

enforced by the tribes and available at the tribal office.

(k) *White Mountain Apache Tribe, Fort Apache Indian Reservation, Whiteriver, Arizona (Tribal Members and Non-tribal Hunters)*

#### Band-Tailed Pigeons

*Season Dates:* Open September 6, close September 15, 1996.

*Daily Bag and Possession Limits:* 3 and 6 pigeons, respectively.

#### Mourning Doves

*Season Dates:* Open September 6, close September 15, 1996.

*Daily Bag and Possession Limits:* 8 and 16 doves, respectively.

*General Conditions:* All non-tribal hunters hunting band-tailed pigeons and mourning doves on Reservation lands shall have in their possession a valid White Mountain Apache Daily or Yearly Small Game Permit. In addition to a small game permit, all non-tribal hunters hunting band-tailed pigeons must have in their possession a White Mountain Special Band-tailed Pigeon Permit. Other special regulations established by the White Mountain Apache Tribe apply on the reservation. Tribal and nontribal hunters will comply with all basic Federal migratory bird hunting regulations in 50 CFR Part 20 regarding shooting hours and manner of taking.

Dated: August 27, 1996.

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*Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.*

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## 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 1996-97 season.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 30, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul R. Schmidt, Chief, Office of Migratory Bird Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, ms 634-ARLSQ, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240 (703) 358-1714.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Regulations Schedule for 1996**

On March 22, 1996, the Service published in the Federal Register (61 FR 11992) 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 Sections 20.101 through 20.107, 20.109, and 20.110 of subpart K. On June 13, 1996, the Service published in the Federal Register (61 FR 30114) a second document providing supplemental proposals for early- and late-season migratory bird hunting regulations frameworks. The June 13 supplement also provided detailed information on the 1996-97 regulatory schedule and announced the Service Migratory Bird Regulations Committee and Flyway Council meetings. On June 14, 1996, the Service published in the Federal Register (61 FR 30490) a third document describing the Service's proposed 1996-97 regulatory alternatives for duck hunting and its intent to consider establishing a special youth waterfowl hunting day.

On June 27, 1996, the Service held a public hearing in Washington, DC, as announced in the March 22 and June 14 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 22, 1996, the Service published in the Federal Register (61 FR 37994) a fourth document specifically dealing with proposed early-season frameworks for the 1996-97 season. This document also extended the public comment period to August 1, 1996, for early-season proposals.

On August 2, 1996, the Service held a public hearing in Washington, DC, as announced in the March 22, June 14, and July 22 Federal Registers to review the status of waterfowl. Proposed hunting regulations were discussed for late seasons. On August 15, 1996, (61 FR 42506), the Service published a fifth and

sixth document on migratory bird hunting. The fifth document dealt specifically with proposed frameworks for the 1996-97 late-season migratory bird hunting regulations. The sixth document proposed establishing a youth waterfowl hunting day for the 1996-97 duck-hunting season. On August 29, 1996, the Service published a seventh 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. The final rule described here is the eighth 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 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; and some extended falconry seasons.

#### **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 (FSSES 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**.

**Regulatory Flexibility Act; Executive Order 12866 and the Paperwork Reduction Act**

In the March 22, 1996, Federal Register, the Service reported measures it took to comply with requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act and E.O. 12866. 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. Copies of the Analysis are available upon request from the Office of Migratory Bird Management. This rule was not subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget under E.O. 12866.

The Department examined these proposed regulations under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The various information collection requirements are utilized in the formulation of migratory game bird hunting regulations. OMB has approved these information collection requirements and assigned clearance numbers 1018-0015 and 1018-0023.

**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 preliminary 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 would have insufficient time to select season dates and limits; to communicate those selections to the Service; and to establish and publicize the necessary regulations and procedures to implement their decisions. Therefore, the Service, under authority of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (July 3, 1918), as amended, (16 U.S.C. 703-711), prescribes final frameworks setting forth the species to be hunted, the daily bag and possession limits, the shooting hours, the season lengths, the earliest opening and latest closing season dates, and hunting areas, from which State conservation agency officials may select hunting season dates and other options. Upon receipt of season and option selections from these officials, the Service will publish in the Federal Register a final rulemaking amending 50 CFR part 20 to reflect seasons, limits, and shooting hours for the conterminous United States for the 1996-97 season.

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 frameworks will, therefore, take effect immediately upon publication.

**Unfunded Mandates**

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 proposed 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: August 27, 1996.

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*Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.*

**PART 20—[AMENDED]**

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 is revised 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 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	Sept. 7-Nov. 4	10	10
Scaly-naped pigeons	Sept. 7-Nov. 4	5	5
Ducks	Nov. 16-Dec. 23 & Jan. 11-Jan. 27	5	10
Common Moorhens	Nov. 16-Dec. 23 & Jan. 11-Jan. 27	6	12
Common Snipe	Nov. 16-Dec. 23 & Jan. 11-Jan. 27	8	16

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, and Caribbean coot, white-crowned pigeon and plain pigeon.

