

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

RIN 1018-AG08

**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 2000-01 season.

**DATES:** This rule is effective on September 29, 2000.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Regulations Schedule for 2000**

On April 25, 2000, we published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 24260) a proposal to amend 50 CFR part 20. The proposal dealt with the establishment of seasons, limits, and other regulations for migratory game birds under §§ 20.101 through 20.107, 20.109, and 20.110 of subpart K. On June 20, 2000, we published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 38400) a second document providing supplemental proposals for early- and late-season migratory bird hunting regulations frameworks and the proposed regulatory alternatives for the 2000-01 duck hunting season. The June 20 supplement also provided detailed information on the 2000-01 regulatory schedule and announced the Service Migratory Bird Regulations Committee and Flyway Council meetings.

On June 21-22, we held meetings that reviewed information on the current status of migratory shore and upland game birds and developed 2000-01 migratory game bird regulations recommendations for these species plus regulations for migratory game birds in Alaska, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, special September waterfowl seasons in designated States, special sea duck seasons in the Atlantic Flyway, and extended falconry seasons. In addition, we reviewed and discussed

preliminary information on the status of waterfowl as it relates to the development and selection of the regulatory packages for the 2000-01 regular waterfowl seasons. On July 31, we published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 46840) a third document specifically dealing with the proposed frameworks for early-season regulations and final regulatory alternatives for the 2000-01 duck hunting season.

On August 2-3, 2000, we held a public meeting in Washington, DC, as announced in the April 25, and June 20 **Federal Register**, to review the status of waterfowl. Proposed hunting regulations were discussed for late seasons. We published proposed frameworks for the 2000-01 late-season migratory bird hunting regulations on August 22, 2000, in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 51174). On August 23, 2000, we published a fifth document in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 51496) which contained final frameworks for early migratory bird hunting seasons from which wildlife conservation agency officials from the States, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands selected early-season hunting dates, hours, areas, and limits. On September 1, 2000, we published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 53492) a sixth document consisting of a final rule amending subpart K of title 50 CFR part 20 to set hunting seasons, hours, areas, and limits for early seasons. We 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 2000-01 in a seventh document in the September 27, 2000, **Federal Register**.

The final rule described here is the eighth and final in the series of proposed, supplemental, and final rulemaking documents for migratory game bird hunting regulations for 2000-01 and deals specifically with amending subpart K of 50 CFR part 20. It sets 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 the Environmental Protection Agency on June 9, 1988. We published a Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register** on June 16, 1988 (53 FR 22582). We published our Record of Decision on August 18, 1988 (53 FR

31341). Copies are available from the address indicated under the caption **ADDRESSES**.

**Endangered Species Act Consideration**

Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543; 87 Stat. 884), provides that, "The Secretary shall review other programs administered by him and utilize such programs in furtherance of the purposes of this Act" (and) shall "insure that any action authorized, funded or carried out \* \* \* is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered species or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of [critical] habitat \* \* \*"

Consequently, we conducted formal consultations to ensure that actions resulting from these regulations would not likely jeopardize the continued existence of endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of their critical habitat. Findings from these consultations are included in a biological opinion and concluded that the regulations are not likely to adversely affect any endangered or threatened species. Additionally, these findings may have caused modification of some regulatory measures previously proposed and the final frameworks reflect any such modifications. Our biological opinions resulting from its Section 7 consultation are public documents available for public inspection in the Service's Division of Endangered Species and DMBM, at the address indicated under the caption **ADDRESSES**.

**Executive Order (E.O.) 12866**

This rule was reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The migratory bird hunting regulations are economically significant and are annually reviewed by OMB under E.O. 12866. As such, we analyzed the economic impacts of the annual hunting regulations in a cost-benefit analysis prepared in 1998. The primary source of information about hunter expenditures for migratory game bird hunting is the National Hunting and Fishing Survey, which is conducted at 5-year intervals. The 1998 analysis was based on the 1996 National Hunting and Fishing Survey and the U.S. Department of Commerce's County Business Patterns, from which it was estimated that migratory bird hunters would spend between \$429 million and \$1,084 million at small businesses in 1998. Copies of the analysis are available upon request from the address indicated under the caption **ADDRESSES**.

### Regulatory Flexibility Act

These regulations have a significant economic impact on substantial numbers of small entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*). In the analysis described above, we analyzed the economic impacts of the annual hunting regulations on small business entities in detail and issued a Small Entity Flexibility Analysis. The analysis documented the significant beneficial economic effect on a substantial number of small entities.

### Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act

This rule is a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804(2), the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act. For the reasons outlined above, this rule has an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more. However, because this rule establishes hunting seasons, we do not plan to defer the effective date under the exemption contained in 5 U.S.C. 808(1).

### Paperwork Reduction Act

We examined these regulations under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. We utilize the various recordkeeping and reporting requirements imposed under regulations established in 50 CFR part 20, Subpart K, in the formulation of migratory game bird hunting regulations. Specifically, OMB has approved the information collection requirements of the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program and assigned clearance number 1018-0015 (expires 9/30/2001). This information is used to provide a sampling frame for voluntary national surveys to improve our harvest estimates for all migratory game birds in order to better manage these populations. A Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

### Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

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

### Civil Justice Reform-Executive Order 12988

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

### Takings Implication Assessment

In accordance with Executive Order 12630, this rule, authorized by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, does not have significant takings implications and does not affect any constitutionally protected property rights. This rule will not result in the physical occupancy of property, the physical invasion of property, or the regulatory taking of any property. In fact, this rule will allow hunters to exercise otherwise unavailable privileges, and, therefore, reduces 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. We annually prescribe frameworks from which the States make selections and employ guidelines to establish special regulations on Federal Indian reservations and ceded lands. This process preserves the ability of the States and Tribes to determine which seasons meet their individual needs. Any State or Tribe may be more restrictive 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 regulations. These rules do not have a substantial direct effect on fiscal capacity, change the roles or responsibilities of Federal or State governments, or intrude on State policy or administration. Therefore, in accordance with Executive Order 13132, these regulations do not have significant federalism effects and do not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

### 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, we intend that the public be given the greatest possible opportunity to comment on the regulations. Thus, when the preliminary proposed rulemaking was published, we established what we believed were the longest periods possible for public comment. In doing this, we recognized that, when the comment period closed, time would be of the essence. That is, if a delay in the effective date of these regulations occurred after this final rulemaking, the States would have insufficient time to implement their selected season dates and limits and start their seasons in a timely manner.

We therefore find that "good cause" exists, within the terms of 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3) of the Administrative Procedure Act, and these regulations will take effect immediately upon publication. Accordingly, with each State conservation agency having had an opportunity to participate in selecting its desired the hunting seasons 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 21, 2000.

**Kenneth L. Smith,**

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### PART 20—[AMENDED]

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

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

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

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

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

2. Section 20.104 is amended by adding the entries for the following States in alphabetical order to read as follows:

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

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

Shooting and hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset, except as otherwise restricted by State regulations. Area descriptions were published in the August 23 and September XX Federal Registers.

NOTE: The following seasons are in addition to the seasons published previously in the September 1, 2000, Federal Register (65 FR 53492).

	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. 9	Closed	Oct. 14-Oct. 28 & Oct. 30-Nov. 13	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
Vermont	Closed	Closed	Oct. 6-Nov. 4	Oct. 7-Dec. 16

  

**MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY**

Louisiana	Sept. 15-Sept. 30 Nov. 11-Jan. 3	Sept. 15-Sept. 30 Nov. 11-Jan. 3	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	Nov. 4-Dec. 3 & Dec. 14-Feb. 28
Tennessee Reelfoot Zone	Nov. 18-Nov. 19 & Dec. 2-Jan. 19	Closed	Oct. 28-Dec. 11	Nov. 14-Feb. 28
State Zone	Dec. 2-Dec. 5 & Dec. 16-Jan. 20	Closed	Oct. 28-Dec. 11	Nov. 14-Feb. 28

	Sora & Virginia Rails	Clapper & King Rails	Woodcock	Common Snipe
Wisconsin North Zone	Sept. 30-Nov. 28	Closed	Sept. 23-Nov. 6	Sept. 30-Nov. 28
South Zone	Sept. 30-Nov. 28	Closed	Sept. 23-Nov. 6	Sept. 30-Nov. 28
<b>CENTRAL FLYWAY</b>				
New Mexico (16)	Oct. 7-Dec. 15	Closed	Closed	Oct. 7-Jan. 21
<b>PACIFIC FLYWAY</b>				
Arizona (17) North Zone	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 13-Jan. 21
South Zone	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 13-Jan. 21
California	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 21-Feb. 4
Nevada Clark County	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 7-Jan. 21
Rest of State	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 7-Jan. 20
New Mexico (16)	Oct. 7-Dec. 15	Closed	Closed	Oct. 7-Jan. 21
Oregon Zone 1	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 7-Oct. 18 & Oct. 21-Jan. 21
Zone 2	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 7-Oct. 18 & Oct. 21-Jan. 21
Utah	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 7-Jan. 20
Washington East Zone	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 7-Oct. 18 & Oct. 21-Jan. 21
West Zone	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 7-Oct. 18 & Oct. 21-Jan. 21

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

3. In Section 20.105, paragraphs (a), (b), and (f) are amended by adding the entries for the following States in alphabetical order and paragraph (e) is revised to read as follows:

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

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

Shooting and hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset, except as otherwise restricted by State regulations. Area descriptions were published in the August 23 and September XX 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 September 1, 2000, Federal Register (65 FR 53492). The zones named in this paragraph are the same as those used for setting duck seasons.

