

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

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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 1998–99 season.

DATES: This rule takes effect on October 1, 1998.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert J. Blohm, Acting 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) 358–1838.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Regulations Schedule for 1998**

On March 20, 1998, the Service published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 13748) a proposal to amend 50 CFR part 20. The proposal dealt with the establishment of seasons, limits, and other regulations for migratory birds, designated as “migratory game birds” in conventions between the United States and several foreign nations for their protection and management, under §§ 20.101 through 20.107, 20.109, and 20.110 of subpart K. 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 May 29, 1998, the Service published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 29518) a second document providing supplemental proposals for early- and late-season migratory bird hunting regulations frameworks and the proposed regulatory alternatives for the 1998–99 duck hunting season. The May 29 supplement also provided detailed information on the 1998–99 regulatory

schedule and announced the Service Migratory Bird Regulations Committee and Flyway Council meetings.

On June 25, 1998, the Service held a public hearing in Washington, DC, as announced in the March 20 and May 29 **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 17, 1998, the Service published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 38700) a third document specifically dealing with proposed early-season frameworks for the 1998–99 season. The July 17 supplement also established the final regulatory alternatives for the 1998–99 duck hunting season for all States except Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee. On August 5, 1998, the Service published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 41926) a fourth document dealing specifically with the final regulatory alternatives for the 1998–99 duck hunting season for the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

On August 6, 1998, the Service held a public hearing in Washington, DC, as announced in the March 20, May 29, and July 17 **Federal Registers**, to review the status of waterfowl. Proposed hunting regulations were discussed for late seasons. On August 25, 1998, the Service published a fifth document (63 FR 45350) which dealt specifically with proposed frameworks for the 1998–99 late-season migratory bird hunting regulations.

On August 28, 1998, the Service published a sixth document (63 FR 46124) 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 for the 1998–99 season. A seventh document published in the August 31, 1998, **Federal Register** (63 FR 46336) amended 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 1998–99 in an eighth document in the September 29, 1998, **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 1998–

99 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 Considerations

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 have been 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 cause modification of some regulatory measures previously proposed. The final frameworks reflect any 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 MBMO, at the address indicated under the caption **ADDRESSES**.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

In the March 20, 1998, **Federal Register**, the Service reported measures it took to comply with requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. One measure was to update the 1996 Small Entity Flexibility Analysis (Analysis) documenting the significant beneficial economic effect on a substantial number of small entities. The 1996 Analysis estimated that migratory bird hunters would spend between \$254 and \$592 million at small businesses. The Service has updated the 1996 Analysis with information from the 1996 National Hunting and Fishing Survey. Nationwide, the Service now estimates

that migratory bird hunters will spend between \$429 and \$1,084 million at small businesses in 1998. Copies of the 1998 Analysis are available upon request from the Office of Migratory Bird Management.

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.

E.O. 12866 requires each agency to write regulations that are easy to understand. The Service invites comments on how to make this rule easier to understand, including answers to questions such as the following: (1) Are the requirements in the rule clearly stated? (2) Does the rule contain technical language or jargon that interferes with its clarity? (3) Does the format of the rule (grouping and order of sections, use of headings, paragraphing, etc.) aid or reduce its clarity? (4) Would the rule be easier to understand if it were divided into more (but shorter) sections? (5) Is the description of the rule in the "Supplementary Information" section of the preamble helpful in understanding the rule? What else could the Service do to make the rule easier to understand?

Send a copy of any comments that concern how this rule could be made easier to understand to: Office of Regulatory Affairs, Department of the Interior, Room 7229, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240. Comments may also be e-mailed to: Exsec@ios.doi.gov.

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.

Paperwork Reduction Act

The Service examined these regulations under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The various recordkeeping and reporting requirements imposed under regulations established in 50 CFR part 20, Subpart K, are utilized in the formulation of migratory game bird hunting regulations. Specifically, the information collection requirements of the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program have been approved by OMB and assigned clearance number 1018-0015 (expires 09/30/2001). 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 Service may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

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.

Takings Implication Assessment

In accordance with Executive Order 12630, these rules, authorized by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, do not have significant takings implications and do not affect any constitutionally protected property rights. These rules will not result in the physical occupancy of property, the physical invasion of property, or the regulatory taking of any property. In fact, these rules allow hunters to exercise privileges that would be otherwise unavailable; and, therefore, reduce restrictions on the use of private and public property.

Federalism Effects

Due to the migratory nature of certain species of birds, the Federal government has been given responsibility over these species by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. The Service annually prescribes frameworks from which the States make selections and employs guidelines to establish special regulations on Federal Indian reservations and ceded lands. This process preserves the ability of the States and Tribes to determine which seasons meet their individual needs. Any State or Tribe may be more restrictive than the Federal frameworks at any time. The frameworks are developed in a cooperative process with the States and the Flyway Councils. This allows States to participate in the development of frameworks from which they will make selections, thereby having an influence on their own regulation. These rules do not have a substantial direct effect on fiscal capacity, change the roles or

responsibilities of Federal or State governments, or intrude on State policy or administration. Therefore, in accordance with Executive Order 12612, these regulations do not have significant federalism effects and do not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

Government-to-Government Relationship With Tribes

In accordance with the President's memorandum of April 29, 1994, "Government-to-Government Relations with Native American Tribal Governments" (59 FR 22951) and 512 DM 2, we have evaluated possible effects on Federally recognized Indian tribes and have determined that there are no effects.

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 will 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 1998-99 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 alternatives

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.

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 20

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

Dated: September 18, 1998.

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PART 20—[AMENDED]

For the reasons set out in the preamble, the Service amends title 50,

chapter I, subchapter B, part 20, subpart K 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, 20.106, 20.107, and 20.109 of 60 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 28 and September 29 Federal Registers.

NOTE: The following seasons are in addition to the seasons published previously in the August 31, 1998, Federal Register (63 FR 46336).

	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				
Massachusetts (4)	Sept. 1-Nov. 7	Closed	Oct. 16-Nov. 14	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
Vermont	Closed	Closed	Oct. 6-Nov. 4	Oct. 7-Dec. 10
MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY				
Tennessee Reelfoot Zone	Nov. 14-Nov. 15 & Nov. 21-Jan. 17	Closed	Oct. 31-Dec. 14	Nov. 14-Feb. 28
State Zone	Nov. 14-Nov. 21 & Nov. 27-Jan. 17	Closed	Oct. 31-Dec. 14	Nov. 14-Feb. 28

	Sora & Virginia Rails	Clapper & King Rails	Woodcock	Common Snipe
Wisconsin North Zone	Oct. 3-Dec. 1	Closed	Sept. 19-Nov. 2	Oct. 3-Dec. 1
South Zone	Oct. 3-Dec. 1	Closed	Sept. 19-Nov. 2	Oct. 3-Dec. 1
PACIFIC FLYWAY				
Arizona (15) North Zone	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 9-Jan. 17
South Zone	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 9-Jan. 17
California	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 3-Jan. 17
Nevada Lincoln & Clark County	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 3-Jan. 16
Rest of State	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 3-Jan. 16
Oregon Zone 1	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 3-Jan. 16
Zone 2	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 3-Jan. 16
Utah	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 3-Jan. 17
Washington East Zone	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 3-Oct. 11 & Oct. 13-Jan. 17
West Zone	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 3-Oct. 11 & Oct. 13-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.

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(15) In Arizona, Ashurst Lake in Unit 5B is closed to common snipe hunting.

3. In Section 20.105, paragraphs (a), (b), (c) 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 28 and September 29 Federal Registers.

(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 31, 1998, Federal Register (63 FR 46336). The zones named in this paragraph are the same as those used for setting duck seasons.

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits
ATLANTIC FLYWAY			
Virginia Oct. 7-Oct. 10 & Nov. 17-Jan. 20	15 15	30 30
West Virginia			
Zone 1	Oct. 1-Oct. 17 & Nov. 30-Jan. 20	15 15	30 30
Zone 2	Oct. 1-Oct. 17 & Nov. 12-Jan. 2	15 15	30 30
MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY			
Michigan			
North Zone	Oct. 3-Dec. 1	15	30
Middle Zone	Oct. 3-Dec. 1	15	30
South Zone	Oct. 10-Dec. 8	15	30

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<u>Minnesota</u> (2)	Oct. 3-Dec. 1	15	30
<u>Tennessee</u> Reelfoot Zone	Nov. 14-Nov. 15 & Nov. 21-Jan. 17	15 15	30 30
State Zone	Nov. 14-Nov. 21 & Nov. 27-Jan. 17	15 15	30 30
<u>Wisconsin</u> North Zone	Oct. 3-Dec. 1	5	10
South Zone	Oct. 3-Dec. 1	5	10
PACIFIC FLYWAY			
All States	Seasons are in aggregate with coots and listed in paragraph (e).		