Closed Areas: Closed areas are described in the August 29, 1996, Federal Register.

(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 August 29, 1996, Federal Register.

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. 1-Dec. 16
Pribilof & Aleutian Islands Zone	Oct. 8-Jan. 22
Kodiak Zone	Oct. 8-Jan. 22

4. Section 20.103 is revised to read as follows:
- §20.103 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for doves and pigeons.**
- Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, areas open to hunting, respective open seasons (dates inclusive), shooting and hawking hours, and daily bag and possession limits for the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows:
- Shooting and hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset except as otherwise noted. Area descriptions were published in the August 29, 1996, Federal Register.
- 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	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<u>EASTERN MANAGEMENT UNIT</u>			
<u>Alabama</u>			
North Zone			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 14 only & Dec. 26-Jan. 10	15	15
1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 15-Oct. 27	15	15
South Zone			
12 noon to sunset	Oct. 5-Nov. 22 & Dec. 26-Jan. 15	12	12
		12	12
<u>Delaware</u>			
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 2-Sept. 28	12	24
1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Oct. 21-Nov. 2 & Dec. 13-Jan. 11	12	24
		12	24
<u>Florida (1)</u>			
12 noon to sunset	Oct. 5-Oct. 28	12	24
1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Nov. 16-Dec. 1 & Dec. 14-Jan. 12	12	24
		12	24

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

(1) In State Game Management Units (Units) 1-26 (Statewide), the basic bag limits may include not more than 1 canvasback daily, 3 in possession. In addition to the basic daily bag and possession limits, a daily bag limit of 15 and a possession limit of 30 is permitted singly or in the aggregate of the following species: scoter, king and common eider, oldsquaw, harlequin ducks, and common and red-breasted mergansers. The season is closed for Steller's and spectacled eiders. In Units 6(D) and 7, the season for harlequin ducks will be October 1 through December 16, and bag limits are 2 daily, 6 in possession. The season is closed Statewide for Steller's and spectacled eiders.

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

(3) In Units 9(E) and 18, dark goose limits may include no more than 1 Canada goose daily, 2 in possession. In Units 5 and 6, the taking of Canada geese is only permitted from September 28 through December 16. In Units 8 and 10 (except Unimak Island), and the Middleton Island portion of Unit 6, the taking of Canada geese is prohibited. In Units 1-26 (Statewide), the taking of Aleutian Canada geese and emperor geese is prohibited.

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

**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 Unit 22, there will be a tundra swan season from September 1 through October 31 with a season limit of 1 tundra swan per hunter. This season is by registration permit only. Up to 300 permits may be issued. In Unit 18, there will be a tundra swan season from September 1 through October 31 with a limit of 1 tundra swan per permit. More than 1 permit per season may be issued to a hunter, with issuance one at a time upon filing a harvest report. Up to 500 permits may be issued.

Season Dates			Limits	
Season Dates			Bag	Possession
<u>Georgia</u>				
Zone 1				
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 7 only		12	24
1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 8-Oct. 6 & Nov. 28-Nov. 30 & Dec. 10-Jan. 15		12	24
Zone 2				
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 28 only		12	24
1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 29-Oct. 27 & Nov. 28-Nov. 30 & Dec. 10-Jan. 15		12	24
<u>Illinois</u>				
sunrise to sunset	Sept. 1-Oct. 14 & Nov. 2-Nov. 17		15	30
<u>Indiana</u>				
	Sept. 1-Oct. 16 & Nov. 8-Nov. 17 & Nov. 28-Dec. 1		15	30
<u>Kentucky</u>				
11 a.m. to sunset	Sept. 1-Sept. 30 & Oct. 5-Oct. 28		15	30
sunrise to sunset	Nov. 28-Dec. 3		15	30
<u>Louisiana</u>				
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 7-Sept. 8 & Oct. 19-Oct. 20 & Dec. 14-Dec. 15		15	30
1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 9-Sept. 15 & Oct. 21-Nov. 8 & Dec. 16-Jan. 12		15	30
<u>Maryland</u>				
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 2-Oct. 22		12	24
1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Nov. 18-Nov. 23 & Dec. 26-Jan. 7		12	24
<u>Mississippi</u>				
North Zone				
	Sept. 1-Sept. 22 & Oct. 12-Nov. 10 & Dec. 26-Jan. 2		15	30
<u>Mississippi (cont)</u>				
South Zone				
	Sept. 21-Oct. 12 & Nov. 16-Dec. 1 & Dec. 21-Jan. 11		15	30
<u>North Carolina</u>				
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 2-Sept. 7		12	24
1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 8-Oct. 5 & Nov. 25-Nov. 30 & Dec. 13-Jan. 11		12	24
<u>Ohio</u>				
	Sept. 16-Oct. 15 & Nov. 1-Nov. 30		15	30
<u>Pennsylvania</u>				
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 2-Oct. 12		12	24
1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Nov. 2-Nov. 30		12	24
<u>Rhode Island</u>				
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 9-Sept. 22		12	24
1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Oct. 19-Nov. 17 & Dec. 21-Jan. 15		12	24
<u>South Carolina</u>				
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 2-Sept. 7		12	24
1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 8-Oct. 5 & Nov. 23-Nov. 30 & Dec. 19-Jan. 15		12	24
<u>Tennessee</u>				
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 1 only		15	30
1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 2-Sept. 27 & Oct. 12-Oct. 26 & Dec. 21-Jan. 7		15	30
<u>Virginia</u>				
12 noon to sunset	Sept. 2-Sept. 28		12	24
1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Oct. 4-Nov. 2 & Dec. 23-Jan. 4		12	24