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u>			
Virginia	Oct. 11-Oct. 14 & Nov. 17-Jan. 20	15	30
		15	30
West Virginia Zone 1	Oct. 2-Oct. 14 & Nov. 27-Jan. 20	15	30
		15	30

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<u>West Virginia (cont.) Zone 2</u>			
	Oct. 2-Oct. 14 & Nov. 13-Jan. 6	15	30
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<u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u>			
Louisiana	Sept. 15-Sept. 30 & Nov. 11-Jan. 3	15	30
		15	30
Michigan North Zone	Sept. 30-Nov. 28	15	30
		15	30
Middle Zone	Sept. 30-Nov. 28	15	30
		15	30
South Zone	Oct. 7-Dec. 3 & Jan. 6-Jan. 7	15	30
		15	30
Minnesota (2)	Sept. 30-Nov. 28	15	30
	* * * * *	15	30
<u>Tennessee Reelfoot Zone</u>			
	Nov. 18-Nov. 19 & Dec. 2-Jan. 19	15	30
		15	30
State Zone	Dec. 2-Dec. 5 & Dec. 16-Jan. 21	15	30
		15	30
<u>Wisconsin North Zone</u>			
	Sept. 30-Nov. 28	10	20
South Zone	Sept. 30-Nov. 28	10	20
		10	20
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u>			
All States			

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

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

least of the Continental Divide except that the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation is in the Pacific Flyway), North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming (east of the Continental Divide).

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

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

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

ATLANTIC FLYWAY

Flyway-wide Restrictions

**Duck Limits:** The daily bag limit of 6 ducks may include no more than 4 mallards (2 hen mallards), 3 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	Bag	Possession
<u>Connecticut</u>				
<u>Ducks (1):</u>				
North Zone	Oct. 11-Oct. 25 & Nov. 10-Jan. 3	6	6	12
South Zone	Oct. 11-Oct. 18 & Nov. 21-Jan. 20	6	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	15	30
<u>Canada Geese:</u>				
NAP Zone:				
North Zone	Oct. 11-Oct. 25 & Nov. 15-Dec. 15	2	2	4
South Zone	Oct. 11-Oct. 31 & Nov. 21-Dec. 15	2	2	4
(special season)	Jan. 15-Feb. 15	5	5	10
AP Zone	Nov. 10-Nov. 27	1	1	2
<u>Light Geese:</u>				
North Zone	Oct. 11-Feb. 12	15	15	--
South Zone	Oct. 11-Feb. 12	15	15	--
Brant:				
North Zone	Nov. 10-Jan. 6	2	2	4
South Zone	Nov. 24-Jan. 20	2	2	4
<u>Delaware</u>				
<u>Ducks (2)</u>	Oct. 5-Oct. 7 & Oct. 28-Nov. 4 & Nov. 20-Jan. 16	6	6	12
		6	6	12

(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 September 1, 2000, Federal Register (65 FR 53492).

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	Bag	Possession
<u>Maine (1)</u>	Oct. 2-Jan. 20	7	7	14
<u>Maryland</u>	Oct. 7-Jan. 20	5	5	10
<u>Massachusetts (2)</u>	Oct. 6-Jan. 20	7	7	14
<u>North Carolina</u>	Oct. 2-Jan. 20	7	7	14
<u>South Carolina</u>	Oct. 6-Jan. 20	7	7	14
<u>Virginia</u>	Oct. 11-Jan. 20	7	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.

(1) In Maine, the daily bag limit for eiders is 5, possession 10.  
 (2) In Massachusetts, the daily bag may include no more than 4 eider (1 of which may be a hen) and 4 old squaw.

(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

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits	Possession
<b>Delaware (cont.)</b>				
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10	
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30	
Canada Geese	Closed	--	--	
Light Geese (3): Bombay Hook NWR Zone	Oct. 2-Nov. 17 & Nov. 20-Jan. 1 & Jan. 22-Mar. 10	15 15 15	-- -- --	
Rest of State	Oct. 2-Nov. 6 & Nov. 20-Jan. 13 & Jan. 22-Mar. 10	15 15 15	-- -- --	
Nov. 24-Jan. 20		2	4	
<b>Brant</b>				
<b>Florida</b>				
Ducks	Nov. 18-Jan. 16	6	12	
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10	
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30	
Canada Geese (4)	Nov. 18-Jan. 26	3	6	
Light Geese (5)	Nov. 18-Jan. 16	15	--	
<b>Georgia</b>				
Ducks	Nov. 22-Jan. 20	6	12	
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10	
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30	
Canada Geese (special season)	Nov. 22-Jan. 28	3	6	
Light Geese	Same as for Canada geese	3	6	
Brant	Closed	--	--	
<b>Maine</b>				
Ducks (6): North Zone South Zone	Oct. 2-Dec. 2 Oct. 2-Oct. 14 & Nov. 6-Dec. 23	4 4 4	8 8 8	
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10	
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30	
Canada Geese: North Zone South Zone	Oct. 2-Nov. 16 Oct. 1-Oct. 14 & Nov. 6-Dec. 7	2 2 2	4 4 4	
Light Geese	Oct. 2-Jan. 20	15	--	
Brant	Oct. 2-Nov. 28	2	4	
<b>Maryland</b>				
Ducks (7)	Oct. 7-Oct. 14 & Nov. 3-Nov. 24 & Dec. 13-Jan. 20	5 5 5	10 10 10	
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10	
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30	
<b>Marland (cont.)</b>				
Canada Geese: Western (SJBPI) Zone (special season) Light Geese (8)	Closed Nov. 15-Nov. 24 & Dec. 9-Jan. 13 Jan. 15-Feb. 15 Oct. 14-Nov. 24 & Dec. 6-Jan. 31 & Feb. 2-Mar. 10 Nov. 7-Nov. 24 & Dec. 13-Jan. 20	-- 2 2 15 15 15 2 2	-- 4 4 6 -- -- 4 4	
Brant				
<b>Massachusetts</b>				
Ducks (9): Western Zone Central Zone Coastal Zone	Oct. 9-Nov. 25 & Dec. 4-Dec. 23 Oct. 12-Nov. 25 & Dec. 14-Jan. 6 Oct. 12-Oct. 28 & Nov. 23-Jan. 13 Same as for ducks Same as for ducks	6 6 6 6 6 6 5 15	12 12 12 12 12 10 10 30	
Mergansers Coots				
Canada Geese: NAAP Zone Central Zone: Coastal Zone: (special season) AP Zone	Oct. 12-Nov. 25 & Dec. 14 only Oct. 12-Oct. 28 & Nov. 17-Dec. 15 Jan. 15-Feb. 10 Nov. 9-Nov. 25	2 2 2 2 5 1	4 4 4 4 10 2	
Light Geese: Western Zone Central Zone Coastal Zone	Same as for ducks Same as for ducks & Jan. 15-Feb. 10 Same as for ducks & Jan. 15-Feb. 10	15 15 15 15	30 30 30 30	
Brant: Western & Central Zone Coastal Zone	Closed Nov. 17-Jan. 13	-- 2	-- 4	
<b>New Hampshire</b>				
Ducks: Inland Zone Coastal Zone	Oct. 3-Nov. 5 & Nov. 22-Dec. 17 Oct. 4-Oct. 22 & Nov. 22-Jan. 1 Same as for ducks Same as for ducks	6 6 6 6 5 15	12 12 12 12 10 30	
Mergansers Coots				
Canada Geese: Inland Zone Coastal Zone	Oct. 3-Nov. 5 & Nov. 22-Nov. 27 Oct. 4-Oct. 22 & Nov. 22-Dec. 12	2 2 2 2	4 4 4 4	
Light Geese: Inland Zone Coastal Zone	Oct. 3-Dec. 17 Oct. 4-Jan. 1	15 15	-- 15	