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(2) In Minnesota, the daily bag limit is 15 and the possession limit is 30 coots and moorhens 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 31, 1998, Federal Register (63 FR 46336).

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. 1-Jan. 20	7	14
<u>Maine</u>	Oct. 1-Jan. 20	7	14
<u>Maryland</u>	Oct. 5-Jan. 20	5	10
<u>Massachusetts</u>	Oct. 6-Jan. 20	7	14

(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.

ATLANTIC FLYWAY

Flyway-wide Restrictions

Duck Limits: The daily bag limit of 6 ducks may include no more than 4 mallards (2 hen mallards), 4 scaup, 1 black duck, 1 pintail, 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	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Connecticut Ducks (1):			
North Zone	Oct. 7-Oct. 24 & Nov. 11-Dec. 31	6	12
South Zone	Oct. 17-Oct. 24 & Nov. 20-Jan. 20	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	6	12
Coots	Same as for ducks	5	10
Canada Geese:	Same as for ducks	15	30
North Zone	Oct. 7-Oct. 24 & Nov. 18-Dec. 15	2	4
South Zone	Oct. 17-Oct. 24 & Nov. 7-Dec. 15	2	4
(special season)	Jan. 15-Feb. 15	State Permit Only	
Light Geese:			
North Zone	Oct. 7-Feb. 8	15	—
South Zone	Oct. 14-Feb. 15	15	—
Brant:			
North Zone	Nov. 11-Jan. 7	2	4
South Zone	Nov. 24-Jan. 20	2	4
Delaware Ducks (2)			
	Oct. 1-Oct. 5 & Oct. 30-Nov. 7 & Nov. 23-Jan. 16	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	6	12
Coots	Same as for ducks	5	10
Canada Geese	Same as for ducks	15	30
Light Geese:	Closed	—	—
Bombay Hook NWR	Nov. 13-Nov. 22	15	—
Statewide	Oct. 3-Oct. 10 & Oct. 19-Nov. 12 & Nov. 23-Jan. 16 & Feb. 10-Mar. 6	15	—
Brant	Nov. 24-Jan. 20	15	—
		2	4

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
North Carolina	Oct. 1-Jan. 20	7	14
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South Carolina	Oct. 6-Jan. 20	7	14
Virginia	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.

(c) Early (September) Duck Seasons

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

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
ATLANTIC FLYWAY			
Florida (3)	Sept. 26-Sept. 30	4	8
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(3) In Florida, the daily bag limit is 4 wood ducks and teal in the aggregate. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

(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

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Florida			
Ducks	Nov. 21-Jan. 19	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Nov. 21-Nov. 29 & Jan. 9-Jan. 30	15	30
Geese		2	4
		2	4
Georgia			
Ducks	Nov. 21-Jan. 19	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Nov. 21-Jan. 29	15	30
Canada Geese (special season) (3)		State Permit Only	
Light Geese	Same as for ducks	2	4
Brant	Closed	--	--
Maine			
Ducks (4):			
North Zone	Oct. 1-Nov. 28	4	8
South Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 17 & Nov. 9-Dec. 19	4	8
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Canada Geese:			
North Zone	Oct. 1-Nov. 16	2	2
South Zone	Oct. 10-Oct. 25	2	2
Light Geese	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	5	10
Brant	Oct. 1-Nov. 27	2	4
Maryland			
Ducks (5)			
	Oct. 10-Oct. 17 & Nov. 5-Nov. 27 & Dec. 14-Jan. 20	4	8
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	4	8
Coots	Same as for ducks	4	8
Canada Geese	Same as for ducks	5	10
Western Area		15	30
(special season)		--	--
Light Geese	Nov. 16-Nov. 27 & Dec. 14-Jan. 14	2	4
Brant	Jan. 15-Feb. 15	3	6
	Oct. 17-Nov. 27 & Dec. 8-Feb. 27	15	--
	Nov. 7-Nov. 27 & Dec. 15-Jan. 20	2	4
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Massachusetts			
Ducks (6):			
Western Zone	Oct. 12-Dec. 19	6	12
Central Zone	Oct. 15-Nov. 28 & Dec. 14-Jan. 6	6	12
Coastal Zone	Oct. 19-Oct. 31 & Nov. 16-Jan. 9	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Massachusetts (cont.)			
Canada Geese:			
Western Zone	Closed	--	--
Central Zone	Oct. 15-Nov. 28 & Dec. 14	2	4
Coastal Zone	Jan. 15-Feb. 6	5	10
(special season)	Oct. 19-Nov. 3 & Oct. 16-Dec. 15	2	4
Coastal Zone	Jan. 15-Feb. 6	5	10
Light Geese:			
Western Zone	Same as for ducks	15	30
Central Zone	Same as for ducks & Jan. 15-Feb. 6	15	30
Coastal Zone	Same as for ducks & Jan. 15-Feb. 6	15	30
Brant:			
Western & Central Zone	Closed	--	--
Coastal Zone	Nov. 16-Dec. 12 & Dec. 22-Jan. 20	2	4
New Hampshire			
Ducks (8):			
Inland Zone	Oct. 6-Nov. 8 & Nov. 25-Dec. 20	6	12
Coastal Zone	Oct. 7-Oct. 25 & Nov. 25-Jan. 4	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Canada Geese:			
Inland Zone	Oct. 6-Nov. 8 & Nov. 25-Nov. 30	2	4
Coastal Zone	Oct. 7-Oct. 25 & Nov. 25-Dec. 15	2	4
Light Geese:			
Inland Zone	Oct. 6-Dec. 20	15	--
Coastal Zone	Oct. 7-Jan. 4	15	--
Brant:			
Inland Zone	Oct. 6-Nov. 8 & Nov. 25-Dec. 10	2	4
Coastal Zone	Oct. 7-Oct. 25 & Nov. 25-Dec. 25	2	4
New Jersey			
Ducks (9):			
North Zone	Oct. 10-Oct. 31 & Nov. 17-Jan. 2	4	8
South Zone	Oct. 10-Oct. 24 & Nov. 10-Jan. 2	4	8
Coastal Zone	Oct. 31-Nov. 21 & Nov. 24-Jan. 9	4	8
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits	
			Bag	Possession
New Jersey (cont.)				
Canada Geese:				
North Zone	Closed	--		--
South Zone	Closed	--		--
Coastal Zone	Closed	--		--
(special season) (3)	Jan. 15-Feb. 15	5		10
Light Geese:				
North Zone	Oct. 10-Jan. 11 & Jan. 15-Feb. 15	15		--
South Zone	Oct. 10-Oct. 24 & Nov. 10-Jan. 2 & Jan. 15-Mar. 10	15		--
Coastal Zone	Oct. 7-Nov. 21 & Nov. 24-Jan. 9 Jan. 15-Feb. 13	15		--
Brant:				
North Zone	Oct. 13-Oct. 31 & Nov. 28-Jan. 2	2		4
South Zone	Oct. 10-Oct. 24 & Nov. 21-Jan. 2	2		4
Coastal Zone	Oct. 31-Nov. 12 & Nov. 26-Jan. 9	2		4
New York				
Ducks (10):				
Long Island Zone	Nov. 20-Nov. 29 & Dec. 2-Jan. 20	6		12
Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 7-Oct. 11 & Oct. 17-Dec. 10	6		12
Northeastern Zone	Oct. 3-Nov. 15 & Nov. 21-Dec. 6	6		12
Southeastern Zone	Oct. 10-Oct. 18 & Nov. 7-Dec. 27	6		12
Western Zone	Oct. 10-Nov. 29 & Dec. 26-Jan. 3	6		12
Mergansers	Dec. 26-Jan. 3	6		12
Coots	Same as for ducks	5		10
Canada Geese:				
Long Island Zone	Nov. 20-Nov. 29 & Dec. 2-Dec. 3	15		30
Lake Champlain Zone	Nov. 20-Nov. 29 & Dec. 2-Dec. 3	2		4
Northeastern Zone	Closed	2		4
Southeastern Zone	Closed	--		--
Western Zone	Closed	--		--
Southwest Unit	Closed	--		--
(special season)	Nov. 15-Jan. 23 Jan. 15-Feb. 15	2		4
Light Geese:				
Long Island Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 21 & Nov. 20-Nov. 29 & Dec. 2-Feb. 15	15		--
Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 7-Jan. 1 & Feb. 20-Mar. 10	15		--
Northeastern Zone	Oct. 3-Dec. 29 & Feb. 20-Mar. 10	15		--
New York (cont.)				
Southeastern Zone	Oct. 10-Jan. 5 & Feb. 20-Mar. 10	15		--
Western Zone	Oct. 28-Jan. 23 & Feb. 20-Mar. 10	15		--
Brant:				
Long Island Zone	Nov. 20-Nov. 29 & Dec. 12-Jan. 20	2		4
Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 7-Nov. 25	2		4
Northeastern Zone	Oct. 10-Nov. 28	2		4
Southeastern Zone	Oct. 10-Nov. 28	2		4
Western Zone	Oct. 10-Nov. 28	2		4
North Carolina				
Ducks (11)	Oct. 1-Oct. 3 & Nov. 16-Jan. 20	6		12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	6		12
Coots	Same as for ducks	5		10
Canada Geese	Closed	15		30
Western Unit	Oct. 1-Nov. 15	--		--
Light Geese	Oct. 23-Oct. 31 & Nov. 16-Mar. 10	2		4
Brant	Nov. 16-Mar. 10 Nov. 24-Jan. 20	10		30
Pennsylvania				
Ducks (12):				
North Zone	Oct. 10-Nov. 28 & Dec. 5-Dec. 24	5		10
South Zone	Oct. 10-Oct. 24 & Nov. 10-Jan. 2	5		10
Northwest Zone	Oct. 10-Oct. 31 & Nov. 7-Dec. 24	5		10
Lake Erie Zone	Oct. 24-Oct. 31 & Nov. 7-Jan. 7	5		10
Mergansers	Nov. 7-Jan. 7	5		10
Coots	Same as for ducks	5		10
Canada Geese:				
North Zone	Same as for ducks	15		30
South Zone	Closed	--		--
Western Zone	Closed	--		--
(special season)	Nov. 16-Dec. 31 Jan. 15-Feb. 15	2		4
Erie, Mercer, and Butler Counties	Oct. 10-Oct. 17 & Nov. 16-Jan. 27	2		4
Crawford County	Oct. 10-Oct. 17 & Nov. 16-Jan. 27	1		2
Light Geese	Nov. 7-Dec. 9	1		2
Brant	Nov. 7-Mar. 10 Oct. 10-Oct. 31 & Nov. 7-Dec. 12	15		--
Rhode Island				
Ducks	Oct. 9-Oct. 12 & Nov. 21-Nov. 29 & Dec. 5-Jan. 20	6		12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	6		12
Coots	Same as for ducks	5		10