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<u>West Virginia</u> 12 noon to sunset 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Sept. 2 only	12	24
	Sept. 3-Oct. 5 & Oct. 28-Nov. 9 & Dec. 16-Jan. 7	12	24
<u>CENTRAL MANAGEMENT UNIT</u>			
<u>Arkansas</u>	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
<u>Colorado</u>	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
<u>Kansas</u>	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
<u>Missouri</u>	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
<u>Montana</u>	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
<u>Nebraska</u>	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
<u>New Mexico</u> (2)	Sept. 1-Sept. 30 & Dec. 1-Dec. 30	15	30
<u>North Dakota</u>	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
<u>Oklahoma</u>	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
<u>South Dakota</u> (3)	Sept. 1-Oct. 18	15	30
<u>Texas</u> (4)			
North Zone	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	15	30
Central Zone	Sept. 1-Oct. 19 & Dec. 26-Jan. 5	15	30
South Zone	Sept. 20-Nov. 3 & Dec. 26-Jan. 5	15	30
Special Area		15	30
(Special Season) 12 noon to sunset	Sept. 7-Sept. 8 & Sept. 14-Sept. 15	10	20
Remainder of the South Zone	Sept. 20-Nov. 7 & Dec. 26-Jan. 5	15	30
<u>Wyoming</u>	Sept. 1-Oct. 20	15	30
<u>WESTERN MANAGEMENT UNIT</u>			
<u>Arizona</u> (5)	Sept. 1-Sept. 10 & Nov. 24-Jan. 11	10	20
		10	20
<u>California</u> (6)	Sept. 1-Sept. 15 & Nov. 9-Dec. 23	10	20
		10	20
<u>Idaho</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	10	20
<u>Nevada</u> (6)	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	10	20
<u>Oregon</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	10	20
<u>Utah</u>	Sept. 2-Sept. 30	10	20
<u>Washington</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	10	20
<u>OTHER POPULATIONS</u>			
<u>Hawaii</u> (7)	Nov. 2-Jan. 5 & Jan. 11-Jan. 12 & Jan. 18-Jan. 20	10	10
		10	10
		10	10

(1) In Florida, the daily bag limit is 12 mourning and white-winged doves in the aggregate, of which not more than 4 may be white-winged doves. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

(2) In New Mexico, the daily bag limit is 15 and the possession limit is 30 mourning and white-winged doves in the aggregate.

(3) In South Dakota, shooting hours are from sunrise to sunset.

(4) In Texas, the daily bag limit is 15 mourning, white-winged, and white-tipped doves in the aggregate, of which no more than 6 may be white-winged doves and 2 may be white-tipped doves. 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 10 mourning, white-winged, and white-tipped doves in the aggregate, of which no more than 5 may be mourning doves and 2 may be white-tipped doves. Possession limits are twice the daily bag limit.

(5) In Arizona, during September 1 through 10, the daily bag limit is 10 mourning and white-winged doves in the aggregate, of which no more than 6 may be white-winged doves. During November 26 through January 14, 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.

(6) In 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.

(7) In Hawaii, the season is only open on the island of Hawaii. The daily bag and possession limits are 10 mourning and lace-necked doves in the aggregate. Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise through one-half hour after sunset. Hunting is only permitted on weekends and holidays.

(b) Band-tailed Pigeons

Seasons in:	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<u>Arizona</u> (1)	Oct. 16-Oct. 25	5	10
<u>California</u>	Sept. 21-Sept. 29	2	2
		2	2
<u>Colorado</u> (1)	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	5	10
		5	10
<u>New Mexico</u> (1)	Sept. 1-Sept. 20	5	10
		5	10
<u>Oregon</u>	Sept. 15-Sept. 23	2	2
		5	10
<u>Utah</u> (1)	Sept. 2-Sept. 30	5	10
		5	10

(1) Each band-tailed pigeon hunter must have either a band-tailed pigeon hunting permit or a special bird permit issued by the respective 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 August 29, 1996, Federal Register.

