails or 4 of any single species in addition to the flyway-wide bag restrictions.

(8) In New Hampshire, the season is closed for black duck from October 2 through October 13.

(9) In New Jersey, the season is closed for black ducks October 11 through October 25 in the South Zone and December 28 to January 10 in the Coastal Zone; the daily bag limit may include no more than 2 pintails; in addition to the daily bag limit, 2 additional teal may be taken.

		Limits			
		Bag	Possession	Season Dates	Bag
					Possession
Kaduckx					
Geese:					
Canada (2):	Western Goose Zone (2):				
	Fulton County	2	4	Dec. 6-Feb. 15	
	Ballard Reporting Area	2	4	Dec. 6-Jan. 20	
	Rest of Zone	2	4	Dec. 6-Jan. 31	
	Pennroyal/Coalfield Zone	2	4	Dec. 28-Jan. 31	
	Rest of State	2	4	Dec. 13-Jan. 31	
	White-fronted:				
	Ballard Reporting Area	2	4	Nov. 27-Jan. 20	
	Rest of State	2	4	Nov. 27-Jan. 31	
	Brant	2	4	Same as Whitefronts	
	Light Geese:				
	Western Goose Zone:				
	Fulton County	10	30	Nov. 27-Mar. 10	
	Ballard Reporting Area	10	30	Nov. 27-Jan. 20 &	
	Rest of Zone	10	30	Feb. 14-Mar. 10	
	Rest of State	10	30	Nov. 27-Mar. 10	
	Nov. 27-Mar. 10	10	30		
Louisiana					
Ducks:					
	West Zone	6	12	Nov. 8-Nov. 30 &	
	Dec. 13-Jan. 18	6	12		
	East Zone:				
	Catahoula Lake Area	6	12	Nov. 15-Dec. 14 &	
	Dec. 20-Jan. 18	6	12		
	Rest of East Zone	6	12	Nov. 15-Dec. 14 &	
	Dec. 20-Jan. 18	6	12		
	Same as for ducks	5	10		
	Same as for ducks	15	30		
	Jan. 20-Jan. 28	1	2		
	Nov. 8-Nov. 30 &	2	4		
	Dec. 13-Jan. 28	2	4		
	Nov. 8-Feb. 22	10	30		
	Light Geese				
	Canada (4)				
	White-fronted (4) and Brant				
	Light Geese				
Michigan					
Ducks (5):					
	North Zone	6	12	Oct. 4-Dec. 2	
	Middle Zone	6	12	Oct. 4-Dec. 2	
	South Zone	6	12	Oct. 11-Dec. 9	
	Same as for ducks	5	10		
	Same as for ducks	15	30		
Mergansers					
Coots					
Geese:					
	Canada (2):				
	West Central Zone:				
	Lac qui Parle Zone (2)				
	Rest of West Central Zone				
	Rest of West Zone				
	Northwest Zone				
	Fergus Falls/Alexandria Zone:				
	West Zone				
	(special season)				
	Rest of Fergus Falls/Alexandria Zone				
	(special season)				
	Twin Cities Metro Zone and Olmsted County				
	Rest of State				
	White-fronted and Brant:				
	West Zone:				
	West Central Zone (8)				
	Rest of West Zone				
	Northwest Zone				
	Rest of State				
	Light Geese (8)				
Minnesota					
Ducks					
	Mergansers	6	12	Oct. 4-Dec. 2	
	Coots (7)	5	10	Same as for ducks	
	Same as for ducks	15	30		
Geese:					
	Canada (2):				
	West Zone:				
	West Central Zone:				
	Lac qui Parle Zone (2)				
	Rest of West Central Zone				
	Rest of West Zone				
	Northwest Zone				
	Fergus Falls/Alexandria Zone:				
	West Zone				
	(special season)				
	Rest of Fergus Falls/Alexandria Zone				
	(special season)				
	Twin Cities Metro Zone and Olmsted County				
	Rest of State				
	White-fronted and Brant:				
	West Zone:				
	West Central Zone (8)				
	Rest of West Zone				
	Northwest Zone				
	Rest of State				
	Light Geese (8)				
Mississippi					
Ducks					
	Mergansers	6	12	Oct. 4-Dec. 2	
	Coots (7)	5	10	Same as for ducks	
	Same as for ducks	15	30		
Geese:					
	Canada (2):				
	West Zone:				
	West Central Zone:				
	Lac qui Parle Zone (2)				
	Rest of West Central Zone				
	Rest of West Zone				
	Northwest Zone				
	Fergus Falls/Alexandria Zone:				
	West Zone				
	(special season)				
	Rest of Fergus Falls/Alexandria Zone				
	(special season)				
	Twin Cities Metro Zone and Olmsted County				
	Rest of State				
	White-fronted and Brant:				
	West Zone:				
	West Central Zone (8)				
	Rest of West Zone				
	Northwest Zone				
	Rest of State				
	Light Geese (8)				
Michigan					
Geese:					
	Canada (2):				
	North Zone	2	4	Oct. 4-Oct. 19	
	Middle Zone	2	4	Oct. 4-Oct. 19	
	South Zone:				
	Muskegon Wastewater Goose Management Unit (GMU) (2)				
	Allegan County GMU (2)				
	Dec. 1-Dec. 21	2	4		
	Oct. 11 only &	2	4		
	Oct. 18-Nov. 26	1	2		
	Oct. 11-Nov. 29	1	2		
	Oct. 11-Oct. 19 &	1	2		
	Nov. 27-Dec. 7	2	4		
	Jan. 3-Feb. 1	5	10		
	Oct. 11-Oct. 19 &	1	2		
	Nov. 27-Dec. 7	2	4		
	Jan. 3-Feb. 1	5	10		
	See Footnote 6	2	4		
	See Footnote 6	10	30		
	White-fronted and Brant				
	Light Geese				
Minnesota					
Ducks					
	Mergansers	6	12	Oct. 4-Dec. 2	
	Coots (7)	5	10	Same as for ducks	
	Same as for ducks	15	30		
Geese:					
	Canada (2):				
	West Zone:				
	West Central Zone:				
	Lac qui Parle Zone (2)				
	Rest of West Central Zone				
	Rest of West Zone				
	Northwest Zone				
	Fergus Falls/Alexandria Zone:				
	West Zone				
	(special season)				
	Rest of Fergus Falls/Alexandria Zone				
	(special season)				
	Twin Cities Metro Zone and Olmsted County				
	Rest of State				
	White-fronted and Brant:				
	West Zone:				
	West Central Zone (8)				
	Rest of West Zone				
	Northwest Zone				
	Rest of State				
	Light Geese (8)				

