DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 20

RIN 1018–AF24

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 1999–2000 season.

DATE: This rule takes effect on October 1, 1999.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathan Andrew, Chief, or Ron W. Kokel, Office of Migratory Bird Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, (703) 358–1714.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulations Schedule for 1999

On May 3, 1999, we published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 23742) 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 17, we published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 32758) a second document providing supplemental proposals for early- and late-season migratory bird hunting regulations frameworks and the proposed regulatory alternatives for the 1999–2000 duck hunting season. The June 17 supplement also provided detailed information on the 1999–2000 regulatory schedule and announced the Service Migratory Bird Regulations Committee and Flyway Council meetings.

On June 22–23, we held meetings that reviewed information on the current status of migratory shore and upland game birds and developed 1999–2000 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 1999–2000 regular waterfowl seasons. On July 22, we published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 39460) a third document specifically dealing with the proposed frameworks for early-season regulations for the 1999–2000 duck hunting season. The July 22 supplement also established the final regulatory alternatives for the 1999–2000 duck hunting season.

On August 3–4, 1999, we held meetings, as announced in the May 3 and June 17 **Federal Register**s, to review the status of waterfowl. On August 27, 1999, we published a fourth document (64 FR 47048) which dealt specifically with proposed frameworks for the 1999–2000 late-season migratory bird hunting regulations. On August 27, 1999, we also published a fifth document (64 FR 47072) 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 1999–2000 season. On August 31, 1999, we published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 47418) 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 1999–2000 in a seventh document in the September 27, 1999, **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 1999–2000 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 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 Considerations

As in the past, we design 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. We conducted consultations to ensure that actions resulting from these regulatory proposals will not likely jeopardize the continued existence of endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of their critical habitat. Findings from these consultations are included in a biological opinion and may have caused modification of some regulatory measures previously proposed. Final frameworks reflect any modifications. The biological opinions resulting from Section 7 consultation are public documents available for inspection in either the Service's Division of Endangered Species or MBMO, at the address indicated under the caption **ADDRESSES**.

Executive Order (E.O.) 12866

Collectively, the rules covering the overall frameworks for migratory bird hunting are economically significant and have been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under E.O. 12866. This rule is a small portion of the overall migratory bird hunting frameworks and was not individually submitted and reviewed by OMB under E.O. 12866.

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.*). We analyzed the economic impacts of the annual hunting regulations on small business entities in detail and issued a Small Entity Flexibility Analysis (Analysis) in 1998. The Analysis documented the significant beneficial economic effect. 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 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 and $1,084 million at small businesses in 1998. Copies of the Analysis are available upon request.

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 09/30/2001). 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 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. We annually prescribe 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, 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 there were a delay in the effective date of these regulations 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, 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 15, 1999.

Donald J. Barry

Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.

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, 20.105, 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 27 and September 27 Federal Registers.

NOTE: The following seasons are in addition to the seasons published previously in the August 31, 1999, Federal Register (64 FR 47418).

	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. 16-Nov. 13 & Nov. 15 only	Sept. 1-Dec. 15
* * * * *				
Vermont	Closed	Closed	Oct. 6-Nov. 4	Oct. 6-Dec. 15
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MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY				
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Louisiana	Sept. 11-Sept. 26 Nov. 13-Jan. 5	Sept. 11-Sept. 26 Nov. 13-Jan. 5	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	Nov. 6-Feb. 20
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Tennessee				
Reelfoot Zone	Nov. 20-Nov. 21 & Dec. 4-Jan. 20	Closed	Oct. 31-Dec. 14	Nov. 14-Feb. 28
State Zone	Dec. 4-Dec. 9 & Dec. 18-Jan. 20	Closed	Oct. 31-Dec. 14	Nov. 14-Feb. 28
Wisconsin				
North Zone	Oct. 2-Nov. 30	Closed	Sept. 19-Nov. 2	Oct. 2-Nov. 30
South Zone	Oct. 2-Nov. 30	Closed	Sept. 19-Nov. 2	Oct. 2-Nov. 30
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CENTRAL FLYWAY				
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New Mexico (16)	Oct. 9-Dec. 17	Closed	Closed	Oct. 9-Jan. 23
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PACIFIC FLYWAY				
Arizona (17)				
North Zone	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 8-Jan. 16
South Zone	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 8-Jan. 16
California	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 2-Jan. 16
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Nevada				
Clark County	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 9-Jan. 22
Rest of State	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 2-Jan. 15
New Mexico	Oct. 9-Dec. 17	Closed	Closed	Oct. 9-Jan. 23
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Oregon				
Zone 1	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 9-Jan. 23
Zone 2	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 9-Jan. 23
Utah	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 2-Jan. 15
Washington				
East Zone	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 9-Oct. 20 & Oct. 22-Jan. 16
West Zone	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 9-Oct. 20 & Oct. 22-Jan. 16
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(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.

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(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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(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 27 and September 27 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, 1999, Federal Register (64 FR 47418). The zones named in this paragraph are the same as those used for setting duck seasons.

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Limits Possession
ATLANTIC FLYWAY			
* * * * *			
Georgia	Nov. 20-Jan. 18	15	30
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Virginia	Oct. 6-Oct. 9 &	15	30
	Nov. 17-Jan. 20	15	30
West Virginia			
Zone 1	Oct. 1-Oct. 16 &	15	30
	Nov. 29-Jan. 20	15	30
West Virginia (cont.)			
Zone 2	Oct. 1-Oct. 16 &	15	30
	Nov. 17-Jan. 8	15	30
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MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY			
* * * * *			
Louisiana	Sept. 11-Sept. 26 &	15	30
	Nov. 13-Jan. 5	15	30
Michigan			
North Zone	Oct. 2-Nov. 30	15	30
Middle Zone	Oct. 2-Nov. 30	15	30
South Zone	Oct. 9-Dec. 7	15	30
Minnesota (2)	Oct. 2-Nov. 30	15	30
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Tennessee			
Reelfoot Zone	Nov. 20-Nov. 21 &	15	30
	Dec. 4-Jan. 21	15	30
State Zone	Dec. 4-Dec. 9 &	15	30
	Dec. 18-Jan. 23	15	30
Wisconsin			
North Zone	Oct. 2-Nov. 30	5	10
South Zone	Oct. 2-Nov. 30	5	10
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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, moorhens, and gallinules in the aggregate.

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

NOTE: The following seasons are in addition to the seasons published previously in the August 31, 1999, Federal Register (64 FR 47418).

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	Limits Possession
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Maine (1)	Oct. 1-Jan. 20	7	14
Maryland	Oct. 2-Jan. 20	5	10
Massachusetts (2)	Oct. 6-Jan. 20	7	14
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North Carolina	Oct. 1-Jan. 20	7	14
	* * * * *		
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.

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

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

Definitions

The Atlantic Flyway: Includes Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia.

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

The Central Flyway: Includes Colorado (east of the Continental Divide), Kansas, Montana (Blaine, Carbon, Fergus, Judith Basin, Stillwater, Sweetgrass, Wheatland, and all counties east thereof), Nebraska, New Mexico (east of the Continental Divide except that the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation is in the Pacific Flyway), North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming (east of the Continental Divide).