	Season Dates	Bag	Limits	Possession
<b>Pennsylvania</b>				
Ducks:				
North Zone	Oct. 7-Nov. 25 & Dec. 22-Jan. 10	6	6	12
South Zone	Oct. 7-Oct. 14 & Nov. 15-Jan. 15	6	6	12
Northwest Zone	Oct. 7-Oct. 21 & Nov. 4-Dec. 28	6	6	12
Lake Erie Zone	Oct. 30-Nov. 4 & Nov. 7-Jan. 8	6	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	15	30
Canada Geese:				
Eastern (AP) Zone	Nov. 18-Nov. 25 & Dec. 22-Dec. 30	1	1	2
Western (SJB) Zone (special season)	Nov. 15-Dec. 30	2	4	2
Pymatuning Zone	Jan. 15-Feb. 15	5	10	10
Light Geese	Nov. 15-Dec. 25	2	2	4
Brant	Nov. 7-Mar. 10 Oct. 7-Dec. 4	15	--	4
<b>Rhode Island</b>				
Ducks	Oct. 6-Oct. 9 & Nov. 18-Nov. 26 & Dec. 2-Jan. 17	6	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30	30
Canada Geese	Oct. 6-Oct. 9 & Nov. 8-Dec. 13	2	2	4
(special season)	Jan. 15-Feb. 15	5	4	10
Light Geese	Oct. 6-Jan. 17	15	--	4
Brant	Nov. 18-Nov. 26 & Dec. 8-Jan. 17	2	2	4
<b>South Carolina</b>				
Ducks (14)	Nov. 22-Jan. 20	6	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30	30
Canada Geese (special season)	Nov. 22-Jan. 20 & Feb. 3-Feb. 12	5	5	10
Light Geese	Same as for ducks	5	10	10
Brant	Dec. 2-Jan. 20	2	2	4
<b>Vermont</b>				
Ducks:				
Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 7-Oct. 9 & Oct. 21-Dec. 16	6	6	12
Interior Zone	Oct. 7-Nov. 12 & Nov. 18-Dec. 10	6	6	12

(1) In Connecticut, the season is closed for black ducks prior to November 10 in the North Zone and prior to November 21 in the South Zone.  
 (2) In Delaware, the season on black ducks is only open November 20 through January 16.  
 (3) In Delaware, the January 22 to March 10 snow goose season is open Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays only.  
 (4) In Florida, the Canada goose season is only open in the Florida waters of Lake Seminole in Jackson County that are south of SR2, north of the Jim Woodruff Dam, and east of SR271.  
 (5) In Florida, the light goose season is only open north and west of the Suwannee River.  
 (6) In Maine, the season is closed for black ducks October 1 through October 6; in addition to the daily bag limit, 2 additional teal may be taken. A possession limit of 12 ducks is permitted provided it includes 4 or more teal.

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits	Possession
<b>Vermont (cont.)</b>				
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	15	30
Canada Geese	Nov. 1-Nov. 12 & Nov. 18-Nov. 20	1	1	2
Light Geese	Oct. 7-Dec. 29 & Feb. 18-Mar. 10	15	--	4
Brant	Oct. 7-Nov. 25	2	2	4
Virginia				
Ducks (15)	Oct. 11-Oct. 14 & Nov. 17-Jan. 20	5	5	10
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	15	30
Canada Geese:				
Back Bay Area	Closed	--	--	--
Eastern (AP) Zone	Dec. 28-Dec. 30 & Jan. 18-Jan. 20	1	1	2
Western (SJB) Zone (special season)	Dec. 1-Jan. 13	2	2	4
Light Geese	Jan. 15-Feb. 15	4	4	8
Brant	Nov. 7-Mar. 10 Nov. 24-Jan. 20	15	15	30
<b>West Virginia</b>				
Ducks (16):	Oct. 2-Oct. 14 & Nov. 27-Jan. 20	6	6	12
Zone 1	Oct. 2-Oct. 14 & Nov. 13-Jan. 6	6	6	12
Zone 2	Same as for ducks	5	5	10
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	15	15	30
Coots	Oct. 2-Oct. 14 & Nov. 25-Jan. 31	3	3	6
Canada Geese:				
Zone 1	Oct. 2-Oct. 28 & Dec. 9-Jan. 31	3	3	6
Zone 2	Same as for Canada geese	5	5	10
Light Geese:	Same as for Canada geese	5	5	10
Zone 1	Nov. 27-Jan. 20	2	2	4
Zone 2				

- (7) In Maryland, the black duck season is closed October 7 through October 14; and the canvasback season is closed October 7 through October 14 and November 3 through November 24; in addition to the daily bag, 1 additional teal may be taken.
- (8) In Maryland, the February 2 to March 10 snow goose season is open Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays only.
- (9) In Massachusetts, the daily bag limit may include no more than 4 of any single species in addition to the flyway-wide bag restrictions.
- (10) In New Jersey, the daily bag limit for buffleheads is 4.
- (11) In New Jersey, the January 22 through February 15 light goose season is open Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday only.
- (12) In New York, in the Lake Champlain Zone, the daily bag limit may include no more than 4 goldeneyes.
- (13) In North Carolina, the season is closed for black ducks October 4 through October 7 and November 6 through November 25.
- (14) In South Carolina, the daily bag limit of 6 may not exceed 1 black duck, mottled duck, or female mallard in the aggregate.
- (15) In Virginia, the season is closed for black ducks October 11 through October 14 and December 1 through December 16.
- (16) In West Virginia, the daily bag limit may include no more than 4 old squaws and the season is closed for scoters, eiders, whistling ducks, and mottled ducks.

MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY

**Flyway-wide Restrictions**

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

**Merganser Limits:** The merganser limits include no more than 1 hooded merganser daily and 2 in possession. In states that include mergansers in the duck bag limit, the daily limit is the same as the duck bag limit, of which only 1 daily and 2 in possession may be hooded mergansers.

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits	Possession
<b>Arkansas</b>				
Ducks	Nov. 18-Dec. 20 & Dec. 26-Jan. 21	6		12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	6		12
Coots	Same as for ducks	5		10
Geese:	Same as for ducks	15		30
Canada (1):	Jan. 9-Jan. 31	2		4
White-fronted	Nov. 7-Jan. 31	2		4
Brant	Closed	--		--
Light Geese	Nov. 18-Jan. 31	20		--
<b>Illinois</b>				
Ducks:				
North Zone	Oct. 19-Dec. 17	6		12
Central Zone	Oct. 28-Dec. 26	6		12
South Zone	Nov. 9-Jan. 7	6		12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5		10
Coots	Same as for ducks	5		10
Geese:	Same as for ducks	15		30
Canada (2):				
North Zone:				
Northern Illinois Quota Zone (2)	Oct. 19-Jan. 17	3		10
Rest of North Zone	Same as Northern Illinois Quota Zone			
Central Zone:				
Central Illinois Quota Zone (2)	Oct. 28-Oct. 29 & Nov. 4-Nov. 30 & Dec. 1-Jan. 31	2		10
Rest of Central Zone	Same as Central Illinois Quota Zone	2		10
South Zone:				
Southern Illinois Quota Zone (2)(3)	Nov. 9-Nov. 12 & Nov. 24-Dec. 31 & Jan. 1-Jan. 31	2		10
Rest of South Zone	Same as Southern Illinois Quota Zone	2		10
Rend Lake Quota Zone (2)(3)	Same as Southern Illinois Quota Zone			
Rest of South Zone				
White-fronted (4):				
North Zone	Oct. 24-Jan. 17	2		4
Central Zone	Nov. 7-Jan. 31	2		4
South Zone	Nov. 9-Jan. 31	2		4
Brant (4)	Same as for light geese	1		2
Light Geese (4):				
North Zone	Oct. 19-Jan. 17	20		--
Central Zone	Oct. 28-Jan. 31	20		--
South Zone	Nov. 9-Jan. 31	20		--
<b>Indiana</b>				
Ducks:				
North Zone	Oct. 14-Oct. 16 & Oct. 28-Dec. 23	6		12
South Zone	Oct. 21-Oct. 27 & Nov. 24-Jan. 15	6		12
Ohio River Zone	Nov. 23-Jan. 21	6		12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5		10
Coots	Same as for ducks	5		10

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits	Possession
<b>Alabama</b>				
Ducks:				
North Zone	Dec. 9-Dec. 11 & Dec. 15-Jan. 31	6		12
South Zone	Dec. 9-Dec. 11 & Dec. 15-Jan. 31	6		12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5		10
Coots	Same as for ducks	5		10
Geese:	Same as for ducks	15		30
Dark Geese:				
North Zone:				
SUBP Zone	Dec. 28-Jan. 31	2		4
Rest of North Zone	Sept. 30-Oct. 15 & Dec. 9-Dec. 11 & Dec. 15-Jan. 31	2		4
South Zone	Sept. 30-Oct. 15 & Dec. 9-Dec. 11 & Dec. 15-Jan. 31	2		4
Light Geese	Same as for dark geese	5		5