Season Dates			Bag	Limits	Possession
Mississippi					
Ducks:					
Zone 1	Nov. 15-Nov. 16 & Nov. 22-Jan. 18		6	12	12
Zone 2	Nov. 15-Nov. 16 & Nov. 22-Jan. 18		6	12	12
Mergansers	Nov. 15-Nov. 16 & Nov. 22-Jan. 18		6	12	12
Coots	Nov. 15-Nov. 16 & Nov. 22-Jan. 18		6	12	12
Geese:	Same as for ducks		5	10	10
Canada	Nov. 23-Jan. 31		15	30	30
White-fronted and Brant	Nov. 23-Jan. 31		3	6	6
Light Geese	Nov. 23-Jan. 31 Nov. 22-Mar. 8		2 10	4 30	4 30
Missouri					
Ducks and Mergansers:					
North Zone	Oct. 23-Dec. 21		6	12	12
Middle Zone	Oct. 30-Dec. 28		6	12	12
South Zone	Nov. 13-Jan. 11		6	12	12
Coots	Same as for ducks		15	30	30
Geese:					
Canada:					
North Zone:	Oct. 23-Oct. 26 & Nov. 28-Jan. 2		2	4	4
Swan Lake Zone	Nov. 28-Jan. 2		2	4	4
Rest of North Zone	Oct. 4-Oct. 12 & Oct. 23-Nov. 2 & Nov. 28-Jan. 16		2 2 2	4 4 4	4 4 4
Middle Zone:					
Schell-Orange Zone	Nov. 28-Jan. 6		2	4	4
Rest of Middle Zone	Oct. 30-Nov. 3 & Nov. 28-Jan. 31		2 2	4 4	4 4
South Zone	Nov. 13-Nov. 17 & Nov. 28-Jan. 31		2 2	4 4	4 4
White-fronted and Brant:					
North Zone:					
Swan Lake Zone	Oct. 23-Oct. 26 & Nov. 28-Jan. 16		2 2	4 4	4 4
Rest of North Zone	Oct. 4-Oct. 12 & Oct. 23-Nov. 2 & Nov. 28-Jan. 16		2 2 2	4 4 4	4 4 4
Middle Zone	Oct. 30-Nov. 3 & Nov. 28-Jan. 31		2 2	4 4	4 4
South Zone	Nov. 13-Nov. 17 & Nov. 28-Jan. 31		2 2	4 4	4 4
Light Geese:					
North Zone	Oct. 23-Jan. 16 & Feb. 17-Mar. 9		10 10	30 30	30 30
Middle Zone	Oct. 30-Nov. 3 & Nov. 28-Mar. 9		10 10	30 30	30 30
South Zone	Nov. 13-Nov. 17 & Nov. 28-Mar. 9		10 10	30 30	30 30
Ohio					
Pymatuning Area:					
Ducks (S)	Oct. 11-Oct. 25 & Nov. 3-Dec. 26		5	10	10
Mergansers	Same as for ducks		5	10	10
Coots	Same as for ducks		15	30	30
Canada Geese	Oct. 11-Oct. 18 & Nov. 3-Dec. 4		1	2	2
Light Geese	Nov. 3-Jan. 2 & Jan. 7-Mar. 10		10	30	30
Brant	Oct. 11-Oct. 25 & Nov. 3-Dec. 15		10 2	30 4	30 4
Rest of State:					
Ducks:					
North Zone	Oct. 18-Nov. 30 & Dec. 7-Dec. 22		6 6	12 12	12 12
South Zone	Oct. 18-Nov. 2 & Dec. 6-Jan. 18		6 6	12 12	12 12
Ohio River Zone	Oct. 18-Nov. 2 & Dec. 6-Jan. 18		6 6	12 12	12 12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks		5	10	10
Coots	Same as for ducks		15	30	30
Geese:					
Canada:					
North Zone:	Nov. 17-Nov. 30 & Dec. 13-Dec. 28		1 1	2 2	2 2
Lake Erie SUBP Zone	Oct. 18-Nov. 30 & Dec. 13-Jan. 7		2 2	4 4	4 4
Rest of North Zone	Oct. 18-Nov. 2 & Dec. 6-Jan. 28		2 2	4 4	4 4
South Zone	Oct. 18-Nov. 2 & Dec. 6-Jan. 28		2 2	4 4	4 4
Ohio River Zone	Oct. 18-Nov. 2 & Dec. 6-Jan. 28		2 2	4 4	4 4
White-fronted and Brant	Same as for Canada geese		2	4	4
Light Geese	Same as for Canada geese		10	30	30
Tennessee					
Ducks:					
Reelfoot Zone	Nov. 15-Nov. 16 & Nov. 22-Jan. 18		6	12	12
State Zone	Nov. 15-Nov. 22 & Nov. 28-Jan. 18		6	12	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks		5	10	10
Coots	Same as for ducks		15	30	30
Geese:					
Canada (2)(10):					
Northwest Zone (2)	Nov. 29-Feb. 15		2	4	4
Southwest Zone	Nov. 29-Jan. 31		2	4	4
Kentucky/Barkley Lakes Zone (2)	Dec. 13-Jan. 31		2	4	4
Rest of State (10)	Oct. 4-Oct. 12 & Dec. 2-Jan. 31		2 2	4 4	4 4
White-fronted and Brant	Nov. 22-Jan. 29		2	4	4
Light Geese	Nov. 22-Mar. 7		10	30	30

(4) In Louisiana, during the Canada goose season, the daily bag limit is 2 Canada and white-fronted geese in the aggregate, no more than 1 of which may be a Canada goose. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit. A special permit is required by the State.

(5) In Michigan, the daily bag limit includes no more than 1 hen mallard.

(6) In Michigan, the seasons for white-fronted geese, brant, and light geese are as follows: In the Allegan County GMU, the season opens on October 18 and runs continuously through November 26. In the Muskegon Wastewater GMU, the season runs concurrently with the Canada goose season. In the remainder of the State, the seasons open concurrently with the duck seasons and run continuously through the end of the duck seasons.

(7) In Minnesota, the daily bag limit is 15 and the possession limit is 30, coots, moorhens, and gallinules in the aggregate.

(8) In Minnesota, in the Lac Qui Parle Zone, seasons for white-fronted geese, brant, and light geese are open only when the Canada goose season is open.

(9) In Ohio, in the Pymatuning Area, the restrictions of the duck bag limit for Pennsylvania apply.

(10) In Tennessee, see State regulations for permit requirements and additional restrictions.

CENTRAL FLYWAY

Flowaywide Restrictions

Duck Limits: The daily bag limit of 6 ducks may include no more than 5 mallards (2 female mallards), 1 mottled duck, 3 pintails, 2 redbreasts, 1 canvasback, and 2 wood ducks. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

Merganser Limits: The daily bag limit is 5 mergansers with 10 in possession and may include no more than 1 hooded merganser daily and 2 in possession.