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

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

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

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	Limits Possession
Connecticut			
Ducks (1):			
North Zone	Oct. 9-Oct. 23 &	6	12
	Nov. 11-Jan. 4	6	12
South Zone	Oct. 9-Oct. 16 &	6	12
	Nov. 20-Jan. 20	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Canada Geese:			
NAP Zone:			
North Zone	Oct. 9-Oct. 23 &	2	4
	Nov. 11-Dec. 11	2	4
South Zone	Oct. 9-Oct. 29 &	2	4
	Nov. 20-Dec. 15	2	4
(special season)	Jan. 15-Feb. 15	State Permit Only	
AP Zone	Nov. 11-Nov. 27	1	2
Light Geese:			
North Zone	Oct. 9-Feb. 10	15	--
South Zone	Oct. 9-Feb. 10	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 &	6	12
	Oct. 29-Nov. 6 &	6	12
	Nov. 22-Jan. 15	6	12

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Limits Possession
Delaware (cont.)			
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. 1-Nov. 6 &	15	--
	Nov. 8-Nov. 20 &	15	--
	Nov. 22-Jan. 2 &	15	--
	Jan. 24-Mar. 10	15	--
Rest of State	Oct. 1-Nov. 6 &	15	--
	Nov. 22-Jan. 15 &	15	--
	Jan. 24-Mar. 10	15	--
Brant	Nov. 24-Jan. 20	2	4
Florida			
Ducks	Nov. 20-Jan. 18	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Canada Geese (4)	Nov. 20-Jan. 28	2	4
Light Geese (5)	Nov. 20-Jan. 18	15	--
Georgia			
Ducks	Nov. 20-Jan. 18	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Canada Geese (special season) (6)	Nov. 20-Jan 28	State Permit Only	
Light Geese	Same as for ducks	2	4
Brant	Closed	--	--
Maine			
Ducks (7):			
North Zone	Oct. 1-Nov. 27	4	8
South Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 16 &	4	8
	Nov. 8-Dec. 18	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	4
South Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 16 &	2	4
	Nov. 8-Dec. 7	2	4
Light Geese	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	15	--
Brant	Oct. 1-Nov. 27	2	4
Maryland			
Ducks (8)	Oct. 9-Oct. 16 &	5	10
	Nov. 5-Nov. 26 &	5	10
	Dec. 13-Jan. 20	5	10
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Limits Possession
Maryland (cont.)			
Canada Geese:	Closed	--	--
Western (SJBP) Zone	Nov. 15-Nov. 26 &	2	4
	Dec. 13-Jan. 14	2	4
(special season)	Jan. 15-Feb. 15	3	6
Light Geese (9)	Oct. 16-Nov. 26 &	15	--
	Dec. 6-Jan. 31 &	15	--
	Feb. 2-Mar. 10	15	--
Brant	Nov. 9-Nov. 26 &	2	4
	Dec. 13-Jan. 20	2	4
Massachusetts			
Ducks (10):			
Western Zone	Oct. 11-Dec. 18	6	12
Central Zone	Oct. 14-Nov. 27 &	6	12
	Dec. 16-Jan. 8	6	12
Coastal Zone	Oct. 14-Oct. 30 &	6	12
	Nov. 18-Jan. 8	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Canada Geese:			
NAP Zone	Oct. 14-Nov. 27 &	2	4
	Dec. 16 only	2	4
(special season)	Jan. 15-Feb. 5	5	10
AP Zone	Nov. 11-Nov. 27	1	2
Light Geese:			
Western Zone	Same as for ducks	15	30
Central Zone	Same as for ducks &	15	30
	Jan. 15-Feb. 5	15	30
Coastal Zone	Same as for ducks &	15	30
	Jan. 15-Feb. 5	15	30
Brant:			
Western & Central Zone	Closed	--	--
Coastal Zone	Nov. 18-Jan. 14	2	4
New Hampshire			
Ducks (11):			
Inland Zone	Oct. 5-Nov. 7 &	6	12
	Nov. 24-Dec. 19	6	12
Coastal Zone	Oct. 6-Oct. 24 &	6	12
	Nov. 23-Jan. 2	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Canada Geese:			
Inland Zone	Oct. 5-Nov. 7 &	2	4
	Nov. 24-Nov. 29	2	4
Coastal Zone	Oct. 6-Oct. 24 &	2	4
	Nov. 23-Dec. 13	2	4
Light Geese:			
Inland Zone	Oct. 5-Dec. 19	15	--
Coastal Zone	Oct. 6-Jan. 2	15	--

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Limits Possession
New Hampshire (cont.)			
Brant:			
Inland Zone	Oct. 5-Nov. 7 &	2	4
	Nov. 24-Dec. 9	2	4
Coastal Zone	Oct. 6-Oct. 24 &	2	4
	Nov. 23-Dec. 23	2	4
New Jersey			
Ducks (12):			
North Zone	Oct. 9-Oct. 30 &	6	12
	Nov. 16-Jan. 1	6	12
South Zone	Oct. 16-Oct. 30 &	6	12
	Nov. 9-Jan. 1	6	12
Coastal Zone	Oct. 30-Nov. 20 &	6	12
	Nov. 23-Jan. 8	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Canada Geese:			
North Zone	Nov. 16-Nov. 27 &	1	2
	Dec. 29-Jan. 1	1	2
South Zone	Nov. 25-Dec. 4 &	1	2
	Dec. 27-Jan. 1	1	2
Coastal Zone	Nov. 25-Nov. 27 &	1	2
	Dec. 27-Jan. 8	1	2
(special season)	Jan. 15-Feb. 15	5	10
Light Geese:			
North Zone	Oct. 9-Jan. 10 &	15	--
	Jan. 15-Feb. 15	15	--
South Zone	Nov. 9-Mar. 10	15	--
Coastal Zone	Oct. 7-Nov. 20 &	15	--
	Nov. 23-Jan. 8	15	--
	Jan. 15-Feb. 15	15	--
Brant:			
North Zone	Oct. 12-Oct. 30 &	2	4
	Nov. 25-Jan. 1	2	4
South Zone	Oct. 16-Oct. 30 &	2	4
	Nov. 20-Jan. 1	2	4
Coastal Zone	Oct. 30-Nov. 11 &	2	4
	Nov. 25-Jan. 8	2	4
New York			
Ducks (13):			
Long Island Zone	Nov. 19-Nov. 28 &	6	12
	Dec. 2-Jan. 20	6	12
Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 6-Oct. 11 &	6	12
	Oct. 23-Dec. 15	6	12
Northeastern Zone	Oct. 2-Nov. 14 &	6	12
	Nov. 20-Dec. 5	6	12
Southeastern Zone	Oct. 9-Oct. 17 &	6	12
	Nov. 6-Dec. 26	6	12
Western Zone	Oct. 15-Nov. 28 &	6	12
	Dec. 26-Jan. 9	6	12

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Limits Possession
New York (cont.)			
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Canada Geese:			
Long Island (NAP) Zone	Nov. 19-Nov. 28 &	2	4
	Dec. 2-Dec. 31	2	4
Lake Champlain (AP) Zone	Nov. 1-Nov. 14 &	1	2
	Nov. 20 only	1	2
Northeastern (AP) Zone	Nov. 1-Nov. 14 &	1	2
	Nov. 20 only	1	2
Southeastern (AP) Zone	Nov. 6-Nov. 14 &	1	2
	Dec. 21-Dec. 26	1	2
Western (AP) Zone	Nov. 6-Nov. 13 &	1	2
	Dec. 26-Jan. 1	1	2
Southwest (SJBP) Zone	Nov. 1-Jan. 9	2	4
(special season)	Jan. 15-Feb. 15	5	10
Light Geese:			
Long Island Zone	Oct. 2-Oct. 24 &	15	--
	Nov. 19-Jan. 20 &	15	--
	Feb. 19-Mar. 10	15	--
Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 6-Dec. 30 &	15	--
	Feb. 19-Mar. 10	15	--
Northeastern Zone	Oct. 2-Dec. 26 &	15	--
	Feb. 19-Mar. 10	15	--
Southeastern Zone	Oct. 9-Jan. 2 &	15	--
	Feb. 19-Mar. 10	15	--
Western Zone	Oct. 15-Jan. 8 &	15	--
	Feb. 19-Mar. 10	15	--
Brant:			
Long Island Zone	Nov. 19-Nov. 28 &	2	4
	Dec. 12-Jan. 20	2	4
Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 9-Nov. 27	2	4
Northeastern Zone	Oct. 9-Nov. 27	2	4
Southeastern Zone	Oct. 9-Nov. 27	2	4
Western Zone	Oct. 9-Nov. 27	2	4
North Carolina			
Ducks (14)	Oct. 6-Oct. 9 &	6	12
	Nov. 8-Nov. 27 &	6	12
	Dec. 8-Jan. 20	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Canada Geese:	Closed	--	--
Western Unit	Oct. 1-Nov. 15	2	4
Light Geese	Oct. 22-Oct. 30 &	15	--
	Nov. 17-Mar. 10	15	--
Brant	Nov. 8-Nov. 27 &	2	4
	Dec. 15-Jan. 20	2	4