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)	15 (2)	5 (3)	8
Possession limit	25 (1)	30 (2)	30 (2)	10 (3)	16
<b>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</b>					
<u>Connecticut</u> (4)	Sept. 2-Nov. 10	Sept. 2-Nov. 10	Sept. 2-Nov. 10	Oct. 19-Dec. 2	Oct. 19-Dec. 2
<u>Delaware</u>	Sept. 2-Nov. 9	Sept. 2-Nov. 9	Sept. 2-Nov. 9	Oct. 21-Nov. 2 & Nov. 25-Dec. 26	Nov. 25-Jan. 31
<u>Florida</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Dec. 14-Jan. 27	Nov. 1-Feb. 15
<u>Georgia</u>	Sept. 25-Dec. 3	Sept. 25-Dec. 3	Sept. 25-Dec. 3	Dec. 14-Jan. 27	Nov. 15-Feb. 28
<u>Maine</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Closed	Oct. 1-Nov. 14	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>Maryland</u>	Sept. 2-Nov. 9	Sept. 2-Nov. 9	Sept. 2-Nov. 9	Oct. 22-Nov. 23 & Dec. 16-Dec. 27	Sept. 18-Nov. 29 & Dec. 18-Jan. 20
<u>Massachusetts</u> (5)	Sept. 2-Nov. 9	Closed	Closed	Deferred	Sept. 2-Dec. 17
<u>New Hampshire</u>	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 1-Nov. 14	Sept. 15-Nov. 30
<u>New Jersey</u> (6)	Sept. 2-Nov. 9	Sept. 2-Nov. 9	Sept. 2-Nov. 9	Oct. 12-Nov. 15	Sept. 27-Jan. 11
<u>North Zone</u>	Sept. 2-Nov. 9	Sept. 2-Nov. 9	Sept. 2-Nov. 9	Nov. 4-Nov. 30 & Dec. 21-Dec. 28	Sept. 27-Jan. 11
<u>South Zone</u>	Sept. 2-Nov. 9	Sept. 2-Nov. 9	Sept. 2-Nov. 9	Oct. 1-Nov. 14	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>New York</u> (7)	Sept. 2-Nov. 9	Sept. 2-Nov. 9	Sept. 2-Nov. 9	Dec. 7-Jan. 20	Nov. 14-Feb. 28
<u>North Carolina</u>	Sept. 2-Nov. 2	Closed	Closed	Oct. 26-Nov. 9	Oct. 26-Nov. 30
<u>Pennsylvania</u>	Sept. 14-Nov. 22	Sept. 14-Nov. 22	Sept. 14-Nov. 22	Oct. 23-Dec. 6	Sept. 14-Dec. 6 & Dec. 21-Jan. 12
<u>Rhode Island</u> (8)	Sept. 23-Sept. 30 & Oct. 24-Dec. 24	Sept. 23-Sept. 30 & Oct. 24-Dec. 24	Sept. 23-Sept. 30 & Oct. 24-Dec. 24	Nov. 28-Dec. 14 & Dec. 21-Jan. 17	Nov. 8-Feb. 22
<u>South Carolina</u>	Deferred	Deferred	Deferred	Deferred	Deferred
<u>Vermont</u>	Sept. 16-Oct. 17 & Oct. 24-Nov. 30	Sept. 16-Oct. 17 & Oct. 24-Nov. 30	Sept. 16-Oct. 17 & Oct. 24-Nov. 30	Oct. 28-Nov. 23 & Dec. 18-Jan. 4	Oct. 9-Oct. 12 & Oct. 21-Jan. 31
<u>Virginia</u>	Sept. 2-Nov. 9	Sept. 2-Nov. 9	Sept. 2-Nov. 9	Oct. 12-Nov. 23	Sept. 2-Dec. 17
<u>West Virginia</u>	Sept. 2-Nov. 9	Sept. 2-Nov. 9	Sept. 2-Nov. 9	Oct. 12-Nov. 23	Sept. 2-Dec. 17