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Rhode Island (cont.)			
Canada Geese			
	Oct. 9-Oct. 12 &	2	4
	Nov. 10-Dec. 15	2	4
	Jan. 15-Feb. 15	5	10
Light Geese	Oct. 9-Jan. 20	15	--
Brant	Nov. 21-Nov. 29 &	2	4
	Dec. 11-Jan. 20	2	4
South Carolina			
Ducks (13)	Nov. 14-Nov. 28 &	6	12
	Dec. 7-Jan. 20	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Canada Geese (special season)	Nov. 14-Nov. 28 &	4	8
	Dec. 7-Jan. 30	4	8
Light Geese	Same as for ducks	5	10
Brant	Dec. 7-Jan. 20	2	4
Vermont			
Ducks:			
Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 7-Oct. 11 &	6	12
	Oct. 17-Dec. 10	6	12
Interior Zone	Oct. 7-Dec. 5	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Canada Geese	Closed	--	--
Light Geese	Oct. 7-Jan. 1	15	--
	Feb. 20-Mar. 10	15	--
Brant	Oct. 7-Nov. 25	2	4
Virginia			
Ducks:			
Mergansers	Oct. 7-Oct. 10 &	5	10
Coots	Nov. 17-Jan. 20	5	10
Canada Geese:	Same as for ducks	5	10
Back Bay Area	Same as for ducks	15	30
Remainder of State	Closed	--	--
Western Unit	Closed	--	--
(special season)	Dec. 1-Jan. 14	2	4
Light Geese	Jan. 15-Feb. 15	4	8
Brant	Nov. 6-Mar. 10	15	--
	Nov. 24-Jan. 20	2	4
West Virginia			
Ducks:			
Zone 1	Oct. 1-Oct. 17 &	6	12
	Nov. 30-Jan. 20	6	12
Zone 2	Oct. 1-Oct. 17 &	6	12
	Nov. 12-Jan. 2	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Canada Geese:			
Zone 1	Oct. 1-Oct. 17 &	3	6
	Nov. 28-Jan. 30	3	6
West Virginia (cont.)			
Zone 2			
Light Geese:			
Zone 1	Oct. 1-Oct. 31 &	3	6
	Dec. 12-Jan. 30	3	6
Zone 2	Same as for Canada geese	5	10
Brant	Same as for Canada geese	5	10
	Nov. 24-Jan. 20	2	4
<p>(1) In Connecticut, the season is closed for black ducks prior to November 26 in the North Zone and prior to December 5 in the South Zone.</p> <p>(2) In Delaware, the season on black ducks is only open November 24 through January 3.</p> <p>(3) State permit required.</p> <p>(4) In Maine, the season is closed for black ducks October 1 through October 9; in addition to the daily bag limit, 2 additional teal may be taken.</p> <p>(5) In Maryland, the daily bag limit may include no more than 1 redhead; the black duck season is closed October 10 through October 17 and November 5 through November 21; and the canvasback season is open only December 14 through January 20; in addition to the daily bag, 2 additional teal may be taken.</p> <p>(6) In Massachusetts, the season is closed for black ducks November 30 through December 5 and January 4 through January 9 in the Coastal Zone, and November 9 through November 21 in the Western and Central Zones; the daily bag limit may include no more than 4 of any single species in addition to the flyway-wide bag restrictions.</p> <p>(7) In Massachusetts, the special season in the Coastal Zone is closed south of Route 139 in Duxbury/Marshfield to Brant Rock.</p> <p>(8) In New Hampshire, the season is closed for black ducks through October 17.</p> <p>(9) In New Jersey, in addition to the daily bag limit, 2 additional teal may be taken.</p> <p>(10) In New York, the season is closed for black ducks November 12 through December 6 in the Northeastern Zone, November 7 through November 11 in the Southeastern Zone, October 10 through October 28 in the Western Zone, and December 2 through December 11 in the Long Island Zone; the season is closed for scaup December 2 through December 11 in the Long Island Zone; in the Lake Champlain Zone, the daily bag limit may include no more than 4 goldeneyes.</p> <p>(11) In North Carolina, the season is closed for black ducks October 1 through October 3 and November 16 through November 30.</p> <p>(12) In Pennsylvania, the season for black ducks is closed November 14 through November 28 in the North Zone, December 19 through January 2 in the South Zone, and November 14 through November 29 in the Northwest Zone.</p> <p>(13) In South Carolina, the daily bag limit of 6 may not exceed 4 mallards and may not exceed 1 black duck, mottled duck, or female mallard in the aggregate.</p>			
MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY			
Flyway-wide Restrictions			
<p>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, 1 pintail, 1 canvasback, 2 redheads, and 2 wood ducks. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.</p>			
Merganser Limits: The merganser limits include no more than 1 hooded merganser daily and 2 in possession.			
Alabama			
Ducks:			
North Zone	Nov. 14-Nov. 29 &	6	12
	Dec. 5-Jan. 17	6	12
South Zone	Nov. 12-Nov. 15 &	6	12
	Nov. 23-Jan. 17	6	12

		Limits			
		Bag	Possession	Season Dates	
Illinois (cont.)					
White-fronted and Brant:					
North Zone	Same as for Canada geese	2	4		
Central Zone	Same as for Canada geese	2	4		
South Zone	Same as for Canada geese	2	4		
Light Geese:					
North Zone	Oct. 8-Dec. 27 &	20			
Central Zone	Feb. 13-Mar. 9	20			
South Zone	Oct. 22-Jan. 3 &	20			
	Feb. 6-Mar. 9	20			
	Nov. 26-Mar. 10	20			
Indiana					
Ducks:					
North Zone	Oct. 17-Dec. 6 &	6	12		
South Zone	Dec. 19-Dec. 27	6	12		
Ohio River Zone	Oct. 24-Nov. 1 &	6	12		
Mergansers	Nov. 21-Jan. 10	6	12		
Coots	Oct. 31-Nov. 1 &	6	12		
	Nov. 21-Jan. 17	6	12		
	Same as for ducks	5	10		
	Same as for ducks	15	30		
Geese:					
Canada (2):					
North Zone:					
SJBP Area					
Rest of North Zone (5)					
South Zone:					
Posey County (2)					
Rest of South Zone (5)					
Ohio River Zone:					
Posey County (2)					
Rest of Ohio River Zone (5)					
White-fronted and Brant					
Light Geese					
Iowa					
Ducks:					
North Zone	Sept. 19-Sept. 23 &	6	12		
South Zone	Oct. 10-Dec. 3	6	12		
Mergansers	Sept. 19-Sept. 23 &	6	12		
Coots	Oct. 17-Dec. 10	5	10		
	Same as for ducks	15	30		
	Same as for ducks				