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Limits Possession
Pennsylvania			
Ducks (15):			
North Zone	Oct. 9-Nov. 27 &	6	12
	Dec. 21-Jan. 8	6	12
South Zone	Oct. 9-Oct. 16 &	6	12
	Nov. 9-Jan. 8	6	12
Northwest Zone	Oct. 9-Oct. 23 &	6	12
	Nov. 6-Dec. 30	6	12
Lake Erie Zone	Oct. 18-Oct. 30 &	6	12
	Nov. 8-Jan. 1	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Canada Geese:			
Eastern (AP) Zone	Nov. 20-Nov. 27 &	1	2
	Dec. 31-Jan. 8	1	2
Western (SJBP) Zone	Nov. 15-Dec. 30	2	4
(special season)	Jan. 15-Feb. 15	5	10
Pymatuning Zone	Nov. 15-Dec. 24	1	2
Light Geese	Nov. 5-Mar. 10	15	–
Brant	Oct. 9-Dec. 6	2	4
Rhode Island			
Ducks	Oct. 8-Oct. 11 &	6	12
	Nov. 20-Nov. 28 &	6	12
	Dec. 4-Jan. 19	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Canada Geese	Oct. 8-Oct. 11 &	2	4
	Nov. 10-Dec. 15	2	4
(special season)	Jan. 15-Feb. 15	5	10
Light Geese	Oct. 8-Jan. 19	15	–
Brant	Nov. 20-Nov. 28 &	2	4
	Dec. 10-Jan. 19	2	4
South Carolina			
Ducks (16)	Nov. 16-Nov. 27 &	6	12
	Dec. 4-Jan. 20	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Canada Geese (special season)	Nov. 16-Nov. 27 &	5	10
	Dec. 4-Jan. 29	5	10
Light Geese	Same as for ducks	5	10
Brant	Dec. 4-Jan. 20	2	4
Vermont			
Ducks:			
Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 6-Oct 11 &	6	12
	Oct. 23-Dec. 15	6	12
Interior Zone	Oct. 6-Dec. 4	6	12

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Limits Possession
Vermont (cont.)			
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Canada Geese	Nov. 1-Nov. 14 &	1	2
	Nov. 20 only	1	2
Light Geese	Oct. 6-Dec. 30	15	–
	Feb. 19-Mar. 10	15	–
Brant	Oct. 9-Nov. 27	2	4
Virginia			
Ducks	Oct. 6-Oct. 9 &	5	10
	Nov. 17-Jan. 20	5	10
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Canada Geese:			
Back Bay Area	Closed	–	–
Eastern (AP) Zone	Dec. 27-Jan. 1	1	2
Western (SJBP) Zone	Dec. 1-Jan. 14	2	4
(special season)	Jan. 15-Feb. 15	4	8
Light Geese	Nov. 8-Mar. 10	15	–
Brant	Nov. 24-Jan. 20	2	4
West Virginia			
Ducks (17):			
Zone 1	Oct. 1-Oct. 16 &	6	12
	Nov. 29-Jan. 20	6	12
Zone 2	Oct. 1-Oct. 16 &	6	12
	Nov. 17-Jan. 8	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Canada Geese:			
Zone 1	Oct. 1-Oct. 16 &	3	6
	Nov. 27-Jan. 31	3	6
Zone 2	Oct. 1-Oct. 30 &	3	6
	Dec. 11-Jan. 31	3	6
Light Geese:			
Zone 1	Same as for Canada geese	5	10
Zone 2	Same as for Canada geese	5	10
Brant	Nov. 27-Jan. 20	2	4

(1) In Connecticut, the season is closed for black ducks prior to November 11 in the North Zone and after January 10 in the South Zone.
(2) In Delaware, the season on black ducks is only open November 22 through January 1.
(3) In Delaware, the January 24 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) State permit required.
(7) In Maine, the season is closed for black ducks October 1 through October 8; 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.

(8) In Maryland, the black duck season is closed October 9 through October 16 and November 5 through November 26; and the canvasback season is open only October 2, and December 13 through January 20; in addition to the daily bag, 1 additional teal may be taken.
(9) In Maryland, the February 2 to March 10 snow goose season is open Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays only.
(10) In Massachusetts, the season is closed for black ducks November 29 through December 4 and January 3 through January 8 in the Coastal Zone, and November 15 through November 20 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.
(11) In New Hampshire, the season is closed for black ducks through October 11.
(12) In New Jersey, the daily bag limit for buffleheads is 4..
(13) In New York, the season is closed for black ducks October 12 through October 21 in the Northeastern Zone, November 6 through November 15 in the Southeastern Zone, October 15 through October 24 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.
(14) In North Carolina, the season is closed for black ducks October 6 through October 9 and November 8 through November 27.
(15) 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.
(16) In South Carolina, the daily bag limit of 6 may not exceed 1 black duck, mottled duck, or female mallard in the aggregate.
(17) 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.

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Limits Possession
Alabama			
Ducks:			
North Zone	Dec. 11-Dec. 24 &	6	12
	Dec. 26-Jan. 31	6	12
South Zone	Dec. 11-Dec. 24 &	6	12
	Dec. 26-Jan. 31	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Geese:			
Dark Geese:			
North Zone:			
SJBP Zone	Dec. 28-Jan. 31	2	4
Rest of North Zone	Oct. 2-Oct. 17 &		
	Dec. 11-Dec. 24 &	2	4
	Dec. 26-Jan. 31	2	4
Alabama (cont.)			
South Zone	Oct. 2-Oct. 17 &		
	Dec. 11-Dec. 24 &	2	4
	Dec. 26-Jan. 31	2	4
Light Geese	Same as for dark geese	5	5
Arkansas			
Ducks	Nov. 20-Dec. 20 &	6	12
	Dec. 26-Jan. 23	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Geese:			
Canada (1):			
East Zone	Jan. 8-Jan. 30	2	4
West Zone	Jan. 8-Jan. 23	2	4
White-fronted	Nov. 6-Jan. 30	2	4
Brant	Closed	–	–
Light Geese	Nov. 20-Mar. 5	20	–
Illinois			
Ducks:			
North Zone	Oct. 7-Dec. 5	6	12
Central Zone	Oct. 23-Dec. 21	6	12
South Zone	Nov. 11-Jan. 9	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Geese:			
Canada (2):			
North Zone:			
Northern Illinois Quota Zone (2)	Oct. 7-Dec. 18 &	2	10
	Dec. 19-Jan. 5	3	10
Rest of North Zone	same as Northern Illinois Quota Zone		
Central Zone:			
Central Illinois Quota Zone (2)	Oct. 23-Jan. 7 &	2	10
	Jan. 8-Jan. 21	3	10
Rest of Central Zone	same as Central Illinois Quota Zone		
South Zone:			
Southern Illinois Quota Zone (2)(3)	Nov. 26-Jan. 31	2	10
Rend Lake Quota Zone (2)(3)	Nov. 26-Jan. 31	2	10
Rest of South Zone	Nov. 26-Jan. 31	2	10
White-fronted:			
North Zone	Oct. 7-Dec. 30	2	4
Central Zone	Oct. 23-Jan 16	2	4
South Zone	Nov. 26-Feb. 13	2	4
Brant (4)	same as Canada geese	1	2
Light Geese:			
North Zone	Oct. 7-Dec. 30 &	20	–
	Feb. 19-Mar. 10	20	–
Central Zone	Oct. 23-Dec. 25 &	20	–
	Jan. 29-Mar. 10	20	–
South Zone	Nov. 26-Mar. 10	20	–