Sora and Virginia Rails	Clapper and King Rails	Woodcock	Common Snipe
<b>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</b>			
<u>Alabama</u> (9)	Sept. 7-Sept. 15 & Nov. 21-Jan. 20	Sept. 7-Sept. 15 & Nov. 21-Jan. 20	Nov. 14-Feb. 28
<u>Arkansas</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Nov. 9-Feb. 23
<u>Illinois</u> (10)	Sept. 7-Nov. 15	Closed	Sept. 7-Dec. 22
<u>Indiana</u> (11)	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>Iowa</u> (12)	Sept. 7-Nov. 15	Closed	Sept. 7-Nov. 30
<u>Kentucky</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Sept. 18-Nov. 3 & Nov. 28-Jan. 26
<u>Louisiana</u>	Sept. 21-Sept. 29 & Nov. 9-Jan. 8	Sept. 21-Sept. 29 & Nov. 9-Jan. 8	Nov. 9-Feb. 23
<u>Michigan</u> (13)	Sept. 15-Nov. 14	Closed	Sept. 15-Nov. 14
<u>Minnesota</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 4	Closed	Sept. 1-Nov. 4
<u>Mississippi</u>	Oct. 12-Dec. 20	Oct. 12-Dec. 20	Nov. 14-Feb. 28
<u>Missouri</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>Ohio</u>	Sept. 2-Nov. 9	Closed	Sept. 2-Nov. 30 & Dec. 16-Jan. 1
<u>Tennessee</u>	Deferred	Closed	Nov. 14-Feb. 28
<u>Wisconsin</u>	Deferred	Closed	Deferred
<b>CENTRAL FLYWAY</b>			
<u>Colorado</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>Kansas</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>Montana</u>	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>Nebraska</u> (14)	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>New Mexico</u>	Deferred	Deferred	Deferred
Sora and Virginia Rails	Clapper and King Rails	Woodcock	Common Snipe
<u>North Dakota</u>	Closed	Sept. 14-Nov. 17	Sept. 14-Dec. 1
<u>Oklahoma</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 1-Jan. 15
<u>South Dakota</u> (15)	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Oct. 31
<u>Texas</u>	Sept. 14-Sept. 22 & Nov. 9-Jan. 8	Sept. 14-Sept. 22 & Nov. 9-Jan. 8	Deferred
<u>Wyoming</u>	Sept. 14-Nov. 17	Closed	Sept. 14-Dec. 15
<b>PACIFIC FLYWAY</b>			
<u>Colorado</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>Idaho</u>	Closed	Closed	Oct. 5-Jan. 17
<u>Montana</u>	Closed	Closed	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
<u>New Mexico</u>	Deferred	Deferred	Deferred
<u>Wyoming</u>	Sept. 14-Nov. 17	Closed	Sept. 14-Dec. 15

NOTE: For all other States in the Pacific Flyway, snipe seasons have been deferred and no seasons are prescribed for woodcock and rails.

- (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 Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, and New Jersey, the limits for clapper and king rails are 10 daily and 20 in possession.
- (3) In States of the Atlantic Flyway, the woodcock bag limit is 3 daily and 6 in possession.
- (4) In Connecticut, the daily bag and possession limits may not contain more than 1 king rail.
- (5) In Massachusetts, the sora bag limit is 5 daily and 10 in possession; the Virginia rail bag limit is 10 daily and 20 in possession.
- (6) In New Jersey, the season for king rails is closed by State regulation.
- (7) In New York, seasons for sora and Virginia rails and common snipe are closed on Long Island.
- (8) In Rhode Island, the sora and Virginia rails bag limit is 5 daily and 10 in possession, singly or in the aggregate; the clapper and king rail bag limit is 5 daily and 10 in possession, singly or in the aggregate; the common snipe bag limit is 5 daily and 10 in possession.



	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<u>North Carolina</u>	Sept. 2-Nov. 9	15	30
<u>Pennsylvania</u>	Sept. 2-Nov. 2	15	30
<u>South Carolina</u>	Sept. 23-Sept. 30 & Oct. 24-Dec. 24	15	30
<u>Virginia</u>	Deferred	--	--
<u>West Virginia</u>	Deferred	--	--
<u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Alabama</u>	Sept. 7-Sept. 15 & Nov. 21-Jan. 20	15	15
<u>Arkansas</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
<u>Indiana</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	10	20
<u>Kentucky</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
<u>Louisiana</u>	Sept. 21-Sept. 29 & Nov. 9-Jan. 8	15	30
<u>Michigan</u>	Deferred	--	--
<u>Minnesota</u>	Deferred	--	--
<u>Mississippi</u>	Oct. 12-Dec. 20	15	30
<u>Ohio</u>	Sept. 2-Nov. 9	15	30
<u>Tennessee</u>	Deferred	--	--
<u>Wisconsin</u>	Deferred	--	--
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>			
<u>New Mexico</u>	Deferred	--	--

(9) In Alabama, the rail limits are 15 daily and 15 in possession, singly or in the aggregate.

(10) In Illinois, shooting hours are from sunrise to sunset.

(11) In Indiana, the sora and Virginia rail limits are 15 daily and 15 in possession, singly or in the aggregate.

(12) In Iowa, the limits for sora and Virginia rails are 12 daily and 24 in possession.

(13) In Michigan, the season opens concurrently with the duck season in certain areas.

(14) In Nebraska, the rail limits are 10 daily and 20 in possession.

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

6. Section 20.105 is amended by revising paragraphs (a) through (d) to read as follows:

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

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

Shooting and hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset, except as otherwise noted. Area descriptions were published in the August 29, 1996, Federal Register.

#### 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	Bag	Limits Possession
<u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Delaware</u>	Sept. 2-Nov. 9	15	30
<u>Florida (1)</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
<u>Georgia</u>	Deferred	--	--
<u>Maine</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
<u>New Jersey</u>	Sept. 2-Nov. 9	15	30
<u>New York</u>	Closed	--	--
<u>Long Island</u>	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
<u>Remainder of State</u>			

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits Possession
South Carolina	Deferred	--	--
Virginia	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.