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits	Possession
Iowa (cont.)				
Geese:				
Canada Geese:				
North Zone	Oct. 3-Oct. 31 & Nov. 1-Dec. 11	2	4	4
South Zone	Oct. 3-Oct. 11 & Oct. 17-Oct. 31 & Nov. 1-Nov. 30 & Dec. 1-Dec. 16	1 2 2 1 2	2 4 4 2 4	2 4 4 2 4
White-fronted:				
North Zone	Same as Canada geese	2	4	4
South Zone	Same as Canada geese	2	4	4
Brant:				
North Zone	Same as Canada geese	2	4	4
South Zone	Same as Canada geese	2	4	4
Light Geese	Oct. 3-Dec. 29 & Feb. 20-Mar. 10	20 20	-- --	-- --
Kentucky				
Ducks:				
West Zone	Nov. 7-Nov. 8 & Nov. 21-Jan. 17	6 6	12 12	12 12
East Zone	Nov. 7-Nov. 8 & Nov. 21-Jan. 17	6 6	12 12	12 12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30	30
Geese:				
Canada (2):				
Western Goose Zone (2):				
Fulton County	Dec. 12-Feb. 14	2	4	4
Rest of Zone	Dec. 12-Jan. 30	2	4	4
Pennyrroyal/Coalfield Zone	Dec. 27-Jan. 30	2	4	4
Rest of State	Dec. 12-Jan. 30	2	4	4
White-fronts	Nov. 26-Jan. 30	2	4	4
Brant	Same as Whitefronts	2	4	4
Light Geese	Nov. 26-Mar. 10	20	--	--
Louisiana				
Ducks:				
West Zone	Nov. 7-Nov. 29 & Dec. 12-Jan. 17	6 6	12 12	12 12
East Zone:				
Catahoula Lake Area	Nov. 14-Dec. 6 & Dec. 12-Jan. 17	6 6	12 12	12 12
Rest of East Zone	Nov. 14-Dec. 6 & Dec. 12-Jan. 17	6 6	12 12	12 12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30	30
Geese:				
Canada (6)	Jan. 19-Jan. 27	1	2	2
White-fronted (6) and Brant	Nov. 7-Nov. 29 & Dec. 12-Jan. 27	2 2	4 4	4 4
Light Geese	Nov. 7-Feb. 21	20	--	--
Michigan				
Ducks (7):				
North Zone	Oct. 3-Dec. 1	6	12	12
Middle Zone	Oct. 3-Dec. 1	6	12	12
South Zone	Oct. 10-Dec. 8	6	12	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30	30
Geese:				
Canada (2):				
North Zone	Sept. 19-Oct. 4	2	4	4
Middle Zone	Sept. 19-Oct. 4	2	4	4
South Zone:				
Muskegon Wastewater Goose Management Unit (GMU) (2)	Oct. 24-Nov. 14	2	4	4
Allegan County GMU (2)	Oct. 17 only & Oct. 24-Nov. 12	1 1	2 2	2 2
Saginaw County GMU (2)	Oct. 10-Nov. 28	1	2	2
Tuscola/Huron GMU (2)	Oct. 10-Nov. 28	1	2	2
Southern Michigan GMU (special season)	Sept. 19-Oct. 4	2	4	4
Central Michigan GMU (special season)	Jan. 9-Feb. 7	5	10	10
White-fronted and Brant	Sept. 19-Oct. 4	2	4	4
Light Geese	Jan. 9-Feb. 7 See Footnote 8	5 2	10 4	10 4
See Footnote 8		10	30	30
Minnesota				
Ducks	Oct. 3-Dec. 1	6	12	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10	10
Coots (9)	Same as for ducks	15	30	30
Geese:				
Canada (2):				
West Zone:				
Lac qui Parle Zone (2)	Oct. 15-Nov. 3	1	2	2
Rest of West Central Zone	Oct. 15-Nov. 3	1	2	2
Rest of West Zone	Oct. 3-Oct. 27	1	2	2
Northwest Zone	Oct. 3-Oct. 22	1	2	2
Northeast Zone	Oct. 3-Dec. 11	2	4	4
Fergus Falls/Alexandria Zone:				
West Zone	Oct. 3-Oct. 27	1	2	2
(special season)	Dec. 12-Dec. 21	2	4	4
Rest of Fergus Falls/Alexandria Zone	Oct. 3-Nov. 1 & Nov. 2-Dec. 11	1 2	2 4	2 4
(special season)	Dec. 12-Dec. 21	2	4	4
Twin Cities Méiro Zone and Olmsted County	Oct. 3-Nov. 1 & Nov. 2-Dec. 21	1 2	2 4	2 4
Rest of State	Oct. 3-Nov. 1 & Nov. 2-Dec. 11	1 2	2 4	2 4

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Minnesota (cont.)			
White-fronted and Brant:			
West Zone:			
West Central Zone (10)	Oct. 15-Nov. 3	2	4
Rest of West Zone	Oct. 3-Oct. 27	2	4
Northwest Zone	Oct. 3-Oct. 22	2	4
Northeast Zone	Oct. 3-Dec. 11	2	4
Rest of State	Oct. 3-Dec. 11	2	4
Light Geese (10)	Oct. 3-Dec. 21	10	20
Mississippi			
Ducks:			
Zone 1	Nov. 14-Nov. 15 & Nov. 21-Jan. 17	6	12
Zone 2	Nov. 14-Nov. 15 & Nov. 21-Jan. 17	6	12
Mergansers	Nov. 21-Jan. 17	6	12
Coots	Same as for ducks	5	10
Geese:			
Canada	Nov. 23-Jan. 31	3	6
White-fronted and Brant	Nov. 23-Jan. 31	2	4
Light Geese	Nov. 21-Mar. 7	20	--
Missouri			
Ducks and Mergansers:			
North Zone	Oct. 22-Dec. 20	6	12
Middle Zone	Oct. 29-Dec. 27	6	12
South Zone	Nov. 12-Jan. 10	6	12
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Geese:			
Canada:			
North Zone:			
Swan Lake Zone	Oct. 22-Oct. 26 & Nov. 27-Dec. 31	2	4
Rest of North Zone	Oct. 3-Oct. 12 & Oct. 29-Nov. 29 & Dec. 26-Jan. 12	1 2 2	2 4 4
Middle Zone:			
Schell-Osage Zone	Nov. 27-Jan. 5	1	2
Rest of Middle Zone	Oct. 3-Oct. 12 & Oct. 29-Nov. 29 & Dec. 26-Jan. 12	2 2 2	4 4 4
South Zone	Oct. 3-Oct. 12 & Nov. 12-Nov. 29 & Dec. 26-Jan. 26	2 2 2	4 4 4
White-fronted and Brant:			
North Zone:			
Swan Lake Zone	Oct. 22-Oct. 26 & Nov. 27-Jan. 30	2 2	4 4
Rest of North Zone	Oct. 3-Oct. 12 & Oct. 29-Nov. 29 & Dec. 26-Jan. 22	2 2 2	4 4 4
Missouri (cont.)			
Middle Zone:			
Schell-Osage Zone	Nov. 27-Jan. 31	2	4
Rest of Middle Zone	Oct. 3-Oct. 12 & Oct. 29-Nov. 29 & Dec. 26-Jan. 31	2 2 2	4 4 4
South Zone	Nov. 27-Jan. 31	2	4
Light Geese:			
North Zone:			
Swan Lake Zone	Oct. 22-Oct. 26 & Nov. 27-Mar. 7	20 20	-- --
Rest of North Zone	Oct. 29-Jan. 22 & Feb. 19-Mar. 10	20 20	-- --
Rest of State	Nov. 27-Mar. 10	20	--
Ohio			
Ducks:			
North Zone	Oct. 17-Nov. 29 & Dec. 6-Dec. 21	6 6	12 12
South Zone	Oct. 17-Nov. 2 & Dec. 6-Jan. 17	6 6	12 12
Ohio River Zone	Oct. 17-Nov. 2 & Dec. 6-Jan. 17	6 6	12 12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Geese:			
Canada:			
North Zone:			
Lake Erie S.J.B.P. Zone	Nov. 14-Nov. 29 & Dec. 12-Dec. 25	1 1	2 2
Rest of North Zone	Oct. 17-Nov. 29 & Dec. 12-Jan. 6	2 2	4 4
South Zone	Oct. 17-Nov. 2 & Dec. 6-Jan. 27	2 2	4 4
Ohio River Zone	Oct. 17-Nov. 2 & Dec. 6-Jan. 27	2 2	4 4
White-fronted and Brant	Same as for Canada geese	2	4
Light Geese	Same as for Canada geese	10	30
Tennessee			
Ducks:			
Reelfoot Zone	Nov. 14-Nov. 15 & Nov. 21-Jan. 17	6 6	12 12
State Zone	Nov. 14-Nov. 21 & Nov. 27-Jan. 17	6 6	12 12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30