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Limits Possession
Indiana			
Ducks:			
North Zone	Oct. 16-Dec. 5 &	6	12
	Dec. 18-Dec. 26	6	12
South Zone	Oct. 23-Oct. 29 &	6	12
	Nov. 20-Jan. 11	6	12
Ohio River Zone	Oct. 30-Oct. 31 &	6	12
	Nov. 27-Jan. 23	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Geese:			
Canada (2):			
North Zone:			
SJBP Area	Oct. 16-Oct. 18 &	2	4
	Nov. 20-Dec. 21	2	4
Rest of North Zone	Oct. 16-Oct. 24 &	2	4
	Nov. 20-Jan. 5	2	4
South Zone:			
Posey County (2)	Nov. 27-Jan. 31	2	4
Rest of South Zone	Oct. 23-Oct. 25 &	2	4
	Dec. 4-Jan. 25	2	4
Ohio River Zone:			
Posey County (2)	Nov. 27-Jan. 31	2	4
Rest of Ohio River Zone	Dec. 7-Jan. 31	2	4
White-fronted and Brant	Oct. 16-Jan. 30	1	2
Light Geese	Oct. 16-Jan. 30	20	–
Iowa			
Ducks:			
North Zone	Sept. 18-Sept. 22 &	6	12
	Oct. 16-Dec. 9	6	12
South Zone	Sept. 18-Sept. 22 &	6	12
	Oct. 16-Dec. 9	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Geese:			
Canada Geese:			
North Zone	Oct. 2-Dec. 10	2	4
South Zone	Oct. 2-Oct. 10 &	2	4
	Oct. 16-Dec. 15	2	4
White-fronted:			
North Zone	Same as Canada geese	2	4
South Zone	Same as Canada geese	2	4
Brant:			
North Zone	Same as Canada geese	2	4
South Zone	Same as Canada geese	2	4
Light Geese	Oct. 2-Dec. 26 &	20	–
	Feb. 19-Mar. 10	20	–

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Limits Possession
Kentucky			
Ducks:			
West Zone	Nov. 25-Jan. 23	6	12
East Zone	Nov. 25-Jan. 23	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Geese:			
Canada (2):			
Western Goose Zone (2):			
Fulton County	Dec. 4-Feb. 15	2	4
Rest of Zone	Dec. 4-Jan. 31	2	4
Pennyroyal/Coalfield Zone	Dec. 28-Jan. 31	2	4
Rest of State	Dec. 13-Jan. 31	2	4
White-fronted	Nov. 25-Jan. 31	2	4
Brant	Same as White-fronted	2	4
Light Geese	Nov. 25-Mar. 10	20	–
Louisiana			
Ducks:			
West Zone	Nov. 13-Nov. 28 &	6	12
	Dec. 11-Jan. 23	6	12
East Zone:			
Catahoula Lake Area	Nov. 13-Nov. 28 &	6	12
	Dec. 11-Jan. 23	6	12
Rest of East Zone	Nov. 13-Nov. 28 &	6	12
	Dec. 11-Jan. 23	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Geese:			
Canada (5)	Jan. 18-Jan. 26	1	2
White-fronted and Brant:			
West Zone	Nov. 13-Feb. 6	2	4
East Zone	Oct. 30-Jan. 23	2	4
Light Geese:			
West Zone	Nov. 13-Feb. 27	20	–
East Zone	Oct. 30-Feb. 13	20	–
Michigan			
Ducks (6):			
North Zone	Oct. 2-Nov. 30	6	12
Middle Zone	Oct. 2-Nov. 30	6	12
South Zone	Oct. 9-Dec. 7	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Geese:			
Canada (2):			
North Zone	Sept. 19-Oct. 3	2	4
Middle Zone	Sept. 19-Oct. 3	2	4

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Limits Possession
Michigan (cont.)			
South Zone:			
Muskegon Wastewater Goose Management Unit (GMU) (2)	Oct. 23-Nov. 13	2	4
Allegan County GMU (2)	Oct. 16 only &	1	2
	Oct. 23-Nov. 11	1	2
Saginaw County GMU (2)	Oct. 9-Nov. 27	1	2
Tuscola/Huron GMU (2)	Oct. 9-Nov. 27	1	2
Southern Michigan GMU	Sept. 19-Oct. 3	2	4
(special season)	Jan. 8-Feb. 6	5	10
Central Michigan GMU	Sept. 19-Oct. 3	2	4
(special season)	Jan. 8-Feb. 6	5	10
White-fronted and Brant	See Footnote 7	2	4
Light Geese	See Footnote 7	10	30
Minnesota			
Ducks	Oct. 2-Nov. 30	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots (8)	Same as for ducks	15	30
Geese:			
Canada (2):			
West Zone:			
West Central Zone:			
Lac qui Parle Zone (2)	Oct. 9-Nov. 7	1	2
Rest of West Central Zone	Oct. 9-Nov. 7	1	2
Rest of West Zone	Oct. 2-Nov. 10	1	2
(Special season)	Dec. 11- Dec. 20	5	10
Northwest Zone	Oct. 2-Nov. 10	1	2
(Special season)	Dec. 11-Dec. 20	5	10
Southeast Zone	Oct. 2-Dec. 10	2	4
(special season)	Dec. 11-Dec. 20	2	4
Rest of State	Oct. 2-Dec. 10	2	4
(special season)	Dec. 11-Dec. 20	5	10
White-fronted (9)	Oct. 2-Dec. 20	2	4
Brant (9)	Oct. 2-Dec. 20	1	2
Light Geese (9)	Oct. 2-Dec. 20	10	20
Mississippi			
Ducks:	Nov. 26-Nov. 28 &	6	12
	Dec. 11-Dec. 22 &	6	12
	Dec. 26-Jan. 30	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Geese:			
Canada	Nov. 23-Jan. 31	3	6
White-fronted and Brant	Nov. 20-Feb. 13	2	4
Light Geese	Nov. 25-Mar. 10	20	--