(c) Early (September) Duck Seasons.

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

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits Possession
<u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u>			
Florida (1)	Sept. 21-Sept. 25	4	8
<u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u>			
Alabama	Sept. 7-Sept. 15	4	8
Arkansas (2)	Sept. 14-Sept. 22	4	8
Illinois (2)	Sept. 7-Sept. 15	4	8
Indiana (2)	Sept. 1-Sept. 9	4	8
Iowa (3)			
North Zone	Sept. 21-Sept. 25	--	--
South Zone	Sept. 21-Sept. 23	--	--
Kentucky (4)	Sept. 18-Sept. 22	4	8
Louisiana	Sept. 21-Sept. 29	4	8
Mississippi	Sept. 21-Sept. 29	4	8
Missouri (2)	Sept. 7-Sept. 15	4	8
Ohio (2)	Sept. 7-Sept. 15	4	8

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits Possession
Oklahoma	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30
Texas	Sept. 14-Sept. 22 & Nov. 9-Jan. 8	15 15	30 30
Wyoming	Deferred	--	--
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u>			
All States	Deferred	--	--

(1) The season applies to common moorhens only.

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

Within the special sea duck areas, the daily bag limit is 7 scoter, eider, and oldsquaw 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	Bag	Limits Possession
Connecticut	Deferred	--	--
Delaware	Sept. 28-Jan. 11	7	14
Georgia	Deferred	--	--
Maine	Deferred	--	--
Maryland	Deferred	--	--
Massachusetts	Deferred	--	--
New Hampshire	Sept. 15-Dec. 30	7	14
New Jersey	Oct. 4-Jan. 18	7	14
New York	Oct. 6-Jan. 20	7	14
North Carolina	Deferred	--	--
Rhode Island	Oct. 11-Jan. 20	7	14

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits Possession
<u>Tennessee (4)</u>	Sept. 14-Sept. 18	4	8
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Colorado</u>	Sept. 7-Sept. 15	4	8
<u>Kansas</u>	Sept. 14-Sept. 22	4	8
<u>New Mexico</u>	Sept. 14-Sept. 22	4	8
<u>Oklahoma</u>	Sept. 14-Sept. 22	4	8
<u>Texas</u>	Sept. 14-Sept. 22	4	8
(1) In Florida, the daily bag limit is 4 wood ducks and teal in the aggregate. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.			
(2) Shooting hours are from sunrise to sunset.			
(3) In Iowa, the September season is part of the regular season, and limits will conform to those set for the regular season.			
(4) In 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.			
(d) <u>Special Early Canada Goose Seasons:</u>			
	Season Dates	Bag	Limits Possession
<u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Connecticut</u> North Zone	Sept. 3-Sept. 25	5	10
<u>Delaware</u>	Sept. 2-Sept. 14	5	10
<u>Maine</u>	Sept. 9-Sept. 25	5	10
<u>Maryland</u> Eastern Unit Western Unit	Sept. 3-Sept. 14 Sept. 3-Sept. 25	5 5	10 10
<u>Massachusetts (1)</u> Central Zone Coastal Zone Western Zone	Sept. 3-Sept. 25 Sept. 3-Sept. 25 Sept. 3-Sept. 25	5 5 3	10 10 6
<u>New Hampshire (1)</u> Early-Season Hunt Unit	Sept. 3-Sept. 25	5	10
<u>New Jersey</u>	Sept. 3-Sept. 30	5	10
<u>New York</u> Lake Champlain Zone Northeastern Zone Western Zone Montezuma Zone Southeastern Zone Long Island Zone (2)	Closed Sept. 1-Sept. 25 Sept. 1-Sept. 25 Sept. 1-Sept. 15 Sept. 1-Sept. 25 Sept. 16-Sept. 25	-- 5 5 5 5 5	-- 10 10 10 10 10
<u>North Carolina (1)(3)</u> Northeast Hunt Unit	Sept. 3-Sept. 20	3	6
<u>Rest of State</u>	Sept. 3-Sept. 30	3	6
<u>Pennsylvania</u>	Sept. 2-Sept. 25	3	6
<u>Rhode Island</u>	Sept. 11-Sept. 25	5	10
<u>South Carolina</u> Early-Season Hunt Unit (1)	Sept. 14-Sept. 28	5	10
<u>Virginia</u>	Sept. 3-Sept. 21	5	10
<u>West Virginia</u>	Sept. 2-Sept. 11	3	6
<u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Illinois</u> Northeast Zone North Zone	Sept. 7-Sept. 15 Sept. 7-Sept. 15	5 2	10 10
<u>Indiana</u>	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	10
<u>Iowa</u> North Zone	Sept. 14-Sept. 15	2	4