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits	Possession
<b>Indiana (cont.)</b>				
Geese:				
Canada (2):				
North Zone:	Nov. 11-Dec. 15	2	4	4
SJBP Area:	Oct. 28-Dec. 31	2	4	4
Rest of North Zone:				
South Zone:	Nov. 28-Jan. 31	2	4	4
Posey County (2):	Nov. 24-Nov. 26 &	2	4	4
Rest of South Zone:	Dec. 1-Jan. 31	2	4	4
Ohio River Zone:	Nov. 28-Jan. 31	2	4	4
Posey County (2):	Nov. 28-Jan. 31	2	4	4
Rest of Ohio River Zone:	Oct. 14-Oct. 16 &	1	2	2
White-fronted and Brant:	Oct. 21-Jan. 31	1	2	2
Light Geese:	Oct. 14-Oct. 16 &	20	--	--
Oct. 21-Jan. 31				
<b>Iowa</b>				
Ducks:				
North Zone:	Sept. 23-Sept. 27 &	6	12	12
South Zone:	Oct. 14-Dec. 7	6	12	12
Mergansers:	Sept. 23-Sept. 27 &	6	12	12
Coots:	Oct. 14-Dec. 7	6	12	12
Geese:	Same as for ducks	5	10	10
Same as for ducks:	Same as for ducks	15	30	30
<b>Kentucky</b>				
Ducks:				
Canada (6):	Sept. 23-Sept. 27 &	6	12	12
White-fronted and Brant:	Oct. 14-Dec. 7	6	12	12
West Zone:	Sept. 23-Sept. 27 &	6	12	12
East Zone:	Oct. 14-Dec. 7	6	12	12
Light Geese:	Same as for ducks	5	10	10
Same as for ducks:	Same as for ducks	15	30	30
<b>Kentucky (cont.)</b>				
White-fronted:	Nov. 23-Jan. 31	2	4	4
Brant:	Same as for White-fronted	2	4	4
Light Geese:				
Western Goose Zone:	Nov. 23-Feb. 15	20	--	--
Fulton County (5):	Nov. 23-Feb. 4	20	--	--
Rest of Zone:	Nov. 23-Feb. 4	20	--	--
Rest of State:				
<b>Louisiana</b>				
Ducks:				
West Zone:	Nov. 11-Dec. 3 &	6	12	12
East Zone:	Dec. 16-Jan. 21	6	12	12
Catahoula Lake Area:	Nov. 18-Dec. 3 &	6	12	12
Rest of East Zone:	Dec. 9-Jan. 21	6	12	12
Mergansers:	Nov. 18-Dec. 3 &	6	12	12
Coots:	Dec. 9-Jan. 21	6	12	12
Geese:	Same as for ducks	5	10	10
Same as for ducks:	Same as for ducks	15	30	30
<b>Michigan</b>				
Ducks (7):				
North Zone:	Jan. 16-Jan. 24	1	2	2
Middle Zone:	Nov. 11-Dec. 10 &	2	4	4
South Zone:	Dec. 16-Feb. 9	2	4	4
Light Geese:	Oct. 28-Dec. 3 &	2	4	4
West Zone:	Dec. 9-Jan. 26	2	4	4
East Zone:	Nov. 11-Dec. 10 &	20	--	--
Light Geese:	Dec. 16-Feb. 9	20	--	--
West Zone:	Oct. 28-Dec. 3 &	20	--	--
East Zone:	Dec. 9-Jan. 26	20	--	--
<b>Michigan</b>				
Ducks (7):				
North Zone:	Sept. 30-Nov. 28	6	12	12
Middle Zone:	Sept. 30-Nov. 28	6	12	12
South Zone:	Oct. 7-Dec. 3 &	6	12	12
Mergansers:	Jan. 6-Jan. 7	6	12	12
Coots:	Same as for ducks	5	10	10
Geese:	Same as for ducks	15	30	30
Canada (2):				
North Zone:	Sept. 17-Oct. 4	2	4	4
Middle Zone:	Sept. 17-Oct. 4	2	4	4
South Zone:				
Muskegon Wastewater Goose Management Unit (GMU) (2):	Oct. 21-Nov. 14	2	4	4
Allegan County GMU (2):	Nov. 4-Nov. 12 &	1	2	2
Saginaw County GMU (2):	Jan. 6-Jan. 21	1	2	2
Tuscola/Huron GMU (2):	Oct. 7-Nov. 25	1	2	2
Southern Michigan GMU (special season):	Oct. 7-Nov. 25	1	2	2
Central Michigan GMU (special season):	Sept. 17-Oct. 4	2	4	4
Jan. 6-Feb. 4	Jan. 6-Feb. 4	5	10	10
Jan. 17-Oct. 4	Jan. 17-Oct. 4	2	4	4
Jan. 6-Feb. 4	Jan. 6-Feb. 4	5	10	10



been filled, the season for taking Canada geese in the respective zone (and associated area, if applicable) will be closed by either the Director upon giving public notice through local information media at least 48 hours in advance of the time and date of closing, or by the State through State regulations with such notice and time (not less than 48 hours) as they deem necessary.

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

(4) In Illinois, white-fronted geese, light geese, and brant seasons will close with Canada goose seasons if the season closes early due to the quota being reached.

(5) In Kentucky, in Fulton County, if the Canada goose season closes after January 31 and before February 15, the season for light geese will close with the Canada goose season.

(6) In Louisiana, during the Canada goose season, 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 will be concurrent with the duck season.

(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, 3 scaup, 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. In states that include mergansers in the duck bag limit, the daily limit is the same as the duck bag limit, of which only 1 daily and 2 in possession may be hooded mergansers.

	Season Dates	Bag	Possession
Colorado Ducks	Sept. 30-Oct. 22 & Nov. 4-Nov. 29 & Dec. 6-Jan. 21	6	12
	Same as for ducks	6	12
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
	Same as for ducks	5	10
Mergansers	Sept. 30-Oct. 11 & Nov. 4-Feb. 4	5	10
	Sept. 30-Oct. 11 & Nov. 4-Feb. 4	2	4
Northern Front Range Unit	Sept. 30-Oct. 11 & Nov. 4-Feb. 4	2	4
	Sept. 30-Oct. 11 & Nov. 4-Feb. 4	2	4
South Park/San Luis Valley Unit (1)	Sept. 30-Oct. 11 & Nov. 4-Feb. 4	5	10
	Sept. 30-Oct. 11 & Nov. 4-Feb. 4	2	4
North Park Unit (1)	Sept. 30-Oct. 11 & Nov. 4-Feb. 4	5	10
	Sept. 30-Oct. 11 & Nov. 4-Feb. 4	2	4
Arkansas Valley Unit (2)	Sept. 30-Oct. 11 & Nov. 4-Feb. 4	5	10
	Sept. 30-Oct. 11 & Nov. 4-Feb. 4	2	4
Pueblo County	Sept. 30-Oct. 11 & Nov. 4-Feb. 4	5	10
	Sept. 30-Oct. 11 & Nov. 4-Feb. 4	2	4
Rest of State in Central Flyway	Sept. 30-Oct. 11 & Nov. 4-Feb. 4	5	10
	Sept. 30-Oct. 11 & Nov. 4-Feb. 4	2	4
Light Geese:	Sept. 30-Oct. 11 & Nov. 4-Feb. 4	20	--
	Sept. 30-Oct. 11 & Nov. 4-Feb. 4	2	4
Northern Front Range Unit	Sept. 30-Oct. 11 & Nov. 4-Feb. 4	2	4
	Sept. 30-Oct. 11 & Nov. 4-Feb. 4	2	4
South Park/San Luis Valley Unit (1)	Sept. 30-Oct. 11 & Nov. 4-Feb. 4	2	4
	Sept. 30-Oct. 11 & Nov. 4-Feb. 4	2	4
North Park Unit (1)	Sept. 30-Oct. 11 & Nov. 4-Feb. 4	2	4
	Sept. 30-Oct. 11 & Nov. 4-Feb. 4	2	4
Arkansas Valley Unit (2)	Sept. 30-Oct. 11 & Nov. 4-Feb. 4	2	4
	Sept. 30-Oct. 11 & Nov. 4-Feb. 4	2	4

	Season Dates	Bag	Possession
Tennessee	Nov. 18-Nov. 19 & Dec. 2-Jan. 19	6	12
	Dec. 2-Jan. 19	6	12
Ducks:	Dec. 2-Dec. 5 & Dec. 16-Jan. 31	6	12
	Same as for ducks	5	10
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	15	30
	Same as for ducks	15	30
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
	Same as for ducks	15	30
Geese:	Same as for ducks	15	30
	Same as for ducks	15	30
Canada (2)(11):	Dec. 2-Feb. 15	2	4
	Dec. 2-Jan. 31	2	4
Northwest Zone	Dec. 2-Jan. 31	2	4
	Dec. 13-Jan. 31	2	4
Southwest Zone	Dec. 13-Jan. 31	2	4
	Oct. 7-Oct. 15 & Dec. 2-Jan. 31	2	4
Kentucky/Barkley Lakes Zone (2)	Dec. 2-Jan. 31	2	4
	Nov. 22-Feb. 15	2	4
Rest of State (11)	Dec. 2-Jan. 31	2	4
	Nov. 18-Mar. 4	10	30
White-fronted	Dec. 2-Jan. 31	2	4
	Nov. 18-Mar. 4	10	30
Brant	Dec. 2-Jan. 31	2	4
	Nov. 18-Mar. 4	10	30
Light Geese	Dec. 2-Jan. 31	2	4
	Nov. 18-Mar. 4	10	30