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits
Colorado			
Ducks	Oct. 4-Oct. 28 & Nov. 1-Nov. 30 & Dec. 8-Jan. 18 Same as for ducks Same as for ducks	6 6 6 15 5	12 12 12 30 10
Coots			
Mergansers			
Dark Geese:			
Northern Front Range Unit	Oct. 4-Oct. 18 & Nov. 1-Jan. 31	4 4	8 8
South Park/San Luis Valley Unit (1)	Oct. 4-Oct. 18 & Nov. 1-Jan. 31	2 2	4 4
North Park Unit (1)	Oct. 4-Oct. 18 & Nov. 1-Jan. 1	2 2	4 4
Arkansas Valley Unit (2)	Nov. 15-Jan. 31 Dec. 13-Jan. 31	4 2	8 4
Pueblo County			
Rest of State in			
Central Flyway			
Light Geese:			
Northern Front Range Unit	Nov. 1-Jan. 31	4	8
South Park/San Luis Valley Unit (2)	Nov. 1-Jan. 31	5	10
North Park Unit (1)	Nov. 1-Jan. 1	2	4
Arkansas Valley Unit	Nov. 15-Jan. 31	5	10
Pueblo County	Nov. 1-Jan. 31	5	10
Eastern Colorado Late	Nov. 1-Jan. 31 & Feb. 22-Mar. 8	5	10
Light Geese Unit			
Rest of State in			
Central Flyway	Nov. 1-Jan. 31	5	10

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits
Wisconsin			
Ducks:			
North Zone	Oct. 4-Dec. 2	6	12
South Zone	Oct. 4-Dec. 2	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	5	10
Geese:			
Canada (2):			
Horicon Zone	Sept. 20-Dec. 21	1	2
Collins Zone	Sept. 20-Nov. 21 & Dec. 1-Dec. 5	1	2
Exterior Zone:			
Rock Prairie Subzone	Oct. 4-Dec. 14	1	2
Mississippi River Subzone	Oct. 4-Dec. 12	1	2
Rest of Exterior Zone:			
North Duck Zone	Sept. 27-Dec. 28	1	2
South Duck Zone	Oct. 4-Jan. 4	1	2
White-fronted and Brant:			
Horicon Zone	Sept. 20-Nov. 28	2	4
Collins Zone	Sept. 20-Nov. 21 & Dec. 1-Dec. 5	2	4
Exterior Zone:			
Rock Prairie Subzone	Oct. 4-Dec. 12	2	4
Mississippi River Subzone	Oct. 4-Dec. 12	2	4
Rest of Exterior Zone:			
North Duck Zone	Sept. 27-Dec. 5	2	4
South Duck Zone	Oct. 4-Dec. 12	2	4
Light Geese:			
Horicon Zone	Sept. 20-Dec. 21	10	30
Collins Zone	Sept. 20-Nov. 21 & Dec. 1-Dec. 5	10	30
Exterior Zone:			
Rock Prairie Subzone	Oct. 4-Dec. 14	10	30
Mississippi River Subzone	Oct. 4-Dec. 12	10	30
Rest of Exterior Zone:			
North Duck Zone	Sept. 27-Dec. 28	10	30
South Duck Zone	Oct. 4-Jan. 4	10	30

(1) In Arkansas, shooting hours for Canada geese are one-half hour before sunrise to noon.

(2) Harvests of Canada geese will be limited by quotas established in the September 26, 1997, Federal Register. When it has been determined that the quota of Canada geese allotted to the Northern Illinois, Central Illinois, Southern Illinois and Rend Lake Quota Zones in Illinois, Posey County in Indiana, the Ballard and Henderson-Union Subzones in Kentucky, the Allegan County, Muskegon Wastewater, Saginaw County, and Tuscola/Huron Goose Management Units in Michigan, the Lac Qui Parle Zone in Minnesota, the Northwest and Kentucky/Barkley Lakes Zones in Tennessee, and the Exterior Zone in Wisconsin will have been filled, the season for taking Canada geese in the respective zone (and associated area, if applicable) 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.

(3) In Illinois, shooting hours for geese in the Southern Illinois and Rend Lake Quota Zones through January 28 shall close at 3 p.m.

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Kansas			
Ducks (3):			
High Plains	Oct. 4-Jan. 4 & Jan. 15-Jan. 18	6	12
Low Plains:			
Early Zone	Oct. 4-Dec. 7 & Dec. 20-Dec. 28	6	12
Late Zone	Oct. 25-Dec. 14 & Dec. 20-Jan. 11	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	6	12
Coots	Same as for ducks	5	10
Dark Geese (4):	Nov. 1-Jan. 25	2	4
Canada	Nov. 1-Jan. 25	2	4
White-fronted		1	2
Light Geese:			
Zone 1	Nov. 22-Mar. 8	10	40
Zone 2	Oct. 25-Nov. 21 & Dec. 20-Mar. 8	10	40
Montana			
Ducks:			
Zone 1	Oct. 4-Jan. 8	6	12
Zone 2	Oct. 4-Jan. 8	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Geese:			
Dark Geese	Oct. 4-Jan. 18	4	8
Light Geese	Oct. 4-Jan. 18	5	10
Nebraska			
Ducks:			
High Plains	Oct. 4-Dec. 15 & Dec. 19-Jan. 11	6	12
Low Plains:			
Zones 1 and 2	Oct. 11-Dec. 21 & Dec. 27-Dec. 28	6	12
Zones 3 and 4	Oct. 4-Dec. 14 & Dec. 20-Dec. 21	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Dark Geese:			
North Unit:	Oct. 11-Dec. 7 & Dec. 22-Jan. 18	2	4
Canada	Oct. 11-Dec. 7 & Dec. 22-Jan. 18	2	4
White-fronted		1	2
East Unit:	Oct. 4-Dec. 28	2	4
Canada	Oct. 4-Dec. 28	1	2
White-fronted		2	4
West Unit:	Oct. 4-Oct. 12 & Oct. 27-Jan. 11	2	4
Canada	Oct. 4-Oct. 12 & Oct. 27-Jan. 11	2	4
White-fronted		1	2
Nebraska (cont.)			
Light Geese:			
Rainwater Basin Area - East (5)	Oct. 4-Dec. 21 & Feb. 11-Mar. 10	10	40
Rainwater Basin Area - West	Oct. 4-Dec. 21 & Feb. 11-Mar. 10	10	40
Rest of State	Oct. 4-Dec. 21 & Feb. 11-Mar. 10	10	40
New Mexico			
Ducks and Mergansers (6):			
North Zone	Oct. 11-Oct. 26 & Oct. 30-Jan. 18	6	12
South Zone	Oct. 14-Jan. 18	6	12
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Dark Geese (7):			
Middle Rio Grande Valley Unit	Dec. 27-Jan. 4	1	1
Rest of State	Oct. 17-Jan. 31	4	8
Light Geese	Nov. 8-Feb. 22	10	40
North Dakota			
Ducks:			
Statewide	Oct. 4-Dec. 14	6	12
High Plains	Dec. 15-Jan. 4	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Dark Geese (8):			
Statewide:			
Canada	Oct. 4-Nov. 16	2	4
White-fronted	Oct. 4-Nov. 16	2	4
Missouri River Zone	Nov. 17-Dec. 28	2	4
Light Geese (8)	Oct. 4-Dec. 28	10	40
Oklahoma			
Ducks:			
High Plains	Oct. 11-Jan. 15	6	12
Low Plains:			
Zone 1	Oct. 25-Dec. 7 & Dec. 13-Jan. 11	6	12
Zone 2	Nov. 1-Dec. 7 & Dec. 13-Jan. 18	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Dark Geese:			
Canada	Nov. 1-Jan. 25	2	4
White-fronted	Nov. 1-Jan. 25	2	4
Light Geese	Nov. 1-Jan. 25 & Feb. 7-Feb. 27	10	40