- (3) In Illinois, the daily bag limit is 2 from December 28 through January 10 in the North Zone and January 18 through January 31 in the Central and South Zones.
- (4) In Illinois, shooting hours for geese in the Southern Illinois and Rend Lake Quota Zones through January 28 shall close at 3 p.m.
- (5) In Indiana, the daily bag limit is 1 from December 5 through January 1 in the Rest of the North Zone, December 21 through January 21 in the Rest of the South Zone, and January 2 through January 31 in the Rest of the Ohio River Zone.
- (6) 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.
- (7) In Michigan, the daily bag limit includes no more than 1 hen mallard.
- (8) In Michigan, the seasons for white-fronted geese, brant, and light geese are as follows: In the Allegan County GMU and 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.
- (9) In Minnesota, the daily bag limit is 15 and the possession limit is 30 coots and moorhens in the aggregate.
- (10) 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.
- (11) In Tennessee, see State regulations for permit requirements and additional restrictions.

CENTRAL FLYWAY

Flyway-wide Restrictions

Duck Limits: The daily bag limit of 6 ducks may include no more than 5 mallards (2 female mallards), 1 mottled duck, 1 pintail, 2 redheads, 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. 3-Oct. 27 &	6	12
	Oct. 31-Nov. 29 &	6	12
	Dec. 7-Jan. 17	6	12
	Same as for ducks	15	30
Coots			
	Same as for ducks	5	10
Mergansers			
Dark Geese:			
	Oct. 3-Oct. 15 &	4	8
	Oct. 31-Jan. 31	4	8
	Oct. 3-Oct. 15 &	2	4
	Oct. 31-Jan. 31	2	4
	Oct. 3-Oct. 15 &	2	4
	Oct. 31-Dec. 31	2	4
	Nov. 14-Jan. 31	4	8
	Dec. 12-Jan. 31	2	4
	Oct. 31-Jan. 31	4	8
Light Geese:			
	Oct. 31-Jan. 31	20	-
	Oct. 31-Jan. 31	2	4
	Oct. 31-Dec. 31	2	4
	Nov. 14-Jan. 31	20	-
	Oct. 31-Jan. 31	20	-

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits
Tennessee (cont.) Geese:			
Canada (2)(11):			
Northwest Zone (2)	Dec. 13-Feb. 15	2	4
Southwest Zone	Dec. 13-Jan. 31	2	4
Kentucky/Barkley Lakes Zone (2)	Dec. 13-Jan. 31	2	4
Rest of State (10)	Oct. 3-Oct. 11 &	2	4
	Dec. 2-Jan. 31	2	4
White-fronted and Brant	Nov. 21-Jan. 29	2	4
Light Geese	Nov. 21-Mar. 7	10	30
Wisconsin Ducks:			
North Zone	Oct. 3-Dec. 1	6	12
South Zone	Oct. 3-Dec. 1	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	5	10
Geese:			
Canada (2):			
Huron Zone	Sept. 19-Dec. 13	Tag System--See State Regulations	
Collins Zone	Sept. 19-Nov. 20 &	Tag System--See State Regulations	
	Nov. 30-Dec. 4	Tag System--See State Regulations	
Exterior Zone:			
Rock Prairie Subzone	Nov. 14-Dec. 6	1	2
Mississippi River Subzone	Oct. 17-Dec. 25	1	2
Brown County Subzone	Nov. 30-Dec. 20	1	2
Rest of Exterior Zone:			
North Duck Zone	Oct. 3-Oct. 23	1	2
South Duck Zone	Oct. 24-Nov. 13	1	2
White-fronted and Brant:			
Huron Zone	Sept. 19-Nov. 27	2	4
Collins Zone	Sept. 19-Nov. 20 &	2	4
	Nov. 30-Dec. 4	2	4
	Oct. 3-Dec. 11	2	4
Exterior Zone			
Light Geese:			
Huron Zone	Sept. 19-Dec. 31	10	30
Collins Zone	Sept. 19-Nov. 20 &	10	30
	Nov. 30-Dec. 4	10	30
Exterior Zone	Oct. 3-Dec. 31	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 29, 1998, 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.

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Colorado (cont.)			
Eastern Colorado Late Light Geese Unit	Oct. 31-Jan. 31 & Feb. 22-Mar. 7	20	--
Rest of State in Central Flyway	Oct. 31-Jan. 31	20	--
Kansas			
Ducks (3):			
High Plains	Oct. 3-Jan. 3 & Jan. 14-Jan. 17	6	12
Low Plains:			
Early Zone	Oct. 10-Dec. 13 & Dec. 26-Jan. 3	6	12
Late Zone	Oct. 24-Nov. 1 & Nov. 7-Jan. 10	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Dark Geese (4):			
Canada	Nov. 7-Feb. 7	3	6
White-fronted	Nov. 7-Jan. 17	2	4
Light Geese:			
Zone 1	Nov. 21-Mar. 7	20	--
Zone 2	Nov. 7-Dec. 4 & Dec. 19-Mar. 7	20	--
Montana			
Ducks and Mergansers (5):			
Zone 1	Oct. 3-Jan. 7	6	12
Zone 2	Oct. 3-Jan. 7	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Dark Geese	Oct. 3-Jan. 16	4	8
Light Geese	Oct. 3-Jan. 16	5	10
Nebraska			
Ducks:			
High Plains	Oct. 3-Dec. 14 & Dec. 18-Jan. 10	6	12
Low Plains:			
Zones 1 and 2	Oct. 10-Dec. 20 & Dec. 26-Dec. 27	6	12
Zones 3 and 4	Oct. 3-Dec. 13 & Dec. 19-Dec. 20	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Geese:			
Canada:			
North Unit	Oct. 24-Jan. 24	3	6
East Unit	Oct. 3-Oct. 4 & Oct. 10-Jan. 8	3	6
North Central Unit	Oct. 3-Jan. 3	3	6
South Central Unit	Oct. 24-Jan. 24	3	6
White-fronted	Oct. 3-Dec. 13	2	4
Nebraska (cont.)			
Light Geese:			
Rainwater Basin Area - East (6)	Oct. 3-Dec. 19 & Feb. 11-Mar. 10	20	--
Rainwater Basin Area - West	Oct. 3-Dec. 19	20	--
Rest of State	Oct. 3-Dec. 19 & Feb. 11-Mar. 10	20	--
New Mexico			
Ducks and Mergansers (5):			
North Zone	Oct. 10-Oct. 25 & Oct. 29-Jan. 17	6	12
South Zone	Oct. 13-Jan. 17	6	12
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Dark Geese (7):			
Middle Rio Grande Valley Unit	Dec. 26-Jan. 3	1	1
Rest of State	Oct. 31-Feb. 14	4	8
Light Geese	Nov. 7-Feb. 21	20	80
North Dakota			
Ducks:			
Statewide	Oct. 3-Dec. 13	6	12
High Plains	Dec. 14-Jan. 3	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Geese:			
Canada Geese (8):			
Missouri River Zone	Oct. 3-Jan. 3	3	6
Rest of State	Oct. 3-Nov. 29	3	6
White-fronted (8)	Oct. 3-Nov. 29	2	4
Light Geese (8)	Oct. 4-Jan. 3	20	--
Oklahoma			
Ducks:			
High Plains	Oct. 10-Jan. 14	6	12
Low Plains:			
Zone 1	Oct. 24-Dec. 6 & Dec. 12-Jan. 10	6	12
Zone 2	Oct. 31-Dec. 6 & Dec. 12-Jan. 17	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Geese:			
Canada			
White-fronted	Oct. 31-Dec. 6 & Dec. 12-Feb. 5	3	6
Light Geese	Oct. 31-Dec. 6 & Dec. 12-Jan. 15	2	4
	Oct. 31-Dec. 6 & Dec. 12-Feb. 19	20	--