**Wisconsin**

	Season Dates	Bag	Possession
Ducks:	Sept. 30-Nov. 28	6	12
	Sept. 30-Nov. 28	6	12
North Zone	Sept. 30-Nov. 28	6	12
	Sept. 30-Nov. 28	6	12
South Zone	Sept. 30-Nov. 28	6	12
	Sept. 30-Nov. 28	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	10	20
	Same as for ducks	10	20
Geese:	Same as for ducks	10	20
	Same as for ducks	10	20
Canada (2):	Sept. 16-Dec. 19	2	4
	Sept. 16-Nov. 17 & Nov. 27-Dec. 1	2	4
Horicon Zone	Sept. 16-Dec. 19	2	4
	Sept. 16-Nov. 17 & Nov. 27-Dec. 1	2	4
Collins Zone	Sept. 16-Dec. 19	2	4
	Sept. 16-Nov. 17 & Nov. 27-Dec. 1	2	4
Exterior Zone:	Sept. 16-Dec. 19	2	4
	Sept. 16-Nov. 17 & Nov. 27-Dec. 1	2	4
Rock Prairie Subzone	Sept. 16-Dec. 19	2	4
	Sept. 16-Nov. 17 & Nov. 27-Dec. 1	2	4
Mississippi River Subzone	Sept. 16-Dec. 19	2	4
	Sept. 16-Nov. 17 & Nov. 27-Dec. 1	2	4
Brown County Subzone	Sept. 16-Dec. 19	2	4
	Sept. 16-Nov. 17 & Nov. 27-Dec. 1	2	4
Rest of Exterior Zone:	Sept. 16-Dec. 19	2	4
	Sept. 16-Nov. 17 & Nov. 27-Dec. 1	2	4
North Duck Zone	Sept. 16-Dec. 19	2	4
	Sept. 16-Nov. 17 & Nov. 27-Dec. 1	2	4
South Duck Zone	Sept. 16-Dec. 19	2	4
	Sept. 16-Nov. 17 & Nov. 27-Dec. 1	2	4
White-fronted and Brant	Sept. 16-Dec. 19	2	4
	Sept. 16-Nov. 17 & Nov. 27-Dec. 1	2	4
Light Geese	Sept. 16-Dec. 19	10	30
	Sept. 16-Nov. 17 & Nov. 27-Dec. 1	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 XX, 2000, 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

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits	Possession
<b>Colorado (cont.)</b>				
Pueblo County	Nov. 4-Feb. 4	20		--
Eastern Colorado Late Light Geese Unit	Nov. 4-Feb. 4 & Feb. 15-Feb. 28	20		--
Rest of State in Central Flyway	Nov. 4-Feb. 4	20		--
<b>Kansas</b>				
Ducks (3):				
High Plains	Sept. 30-Jan. 1 & Jan. 19-Jan. 21	6		12
Low Plains: Early Zone	Oct. 7-Dec. 10 & Dec. 23-Dec. 31	6		12
Late Zone	Oct. 21-Oct. 29 & Nov. 4-Jan. 7	6		12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5		10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15		30
Dark Geese (4):				
Canada	Nov. 4-Feb. 4	3		6
White-fronted	Nov. 4-Jan. 28	2		4
Light Geese:				
Zone 1	Oct. 21-Feb. 4	20		--
Zone 2	Oct. 21-Feb. 4	20		--
<b>Montana</b>				
Ducks:				
Zone 1	Sept. 30-Jan. 4	6		12
Zone 2	Sept. 30-Jan. 4	6		12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5		10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15		30
Dark Geese	Sept. 30-Jan. 12	4		8
Light Geese	Sept. 30-Jan. 12	5		10
<b>Nebraska</b>				
Ducks:				
High Plains	Sept. 30-Dec. 10 & Dec. 15-Jan. 7	6		12
Low Plains: Zones 1 and 2	Oct. 14-Oct. 15 & Oct. 21-Dec. 31	6		12
Zones 3 and 4	Sept. 30-Dec. 10 & Dec. 16-Dec. 17	6		12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5		10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15		30
<b>Canada:</b>				
North Unit	Oct. 21-Oct. 22 & Oct. 28-Jan. 28	3		6
East Unit	Sept. 30-Oct. 1 & Oct. 7-Jan. 7	3		6
North Central Unit	Sept. 30-Jan. 2	3		6
South Central Unit	Oct. 21-Oct. 22 & Oct. 28-Jan. 28	3		6
<b>Nebraska (cont.)</b>				
White-fronted Light Geese:				
Rainwater Basin Area - East	Sept. 30-Dec. 24	2		4
Rainwater Basin Area - West	Sept. 30-Jan. 12	20		--
Rest of State	Sept. 30-Jan. 12	20		--
<b>New Mexico</b>				
Ducks and Mergansers:				
North Zone	Oct. 7-Oct. 29 & Nov. 10-Jan. 21	6		12
South Zone	Oct. 18-Jan. 21	6		12
Coots	Same as for ducks	15		30
Dark Geese (5):				
Middle Rio Grande Valley Unit	Dec. 30-Jan. 14	1		1
Rest of State	Oct. 17-Jan. 31	4		8
Light Geese	Oct. 17-Jan. 31	20		80
<b>North Dakota</b>				
Ducks:				
Statewide	Sept. 30-Dec. 10	6		12
High Plains	Dec. 11-Dec. 31	6		12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5		10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15		30
Geese:				
Canada Geese (6):				
Missouri River Zone	Sept. 30-Dec. 22	3		6
Rest of State	Sept. 30-Dec. 22	3		6
White-fronted (6)	Sept. 30-Dec. 22	2		4
Light Geese (6)	Sept. 30-Dec. 22	20		--
<b>Oklahoma</b>				
Ducks:				
High Plains	Oct. 7-Jan. 10	6		12
Low Plains: Zone 1	Oct. 28-Dec. 3 & Dec. 9-Jan. 14	6		12
Zone 2	Nov. 4-Dec. 3 & Dec. 9-Jan. 21	6		12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5		10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15		30
Geese:				
Canada	Nov. 4-Dec. 3 & Dec. 9-Feb. 11	3		6
White-fronted	Nov. 4-Dec. 3 & Dec. 9-Feb. 2	2		4
Light Geese	Nov. 4-Dec. 3 & Dec. 9-Feb. 11	20		--
<b>South Dakota</b>				
Ducks:				
High Plains	Sept. 30-Jan. 4	6		12
Low Plains: North Zone	Sept. 30-Dec. 12	6		12
Middle Zone	Sept. 30-Dec. 12	6		12
South Zone	Oct. 14-Dec. 26	6		12

- (1) In Colorado, in the North Park and South Park/San Luis Valley Units, the bag limit for the November 4 through February 4 period is 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 11 through November 24.
- (3) In Kansas, the daily bag limit may include no more than 2 scaup and 1 hen mallard.
- (4) In Kansas, the season dates for the Marais des Cygnes Valley and Southeast Dark Goose Management Units are December 16 through February 4. The daily bag and possession limits for these units are the same as statewide bag and possession limits for Canada and white-fronted geese. See State regulations for additional restrictions.
- (5) In New Mexico, the season for dark geese is closed in Bernalillo, Sandoval, Sierra, Socorro, and Valencia Counties.
- (6) In North Dakota, the shooting hours for geese are one-half hour before sunrise to 1 p.m. through October 29 and until 2 p.m. the remainder of the season, except that during October 14 through December 22, shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset on Saturdays and Wednesdays.
- (7) In Wyoming, the shooting hours for dark geese in Goshen County are one-half hour before sunrise to 1 p.m., except during the period October 7 through October 22, and on all Saturdays and Sundays after November 30 until the close of the dark goose season, 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 160 are 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset. In the remainder of Platte County, shooting hours for dark geese are 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1 p.m., except during the period October 7 through October 22 and on all Saturdays and Sundays after November 30 until the close of the dark goose season, 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, 4 scaup, 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.