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Limits Possession
Missouri			
Ducks and Mergansers (10):			
North Zone	Oct. 23-Dec. 21	6	12
Middle Zone	Oct. 30-Dec. 28	6	12
South Zone	Nov. 13-Jan. 11	6	12
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Geese:			
Canada:			
North Zone:			
Swan Lake Zone	Oct. 23-Oct. 31 &	2	4
	Nov. 20-Dec. 30	2	4
Rest of North Zone	Oct. 2-Oct. 18 &	3	6
	Nov. 6-Nov. 28 &	2	4
	Dec. 18-Jan. 16	2	4
Middle Zone:			
Southeast Zone	Oct. 2-Oct.11 &	3	6
	Nov. 13-Nov. 28 &	2	4
	Dec. 18-Jan. 30	2	4
Rest of Middle Zone	Oct. 2-Oct. 18 &	3	6
	Nov. 6-Nov. 28 &	2	4
	Dec. 18-Jan. 16	2	4
South Zone	Oct. 2-Oct. 11 &	3	6
	Nov. 13-Nov. 28 &	2	4
	Dec. 18-Jan. 30	2	4
White-fronted:			
North Zone:			
Swan Lake Zone	Oct. 23-Oct. 31 &	2	4
	Nov. 20-Jan. 30	2	4
Rest of North Zone	Oct. 2-Oct. 18 &	2	4
	Nov. 6-Nov. 28 &	2	4
	Dec. 18-Jan. 16	2	4
Middle Zone:			
Southeast Zone	Nov. 13-Jan. 30	2	4
Rest of Middle Zone	Oct. 2-Oct. 18 &	2	4
	Nov. 6-Nov. 28 &	2	4
	Dec. 18-Jan. 16	2	4
South Zone	Nov. 13-Jan. 30	2	4
Brant	Same as Canada geese	2	4
Light Geese:			
North Zone:			
Swan Lake Zone	Nov. 20-Mar. 4	20	--
Rest of North Zone	Nov. 6-Jan. 16 &	20	--
	Feb. 5-Mar. 9	20	--
Middle Zone:			
Southeast Zone	Nov. 25-Mar. 9	20	--
Rest of Middle Zone	Nov. 6-Jan. 16 &	20	--
	Feb. 5-Mar. 9	20	--
South Zone	Nov. 25-Mar. 9	20	--

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Limits Possession
Ohio			
Ducks:			
North Zone	Oct. 16-Nov. 28 &	6	12
	Dec. 6-Dec. 21	6	12
South Zone	Oct. 16-Oct. 26 &	6	12
	Dec. 6-Jan. 23	6	12
Ohio River Zone	Oct. 16-Oct. 26 &	6	12
	Dec. 6-Jan. 23	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Geese:			
Canada:			
North Zone:			
Lake Erie SJBP Zone	Oct. 16-Oct. 31 &	1	2
	Dec. 6-Dec. 19	1	2
Rest of North Zone	Oct. 16-Nov. 28 &	2	4
	Dec. 6-Dec. 31	2	4
(special season)	Jan. 15-Feb. 5	2	4
South Zone	Oct. 16-Oct. 28 &	2	4
	Dec. 6-Jan. 31	2	4
Ohio River Zone	Oct. 16-Oct. 28 &	2	4
	Dec. 6-Jan. 31	2	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. 20-Nov. 21 &	6	12
	Dec. 4-Jan. 21	6	12
State Zone	Dec. 4-Dec. 9 &	6	12
	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Geese:			
Canada (2)(11):			
Northwest Zone (2)	Dec. 4-Feb. 15	2	4
Southwest Zone	Dec. 4-Jan. 31	2	4
Kentucky/Barkley Lakes Zone (2)	Dec. 13-Jan. 31	2	4
Rest of State (11)	Oct. 2-Oct. 10 &	2	4
	Dec. 2-Jan. 31	2	4
White-fronted	Nov. 22-Feb. 15	2	4
Brant	Dec. 2-Jan. 31	2	4
Light Geese	Nov. 20-Mar. 5	10	30
Wisconsin			
Ducks:			
North Zone	Oct. 2-Nov. 30	6	12
South Zone	Oct. 2-Nov. 30	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	5	10

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Limits Possession
Wisconsin (cont.)			
Geese:			
Canada (2):			
Horicon Zone	Sept. 18-Dec. 21	Tag System--See State Regulations	
Collins Zone	Sept. 18-Nov. 19 &	Tag System--See State Regulations	
	Nov. 29-Dec. 3	Tag System--See State Regulations	
Exterior Zone:			
Rock Prairie Subzone	Sept. 25-Dec. 17	1	2
Mississippi River Subzone	Oct. 2-Dec. 20	1	2
Brown County Subzone	Sept. 25-Dec. 27	1	2
Rest of Exterior Zone:			
North Duck Zone	Sept. 25-Dec. 27	1	2
South Duck Zone	Sept. 25-Dec. 27	1	2
White-fronted and Brant	Same as Canada geese	1	2
Light Geese	Same as Canada geese	10	20

(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 27, 1999, Federal Register. When it has been determined that the quota of Canada geese allotted to the Northern Illinois, Central Illinois, Southern Illinois and Rend Lake Quota Zones in Illinois, Posey County in Indiana, the Ballard and Henderson-Union Subzones in Kentucky, the Allegan County, Muskegon Wastewater, Saginaw County, and Tuscola/Huron Goose Management Units in Michigan, the Lac Qui Parle Zone in Minnesota, the Northwest and Kentucky/Barkley Lakes Zones in Tennessee, and the Exterior Zone in Wisconsin will have been filled, the season for taking Canada geese in the respective zone (and associated area, if applicable) will be closed by either the Director upon giving public notice through local information media at least 48 hours in advance of the time and date of closing, or by the State through State regulations with such notice and time (not less than 48 hours) as they deem necessary.
(3) In Illinois, shooting hours for geese in the Southern Illinois and Rend Lake Quota Zones through January 28 shall close at 3 p.m., except that if the Canada goose season closes early due to the quota being reached, shooting hours for all other geese shall close at sunset beginning the day after Canada goose season closes.
(4) In Illinois, brant season will close with Canada goose seasons if the season closes early due the quota being reached.
(5) In Louisiana, during the Canada goose season, a special permit is required by the State.
(6) In Michigan, the daily bag limit includes no more than 1 hen mallard.
(7) 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.
(8) In Minnesota, the daily bag limit is 15 and the possession limit is 30 coots and moorhens in the aggregate.
(9) 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.
(10) In Missouri, the daily bag limit may include no more than 5 mergansers (only 1 of which may be hooded).
(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.

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Limits Possession
Colorado			
Ducks	Oct. 2-Oct. 19 &	6	12
	Oct. 30-Nov. 28 &	6	12
	Dec. 6-Jan. 23	6	12
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Dark Geese:			
Northern Front Range Unit	Oct. 2-Oct. 10 &	5	10
	Oct.30-Feb. 3	5	10
South Park/San Luis Valley Unit (1)	Oct. 2-Oct. 10 &	2	4
	Oct. 30-Feb. 3	2	4
North Park Unit (1)	Oct. 2-Oct. 10 &	2	4
	Oct. 30-Feb. 3	2	4
Arkansas Valley Unit (2)	Nov. 13-Feb. 3	5	10
Pueblo County	Dec. 11-Feb. 3	2	4
Rest of State in Central Flyway	Oct. 30-Feb. 3	5	10
Light Geese:			
Northern Front Range Unit	Oct. 30-Feb. 3	20	--
South Park/San Luis Valley Unit (1)	Oct. 30-Feb. 3	2	4
North Park Unit (1)	Oct. 30-Feb. 3	2	4
Arkansas Valley Unit (2)	Nov. 13-Feb. 3	20	--
Pueblo County	Oct. 30-Feb. 3	20	--
Eastern Colorado Late Light Geese Unit	Oct. 30-Feb. 3 &	20	--
	Feb. 26-Mar. 6	20	--
Rest of State in Central Flyway	Oct. 30-Feb. 3	20	--
Kansas			
Ducks (3):			
High Plains	Oct. 2-Jan. 2 &	6	12
	Jan. 20-Jan. 23	6	12
Low Plains:			
Early Zone	Oct. 9-Dec. 12 &	6	12
	Dec. 25-Jan. 2	6	12
Late Zone	Oct. 23-Oct. 31 &	6	12
	Nov. 6-Jan. 9	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Kansas (cont.)			
Dark Geese (4):			
Canada	Nov. 6-Feb. 6	3	6
White-fronted	Nov. 6-Jan. 30	2	4
Light Geese:			
Zone 1	Nov. 25-Mar. 10	20	--
Zone 2	Nov. 6-Nov. 28 &	20	--
	Dec. 18-Mar. 10	20	--
Montana			
Ducks and Mergansers (5):			
Zone 1	Oct. 2-Jan. 6	6	12
Zone 2	Oct. 2-Jan. 6	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Dark Geese	Oct. 2-Jan. 15	4	8
Light Geese	Oct. 2-Jan. 15	5	10
Nebraska			
Ducks:			
High Plains	Oct. 2-Dec. 13 &	6	12
	Dec. 17-Jan. 9	6	12
Low Plains:			
Zones 1 and 2	Oct. 9-Dec. 19 &	6	12
	Dec. 25-Dec. 26	6	12
Zones 3 and 4	Oct. 2-Dec. 12 &	6	12
	Dec. 18-Dec. 19	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Geese:			
Canada:			
North Unit	Oct. 23-Jan. 23 &	3	6
	Jan. 29-Jan. 30	3	6
East Unit	Oct. 2-Oct. 3 &	3	6
	Oct. 9-Jan. 9	3	6
North Central Unit	Oct. 2-Jan. 2 &	3	6
	Jan. 8-Jan. 9	3	6
South Central Unit	Oct. 23-Jan. 23 &	3	6
	Jan. 29-Jan. 30	3	6
White-fronted	Oct. 2-Dec. 26	2	4
Light Geese:			
Rainwater Basin Area - East (6)	Oct. 9-Dec. 16 &	20	--
	Feb. 3-Mar. 10	20	--
Rainwater Basin Area - West (6)	Oct. 9-Dec. 16 &	20	--
	Feb. 3-Mar. 10	20	--
Rest of State	Oct. 9-Dec. 16 &	20	--
	Feb. 3-Mar. 10	20	--