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<u>Michigan</u>			
Upper Peninsula	Sept. 1-Sept. 10	5	10
Lower Peninsula (4)	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	5	10
<u>Minnesota</u>			
Twin Cities Metro Zone	Sept. 7-Sept. 15	5	10
Two Goose Zone	Sept. 7-Sept. 15	2	4
Four Goose Zone	Sept. 7-Sept. 15	4	8
<u>Ohio (5)</u>			
	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	4	8
<u>Tennessee</u>			
Middle Tennessee Zone	Sept. 7-Sept. 11	2	4
Cumberland Plateau Zone	Sept. 3-Sept. 15	5	10
East Tennessee Zone	Sept. 3-Sept. 15	5	10
<u>Wisconsin</u>			
Early-Season Subzone A	Sept. 3-Sept. 15	5	10
Early-Season Subzone B	Sept. 3-Sept. 15	3	6
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>			
<u>South Dakota</u>			
Unit A	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	1	2
Unit B	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	2	4
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Idaho (1)</u>			
East Canada Goose Zone	Sept. 1-2, 6, 8, 14 and 15	2	4
Nex Perce County	Sept. 7-Sept. 13	4	8
<u>Oregon</u>			
Northwest Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 14	3	6
Southwest Zone	Sept. 7-Sept. 13	3	6
East Zone	Sept. 7-Sept. 13	3	6
<u>Washington</u>			
Southwest Zone	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	3	6
East Zone	Sept. 7-Sept. 13	3	6
<u>Wyoming (1)(6)</u>			
	Sept. 1-Sept. 8	2	6 per season

(1) State permit required.

(2) In areas located inland, the season opens Sept. 3. See State regulations for additional information.

(3) In North Carolina, the season is closed in Currituck and Dare Counties.(4) In Michigan, the season is closed in Huron, Saginaw, and Tuscola Counties.

(5) Additional restrictions apply in some areas. See State regulations.

(6) Shooting hours are sunrise to sunset.

(a) Regular Goose SeasonsNote: Bag and possession limits will conform to those set for the remainder of the regular season.

Season Dates

MISSISSIPPI FLYWAYWisconsin

Sept. 21-Sept. 30

7. Section 20.106 is revised to read as follows:

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

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

Shooting and Hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset, except as otherwise noted. Area descriptions were published in the August 29, 1996 Federal Register.

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
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Colorado (1)</u>	Oct. 5-Dec. 1	3	6
<u>Kansas (1)(2)</u>	Nov. 2-Dec. 29	2	4
<u>Montana</u>			
Regular Season Area (1)	Sept. 28-Nov. 24	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.

(2) Shooting hours are sunrise to 2:00 p.m.

(3) Hunting is by State permit only.

(4) The seasonal bag limit is 4.

(5) Shooting hours are sunrise to sunset.

(6) In Utah, the season is open in Rich County only.

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 August 29, 1996, Federal Register. For those extended seasons for Ducks, Mergansers, and Coots, area descriptions were published in the September 27, 1995, Federal Register (60 FR 50042) and will be published again in a September 1996 Federal Register.

CHECK STATE REGULATIONS FOR AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

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

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

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.

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits Possession
<u>New Mexico</u>			
Regular Season Area (1)	Oct. 31-Jan. 31	3	6
Middle Rio Grande Valley Area (3)(4)(5)	Oct. 26-Oct. 27 & Dec. 14-Dec. 15 & Jan. 4-Jan. 5	2	4
		2	4
Southwest Area (3)(4)(5)	Dec. 21-Dec. 22	2	4
<u>North Dakota</u> (1)	Sept. 7-Nov. 3	3	6
<u>Oklahoma</u> (1)	Deferred	--	--
<u>South Dakota</u> (1)	Sept. 28-Nov. 24	3	6
<u>Texas</u> (1)	Deferred	--	--
<u>Wyoming</u>			
Regular Season Area (1)	Sept. 14-Nov. 10	3	6
Riverton-Boysen Unit (3)(5)	Sept. 21-Sept. 27	1 per permit	
Big Horn and Park Counties (3)(5)	Sept. 21-Sept. 23	1 per permit	
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Arizona</u> (3)			
	Oct. 28-Oct. 30	2 per season	
	Nov. 1-Nov. 3 & Nov. 5-Nov. 7 & Nov. 9-Nov. 11 & Nov. 13-Nov. 15	2 per season	
	Sept. 1-Sept. 8	2 per season	
<u>Idaho</u>			
	Sept. 1-Sept. 8	1 per season	
<u>Montana</u>			
Special-season Area (3)	Sept. 14-Sept. 15 & Sept. 21-Sept. 22	1 per season	
<u>Utah</u> (3)(6)			
	Sept. 7-Sept. 15	1 per season	
<u>Wyoming</u>			
Bear River Area (3)(5)	Sept. 1-Sept. 8	1 per permit	
Salt River Area (3)(5)	Sept. 1-Sept. 8	1 per permit	
Eden-Farson Area (3)(5)	Sept. 1-Sept. 8	1 per permit	