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
South Dakota			
Ducks (9):			
High Plains:			
Low Plains:			
North Zone	Oct. 3-Jan. 7	6	12
Middle Zone	Oct. 3-Dec. 15	6	12
South Zone	Oct. 3-Dec. 15	6	12
Same as for ducks	Oct. 10-Dec. 22	6	12
Same as for ducks	Same as for ducks	5	10
Same as for ducks	Same as for ducks	15	30
Mergansers:			
Coots			
Geese:			
White-fronted	Oct. 3-Dec. 13	2	4
Canada:			
Unit 1	Oct. 3-Jan. 3	3	6
Power Plant Area	Oct. 3-Nov. 30 &	3	6
Unit 2	Dec. 1-Jan. 3	1	2
Unit 3	Oct. 3-Jan. 3	3	6
Light Geese	Oct. 10-Jan. 10	3	6
Light Geese	Oct. 3-Dec. 27 &	20	--
Light Geese	Feb. 18-Mar. 10	20	--
Texas			
Ducks:			
High Plains	Oct. 17-Oct. 20 &	6	12
Low Plains:	Oct. 24-Jan. 17	6	12
North Zone	Oct. 31-Nov. 8 &	6	12
South Zone	Nov. 14-Jan. 17	6	12
South Zone	Oct. 24-Nov. 29 &	6	12
South Zone	Dec. 12-Jan. 17	6	12
Same as for ducks	Same as for ducks	5	10
Same as for ducks	Same as for ducks	15	30
Mergansers:			
Coots			
Geese:			
East Tier:			
Canada and brant	Oct. 31-Jan. 17 &	1	2
White-fronted	Jan. 18-Jan. 31	2	4
Light Geese	Oct. 24-Jan. 17	1	2
West Tier:	Oct. 31-Feb. 14	20	--
Dark Geese:			
Canada	Oct. 31-Feb. 14	5	10
White-fronted	Oct. 31-Feb. 14	4	8
Light Geese	Oct. 31-Feb. 14	1	2
Light Geese	Oct. 31-Feb. 14	20	--
Wyoming			
Ducks:			
Zone 1	Oct. 3-Oct. 25 &	6	12
Zone 2	Oct. 31-Jan. 12	6	12
Mergansers	Oct. 3-Jan. 7	6	12
Coots	Same as for ducks	5	12
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30

Wyoming (cont.)

Dark Geese:

Area 1

Area 2 (10)

Area 3

Area 4 (10)

Light Geese

(1) In Colorado, in the North Park and South Park/San Luis Valley Units, the bag limit for the October 31 through December 31 and October 31 through January 31 periods, respectively, are 2 geese. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

(2) In Colorado, in the Arkansas Valley Unit, shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to noon November 14 through November 27.

(3) In Kansas, the daily bag limit may include no more than 1 hen mallard.

(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 19 through January 24. Dark goose permits issued by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks are required to hunt dark geese in the Marais des Cygnes Valley and Southeast Units, with a maximum of one permit per individual per Unit. Six geese per permit are allowed. In the Flint Hills Unit, no permit is required. The daily bag limit in the Marais des Cygnes Valley, Southeast, and Flint Hills Units is 3 Canada geese and 2 white-fronted geese. The possession limit in the Flint Hills Unit is twice the daily bag limit. 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.

(5) In Montana and New Mexico, the daily bag limit for ducks and mergansers may include no more than 5 mergansers (1 hooded).

(6) In Nebraska, see State regulations for additional restrictions during February 11 through March 10.

(7) In New Mexico, the season for dark geese is closed in Bernalillo, Sandoval, Sierra, Socorro, and Valencia Counties.

(8) In North Dakota, the shooting hours for geese are one-half hour before sunrise to 1 p.m. through October 24 and until 2 p.m. the remainder of the season, except that October 10 through November 29, shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset on Saturdays and Wednesdays.

(9) In South Dakota, the daily bag limit may include no more than 1 hen mallard.

(10) In Wyoming, the shooting hours for dark geese in Goshute County are one-half hour before sunrise to 1 p.m., except on all Saturdays and Sundays in December and January when shooting hours are until sunset. In Platte County, shooting hours for dark geese in the area east of Interstate Highway 25 and north of Wyoming Highway 180 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 all Saturdays and Sundays in January when shooting hours are until sunset.

PACIFIC FLYWAY

Flyway-wide Restrictions

Duck and Merganser Limits: The daily bag limit of 7 ducks (including mergansers) may include no more than 2 female mallards, 1 pintail, 2 redheads 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.

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Arizona			
Ducks (1):			
North Zone	Oct. 9-Jan. 17	7	14
South Zone	Oct. 9-Jan. 17	7	14
Coots and moorhens	Same as for ducks	25	25
Geese:			
Dark (2):			
GMU 22 & 23	Nov. 15-Jan. 17	2	2
GMU 1 & 27	Dec. 1-Dec. 17	2	2
Balance of State	Oct. 10-Jan. 17	2	2
Light (2):			
GMU 22 & 23	Same as dark geese	3	3
GMU 1 & 27	Same as dark geese	3	3
Rest of State			
California			
Ducks:			
Northeastern Zone	Oct. 3-Jan. 17	7	14
Colorado River Zone	Oct. 9-Jan. 17	7	14
Southern Zone	Oct. 10-Jan. 17	7	14
Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone	Oct. 10-Jan. 17	7	14
Balance-of-State Zone	Oct. 10-Jan. 17	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. 3-Jan. 3	3	6
Cackling Geese	Oct. 3-Oct. 25	2	4
White-fronted Geese	Oct. 3-Oct. 25	1	2
Light Geese	Oct. 3-Jan. 3	3	6
Colorado River Zone:			
Canada Geese	Oct. 10-Jan. 17	5	10
White-fronted Geese	Oct. 10-Jan. 17	2	4
Light Geese	Oct. 10-Jan. 17	2	4
Southern Zone:			
Dark Geese:	Oct. 10-Jan. 17	3	6
Canada	Oct. 17-Jan. 17	5	10
Cackling Geese	Oct. 17-Jan. 17	2	4
White-fronted Geese	Oct. 17-Jan. 17	2	4
Light Geese	Oct. 17-Jan. 17	2	4
Balance-of-State Zone:			
Dark Geese (3):			
Canada:			
Del Norte & Humboldt	Closed	--	--
Sacramento Valley Area	Closed	--	--
San Joaquin Valley Area	Oct. 31-Nov. 22	2	4
Rest of Zone	Oct. 31-Jan. 17	2	4
California (cont.)			
White-fronted:			
Sacramento Valley Closure	Oct. 31-Dec. 14	2	4
Rest of Zone	Oct. 31-Jan. 17	2	4
Light Geese	Oct. 31-Jan. 17	3	6
Brant	Nov. 10-Dec. 9	2	4
Colorado			
Ducks	Oct. 3-Jan. 16	7	14
Coots	Same as for ducks	25	25
Geese:			
West Central Colorado Unit	Oct. 25-Jan. 16	2	4
Rest of State	Oct. 3-Oct. 17 & Oct. 25-Jan. 16	2	4
Idaho			
Ducks:			
Zone 1	Oct. 3-Jan. 16	7	14
Zone 2	Oct. 3-Jan. 16	7	14
Zone 3	Oct. 3-Jan. 16	7	14
Coots	Same as for ducks	25	25
Geese:			
Zone 1 (4):			
Dark	Oct. 3-Jan. 9	4	8
Light	Oct. 3-Jan. 9	4	8
Zone 2:			
Dark	Oct. 3-Jan. 9	3	6
Light	Oct. 3-Jan. 9	3	6
Zone 3:			
Dark	Oct. 3-Jan. 9	3	6
Light	Oct. 3-Jan. 9	3	6
Montana			
Ducks	Oct. 3-Jan. 16	7	14
Coots	Same as for ducks	25	25
Geese (5):			
Dark	Oct. 3-Jan. 10	4	8
Light	Oct. 3-Jan. 10	3	6
Nevada			
Ducks:			
Lincoln & Clark Counties	Oct. 3-Jan. 16	7	14
Rest of State	Oct. 3-Jan. 16	7	14
Coots and moorhens	Same as for ducks	25	25
Dark Geese:			
Lincoln & Clark Counties	Nov. 21-Jan. 16	2	4
Scripps/Washoe Lake Zone	Oct. 17-Jan. 3	3	6
Rest of State	Oct. 17-Jan. 16	3	6
Light Geese:			
Lincoln & Clark Counties	Nov. 21-Jan. 16	3	6
Scripps/Washoe Lake Zone	Oct. 17-Jan. 3	3	6
Rest of State (6)	Oct. 17-Jan. 3	3	6