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits Possession
Wyoming (cont.)			
Light Geese	Oct. 4-Dec. 24 & Feb. 14-Mar. 10	10 10	40 40
<p>(1) In Colorado, in the North Park and South Park/San Luis Valley Units, the bag limit for the November 1 through January 1 and November 1 through January 31 periods, respectively, are 2 geese. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.</p> <p>(2) In Colorado, in the Arkansas Valley Unit, shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to noon November 16 through November 29.</p> <p>(3) In Kansas, the daily bag limit may include no more than 1 hen mallard.</p> <p>(4) In Kansas exceptions to the dark goose season are as follows: Season dates in the Marais des Cygnes Valley (Unit 1), Southeast (Unit 2), and Flint Hills (Unit 3) Units are December 20, 1997 through January 25, 1998. Dark goose permits issued by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks are required to hunt dark geese in these three Units. Unlimited Permits are available in all three Units, with a maximum of one permit per individual per Unit. In the Marais des Cygnes Valley and Southeast Units six geese per permit are allowed. In the Flint Hills Unit the daily bag is two Canada or one Canada and one white-fronted goose. Shooting hours in the Marais des Cygnes Valley Unit will be one-half hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. Shooting hours in all other Units shall be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.</p> <p>(5) In Nebraska, see State regulations for additional restrictions during February 11 through March 10.</p> <p>(6) In New Mexico, the daily bag limit for ducks and mergansers may include no more than 5 mergansers (1 hooded).</p> <p>(7) In New Mexico, the season for dark geese is closed in Bernalillo, Sandoval, Sierra, Socorro, and Valencia Counties.</p> <p>(8) In North Dakota, the shooting hours for geese are one-half hour before sunrise to 1 p.m. through October 25 and until 2 p.m. the remainder of the season.</p> <p>(9) In South Dakota, the daily bag limit may include no more than 1 hen mallard and 2 pintails.</p> <p>(10) In South Dakota, the dark goose daily bag limit may include no more than 1 white-fronted goose or 1 brant.</p> <p>(11) In Wyoming, the shooting hours for geese in Goshute County are one-half hour before sunrise to 1 p.m., except on January 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25, and 31 when shooting hours are until sunset. In Platte County, shooting hours for geese in the area east of Interstate Highway 25 and north of Wyoming Highway 160 are 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset. In the remainder of Platte County, shooting hours for geese are 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1 p.m. except on January 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25, and 31 when shooting hours are until sunset.</p>			
PACIFIC FLYWAY			
Floway-wide Restrictions			
Duck and Merganser Limits: The daily bag limit of 7 ducks (including mergansers) may include no more than 2 female mallards, 3 pintails, 2 reheaders and 1 canvasback. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.			
Coot and Common Moorhen Limits: Daily bag and possession limits are in the aggregate for the two species.			
Goose Limits: Daily bag limits for geese may not exceed 2 white-fronted geese and 3 light geese. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.			
Aleutian Canada Geese: The season is closed throughout the Flyway.			
South Dakota			
Ducks (9):			
High Plains:			
Low Plains:			
North Zone	Oct. 4-Jan. 8	6	12
Middle Zone	Oct. 4-Dec. 16	6	12
South Zone	Oct. 4-Dec. 16	6	12
Same as for ducks	Oct. 11-Dec. 23	5	10
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	15	30
Coots	Same as for ducks	2	4
Dark Geese (10)			
Unit 1	Oct. 4-Dec. 28	2	4
Unit 2	Oct. 11-Jan. 4	2	4
Unit 3	Oct. 18-Jan. 11	2	4
Light Geese	Oct. 4-Dec. 28 & Feb. 18-Mar. 10	10	40
Texas			
Ducks:			
High Plains	Oct. 11-Oct. 14 & Oct. 18-Jan. 18	6 6	12 12
Low Plains:			
North Zone	Oct. 25-Nov. 2 & Nov. 15-Jan. 18	6 6	12 12
South Zone	Oct. 25-Nov. 30 & Dec. 13-Jan. 18	6 6	12 12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Geese:			
East Tier:			
Dark Geese:			
Canada	Nov. 1-Jan. 18 & Jan. 19-Jan. 25	2 2	4 4
White-fronted	Nov. 1-Jan. 25	1	2
Light Geese	Nov. 1-Feb. 15	10	40
West Tier:			
Dark Geese:			
Canada	Nov. 1-Feb. 15	5	10
White-fronted	Nov. 1-Feb. 15	4	8
Light Geese	Nov. 1-Feb. 15	1	2
Wyoming			
Ducks:			
Zone 1	Oct. 4-Oct. 26 & Nov. 1-Jan. 18	6 6	12 12
Zone 2	Oct. 4-Jan. 8	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	6	12
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Dark Geese:			
Area 1	Oct. 4-Jan. 18	4	8
Area 2 (11)	Oct. 18-Jan. 31	4	8
Area 3	Oct. 4-Jan. 18	4	8
Area 4 (11)	Nov. 15-Jan. 31	4	8