		Extended Falconry Dates
<u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u>		
<u>Florida</u>		
Mourning and white-winged doves		Oct. 29-Nov. 15 & Dec. 2-Dec. 13 & Jan. 13-Jan. 19
Rails and common moorhens		Nov. 10-Dec. 16
Woodcock		Nov. 24-Dec. 13 & Jan. 28-Mar. 10
<u>Maryland</u>		
Mourning doves		Oct. 23-Nov. 17 & Dec. 14-Dec. 24
Rails		Nov. 10-Dec. 17
Woodcock		Oct. 1-Oct. 21 & Nov. 24-Dec. 15 & Dec. 28-Jan. 15
<u>Pennsylvania</u>		
Mourning doves		Oct. 14-Nov. 1 & Dec. 2-Dec. 19
<u>Virginia</u>		
Doves		Sept. 29-Oct. 3 & Dec. 9-Dec. 22 & Jan. 5-Jan. 22
Rails		Oct. 18-Oct. 23 & Dec. 1 only & Dec. 21-Jan. 19
Woodcock		Nov. 24-Dec. 17 & Jan. 5-Jan. 31
<u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u>		
<u>Illinois</u>		
Mourning doves		Oct. 15-Nov. 1 & Nov. 18-Dec. 16
Rails		Nov. 16-Dec. 22
Woodcock		Sept. 1-Sept. 30
<u>Indiana</u>		
Mourning doves		Oct. 17-Nov. 7 & Jan. 1-Jan. 25
Woodcock		Sept. 1-Sept. 20 & Dec. 2-Dec. 23
Ducks, mergansers, and coots (1) North Zone		Sept. 22-Sept. 30
<u>Michigan</u>		
Rails, snipe, and woodcock		Sept. 7-Sept. 14 & Nov. 15-Dec. 12 & Mar. 1-Mar. 10
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and moorhens (1)		Sept. 7-Sept. 27
<u>Minnesota</u>		
Rails, snipe, and woodcock		Nov. 5-Dec. 16
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and moorhens (1)		Sept. 1-Sept. 27
<u>Missouri</u>		
Mourning doves		Oct. 31-Dec. 16
Ducks, mergansers, and coots		Sept. 7-Sept. 15
<u>Tennessee</u>		
Mourning doves		Sept. 28-Oct. 11 & Oct. 27-Nov. 26
Ducks (1)		Sept. 19-Sept. 30

Extended Falconry Dates	
<u>Wisconsin</u>	
Rails, snipe, moorhens, and gallinules (1)	Sept. 1-Sept. 30
Woodcock	Sept. 1-Sept. 13
Ducks, mergansers, and coots (1)	Sept. 14-Sept. 27
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>	
<u>Colorado</u>	
Ducks, mergansers and coots (1)	Sept. 16-Sept. 20
<u>Montana</u> (2)	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots (1)	Sept. 14-Sept. 27
<u>New Mexico</u> (2)	
Doves	Oct. 1-Nov. 3 & Nov. 24-Nov. 30 & Dec. 31-Jan. 5
Band-tailed pigeons North Zone	Sept. 21-Dec. 16
South Zone	Oct. 21-Jan. 15
Sandhill cranes Regular Season Area	Oct. 17-Oct. 30
<u>North Dakota</u>	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Sept. 2-Sept. 25
Snipe	Sept. 1-Sept. 13
<u>Oklahoma</u>	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots (1)	Sept. 23-Sept. 30
High Plains	
<u>South Dakota</u>	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots (1)	Sept. 4-Sept. 26
<u>Texas</u>	
Mourning and white-winged doves	Nov. 13-Dec. 19
Rails and gallinules	Oct. 3-Nov. 8
<u>Wyoming</u>	
Rails and snipe	Sept. 1-Sept. 13
Ducks, mergansers, and coots (1)	Sept. 21-Oct. 4
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u>	
<u>Arizona</u>	
Doves	Sept. 16-Nov. 1
<u>Idaho</u>	
Mourning doves	Nov. 1-Jan. 16
Ducks, mergansers, and coots Areas 1 & 2	Sept. 13-Sept. 18 & Sept. 28 only
Area 3	Sept. 21-Oct. 4
<u>New Mexico</u>	
Doves	Oct. 1-Nov. 3 & Nov. 24-Nov. 30 & Dec. 31-Jan. 5
Band-tailed pigeons North Zone	Sept. 21-Dec. 16
South Zone	Oct. 21-Jan. 15

Extended Falconry Dates	
<u>Oregon</u> (3)	
Mourning doves	Oct. 1-Dec. 16
Band-tailed pigeons	Sept. 1-Sept. 14 & Sept. 24-Dec. 16
Ducks and coots Zone 2	Sept. 23-Sept. 30
<u>Utah</u>	
Mourning doves and band-tailed pigeons	Oct. 1-Dec. 16
<u>Washington</u>	
Mourning doves	Oct. 1-Dec. 31
<u>Wyoming</u>	
Rails and snipe	Sept. 1-Sept. 13
Ducks, mergansers, and coots (1)	Sept. 21-Oct. 4

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