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
New Mexico			
Ducks:	Oct. 3-Jan. 17	7	14
Coots	Same as for ducks	25	25
Moorhens (8)	Same as for ducks	1	2
Dark Geese:			
North Zone	Oct. 3-Oct. 23 & Oct. 31-Jan. 17	3	6
	Oct. 10-Jan. 17	3	6
South Zone		2	4
Light Geese:			
North Zone	Oct. 3-Oct. 23 & Oct. 31-Jan. 17	1	2
	Oct. 10-Jan. 17	1	2
South Zone		1	2
Oregon			
Ducks:			
Zone 1:			
Columbia Basin Unit	Oct. 3-Jan. 16	7	14
Rest of Zone 1	Oct. 3-Jan. 16	7	14
Zone 2	Oct. 3-Jan. 16	7	14
Coots	Same as for ducks	25	25
Geese:			
Northwest General Goose Zone:			
Dark Geese	Oct. 10-Jan. 10	4	8
Light Geese	Oct. 10-Jan. 10	3	6
Northwest Special Permit Zone (9):			
Dark Geese	Dec. 2-Feb. 28	4	8
Dusky Canada geese		1 per season	
Cackling Canada geese		4	8
Light Geese	Dec. 2-Jan. 17	3	6
Southwest General Zone (10):			
Dark Geese	Oct. 10-Jan. 16	4	8
Light Geese	Oct. 10-Jan. 16	3	6
Eastern Zone:			
Klamath, Harney, Lake, and Malheur Counties:			
Dark Geese	Oct. 3-Jan. 9	4	8
Cackling Canada geese		1	2
White-fronted geese		2	4
Light Geese	Oct. 3-Jan. 9	3	6
Remainder of Eastern Zone:			
Dark Geese	Oct. 10-Jan. 16	4	8
Cackling Canada geese		1	2
White-fronted geese		2	4
Light Geese	Oct. 10-Jan. 16	3	6
Brant (12)	Nov. 7-Nov. 20	2	4
Utah (13)			
Ducks:			
Zone 1	Oct. 3-Jan. 16	7	14
Zone 2	Oct. 3-Jan. 16	7	14
Coots	Same as for ducks	25	25
Geese:			
Light	Oct. 3-Jan. 10	3	6
Dark:			
Washington County (14)	Oct. 10-Jan. 17	2	4
Rest of State	Oct. 3-Jan. 10	2	4
Washington			
Ducks:			
East Zone			
West Zone (15)	Oct. 3-Oct. 11 & Oct. 13-Jan. 17	7	14
	Oct. 3-Oct. 11 & Oct. 13-Jan. 17	7	14
Coots	Oct. 13-Jan. 17	7	14
Geese (16):	Same as for ducks	25	25
Eastern Management Areas			
1, and 2 (17)			
Western Management Area 1:			
Light Geese	Oct. 10-Oct. 11 & Oct. 13-Jan. 17	4	8
Dark Geese	Oct. 13-Jan. 17	4	8
Western Management Area 2 (18)			
Regular Season Total Geese			
Canada geese		4	8
Dusky Canada geese		1 per season	
Cackling Canada geese		4	8
Late-Season Canada Geese		4	8
Canada geese	Jan. 23-Mar. 10	4	8
Dusky Canada geese		1 per season	
Cackling Canada geese		4	8
Western Management Area 3		4	8
Brant (19)			
Wyoming			
Ducks	Oct. 3-Jan. 16	7	14
Coots	Same as for ducks	25	25
Dark Geese	Oct. 3-Jan. 9	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 and Mexican-like ducks, in the aggregate, may be in possession.

- (2) In Arizona, in Yuma County, La Paz County, Game Management Units 13B, 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) In Idaho, the season on light geese is closed in Fremont and Teton Counties.
- (5) 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, 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) State permit required.
- (13) In Utah, the shooting hours are 8:00 a.m. to sunset on October 3 and 31.
- (14) In Utah, the season in Washington County is for Canada geese only.
- (15) In Washington, the daily bag limit in the West Zone may include no more than 4 scoters and 4 oldsquaws, with the possession limit twice the daily bag limit. The daily bag and possession limit for harlequins is 1.
- (16) In Washington, daily bag and possession limits may include no more than 3 and 6 light geese, respectively.
- (17) 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.
- (18) In Washington, see State regulations for specific dates and conditions of permit hunts and closures for Canada geese.
- (19) 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 31, 1998, Federal Register (63 FR 46336). Bag and possession limits will conform to those set for the regular season.

	Season Dates
<u>Florida</u> Ducks, gallinules, and coots	Jan. 24
<u>Massachusetts</u> Ducks, mergansers, coots, and geese: Statewide (6)	Oct. 10
<u>New Hampshire</u> Ducks, mergansers, coots, and geese: Statewide	Oct. 3
<u>North Carolina</u> Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Jan. 23
<u>Virginia</u> Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules: Statewide	Oct. 17
<u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u>	
<u>Arkansas</u> Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules: Statewide	Dec. 24
<u>Illinois</u> Ducks, mergansers, coots, and geese: North Zone Central Zone South Zone	Oct. 3 Oct. 17 Oct. 31
<u>Kentucky</u> Ducks, mergansers, coots, and geese: Statewide	Oct. 10

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Connecticut
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:
Statewide

Nov. 8

		Season Dates	
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY (6)</u>			
Arizona (9)			
Ducks, coots, and moorhens (10):			
North Zone		Oct. 3	
South Zone		Jan. 23	
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(6) In the Pacific Flyway, the daily bag limit for ducks includes mergansers.			
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(8) In Massachusetts, the season is closed for Canada geese in the Western Zone.			
(9) In Arizona, individuals are eligible to participate in the youth hunt through the calendar year of their 15 th birthday, however, individuals 14 year of age or older must possess a valid State hunting license.			
(10) In Arizona, the daily bag limit may include no more than 2 female mallards or Mexican-like ducks, or one of each.			
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 28, 1998, <u>Federal Register</u> (63 FR 46124).			
Note: The following seasons are in addition to the seasons published previously in the August 31, 1998, <u>Federal Register</u> (63 FR 46336).			
		Season Dates	Limits
		Bag	Possession
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>			
Kansas (1)(2)		Nov. 7-Jan. 3	2 4
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Oklahoma (1)		Oct. 24-Jan. 24	3 6
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		Season Dates	
<u>LOUISIANA</u>			
Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, gallinules, and geese:			
West Zone		Dec. 5	
East Zone		Jan. 23	
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<u>MISSISSIPPI</u>			
Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, gallinules, and geese:			
Statewide		Jan. 23	
<u>MISSOURI</u>			
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and geese:			
North Zone		Oct. 17	
Middle Zone		Oct. 24	
South Zone		Nov. 7	
<u>OHIO</u>			
Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, gallinules, and geese:			
Statewide		Oct. 10	
<u>TENNESSEE</u>			
Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, gallinules, and geese:			
Statewide		Jan. 23	
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<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>			
	• • • • •		
<u>NEBRASKA</u>			
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and geese:			
Statewide		Sept. 19	
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<u>OKLAHOMA</u>			
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and dark geese:			
High Plains		Oct. 4	
Low Plains:		Oct. 18	
Zone 1		Oct. 25	
Zone 2			
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<u>TEXAS</u>			
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:			
High Plains		Oct. 10	
Low Plains:			
North		Oct. 24	
South		Oct. 17	
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(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) In Kansas, shooting hours are sunrise to 2:00 p.m. The Federal sandhill crane permit must be validated by the State of Kansas. No person while hunting cranes shall use or possess shot other than steel or such shot approved as nontoxic shot.