**Alutian, Canada Geese:** The season is closed throughout the Flyway.

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<b>South Dakota (cont.)</b>			
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Geese:			
White-fronted	Sept. 30-Dec. 24	2	4
Canada:			
Unit 1	Sept. 30-Dec. 31	3	6
Unit 2	Oct. 21-Jan. 23	3	6
Unit 3:			
Power Plant Area	Sept. 30-Nov. 30 & Dec. 1-Dec. 17	3	6
Rest of Unit	Sept. 30-Dec. 17	2	4
Unit 4	Oct. 28-Dec. 24 & Jan. 6-Jan. 21	3	6
Light Geese	Sept. 30-Dec. 24	3	6
		20	--
<b>Texas</b>			
Ducks:			
High Plains	Oct. 21-Oct. 23 & Oct. 28-Jan. 21	6	12
	Oct. 28-Jan. 21	6	12
Low Plains:			
North Zone	Oct. 28-Oct. 29 & Nov. 11-Jan. 21	6	12
	Oct. 28-Nov. 26 & Dec. 9-Jan. 21	6	12
South Zone	Oct. 28-Nov. 26 & Dec. 9-Jan. 21	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Geese:			
East Tier:			
Canada and brant	Oct. 28-Jan. 21	1	2
White-fronted	Oct. 28-Jan. 21	2	4
Light Geese	Oct. 28-Jan. 21	20	--
West Tier:			
Dark Geese:			
Canada	Oct. 28-Feb. 11	5	10
White-fronted	Oct. 28-Feb. 11	5	10
Light Geese	Oct. 28-Feb. 11	1	2
		20	--
<b>Wyoming</b>			
Ducks:			
Zone 1	Oct. 7-Oct. 22 & Oct. 28-Jan. 16	6	12
Zone 2	Sept. 30-Oct. 22 & Nov. 4-Jan. 16	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	12
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Dark Geese:			
Area 1	Oct. 7-Jan. 20	5	10
Area 2	Oct. 18-Jan. 31	5	10
Area 3	Sept. 30-Oct. 22 & Nov. 4-Jan. 25	5	10
Area 4(7):	Oct. 7-Oct. 22 & Nov. 11-Feb. 8	1	2
	Oct. 7-Dec. 31 & Jan. 19-Feb. 8	5	10
Light Geese		10	40

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<b>Arizona</b>			
Ducks (1):			
North Zone	Oct. 13-Jan. 21	7	14
South Zone	Oct. 13-Jan. 21	7	14
Coots and moorhens	Same as for ducks	25	25
Geese:			
Dark (2):			
GMU 22 & 23	Nov. 15-Jan. 21	3	3
GMU 1 & 27	Dec. 1-Jan. 21	3	3
Balance of State	Oct. 16-Jan. 21	3	3
Light (2):			
GMU 22 & 23	Same as dark geese	3	3
Rest of State	Same as for dark geese	3	3

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits	Possession
<b>California</b>				
<b>Ducks:</b>				
Northeastern Zone	Oct. 7-Jan. 14	7	14	14
Colorado River Zone	Oct. 13-Jan. 21	7	14	14
Southern Zone	Oct. 14-Jan. 21	7	14	14
Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone	Oct. 14-Jan. 21	7	14	14
Balance-of-State Zone	Oct. 14-Jan. 21	7	14	14
<b>Coots and moorhens:</b>				
Northeastern Zone	Same as for ducks	25	25	25
Colorado River Zone	Same as for ducks	25	25	25
Southern Zone	Same as for ducks	25	25	25
Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone	Same as for ducks	25	25	25
Balance-of-State Zone	Same as for ducks	25	25	25
<b>Geese:</b>				
Northeastern Zone:				
Canada Geese	Oct. 7-Jan. 14	3	6	6
Cackling Geese	Oct. 7-Nov. 19	2	4	4
White-fronted Geese	Oct. 7-Nov. 19	2	4	4
Light Geese	Oct. 7-Jan. 14	3	6	6
Colorado River Zone:				
Canada Geese	Oct. 16-Jan. 21	5	10	10
White-fronted Geese	Oct. 16-Jan. 21	3	6	6
Light Geese	Oct. 16-Jan. 21	3	6	6
Southern Zone:				
Dark Geese:				
Canada	Oct. 21-Jan. 21	3	6	6
Cackling Geese	Oct. 21-Jan. 21	3	6	6
White-fronted Geese	Oct. 21-Jan. 21	1	2	2
Light Geese	Oct. 21-Jan. 21	3	6	6
Balance-of-State Zone:				
Dark Geese (3):				
Canada:				
Del Norte & Humboldt	Closed	2	4	4
Sacramento Valley Area	Closed	--	--	--
San Joaquin Valley Area	Closed	--	--	--
Rest of Zone	Nov. 4-Jan. 21	2	4	4
White-fronted:				
Sacramento Valley Closure	Nov. 4-Dec. 14	2	4	4
Rest of Zone	Nov. 4-Jan. 21	2	4	4
Light Geese	Nov. 4-Jan. 21	3	6	6
Nov. 10-Dec. 9	Nov. 10-Dec. 9	2	4	4
<b>Brant</b>				
Colorado				
<b>Ducks</b>				
Sept. 30-Oct. 15 &	Sept. 30-Oct. 15 &	7	14	14
Oct. 25-Jan. 21	Oct. 25-Jan. 21	7	14	14
Same as for ducks	Same as for ducks	25	25	25
Sept. 30-Oct. 10 &	Sept. 30-Oct. 10 &	2	4	4
Oct. 28-Jan. 21	Oct. 28-Jan. 21	2	4	4
<b>Idaho</b>				
<b>Ducks:</b>				
Zone 1	Oct. 7-Jan. 19	7	14	14
Zone 2	Oct. 7-Oct. 18 &	7	14	14
Zone 3	Oct. 21-Jan. 21	7	14	14
Oct. 7-Oct. 18 &	Oct. 7-Oct. 18 &	7	14	14
Oct. 21-Jan. 21	Oct. 21-Jan. 21	7	14	14
<b>Idaho (cont.)</b>				
<b>Coots</b>				
Same as for ducks	Same as for ducks	25	25	25
<b>Geese:</b>				
Zone 1 (4):				
Dark	Oct. 14-Jan. 19	4	8	8
Light	Oct. 14-Jan. 19	3	6	6
Zone 2:				
Dark	Oct. 7-Oct. 18 &	3	6	6
Light	Oct. 28-Jan. 21	3	6	6
Zone 3:				
Dark	Oct. 7-Oct. 18 &	2	4	4
Light	Oct. 28-Jan. 21	2	4	4
Zone 4:				
Dark	Oct. 7-Oct. 18 &	3	6	6
Light	Oct. 28-Jan. 21	3	6	6
<b>Montana</b>				
<b>Ducks</b>				
Sept. 30-Jan. 12	Sept. 30-Jan. 12	7	14	14
Same as for ducks	Same as for ducks	25	25	25
<b>Geese (5):</b>				
Dark	Sept. 30-Jan. 7	4	8	8
Light	Sept. 30-Jan. 7	3	6	6
<b>Nevada</b>				
<b>Ducks:</b>				
Lincoln & Clark Counties	Oct. 7-Jan. 20	7	14	14
Rest of State	Oct. 7-Jan. 20	7	14	14
Coots and moorhens	Same as for ducks	25	25	25
<b>Dark Geese:</b>				
Lincoln & Clark Counties	Nov. 25-Jan. 20	2	4	4
Scripps/Washoe Lake Zone	Oct. 21-Jan. 20	3	6	6
Rest of State	Oct. 21-Jan. 20	3	6	6
<b>Light Geese:</b>				
Lincoln & Clark Counties	Nov. 25-Jan. 20	3	6	6
Scripps/Washoe Lake Zone	Oct. 21-Jan. 20	3	6	6
Rest of State (6)	Oct. 21-Jan. 20	3	6	6
<b>New Mexico</b>				
<b>Ducks:</b>				
Same as for ducks	Same as for ducks	7	14	14
<b>Coots and Moorhens (7)</b>				
North Zone	Sept. 30-Oct. 29 &	3	6	6
South Zone	Nov. 13-Jan. 21	3	6	6
Light Geese:				
North Zone	Oct. 14-Jan. 21	2	4	4
South Zone	Sept. 30-Oct. 29 &	1	2	2
North Zone	Nov. 13-Jan. 21	1	2	2
South Zone	Oct. 14-Jan. 21	1	2	2