				Limits	
Season Dates		Bag	Possession		
Arizona					
Ducks (1):					
North Zone	Oct. 10-Jan. 18	7	14		
South Zone	Oct. 10-Jan. 18	7	14		
Coots and moorhens	Same as for ducks	25	25		
Geese:		5	5		
Dark (2):					
GMU 22 & 23	Nov. 15-Jan. 18	2	2		
GMU 1 & 27	Jan. 1-Jan. 18	2	2		
Balance of State	Oct. 11-Jan. 18	2	2		
Light (2):					
GMU 22 & 23	Same as dark geese	3	3		
Rest of State	Same as dark geese	3	3		
California					
Ducks:					
Northeastern Zone	Oct. 4-Jan. 11	7	14		
Colorado River Zone	Oct. 10-Jan. 18	7	14		
Southern Zone	Oct. 11-Jan. 18	7	14		
Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone	Oct. 11-Jan. 18	7	14		
Balance-of-State Zone	Oct. 11-Jan. 18	7	14		
Coots and moorhens:					
Northeastern Zone	Same as for ducks	25	25		
Colorado River Zone	Same as for ducks	25	25		
Southern Zone	Same as for ducks	25	25		
Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone	Same as for ducks	25	25		
Balance-of-State Zone	Same as for ducks	25	25		
Geese:					
Northeastern Zone:					
Canada Geese	Oct. 4-Jan. 4	3	6		
Cackling Geese	Oct. 4-Oct. 26	2	4		
White-fronted Geese	Oct. 4-Oct. 26	1	2		
Light Geese	Oct. 4-Jan. 4	2	4		
Colorado River Zone:					
Canada Geese	Oct. 11-Jan. 18	5	10		
White-fronted Geese	Oct. 11-Jan. 18	2	4		
Light Geese	Oct. 11-Jan. 18	2	4		
Southern Zone:					
Dark Geese:	Oct. 11-Jan. 18	3	6		
Canada	Oct. 11-Jan. 18	5	8		
Cackling Geese	Oct. 18-Jan. 18	2	2		
White-fronted Geese	Oct. 18-Jan. 18	2	2		
Light Geese	Oct. 18-Jan. 18	1	2		
Balance-of-State Zone:					
Dark Geese (3):	Oct. 18-Jan. 18	2	2		
Canada:					
Del Norte & Humboldt	Closed	-	-		
Sacramento Valley Area	Closed	-	-		
San Joaquin Valley Area	Nov. 1-Nov. 22	2	4		
Rest of Zone	Nov. 1-Jan. 18	2	4		
California (cont.)					
White-fronted:					
Sacramento Valley Closure	Nov. 1-Dec. 14	2	4		
Rest of Zone	Nov. 1-Jan. 13	2	4		
Light Geese	Nov. 1-Jan. 18	3	6		
Brant	Nov. 1-Nov. 30	2	4		
Colorado					
Ducks	Oct. 4-Jan. 17	7	14		
Coots	Same as for ducks	25	25		
Geese:					
West Central Colorado Unit	Oct. 26-Jan. 18	2	4		
Rest of State	Oct. 4-Oct. 18 & Oct. 26-Jan. 17	2	4		
Idaho					
Ducks:					
Zone 1	Oct. 4-Jan. 17	7	14		
Zone 2	Oct. 4-Jan. 17	7	14		
Zone 3	Oct. 4-Jan. 17	7	14		
Coots	Same as for ducks	25	25		
Geese:					
Zone 1:					
Dark	Oct. 4-Jan. 11	4	8		
Light	Oct. 4-Jan. 11	4	8		
Zone 2:					
Dark	Oct. 4-Jan. 11	3	6		
Light	Oct. 4-Jan. 11	3	6		
Zone 3:					
Dark	Oct. 4-Jan. 11	3	6		
Light	Oct. 4-Jan. 11	3	6		
Zone 4 (5)					
Dark	Oct. 4-Jan. 11	4	8		
Light	Oct. 4-Jan. 11	4	8		
Zone 5					
Dark	Oct. 4-Jan. 11	4	8		
Light	Oct. 4-Jan. 11	4	8		
Montana					
Ducks	Oct. 4-Jan. 17	7	14		
Coots	Same as for ducks	25	25		
Geese (6):					
Dark	Oct. 4-Jan. 11	4	8		
Light	Oct. 4-Jan. 11	3	6		
Nevada					
Ducks:					
Lincoln & Clark Counties	Oct. 4-Jan. 17	7	14		
Rest of State	Oct. 4-Jan. 17	7	14		
Coots and moorhens	Same as for ducks	25	25		
Dark Geese:					
Lincoln & Clark Counties	Nov. 15-Jan. 17	2	4		
Rest of State	Oct. 18-Jan. 17	3	6		
Light Geese:					
Lincoln & Clark Counties	Nov. 15-Jan. 17	3	6		
Rest of State (7)	Oct. 18-Jan. 17	3	6		

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits
			Possession
New Mexico			
Ducks (8)	Oct. 4-Jan. 18	7	14
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Moorhens (9)	Same as for ducks	1	2
Geese:			
San Juan County (8):			
Dark	Oct. 4-Oct. 26 &	3	6
Light	Nov. 8-Jan. 18	3	6
Rest of State:	Oct. 4-Oct. 26 &	1	2
Dark	Nov. 8-Jan. 18	1	2
Light	Oct. 11-Jan. 18	2	4
Dark	Oct. 11-Jan. 18	1	2
Oregon			
Ducks:			
Zone 1:	Oct. 5-Jan. 18	7	14
Columbia Basin Unit	Oct. 5-Jan. 18	7	14
Rest of Zone 1	Oct. 5-Jan. 18	7	14
Zone 2	Oct. 5-Jan. 18	25	25
Coots	Same as for ducks		
Geese:			
Northwest General Goose Zone:			
Dark Goose	Oct. 11-Jan. 11	4	8
Light Goose	Oct. 11-Jan. 11	3	6
Northwest Special Permit Zone (10):			
Dark Goose	Dec. 1-Feb. 28	3	6
Dusky Canada goose		1 per season	
Cackling Canada goose		2	4
Light Goose	Dec. 1-Feb. 28	3	6
Southwest General Zone (11):			
Dark Goose	Oct. 11-Jan. 18	4	8
Light Goose	Oct. 11-Jan. 18	3	6
Eastern Zone:			
Klamath, Harney, Lake, and Malheur Counties:			
Dark Goose	Oct. 5-Jan. 11	4	8
Cackling Canada goose		1	2
White-fronted goose		2	4
Light Goose	Oct. 5-Jan. 11	3	6
Remainder of Eastern Zone:			
Dark Goose	Oct. 11-Jan. 18	4	8
Cackling Canada goose		1	2
White-fronted goose		2	4
Light Goose	Oct. 11-Jan. 18	3	6
Brant	Dec. 27-Jan. 11	2	4
Utah (12)			
Ducks:			
Zone 1	Oct. 4-Jan. 17	7	14
Zone 2	Oct. 4-Jan. 17	7	14
Coots	Same as for ducks	25	25
Geese:			
Light	Oct. 4-Jan. 11	3	6
Dark:			
Washington County (13)	Oct. 11-Jan. 13	2	4
Rest of State	Oct. 4-Jan. 11	2	4
Washington			
Ducks:			
East Zone	Oct. 4-Jan. 17	7	14
West Zone	Oct. 4-Jan. 17	7	14
Coots	Same as for ducks	25	25
Geese (14):			
Eastern Management Areas			
1, 2, and 3 (15)	Oct. 11-Jan. 18	4	8
Western Management Area 1	Oct. 11-Jan. 4	3	6
Western Management Area 2 (16)	Nov. 22-Nov. 26 &		
	Nov. 29-Jan. 17		
Regular Season Total Geese		4	8
Canada geese		3	6
Dusky Canada geese		1	1
Cackling Canada geese		2	4
Late-Season Canada Geese			
Canada geese	Jan. 24-Mar. 9	3	6
Dusky Canada geese		1	1
Cackling Canada geese		3	6
Western Management Area 3		4	8
Brant (17)		2	4
Wyoming			
Ducks	Oct. 4-Jan. 17	7	14
Coots	Same as for ducks	25	25
Dark Geese	Oct. 4-Jan. 11	4	8

(1) In Arizona, the daily limit may include no more than either 2 female mallards or 2 Mexican-like ducks, or 1 of each; and not more than 4 female mallards, 4 Mexican-like ducks, or 2 of each, may be in possession.