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Limits Possession
New Mexico			
Ducks and Mergansers (5):			
North Zone	Oct. 9-Oct. 31 &	6	12
	Nov. 11-Jan. 23	6	12
South Zone	Oct. 19-Jan. 23	6	12
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Dark Geese (7):			
Middle Rio Grande Valley Unit	Dec. 25-Jan. 2	1	1
Rest of State	Oct. 16-Jan. 30	4	8
Light Geese	Nov. 6-Feb. 20	20	80
North Dakota			
Ducks:			
Statewide	Oct. 2-Dec. 12	6	12
High Plains	Dec. 13-Jan. 2	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Geese:			
Canada Geese (8):			
Sept. Canada Goose Unit	Oct. 2-Dec. 31	3	6
Rest of State	Oct. 2-Jan. 2	3	6
White-fronted (8)	Oct. 2-Dec. 12	2	4
Light Geese (8)	Oct. 2-Jan. 2	20	--
Oklahoma			
Ducks:			
High Plains	Oct. 9-Jan. 13	6	12
Low Plains:			
Zone 1	Oct. 30-Dec. 5 &	6	12
	Dec. 11-Jan. 16	6	12
Zone 2	Nov. 6-Dec. 5 &	6	12
	Dec. 11-Jan. 23	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Geese:			
Canada	Nov. 6-Dec. 5 &	3	6
	Dec. 11-Feb. 13	3	6
White-fronted	Nov. 6-Dec. 5 &	2	4
	Dec. 11-Feb. 4	2	4
Light Geese	Nov. 6-Dec. 5 &	20	--
	Dec. 11-Feb. 13 &	20	--
	Feb. 19-Mar. 1	20	--
South Dakota			
Ducks:			
High Plains	Oct. 2-Jan. 6	6	12
Low Plains:			
North Zone	Oct. 2-Dec. 14	6	12
Middle Zone	Oct. 2-Dec. 14	6	12
South Zone	Oct. 9-Dec. 21	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Limits Possession
South Dakota (cont.)			
Geese:			
White-fronted	Oct. 2-Dec. 26	2	4
Canada:			
Unit 1	Oct. 2-Dec. 31	3	6
Power Plant Area	Oct. 2-Nov. 30 &	3	6
	Dec. 1-Dec. 31	2	4
Beadle County	Oct. 2- Dec. 31	1	2
Unit 2	Oct. 9-Jan. 11	3	6
Unit 3	Oct. 9-Jan. 11	3	6
Light Geese	Oct. 2-Dec. 26 &	20	--
	Feb. 19-Mar. 10	20	--
Texas			
Ducks:			
High Plains	Oct. 23-Oct. 26 &	6	12
	Oct. 30-Jan. 23	6	12
Low Plains:			
North Zone	Oct. 30-Oct. 31 &	6	12
	Nov. 13-Jan. 23	6	12
South Zone	Oct. 30-Nov. 28 &	6	12
	Dec. 11-Jan. 23	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	10
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Geese:			
East Tier:			
Canada and brant	Oct. 30-Jan. 23 &	1	2
	Jan. 24-Feb. 1	3	6
White-fronted	Oct. 30-Jan. 23	2	4
Light Geese	Oct. 30-Feb. 13	20	--
West Tier:			
Dark Geese:		5	10
Canada	Oct. 30-Feb. 13	5	10
White-fronted	Oct. 30-Feb. 13	1	2
Light Geese	Oct. 30-Feb. 13	20	--
Wyoming			
Ducks:			
Zone 1	Oct. 2-Oct. 24 &	6	12
	Oct. 30-Jan. 11	6	12
Zone 2	Oct. 2-Jan. 6	6	12
Mergansers	Same as for ducks	5	12
Coots	Same as for ducks	15	30
Dark Geese:			
Area 1	Oct. 2-Jan. 15	5	10
Area 2 (9)	Oct. 18-Jan. 31	5	10
Area 3	Oct. 2-Jan. 15	5	10
Area 4 (9)	Nov. 13-Jan. 31	5	10
Light Geese	Oct. 2-Dec. 26 &	10	40
	Feb. 19-Mar. 10	10	40

(1) In Colorado, in the North Park and South Park/San Luis Valley Units, the bag limit for the October 30 through February 3 and October 30 through February 3 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 13 through November 26.
(3) In Kansas, the daily bag limit may include no more than 2 scaup and 1 hen mallard.
(4) In Kansas, see State regulations for additional restrictions.
(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 3 through March 10.
(7) In New Mexico, the season for dark geese is closed in Bernalillo, Sandoval, Sierra, Sorocco, and Valencia Counties.
(8) In North Dakota, the shooting hours for geese are one-half hour before sunrise to 1 p.m. through October 30 and until 2 p.m. the remainder of the season, except that October 9 through January 2, shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset on Saturdays and Wednesdays.
(9) In Wyoming, the shooting hours for dark geese in Goshen 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 160 are 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset. In the remainder of Platte County, shooting hours for geese are 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1 p.m. except on 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, 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.

Aleutian Canada Geese: The season is closed throughout the Flyway.