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits	Possession
<b>Oregon Ducks:</b>				
Zone 1:				
Columbia Basin Unit	Oct. 7-Oct. 18 & Oct. 21-Jan. 21	7	14	14
Rest of Zone 1	Oct. 7-Oct. 18 & Oct. 21-Jan. 21	7	14	14
Zone 2	Oct. 7-Oct. 18 & Oct. 21-Jan. 21	7	14	14
Coots	Oct. 21-Jan. 21	7	14	14
Geese:	Same as for ducks	25	25	25
<b>Northwest General Goose Zone:</b>				
Dark Geese	Oct. 14-Jan. 16	4	8	8
Light Geese	Oct. 14-Jan. 16	3	6	6
<b>Northwest Special Permit Zone (8):</b>				
Dark Geese	Nov. 1-Nov. 15 & Nov. 25-Jan. 21 & Feb. 7-Feb. 28	4	8	8
Dusky Canada geese	Nov. 1-Nov. 15 & Nov. 25-Jan. 21	3	6	6
Light Geese	Nov. 1-Nov. 15 & Nov. 25-Jan. 21	3	6	6
<b>Southwest General Zone (9):</b>				
Dark Geese	Oct. 14-Oct. 18 & Oct. 21-Jan. 21	4	8	8
Light Geese	Oct. 14-Oct. 18 & Oct. 21-Jan. 21	3	6	6
<b>Eastern Zone:</b>				
Klamath, Harney, Lake, and Malheur Counties:				
Dark Geese	Oct. 7-Oct. 18 & Oct. 21-Jan. 14	4	8	8
Cackling Canada geese	Oct. 7-Oct. 18 & Oct. 21-Jan. 14	1	2	2
White-fronted geese:				
Lake County	Oct. 7-Oct. 18 & Oct. 21-Jan. 14	2	4	4
Rest of Zone	Oct. 7-Oct. 18 & Oct. 21-Jan. 14	3	6	6
Light Geese	Oct. 7-Oct. 18 & Oct. 21-Jan. 14	3	6	6
<b>Remainder of Eastern Zone:</b>				
Dark Geese	Oct. 14-Oct. 18 & Oct. 21-Jan. 21	4	8	8
Cackling Canada geese	Oct. 14-Oct. 18 & Oct. 21-Jan. 21	1	2	2
White-fronted geese	Oct. 14-Oct. 18 & Oct. 21-Jan. 21	4	8	8
Light Geese	Oct. 14-Oct. 18 & Oct. 21-Jan. 21	3	6	6
<b>Brant</b>				
Light Geese	Nov. 4-Nov. 17	2	4	4
<b>Utah (10)</b>				
<b>Ducks:</b>				
Zone 1	Oct. 7-Jan. 20	7	14	14
Zone 2	Oct. 7-Jan. 20	7	14	14
Coots	Same as for ducks	25	25	25
Geese:				
Light	Oct. 7-Jan. 14	5	6	6
Dark:	Oct. 7-Jan. 14	3	6	6
Washington County (11)	Oct. 14-Jan. 21	3	6	6
Rest of State	Oct. 7-Jan. 14	3	6	6
<b>Washington Ducks:</b>				
East Zone	Oct. 7-Oct. 18 & Oct. 21-Jan. 21	7	14	14
West Zone (12)	Oct. 7-Oct. 18 & Oct. 21-Jan. 21	7	14	14
Coots	Same as for ducks	25	25	25
Geese (13):				
Eastern Management Areas	Oct. 7-Oct. 26 & Nov. 4-Jan. 21	4	8	8
1, and 2 (14)	Oct. 7-Oct. 26 & Nov. 4-Jan. 21	4	8	8
Western Management Area 1:				
Light Geese	Oct. 7-Jan. 1	3	6	6
Dark Geese	Oct. 7-Oct. 26 & Nov. 4-Jan. 21	4	8	8
Western Management Area 2 (15)	Nov. 22-Nov. 29 & Dec. 2-Dec. 6 & Dec. 9-Dec. 14	4	8	8
Regular Season: Total Geese				
Canada geese	Jan. 20-Mar. 10	4	8	8
Dusky Canada geese	Jan. 20-Mar. 10	4	8	8
Late-Season Canada Geese	Jan. 20-Mar. 10	4	8	8
Canada geese	Jan. 20-Mar. 10	4	8	8
Dusky Canada geese	Jan. 20-Mar. 10	4	8	8
Western Management Area 3	Jan. 20-Mar. 10	4	8	8
Brant (16):				
Dark Geese	Oct. 7-Oct. 26 & Nov. 4-Jan. 21 Jan. 13-Jan. 21	4	8	8
<b>Wyoming Ducks:</b>				
Coots	Sept. 30-Jan. 13	7	14	14
Dark Geese	Same as for ducks Sept. 30-Jan. 6	25	25	25

(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 limits are 3 and 6 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.

(6) 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.

(7) In New Mexico, the bag limit is 1 common moorhen daily and 2 in possession; there is no open season on the purple gallinule.

(8) 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.

(9) In Oregon, that portion of Coos, Curry, and Douglas Counties west of US 101 is closed to all Canada goose hunting.

(10) In Utah, the shooting hours are 8:00 a.m. to sunset on October 7 in Cache, Salt Lake, Davis, Weber, and Box Elder Counties, and November 4 statewide.

- (11) In Utah, the season in Washington County is for Canada geese only.
- (12) 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.
- (13) In Washington, daily bag and possession limits may include no more than 3 and 6 light geese, respectively.
- (14) 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.
- (15) In Washington, see State regulations for specific dates and conditions of permit hunts and closures for Canada geese.
- (16) 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 September 1, 2000, Federal Register (65 FR 53492). Bag and possession limits will conform to those set for the regular season.

	Season Dates
<b>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</b>	
<u>Connecticut</u> Ducks, mergansers, coots, and Canada geese	Oct. 7
<u>Florida</u> Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and geese (9)	Jan. 27 & ...
<u>Massachusetts</u> Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Oct. 7
<u>New Hampshire</u> Ducks, mergansers, coots, and geese	Sept. 30
<u>North Carolina</u> Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Jan. 27

	Season Dates
<u>South Carolina</u> Ducks and geese	Jan. 27 & 28
<u>Virginia</u> Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	Oct. 21
<b>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</b>	
<u>Arkansas</u> Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	Jan. 27 & 28
<u>Illinois</u> Ducks, mergansers, coots, and geese (10): North Zone Central Zone South Zone	Oct. 7 & 8 Oct. 14 & 15 Oct. 28 & 29
<u>Indiana</u> Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, gallinules, and geese: North Zone South Zone Ohio River Zone	Oct. 21 & 22 Nov. 11 & 12 Nov. 11 & 12
<u>Iowa</u> Ducks, Canada geese, snow geese, mergansers, and coots	Oct. 7 & 8
<u>Louisiana</u> Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, gallinules, and geese	Jan. 27 & 28
<u>Mississippi</u> Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, gallinules, and geese	Feb. 3 & 4
<u>Missouri</u> Ducks, coots, and geese: North Zone Middle Zone South Zone	Oct. 21 & 22 Oct. 28 & 29 Nov. 11 & 12
<u>Ohio</u> Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, gallinules, and geese	Oct. 14 & 15

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 23, 2000, Federal Register (65 FR 51496).  
 Note: The following seasons are in addition to the seasons published previously in the September 1, 2000, Federal Register (65 FR 53492).

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>			
Oklahoma (1)	Nov. 4- Feb. 4	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.

5. Section 20.107 is revised to read as follows:

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

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

Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset, except as otherwise restricted by State regulations. Hunting is by State permit only.

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

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
<u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u>			
North Carolina	Oct. 19-Jan. 31	1 tundra swan	per season
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY (1)</u>			
Montana	Sept. 30-Jan. 4	1 tundra swan	per season

	Season Dates
<u>Tennessee</u>	Feb. 3 & 4

Ducks, mergansers, and coots

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CENTRAL FLYWAY

Kansas (4)

Ducks, dark geese, mergansers and coots:

High Plains Sept. 23 & 24  
 Low Plains Sept. 30 & Oct. 1  
 Early Zone Oct. 14 & 15  
 Late Zone

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Oklahoma

Ducks, mergansers, coots, and geese:

High Plains Sept. 30 & Oct. 1  
 Low Plains:  
 Zone 1 Oct. 21 & 22  
 Zone 2 Oct. 21 & 22

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Texas

Ducks, mergansers, and coots:

High Plains Oct. 14 & 15  
 Low Plains:  
 North Oct. 21 & 22  
 South Oct. 21 & 22

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(4) In Kansas, the adult accompanying the youth and nonresident youth, must be licensed and possess state and federal duck stamps as required by state or federal regulation to hunt waterfowl.

(9) In Florida, the Canada goose season is only open in the Florida waters of Lake Seminole in Jackson County that are south of SR2, north of the Jim Woodruff Dam, and east of SR271, and the light goose season is only open north and west of the Suwannee River.

(10) In Illinois, the daily bag limit for Canada geese is 2.

		Limits		Extended Falconry Dates		
		Season Dates	Bag	Possession		
<u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u>						
<u>Delaware</u>						
		Sept. 30-Dec. 10	1 tundra swan per season		*	Jan. 27-Mar. 10
		Sept. 30-Dec. 24	1 tundra swan per season		*	Oct. 24-Nov. 9 & Jan. 22-Mar. 10
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY (1)(2)</u>						
<u>Montana</u>						
		Oct. 14-Dec. 1	1 swan per season		*	
		Oct. 21-Jan. 7	1 swan per season		*	
		Oct. 7-Dec. 10	1 swan per season		*	
<u>Florida</u>						
					*	
<u>Georgia</u>						
					*	Nov. 1-Nov. 12 & Feb. 1-Feb. 28
<u>Sea Ducks</u>						
					*	Nov. 11-Nov. 21 & Jan. 21-Feb. 16
<u>Maine</u>						
					*	Nov. 11-Nov. 21 & Jan. 21-Feb. 16
<u>Massachusetts</u>						
					*	Dec. 4-Feb. 1 Dec. 30-Feb. 28
					*	Oct. 3-Oct. 6 & Jan. 22-Mar. 10
					*	Jan. 22-Mar. 10
					*	Oct. 6-Oct. 8 & Nov. 26-Dec. 3 & Dec. 24-Jan. 20
					*	Oct. 6-Oct. 11 & Nov. 26-Dec. 13 & Jan. 7-Jan. 20
					*	Oct. 6-Oct. 11 & Oct. 29-Nov. 22 & Jan. 14-Jan. 20

		Season Dates	Bag	Possession
<u>North Dakota</u>		Sept. 30-Dec. 10	1 tundra swan per season	
<u>South Dakota</u>		Sept. 30-Dec. 24	1 tundra swan per season	
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY (1)(2)</u>				
<u>Montana</u>		Oct. 14-Dec. 1	1 swan per season	
<u>Nevada (3) (4)</u>		Oct. 21-Jan. 7	1 swan per season	
<u>Utah (3)</u>		Oct. 7-Dec. 10	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 XX, 2000, 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 23 and September XX 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 September 1, 2000, Federal Register (65 FR 53492).