(2) In Arizona, in Yuma County, La Paz County, Game Management Units 138, 15, and that portion of Unit 16 lying within Mohave County, the bag and possession limit is 2 and 4 for Canada geese and 3 and 6 for light geese, respectively.

(3) In California, the daily bag limit for cackling geese is 1.

(4) State permit is required.

(5) In Idaho, the season on light geese is closed in Fremont and Teton Counties.

(6) In Montana, check State regulations for special seasons/exceptions in Freezeout Lake WMA, Canyon Ferry, Flathead, Deer Lodge County, and Missoula County.

(7) In Nevada, there is no open season on light geese in Ruby Valley within Elko and White Pine Counties, White River Valley of Nye County, and Pahrangat Valley of Lincoln County.

- (8) In New Mexico, duck and goose hunting is closed in San Juan County from October 27 through November 7 and December 8 through December 19.
- (9) In New Mexico, the bag limit is 1 common moorhen daily and 2 in possession; there is no open season on the purple gallinule.
- (10) In Oregon, the Northwest Special Permit Zone is closed to all goose hunting, except for designated areas. See State regulations for specific boundary descriptions, times, days, and other conditions of the special permit season.
- (11) In Oregon, that portion of Coos, Curry, and Douglas Counties west of US 101 is closed to all Canada goose hunting.
- (12) In Utah, the shooting hours are 8:00 a.m. to sunset on October 4 and November 1.
- (13) In Utah, the Washington County season is for Canada geese only.
- (14) In Washington, daily bag and possession limits may include no more than 3 and 6 light geese, respectively.
- (15) In Washington, in State Goose Area 1, hunting is only on Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays, and certain holidays. In State Goose Area 2, hunting is everyday. See State regulations for details, including shooting hours.
- (16) In Washington, see State regulations for specific dates and conditions of permit hunts and closures for Canada geese.
- (17) In Washington, brant may be hunted in Skagit and Pacific Counties only; see State regulations for specific dates.

(f) Youth Waterfowl Hunting Day

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 can not duck hunt but may participate in other open seasons.

Definition

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

NOTE: The following seasons are in addition to the seasons published previously in the August 29, 1997, Federal Register (62 FR 46152). Bag and possession limits will conform to those set for the regular season.

	Season Dates
ATLANTIC FLYWAY	
Connecticut Ducks, mergansers, and coots: Statewide	Nov. 8
Delaware Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	Oct. 25
Florida Ducks, gallinules, and coots	Jan. 24
Georgia Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	Nov. 15
Maine (1) Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules: Statewide	Sept. 20
Mainland (2) Ducks, mergansers, and coots (3)	Oct. 25

	Season Dates
Massachusetts Ducks, mergansers, and coots: Statewide	Oct. 11
New Hampshire Ducks, mergansers, and coots: Statewide	Nov. 8
New Jersey Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules: Statewide	Sept. 27
New York Ducks, mergansers, and coots: Long Island Zone Lake Champlain Zone Northeastern Zone Southeastern Zone Western Zone	Nov. 30 Sept. 27 Sept. 28 Sept. 28 Oct. 12
North Carolina Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Jan. 24
Pennsylvania Ducks, mergansers, coots, and moorhens: Statewide	Oct. 4
Rhode Island Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Oct. 25
South Carolina Ducks	Jan. 24
Vermont Ducks, mergansers, and coots: Statewide	Sept. 27
Virginia Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules: Statewide	Oct. 18
MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY	
Alabama Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules: Statewide	Jan. 24
Arkansas Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules: Statewide	Dec. 24

		Season Dates
Illinois		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
North Zone	Sept. 27	
Central Zone	Oct. 11	
South Zone	Nov. 1	
Indiana		
Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules:		
North Zone	Oct. 11	
South Zone	Nov. 1	
Ohio River Zone	Nov. 8	
Iowa		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
Statewide	Sept. 27	
Kentucky		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
Statewide	Oct. 11	
Louisiana		
Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules:		
Statewide	Jan. 24	
Michigan		
Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules:		
Statewide	Sept. 20	
Minnesota		
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and moorhens	Sept. 20	
Mississippi		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
Statewide	Jan. 24	
Missouri		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
North Zone	Oct. 18	
Middle Zone	Oct. 25	
South Zone	Nov. 8	
Ohio		
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and moorhens:		
Pymatuning Area	Oct. 4	
Rest of State	Oct. 11	
Tennessee		
Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules:		
Statewide	Jan. 24	
Wisconsin		
Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules:		
Statewide	Sept. 27	
CENTRAL FLYWAY		
Colorado		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 27	
Kansas (4)		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
High Plains	Sept. 27	
Low Plains:	Sept. 27	
Early Zone	Oct. 18	
Late Zone		
Montana		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 27	
Nebraska		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
High Plains:	Oct. 4	
Zones 1 & 2	Sept. 27	
Zones 3 & 4		
New Mexico		
Ducks and coots:		
Zone 1	Oct. 4	
Zone 2	Oct. 11	
North Dakota		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
Statewide	Sept. 27	
Oklahoma		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
High Plains	Oct. 5	
Low Plains:	Oct. 19	
Zone 1	Oct. 26	
Zone 2		
South Dakota		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
Statewide	Sept. 27	
Texas		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
High Plains	Oct. 4	
Low Plains:	Oct. 18	
North	Oct. 18	
South		
Wyoming		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
Statewide	Sept. 27	

(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 the Pacific Flyway, the daily bag limit for ducks includes mergansers.

(6) In Arizona, the youth hunter must be 14 years old or less.

4. Section 20.106 is amended by adding the entries for the following States in alphabetical order 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 restricted by State regulations. Area descriptions were published in the August 20, 1997, Federal Register (62 FR 44229).

Note: The following seasons are in addition to the seasons published previously in the August 29, 1997, Federal Register (62 FR 46152).

	Season Dates	Bag	Possession
CENTRAL FLYWAY			
Kansas (1)(2)	Nov. 1-Dec. 28	2	4
Oklahoma	Oct. 25-Jan. 25	3	6
Texas (1):			
Zone A	Nov. 8-Feb. 8	3	6
Zone B	Nov. 29-Feb. 8	3	6
Zone C	Jan. 3-Feb. 8	3	6

(1) Each hunter participating in a regular sandhill crane hunting season must obtain and carry in his possession while hunting sandhill cranes a valid Federal sandhill crane hunting permit available without cost from conservation agencies in the States where crane hunting seasons are allowed. The permit must be displayed to any authorized law enforcement official upon request.