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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	Bag	Limits	Possession
<u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u>				
<u>North Carolina</u>	Oct. 19-Jan. 30		1 tundra swan per season	
<u>Virginia</u>	Dec. 1-Jan. 30		1 tundra swan per season	
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY (1)</u>				
<u>Montana</u>	Oct. 3-Jan. 7		1 tundra swan per season	
<u>North Dakota</u>	Oct. 3-Nov. 29		1 tundra swan per season	
<u>South Dakota</u>	Oct. 3-Nov. 30		1 tundra swan per season	
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY (1)(2)</u>				
<u>Montana</u>	Oct. 17-Dec. 1		1 swan per season	
<u>Nevada (3) (4)</u>	Oct. 17-Jan. 3		1 swan per season	
<u>Utah (3)</u>	Oct. 3-Dec. 6		1 swan per season	

(1) See State regulations for description of area 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 29, 1998, 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 28 and September 29 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 31, 1998, Federal Register (63 FR 46336)

	Extended Falconry Dates
ATLANTIC FLYWAY	
Florida	
Ducks and coots	Nov. 1-Nov. 13 & Feb. 1-Feb. 28
Georgia	
Sea Ducks	Nov. 15-Nov. 20 & Jan. 20-Feb. 19
Ducks, mergansers, gallinules, and coots	Nov. 15-Nov. 20 & Jan. 20-Feb. 19
Maine	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots (4):	
North Zone	Dec. 1-Feb. 2
South Zone	Dec. 26-Feb. 27

	Extended Falconry Dates	Extended Falconry Dates
<u>Maryland</u>		
Ducks	Oct. 2-Oct. 9 & Feb. 4-Mar. 10	Ducks and coots: Long Island Zone Nov. 1-Nov. 19 & Nov. 30-Dec. 1 & Jan. 21-Jan. 31
Brant	Jan. 21-Mar. 10	Northeastern Zone Oct. 1-Oct. 2 & Nov. 16-Nov. 20 & Dec. 7-Dec. 31
<u>Massachusetts</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots: Western Zone	Oct. 6-Oct. 11 & Dec. 20-Jan. 20	Southeastern Zone Oct. 1-Oct. 9 & Oct. 19-Nov. 6 & Dec. 28-Dec. 31
Central Zone	Oct. 6-Oct. 14 & Nov. 29-Dec. 13 & Jan. 7-Jan. 20	Western Zone Oct. 1-Oct. 9 & Nov. 30-Dec. 25
Coastal Zone	Oct. 6-Oct. 18 & Nov. 1-Nov. 15 & Jan. 10-Jan. 20	
<u>New Hampshire</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots: Inland Zone	Nov. 9-Nov. 24 & Dec. 21-Jan. 19	Ducks: North Zone Nov. 30-Dec. 4 & Dec. 25-Feb. 10
Coastal Zone	Jan. 24-Mar. 10	South Zone Oct. 26-Nov. 9 & Jan. 4-Feb. 10
<u>New Jersey</u>		
Woodcock: North Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 13 & Nov. 7-Jan. 15	Northwest Zone Nov. 2-Nov. 6 & Dec. 25-Feb. 10
South Zone	Oct. 1-Nov. 6 & Nov. 22-Dec. 17 & Dec. 27-Jan. 15	Lake Erie Zone Nov. 2-Nov. 6 & Jan. 6-Feb. 24
Ducks: North Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 9 & Nov. 2-Nov. 16 & Jan. 4-Jan. 31	Canada Geese: North Zone Closed
South Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 9 & Oct. 26-Nov. 10 & Jan. 4-Jan. 31	South Zone Closed
Coastal Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 29 & Nov. 23 only & Jan. 11-Jan. 31	Western Zone Jan. 1-Jan. 14
		Erie, Mercer, and Butler Oct. 19-Oct. 31
		Crawford Oct. 19-Nov. 6 & Dec. 10-Jan. 13
		Brant Nov. 2-Nov. 6 & Dec. 14-Feb. 11
		<u>South Carolina</u>
		Ducks, mergansers, and coots Oct. 16-Nov. 13 & Nov. 29-Dec. 6

Extended Falconry Dates		Extended Falconry Dates	
<u>Minnesota</u> (cont.)	Northeast Zone	Dec. 12-Jan. 1	
	Rest of State	Dec. 12-Jan. 1	
	Mourning doves	Nov. 30-Dec. 18 & Jan. 10-Feb. 6	
	Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Nov. 16-Nov. 20 & Feb. 13-Mar. 10	
<u>Mississippi</u>			
<u>Missouri</u>			
	Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
	North Zone	Sept. 5-Sept. 20 & Oct. 12-Oct. 21 & Dec. 21-Jan. 10	
	Middle Zone	Sept. 5-Sept. 20 & Oct. 12-Oct. 28 & Dec. 28-Jan. 10	
	South Zone	Sept. 5-Sept. 20 & Oct. 12-Nov. 11	
<u>Ohio</u>			
	Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
	Statewide	Jan. 30-Feb. 28	
<u>Tennessee</u>			
	Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
	Statewide	Sept. 17-Oct. 27	
<u>Wisconsin</u>			
	Rails, snipe, moorhens, and gallinules:		
	North Zone	Sept. 1-Oct. 2 & Dec. 2-Dec. 16	
	South Zone	Sept. 1-Oct. 2 & Dec. 2-Dec. 16	
	Woodcock	Sept. 1-Sept. 18 & Nov. 3-Dec. 16	
<u>Wisconsin</u> (cont.)			
	Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
	Statewide	Sept. 12-Oct. 2 & Dec. 2-Dec. 8 & Feb. 20-Mar. 10	
<u>CENTRAL ELYWAY</u>			
<u>Kansas</u>			
	Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
	Low Plains:		
	Early Zone	Feb. 20-Mar. 7	
	Late Zone	Oct. 18-Oct. 23 & Feb. 27-Mar. 8	
<u>Montana</u> (2)			
	Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
	Zone 1	Sept. 23-Sept. 25 & Sept. 27-Oct. 2	
	Zone 2	Sept. 23-Sept. 25 & Sept. 27-Oct. 2	
<u>Nebraska</u>			
	Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
	High Plains	Sept. 28-Oct. 2 & Dec. 15-Dec. 17 & Jan. 11 only	
	Low Plains:		
	Zones 1 and 2	Sept. 28-Oct. 9 & Dec. 21-Dec. 25 & Dec. 28-Jan. 11	
	Zones 3 & 4	Sept. 28-Oct. 2 & Dec. 14-Dec. 18 & Dec. 21-Jan. 11	
<u>Oklahoma</u>			
	Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
	Low Plains:		
	Zone 1	Oct. 12-Oct. 17 & Oct. 19-Oct. 23 & Dec. 7-Dec. 11	
	Zone 2	Oct. 26-Oct. 30 & Dec. 7-Dec. 11 & Jan. 18-Jan. 23	

	Extended Falconry Dates	Extended Falconry Dates
<u>South Dakota</u>		<u>California (cont.)</u>
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		Canada Geese:
Low Plains:		Northeastern Zone
North Zone	Sept. 4-Sept. 25 & Sept. 27-Oct. 2 & Dec. 16-Dec. 19	Southern Zone
Middle Zone	Sept. 4-Sept. 25 & Sept. 27-Oct. 2 & Dec. 16-Dec. 19	Balance-of-State Zone (6)
South Zone	Sept. 7-Sept. 25 & Sept. 27-Oct. 9	Southern San Joaquin Zone
High Plains	Sept. 4-Sept. 12	White-fronted Geese:
<u>Texas</u>		Northeastern Zone
	* * * *	Southern Zone
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		Balance-of-State Zone
Low Plains	Jan. 18-Feb. 2	Southern San Joaquin Zone
<u>Wyoming</u>		Brant
	* * * *	Northeastern Zone
Dark geese:		Southern Zone
Area 4	Oct. 18-Nov. 13	Balance-of-State Zone
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u>		Southern San Joaquin Zone
<u>Arizona</u>		Light Geese:
Ducks and mergansers:		Southern Zone
North Zone	Oct. 4-Oct. 8	Balance-of-State Zone
South Zone	Jan. 24-Jan. 28	
<u>California</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		
Colorado River Zone	Jan. 24-Jan. 28	
Southern Zone	Jan. 18-Jan. 24	
Balance-of-State Zone	Jan. 18-Jan. 24	
Southern San Joaquin Zone	Jan. 18-Jan. 24	
		<u>Montana (2)</u>
		Geese
		Jan. 11-Jan. 16

	Extended Falconry Dates
<u>New Mexico</u> (2)	
Dark Geese: North Zone	Oct. 24-Oct. 30
South Zone	Oct. 3-Oct. 9
Light Geese: North Zone	Oct. 24-Oct. 30
South Zone	Oct. 3-Oct. 9
<u>Utah</u>	
Light Geese	Jan. 11-Jan. 16
Dark Geese: Washington County	Oct. 5-Oct. 9
Rest of State	Jan. 11-Jan. 16
<u>Wyoming</u>	
Rails	Sept. 1-Sept. 11 & Nov. 16-Dec. 13

- (2) In Montana and New Mexico, the daily bag limit is 2 and the possession limit is 6.
- (4) In Maine, the daily bag and possession limit for black ducks is 1 and 2, respectively.
- (5) In California, the falconry season for Canada geese is closed in Del Norte and Humboldt Area, and the Sacramento Valley Area.
- (6) In California, the falconry season is closed in Del Norte and Humboldt Are, the Sacramento Valley Area, and in the San Joaquin Valley Area.