	Extended Falconry Dates	Extended Falconry Dates
<u>New Hampshire</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots: Inland Zone	Nov. 6-Nov. 21 & Dec. 17-Jan. 15 Jan. 24-Mar. 10	
Coastal Zone		
<u>New Jersey</u>		
Woodcock: North Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 25 & Nov. 19-Jan. 15	
South Zone	Oct. 1-Nov. 10 & Nov. 26-Dec. 21 & Dec. 31-Jan. 15	
Ducks: North Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 6 & Oct. 29-Nov. 14 & Jan. 2-Jan. 31	
South Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 20 & Nov. 5-Nov. 9 & Jan. 4-Jan. 31	
Coastal Zone	Oct. 1-Nov. 3 & Nov. 15-Nov. 22 & Jan. 21-Jan. 31	
<u>New York</u>		
Ducks, mergansers and coots: Long Island Zone	Nov. 1-Nov. 16 & Nov. 27-Dec. 1 & Jan. 21-Jan. 31	
Northeastern Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 6 & Nov. 13-Nov. 17 & Dec. 11-Dec. 31	
Southeastern Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 13 & Oct. 23-Nov. 3 & Dec. 25-Dec. 31	
Western Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 13 & Nov. 27-Dec. 22	
<u>Pennsylvania</u>		
Mourning doves	Oct. 7-Oct. 27 & Nov. 27-Dec. 12	
Ducks: North Zone	Nov. 27-Dec. 21 & Jan. 11-Feb. 7	
South Zone	Oct. 16-Nov. 14 & Jan. 16-Feb. 7	
Northwest Zone	Oct. 23-Nov. 3 & Dec. 29-Feb. 7	
Lake Erie Zone	Oct. 6-Oct. 28 & Jan. 9-Feb. 7	
<u>Pennsylvania (cont.)</u>		
Canada Geese: Western Zone	Jan. 1-Jan. 13	
Pymatuning Zone	Oct. 23-Nov. 3 & Dec. 26-Mar. 6	
Brant	Dec. 5-Feb. 8	
<u>South Carolina</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Oct. 15-Nov. 21	
<u>Virginia</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	* * * * *	Nov. 13-Nov. 16 & Jan. 22-Feb. 28
Canada Geese		Nov. 21-Nov. 30 & Feb. 16-Feb. 28
Brant		Nov. 7-Nov. 23 & Jan. 22-Mar. 10
<u>MISSISSIPPI</u>		
<u>FLYWAY</u>		
<u>Arkansas</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots		Dec. 21-Dec. 25 & Jan. 22-Feb. 16
<u>Illinois</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots		Feb. 10-Mar. 9
<u>Indiana</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots: North Zone		Sept. 30-Oct. 6 & Feb. 18-Mar. 11
South Zone		Oct. 7-Oct. 13 & Feb. 18-Mar. 11
Ohio River Zone		Oct. 7-Oct. 13 & Feb. 18-Mar. 11

	Extended Falconry Dates	Extended Falconry Dates
<u>Iowa</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Dec. 15-Jan. 28	
Dark Geese: North Zone South Zone	Dec. 9-Jan. 12 Oct. 16-Nov. 3 & Dec. 28-Jan. 14	
<u>Kentucky</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Nov. 5-Nov. 22 & Jan. 22-Jan. 31	
Canada Geese: Western Goose Zone Pennyroyal/Coatfield Zone Rest of State	Nov. 5-Dec. 1 Nov. 5-Dec. 27 Nov. 5-Dec. 12	
White-fronted geese and brant Light geese	Nov. 5-Nov. 22 Nov. 5-Nov. 22	
<u>Michigan</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and moorhens: North Zone		
Middle Zone	Sept. 7-Sept. 29 & Nov. 29-Dec. 12 & Mar. 1-Mar. 10	
South Zone	Sept. 7-Sept. 29 & Nov. 29-Dec. 12 & Mar. 1-Mar. 10 Sept. 7-Oct. 6 & Dec. 6-Dec. 12 & Mar. 1-Mar. 10	
<u>Minnesota</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules		
<u>Mississippi</u>		
Mourning Dove	Nov. 27-Dec. 12 & Jan. 7-Feb. 3	
Ducks, mergansers and coots	Jan. 29-Feb. 2 & Feb. 5-Mar. 9	
<u>Missouri</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots: North Zone		
Middle Zone		
South Zone		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots		
<u>Ohio</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots		
<u>Tennessee</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots		
<u>Wisconsin</u>		
Rails, snipe, moorhens, and gallinules		
Woodcock		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots		
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>		
<u>Kansas</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots: Low Plains: Early Zone Late Zone		
<u>Montana (2)</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots: Zone 1 Zone 2		
<u>New Mexico</u>		
Doves: North Zone South Zone		

	Extended Falconry Dates
<u>California</u>	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots: Northeastern Zone Colorado River Zone Southern Zone Balance-of-State Zone Southern San Joaquin Zone	Jan. 15-Jan. 19 Jan. 23-Jan. 27 Jan. 22-Jan. 28 Jan. 22-Jan. 28 Jan. 22-Jan. 28
Canada Geese: Northeastern Zone Southern Zone Balance-of-State Zone (5) Southern San Joaquin Zone	Jan. 15-Jan. 19 Oct. 14-Oct. 20 & Jan. 22-Jan. 28 Oct. 14-Nov. 3 & Jan. 22-Jan. 28 Oct. 14-Nov. 3 & Jan. 22-Jan. 28
White-fronted Geese: Northeastern Zone Southern Zone Balance-of-State Zone Southern San Joaquin Zone	Nov. 20-Jan. 19 Oct. 14-Oct. 20 & Jan. 22-Jan. 28 Oct. 14-Nov. 3 & Jan. 22-Jan. 28 Oct. 14-Nov. 3 & Jan. 22-Jan. 28
Brant Northeastern Zone Southern Zone Balance-of-State Zone Southern San Joaquin Zone	Oct. 7-Nov. 9 & Dec. 10-Jan. 19 Oct. 14-Nov. 9 & Dec. 10-Jan. 28 Oct. 14-Nov. 9 & Dec. 10-Jan. 28 Oct. 14-Nov. 9 & Dec. 10-Jan. 28
Light Geese: Northeastern Zone Southern Zone Balance-of-State Zone	Jan. 15-Jan. 19 Oct. 14-Oct. 20 & Jan. 22-Jan. 28 Oct. 14-Nov. 3 & Jan. 22-Jan. 28
<u>New Mexico</u>	
Doves: North Zone South Zone Band-tailed pigeons North Zone South Zone	Oct. 31-Nov. 12 & Nov. 27-Dec. 30 Oct. 1-Nov. 12 & Nov. 27-Nov. 30 Sept. 21-Dec. 16 Oct. 21-Jan. 15

	Extended Falconry Dates
<u>New Mexico (cont.)</u>	
Band-tailed pigeons: North Zone South Zone Sandhill cranes: Regular Season Area	Sept. 21-Dec. 16 Oct. 21-Jan. 15 Oct. 17-Oct. 30
Ducks and coots Moorhen and sora and Virginia rails	Sept. 16-Sept. 24 Dec. 16-Jan. 21
<u>Oklahoma</u>	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots: Low Plains: Zone 1 Zone 2	Dec. 4-Dec. 8 & Jan. 15-Jan. 24 Dec. 4-Dec. 8 & Jan. 22-Jan. 31
<u>South Dakota</u>	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots: Low Plains: North Zone Middle Zone South Zone High Plains	Sept. 4-Sept. 22 & Sept. 25-Sept. 29 & Dec. 13-Dec. 19 Sept. 4-Sept. 22 & Sept. 25-Sept. 29 & Dec. 13-Dec. 19 Sept. 11-Sept. 22 & Sept. 25-Oct. 13 Sept. 4-Sept. 11
<u>Texas</u>	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots: Low Plains	Jan. 22-Feb. 5
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u>	
<u>Arizona</u>	
Ducks and mergansers: North Zone South Zone	Oct. 8-Oct. 12 Jan. 23-Jan. 27

	Extended Falconry Dates
<u>New Mexico (cont.)</u>	
Rails	
Dark Geese:	
North Zone	Dec. 16-Jan. 21
South Zone	Nov. 6-Nov. 12 Oct. 7-Oct. 13
Light Geese:	
North Zone	Nov. 6-Nov. 12
South Zone	Oct. 7-Oct. 13
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Utah	
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Light Geese	Jan. 15-Jan. 20
Dark Geese:	
Washington County	Oct. 8-Oct. 13
Rest of State	Jan. 15-Jan. 20
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(2) In Montana, the 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 the Del Norte and Humboldt Area, the Sacramento Valley Area, and in the San Joaquin Valley Area.

(6) In Florida, light geese may only be taken north and west of the Suwannee River.