	Season Dates
PACIFIC FLYWAY (5)	
Arizona (6)	
Ducks, coots, and mergansers:	
North Zone	Oct. 4
South Zone	Jan. 24
California	
Ducks:	
Northeastern Zone	Sept. 27
Colorado River Zone	Jan. 24
Southern Zone	Jan. 24
Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone	Jan. 24
Balance-of-State Zone	Jan. 24
Colorado	
Ducks and coots	Sept. 27
Idaho	
Ducks and coots:	
Statewide	Sept. 27
Montana	
Ducks and coots	Sept. 27
Nevada	
Ducks, coots, and mergansers:	
Clark and Lincoln Counties	Jan. 24
Rest of State	Sept. 27
Oregon	
Ducks and coots:	
Statewide	Sept. 27
Utah	
Ducks and coots:	
Statewide	Sept. 27
Washington	
Ducks and coots:	
Statewide	Sept. 27
Wyoming	
Ducks and coots	Sept. 27

(1) In Maine, the special season is closed on black ducks; shooting hours are sunrise to sunset.

(2) 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.

(3) In Maryland, the special season is closed on canvasbacks.

5. 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. Hunting is by State permit only.

NOTE: Successful permittees must immediately validate their harvest by that method required in State regulations.

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
ATLANTIC FLYWAY			
North Carolina	Oct. 20-Jan. 31	1 tundra swan per season	
Virginia	Dec. 1-Jan. 31	1 tundra swan per season	
CENTRAL FLYWAY (1)			
Montana	Oct. 4-Jan. 4	1 tundra swan per season	
North Dakota	Oct. 4-Nov. 30	1 tundra swan per season	
South Dakota	Oct. 4-Nov. 30	1 tundra swan per season	
PACIFIC FLYWAY (1)(2)			
Montana	Oct. 18-Dec. 1	1 swan per season	
Nevada (3) (4)	Oct. 18-Jan. 4	1 swan per season	
Utah (3)	Oct. 4-Dec. 7	1 swan per season	

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

(2) Any species of swan may be taken.

(3) Harvests of trumpeter swans will be limited by quotas established in the September 26, 1997, Federal Register. When it has been determined that the quota of trumpeter swans allotted to Nevada and Utah will 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.

(4) All harvested swans and tags must be checked at the Nevada Division of Wildlife within 5 days of harvest.

6. Section 20.109 is amended by adding the entries for the following States in alphabetical order 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 20 and September 28 Federal Registers.

Limits: The daily bag limit may include no more than 3 migratory game birds, singly or in the aggregate. The possession limit is twice 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. Unless otherwise specified, extended falconry for ducks does not include sea ducks within the special sea duck areas.

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

NOTE: The following seasons are in addition to the seasons published previously in the August 29, 1997, Federal Register (62 FR 46152)

Extended Falconry Dates	
<u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u>	
<u>Florida</u>	
Ducks and coots	Nov. 1-Nov. 13 & Feb. 1-Feb. 28
<u>Georgia</u>	
Sea Ducks	Nov. 15-Nov. 21 & Jan. 21-Feb. 28
Ducks, mergansers, gallinules, and coots	Nov. 15-Nov. 21 & Jan. 21-Feb. 28
<u>Maine</u>	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
North Zone	Nov. 24-Jan. 31
South Zone	Dec. 22-Feb. 28

Extended Falconry Dates	
Manitowish	
Ducks	Oct. 18-Oct. 21 & Jan. 21-Mar. 9
Canada Geese	Closed
Brant	Jan. 21-Mar. 10
Massachusetts	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
Western Zone	Oct. 6-Oct. 12 & Dec. 21-Jan. 20
Central Zone	Oct. 6-Oct. 13 & Nov. 30-Dec. 14 & Jan. 6-Jan. 20
Coastal Zone	Oct. 6-Oct. 13 & Oct. 26-Nov. 14 & Jan. 11-Jan. 20
New Hampshire	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
Inland Zone	Nov. 5-Nov. 18 & Dec. 15-Jan. 15
Coastal Zone	Jan. 24-Mar. 10
New Jersey	
Woodcock:	
North Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 9 & Oct. 19-Oct. 31 & Nov. 16-Jan. 15
South Zone	Oct. 1-Nov. 7 & Nov. 23-Dec. 18 & Dec. 28-Jan. 15
New Jersey (cont.)	
Ducks:	
North Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 10 & Nov. 3-Nov. 17 & Jan. 5-Jan. 15
South Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 10 & Oct. 27-Nov. 10 & Jan. 5-Jan. 15
Coastal Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 31 & Nov. 17 only & Jan. 12-Jan. 15
New York	
Ducks and coots:	
Long Island Zone	Nov. 1-Nov. 20 & Nov. 30 only & Jan. 21-Jan. 31
Northeastern Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 3 & Oct. 20-Oct. 24 & Dec. 8-Dec. 31
Southeastern Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 10 & Oct. 20-Oct. 31 & Dec. 22-Dec. 31
Western Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 15 & Nov. 29-Dec. 19
Pennsylvania	
Ducks:	
North Zone	Nov. 3-Nov. 7 & Dec. 26-Feb. 5
South Zone	Oct. 27-Nov. 8 & Jan. 3-Feb. 5
Northwest Zone	Oct. 27-Nov. 1 & Dec. 27-Feb. 5
Lake Erie Zone	Nov. 10-Nov. 12 & Jan. 8-Feb. 20

Extended Falconry Dates	
<u>Pennsylvania (cont.)</u>	
Canada Geese:	
North Zone	Closed
South Zone	Closed
Western Zone	Jan. 1-Jan. 12
Erie, Mercer, and Butler	Oct. 20-Oct. 31
Crawford	Oct. 20-Nov. 1 & Dec. 5-Jan. 7
Brant	Oct. 27-Nov. 1 & Dec. 16-Feb. 4
<u>South Carolina</u>	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Oct. 7-Nov. 18 & Nov. 30-Dec. 7
<u>Virginia</u>	
Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	Nov. 1-Nov. 15 & Jan. 21-Feb. 27
Canada Geese	Dec. 13-Dec. 20 & Feb. 9-Feb. 28
Brant	Nov. 6-Nov. 22 & Jan. 21-Mar. 10
<u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u>	
<u>Arkansas</u>	
Mourning doves	Nov. 1-Dec. 12 & Jan. 5-Jan. 9
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Dec. 24-Dec. 25 & Jan. 19-Feb. 22
<u>Illinois</u>	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
North Zone	Sept. 30-Oct. 3 & Dec. 3-Dec. 6 & Feb. 10-Mar. 10
Central Zone	Oct. 14-Oct. 17 & Dec. 17-Dec. 20 & Feb. 10-Mar. 10
South Zone	Nov. 4-Nov. 7 & Jan. 7-Jan. 10 & Feb. 10-Mar. 10
<u>Indiana</u>	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
North Zone	Sept. 23-Oct. 17 & Dec. 8-Dec. 19
South Zone	Oct. 7-Oct. 24 & Oct. 28-Nov. 7 & Jan. 4-Jan. 11
Ohio River Zone	Oct. 14-Nov. 19
<u>Iowa</u>	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
Statewide	Dec. 15-Jan. 29
Dark Geese:	
North Zone	Dec. 13-Jan. 18
South Zone	Oct. 13-Oct. 17 & Dec. 18-Jan. 18