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Limits Possession
Arizona			
Ducks (1):			
North Zone	Oct. 8-Jan. 16	7	14
South Zone	Oct. 8-Jan. 16	7	14
Coots and moorhens	Same as for ducks	25	25
Geese:		5	5
Dark (2):			
GMU 22 & 23	Nov. 15-Jan. 16	3	3
GMU 1 & 27	Dec. 3-Dec. 19	3	3
Balance of State	Oct. 11-Jan. 16	3	3
Light (2):			
GMU 22 & 23	Same as dark geese	3	3
Rest of State	Oct. 11-Jan. 16	3	3
California			
Ducks:			
Northeastern Zone	Oct. 9-Jan. 16	7	14
Colorado River Zone	Oct. 8-Jan. 16	7	14
Southern Zone	Oct. 16-Jan. 23	7	14
Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone	Oct. 16-Jan. 23	7	14
Balance-of-State Zone	Oct. 16-Jan. 23	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:		3	6
Canada Geese	Oct. 9-Jan. 16	2	4
Cackling Geese	Oct. 9-Nov. 21	1	2
White-fronted Geese	Oct. 9-Nov. 21	2	4
Light Geese	Oct. 9-Jan. 16	3	6
Colorado River Zone:		5	10
Canada Geese	Oct. 11-Jan. 16	3	6
White-fronted Geese	Oct. 11-Jan. 16	3	6
Light Geese	Oct. 11-Jan. 16	3	6
Southern Zone:		5	10
Dark Geese:		3	6
Canada	Oct. 23-Jan. 23	3	6
Cackling Geese	Oct. 23-Jan. 23	1	2
White-fronted Geese	Oct. 23-Jan. 23	3	6
Light Geese	Oct. 23-Jan. 23	3	6
Balance-of-State Zone:		3	6
Dark Geese (3):		2	4
Canada:			
Del Norte & Humboldt	Closed	–	–
Sacramento Valley Area	Closed	–	–
San Joaquin Valley Area	Closed	–	–
Rest of Zone	Nov. 6-Jan. 23	2	4
White-fronted:			
Sacramento Valley Closure	Nov. 6-Dec. 14	2	4
Rest of Zone	Nov. 6-Jan. 23	2	4
Light Geese	Nov. 6-Jan. 23	3	6
Brant	Nov. 10-Dec. 9	2	4
Colorado			
Ducks	Oct. 2-Oct. 17 &	7	14
	Oct. 26-Jan. 23	7	14
Coots	Same as for ducks	25	25
Geese:			
West Central Colorado Unit	Oct. 26-Jan. 23	2	4
Rest of State	Oct. 2-Oct. 10 &	2	4
	Oct. 26-Jan. 23	2	4

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Limits Possession
Idaho			
Ducks:			
Zone 1	Oct. 2-Jan. 15	7	14
Zone 2	Oct. 2-Jan. 15	7	14
Zone 3	Oct. 2-Jan. 15	7	14
Coots	Same as for ducks	25	25
Geese:			
Zone 1 (4):		4	8
Dark	Oct. 2-Jan. 8	4	8
Light	Oct. 2-Jan. 8	3	6
Zone 2:		3	6
Dark	Oct. 2-Jan. 8	3	6
Light	Oct. 2-Jan. 8	3	6
Zone 3:		3	6
Dark	Oct. 2-Jan. 8	2	4
Light	Oct. 2-Jan. 8	3	6
Montana			
Ducks	Oct. 2-Jan. 15	7	14
Coots	Same as for ducks	25	25
Geese (5):			
Dark	Oct. 2-Jan. 9	4	8
Light	Oct. 2-Jan. 9	3	6
Nevada			
Ducks:			
Lincoln & Clark Counties	Oct. 9-Jan. 22	7	14
Rest of State	Oct. 2-Jan. 15	7	14
Coots and moorhens	Same as for ducks	25	25
Dark Geese:			
Lincoln & Clark Counties	Nov. 20-Jan. 22	2	4
Scripps/Washoe Lake Zone	Oct. 23-Jan. 22	3	6
Rest of State	Oct. 23-Jan. 22	3	6
Light Geese:			
Lincoln & Clark Counties	Nov. 20-Jan. 22	3	6
Scripps/Washoe Lake Zone	Oct. 23-Jan. 22	3	6
Rest of State (6)	Oct. 23-Jan. 22	3	6
New Mexico			
Ducks	Oct. 9-Jan. 23	7	14
Coots and Moorhens (7)	Same as for ducks	12	24
Dark Geese:			
North Zone	Oct. 2-Oct. 31 &	3	6
	Nov. 15-Jan. 23	3	6
South Zone	Oct. 16-Jan. 23	2	4
Light Geese:			
North Zone	Oct. 2-Oct. 31 &	1	2
	Nov. 15-Jan. 23	1	2
South Zone	Oct. 16-Jan. 23	1	2

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Limits Possession
Oregon			
Ducks:			
Zone 1:			
Columbia Basin Unit	Oct. 9-Jan. 23	7	14
Rest of Zone 1	Oct. 9-Jan. 23	7	14
Zone 2	Oct. 9-Jan. 23	7	14
Coots	Same as for ducks	25	25
Geese:			
Northwest General Goose Zone:			
Dark Geese	Oct. 16-Nov. 14 &	4	8
	Nov. 16-Jan. 23	4	8
Light Geese	Oct. 16-Nov. 14 &	3	6
	Nov. 16-Jan. 23	3	6
Northwest Special Permit Zone (8):			
Dark Geese	Oct. 23-Nov. 3 &	4	8
	Nov. 24-Jan. 16 &	4	8
	Jan. 26-Feb. 27	4	8
Dusky Canada geese		1 per season	
Light Geese	Oct. 23-Nov. 3 &	3	6
	Nov. 24-Jan. 16	3	6
Southwest General Zone (9):			
Dark Geese	Oct. 16-Jan. 23	4	8
Light Geese	Oct. 16-Jan. 23	3	6
Eastern Zone:			
Klamath, Harney, Lake, and Malheur Counties:			
Dark Geese	Oct. 9-Jan. 16	4	8
Cackling Canada geese		1	2
White-fronted geese:			
Lake County		2	4
Rest of Zone		4	8
Light Geese	Oct. 9-Jan. 16	3	6
Remainder of Eastern Zone:			
Dark Geese	Oct. 16-Jan. 23	4	8
Cackling Canada geese		1	2
White-fronted geese		4	8
Light Geese	Oct. 16-Jan. 23	3	6
Brant	Nov. 6-Nov. 19	2	4
Utah (10)			
Ducks:			
Zone 1	Oct. 2-Jan. 15	7	14
Zone 2	Oct. 2-Jan. 15	7	14
Coots	Same as for ducks	25	25
Geese:		5	6
Light	Oct. 2-Jan. 9	3	6
Dark:			
Washington County (11)	Oct. 9-Jan. 16	3	6
Rest of State	Oct. 2-Jan. 9	3	6

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Limits Possession
Washington			
Ducks:			
East Zone	Oct. 9-Oct 20 &	7	14
	Oct. 22-Jan. 23	7	14
West Zone (12)	Oct. 9-Oct 20 &	7	14
	Oct. 22-Jan. 23	7	14
Coots	Same as for ducks	25	25
Geese (13):			
Eastern Management Areas 1, and 2 (14)	Oct. 9-Jan. 16	4	8
Western Management Area 1:			
Light Geese	Oct 9-Jan. 16	3	6
Dark Geese	Oct 9-Jan. 16	4	8
Western Management Area 2 (15)	Nov. 24-Dec. 22 & Dec. 26-Jan. 16		
Regular Season Total Geese		4	8
Canada geese		4	8
Dusky Canada geese		1 per season	
Late-Season Canada Geese	Jan. 22-Mar. 10		
Canada geese		4	8
Dusky Canada geese		1 per season	
Western Management Area 3	Oct. 9-Jan. 16	4	8
Brant (16)	Jan. 8-Jan. 23	2	4
Wyoming			
Ducks	Oct. 2-Jan. 15	7	14
Coots	Same as for ducks	25	25
Dark Geese	Oct. 2-Jan. 8	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 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 Pahranagat 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 2 in Cache, Salt Lake, Davis, Weber, and Box Elder Counties, and November 6 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 August 31, 1999, Federal Register (64 FR 47418). Bag and possession limits will conform to those set for the regular season.