Extended Falconry Dates		Extended Falconry Dates	
Kentucky		Minnesota (cont.)	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		Canada geese, white-fronted geese, and brant:	
Statewide	Nov. 5-Nov. 28 & Jan. 19-Jan. 31	West Zone:	Oct. 4-Oct. 10 & Nov. 10-Dec. 16
Canada Geese:		West Central Zone	
Western Goose Zone	Nov. 5-Dec. 5	Rest of West Zone	Nov. 13-Dec. 18
Pennroyal/Coalfield Zone	Nov. 5-Dec. 27	Northwest Zone	Nov. 13-Dec. 16
Rest of State	Nov. 5-Dec. 12	Rest of State	Dec. 13-Dec. 16
White-fronted geese and brant:		Mississippi	
Western Goose Zone	Nov. 5-Nov. 26	Mourning doves	Dec. 1-Dec. 19 & Jan. 11-Feb. 7
Rest of State	Nov. 5-Nov. 26	Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Nov. 17-Nov. 21 & Feb. 7-Mar. 10
Light Geese	Nov. 24-Nov. 26	Missouri	
Michigan		Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and moorhens:		North Zone	Sept. 13-Sept. 21 & Oct. 6-Oct. 22 & Dec. 22-Jan. 11
North Zone	Sept. 7-Oct. 3 & Dec. 3-Dec. 12 & Mar. 1-Mar. 10	Middle Zone	Sept. 13-Sept. 21 & Oct. 6-Oct. 29 & Dec. 28-Jan. 11
Middle Zone	Sept. 7-Oct. 3 & Dec. 3-Dec. 12 & Mar. 1-Mar. 10	South Zone	Sept. 13-Sept. 21 & Oct. 6-Nov. 12
South Zone	Sept. 7-Oct. 10 & Dec. 10-Dec. 12 & Mar. 1-Mar. 10	Ohio	
Minnesota		Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
Rails and snipe	Nov. 5-Dec. 16	Pymatuning Area	Oct. 27-Nov. 1 & Dec. 27-Jan. 15
Woodcock	Nov. 4-Dec. 16	North Zone	Dec. 6 only & Dec. 23-Jan. 18
Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	Sept. 1-Oct. 3 & Dec. 3-Dec. 16	South Zone	Nov. 3-Nov. 30
		Ohio River Zone	Nov. 3-Nov. 30

Extended Falconry Dates	
Tennessee	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
Statewide	Sept. 18-Oct. 28
Wisconsin	
Rails, snipe, moorhens, and gallinules:	
North Zone	Sept. 1-Oct. 3 & Dec. 3-Dec. 16
South Zone	Sept. 1-Oct. 3 & Dec. 3-Dec. 16
Woodcock	Sept. 1-Sept. 19 & Nov. 4-Dec. 16
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
Statewide	Sept. 13-Oct. 3 & Dec. 3-Dec. 9 & Feb. 20-Mar. 10
CENTRAL FLYWAY	
Kansas	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
Low Plains: Early Zone	Dec. 8-Dec. 14 & Feb. 21-Mar. 8
Late Zone	Oct. 10-Oct. 17 & Oct. 19-Oct. 24 & Feb. 28-Mar. 8
Montana (4)	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
Zone 1	Sept. 24-Sept. 26 & Sept. 28-Oct. 3
Zone 2	Sept. 24-Sept. 26 & Sept. 28-Oct. 3
Nebraska	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
High Plains	Sept. 28-Oct. 3 & Dec. 16-Dec. 18
Low Plains: Zones 1 and 2	Sept. 28-Oct. 10 & Dec. 22-Dec. 26 & Dec. 29-Jan. 11
Zones 3 & 4	Sept. 28-Oct. 3 & Dec. 15-Dec. 19 & Dec. 22-Jan. 11
Oklahoma	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
Low Plains: Zone 1	Oct. 6-Oct. 18 & Oct. 20-Oct. 24 & Dec. 8-Dec. 12
Zone 2	Dec. 8-Dec. 12 & Jan. 19-Feb. 5
South Dakota	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
Low Plains: North Zone	Sept. 4-Sept. 26 & Sept. 28-Oct. 3 & Dec. 17-Dec. 19
Middle Zone	Sept. 4-Sept. 26 & Sept. 28-Oct. 3 & Dec. 17-Dec. 19
South Zone	Sept. 8-Sept. 26 & Sept. 28-Oct. 10
High Plains	Sept. 4-Sept. 12

	Extended Falconry Dates	Extended Falconry Dates	
Texas		California (cont.)	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		White-fronted Geese:	
Low Plains	Jan. 19-Feb. 10	Northeastern Zone	Oct. 27-Jan. 17
Woodcock	Nov. 24-Dec. 17 & Feb. 1-Mar. 10	Southern Zone	Oct. 11-Oct. 17 & Jan. 19-Jan. 25
PACIFIC FLYWAY		Balance-of-State Zone: Sacramento Valley Closure	Oct. 11-Oct. 31 & Dec. 15-Jan. 25
Arizona		Rest of Zone	Oct. 11-Oct. 31 & Jan. 9-Jan. 25
Ducks and mergansers:		Brant	Oct. 4-Oct. 31 & Dec. 1-Jan. 17
North Zone	Oct. 5-Oct. 9	Light Geese:	
South Zone	Jan. 25-Jan. 29	Northeastern Zone	Jan. 5-Jan. 17
California		Southern Zone	Oct. 11-Oct. 17 & Jan. 19-Jan. 25
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		Balance-of-State Zone (5)	Oct. 11-Oct. 31 Jan. 19-Jan. 25
Northeastern Zone	Jan. 12-Jan. 17	Montana (2)	
Colorado River Zone	Jan. 25-Jan. 29	Geese	Jan. 12-Jan. 18
Southern Zone	Jan. 19-Jan. 25	New Mexico (2)	
Balance-of-State Zone	Jan. 19-Jan. 25	Geese (6)	Oct. 4-Oct. 10
Southern San Joaquin Zone	Jan. 19-Jan. 25	Utah	
Canada Geese:		Light Geese	Jan. 12-Jan. 18
Northeastern Zone	Jan. 5-Jan. 17	Dark Geese: Washington County	Oct. 4-Oct. 10
Southern Zone	Oct. 11-Oct. 17 Jan. 19-Jan. 25	Rest	Jan. 12-Jan. 18
Balance-of-State Zone (5): San Joaquin Valley Area	Oct. 11-Oct. 31 & Nov. 23-Jan. 25	Wyoming	
Rest of Zone	Oct. 11-Oct. 31 & Jan. 19-Jan. 25	Rails	Sept. 1-Sept. 12 & Nov. 17-Dec. 14

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- (5) In California, the falconry season for Canada geese is closed in Del Norte and Humboldt Area, and the Sacramento Valley Area.
- (6) In New Mexico, the daily bag limit for light geese is 1 and the possession limit is 6.