	Season Dates
ATLANTIC FLYWAY	
Connecticut	
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and geese:	
Statewide	Oct. 2
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Florida	
Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and geese (9)	Jan. 22
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Massachusetts	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
Statewide	Oct. 9
New Hampshire	
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and geese:	
Statewide	Oct. 2
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North Carolina	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Dec. 4
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	Season Dates
Virginia	
Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	Oct. 16

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MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY

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Arkansas	
Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	Dec. 21

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Illinois	
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and geese (10):	
North Zone	Oct. 2
Central Zone	Oct. 16
South Zone	Oct. 30
Indiana	
Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, gallinules, and geese:	
North Zone	Oct. 9
South Zone	Nov. 6
Ohio River Zone	Nov. 20

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Kentucky	
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and geese:	
Statewide	Jan. 29
Louisiana	
Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, gallinules, and geese:	
West Zone	Dec. 4
East Zone	Jan. 29

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Mississippi	
Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, gallinules, and geese:	
Statewide	Dec. 4
Missouri	
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and geese:	
North Zone	Oct. 16
Middle Zone	Oct. 23
South Zone	Nov. 6
Ohio	
Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, gallinules, and geese:	
Statewide	Oct. 9

	Season Dates
Tennessee	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
Statewide	Feb. 5

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CENTRAL FLYWAY

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Kansas (4)	
Ducks, dark geese, mergansers and coots	
High Plains	Sept. 25
Low Plains	
Early Zone	Oct. 2
Late Zone	Oct. 16

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New Mexico	
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and moorhens	
North Zone	Oct. 2
South Zone	Oct. 9

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Oklahoma	
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and dark geese:	
High Plains	Oct. 3
Low Plains:	
Zone 1	Oct. 24
Zone 2	Oct. 31

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Texas	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
High Plains	Oct. 16
Low Plains:	
North	Oct. 23
South	Oct. 23

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

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(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.

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 27, 1999, Federal Register (63 FR 46124).

Note: The following seasons are in addition to the seasons published previously in the August 31, 1999, Federal Register (64 FR 47418).

	Season Dates	Limits Bag	Limits Possession
CENTRAL FLYWAY			
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Oklahoma (1)	Oct. 30-Jan. 30	3	6
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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.

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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	Limits Bag	Limits Possession
ATLANTIC FLYWAY			
North Carolina	Oct. 19-Jan. 31	1 tundra swan per season	
Virginia	Dec. 1-Jan. 31	1 tundra swan per season	
CENTRAL FLYWAY (1)			
Montana	Oct. 2-Jan. 6	1 tundra swan per season	
North Dakota	Oct. 2-Nov. 28	1 tundra swan per season	
South Dakota	Oct. 2-Nov. 30	1 tundra swan per season	
PACIFIC FLYWAY (1)(2)			
Montana	Oct. 16-Dec. 1	1 swan per season	
Nevada (3) (4)	Oct. 23-Jan. 2	1 swan per season	
Utah (3)	Oct. 2-Dec. 5	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 27, 1999, 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 27 and September 27 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, 1999, Federal Register (64 FR 47418)

	Extended Falconry Dates
ATLANTIC FLYWAY	
Delaware	
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Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Jan. 28-Mar. 10
Brant	Oct. 29-Nov. 13 & Jan. 21-Mar. 10
Florida	
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Ducks and coots	Nov. 1-Nov. 13 & Feb. 1-Feb. 28
Georgia	
Sea Ducks	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 & Jan. 19-Feb. 18
Ducks, mergansers, gallinules, and coots	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 & Jan. 19-Feb. 18
Maine	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots (4):	
North Zone	Nov. 29-Feb. 1
South Zone	Dec. 27-Feb. 29
Maryland	
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Ducks	Oct. 1-Oct. 8 & Feb. 4-Mar. 10
Brant	Jan. 21-Mar. 10
Massachusetts	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
Western Zone	Oct. 6-Oct. 11 & Dec. 19-Jan. 20
Central Zone	Oct. 6-Oct. 13 & Nov. 28-Dec. 15 & Jan. 9-Jan. 20
Coastal Zone	Oct. 6-Oct. 13 & Oct. 31-Nov. 17 & Jan. 9-Jan. 20
New Hampshire	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
Inland Zone	Nov. 8-Nov. 23 & Dec. 20-Jan. 18
Coastal Zone	Jan. 25-Mar. 10
New Jersey	
Woodcock:	
North Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 18 & Nov. 12-Jan. 15
South Zone	Oct. 1-Nov. 12 & Nov. 29-Dec. 16 & Dec. 27-Jan. 15
Ducks:	
North Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 8 & Nov. 1-Nov. 15 & Jan. 3-Jan. 31
South Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 15 & Nov. 1-Nov. 8 & Jan. 3-Jan. 31
Coastal Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 29 & Nov. 22 only & Jan. 10-Jan. 31
New York	
Ducks and coots:	
Long Island Zone	Nov. 1-Nov. 18 & Nov. 29-Dec. 1 & Jan. 21-Jan. 31

	Extended Falconry Dates
New York (cont.)	
Northeastern Zone	Oct. 1 only & Nov. 15-Nov. 19 & Dec. 6-Dec. 31
Southeastern Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 8 & Oct. 18-Nov. 5 & Dec. 27-Dec. 31
Western Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 14 & Nov. 29-Dec. 25
Pennsylvania	
Mourning doves	Oct. 7-Oct. 29 & Nov. 29-Dec.11
Ducks:	
North Zone	Nov. 29-Dec. 20 & Jan. 10-Feb. 9
South Zone	Oct. 18-Nov. 8 & Jan. 10-Feb. 9
Northwest Zone	Oct. 25-Nov. 5 & Dec. 31-Feb. 9
Lake Erie Zone	Nov. 1-Nov. 6 & Jan. 3-Feb. 17
Canada Geese:	
Western Zone	Dec. 31-Jan. 13
Pymatuning Zone	Dec. 25-Feb. 17
Brant	Dec. 7-Feb. 10
South Carolina	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Oct. 16-Nov. 15 & Nov. 28-Dec. 3
Virginia	
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Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	Nov. 13-Nov. 16 & Jan. 21-Feb. 29

	Extended Falconry Dates
Virginia (cont.)	
Canada Geese	Nov. 23-Nov. 30 & Feb. 16-Feb. 29
Brant	Nov. 8-Nov. 23 & Jan. 21-Mar. 10
MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY	
Arkansas	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Dec. 24-Dec. 25 & Jan. 24-Feb. 20
Illinois	
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Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
Statewide	Feb. 10-Mar. 10
Indiana	
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Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
North Zone	Sept. 23-Oct. 15 & Dec. 6-Dec. 12
South Zone	Oct. 14-Oct. 22 & Oct. 30-Nov. 19
Ohio River Zone	Oct. 26-Oct. 29 & Nov. 1-Nov. 26
Iowa	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
Statewide	Dec. 15-Jan. 29
Dark Geese:	
North Zone	Dec. 11-Jan. 13
South Zone	Oct. 11-Oct. 15 & Dec. 16-Jan. 15
Kentucky	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
Statewide	Nov. 5-Nov. 24 & Jan. 24-Jan. 31

	Extended Falconry Dates
Kentucky (cont.)	
Canada Geese:	
Western Goose Zone	Nov. 5-Dec. 3
Pennyroyal/Coalfield Zone	Nov. 5-Dec. 27
Rest of State	Nov. 5-Dec. 12
White-fronted geese and brant:	
Statewide	Nov. 5-Nov. 24
Michigan	
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Ducks, mergansers, coots, and moorhens:	
North Zone	Sept. 7-Oct. 1 & Dec. 1-Dec. 12 & Mar. 1-Mar. 10
Middle Zone	Sept. 7-Oct. 1 & Dec. 1-Dec. 12 & Mar. 1-Mar. 10
South Zone	Sept. 7-Oct. 8 & Dec. 8-Dec. 12 & Mar. 1-Mar. 10
Minnesota	
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Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	Dec. 1-Jan. 15
Missouri	
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Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
North Zone	Sept. 11-Sept. 26 & Oct. 13-Oct. 22 & Dec. 22-Jan. 11
Middle Zone	Sept. 11-Sept. 26 & Oct. 13-Oct. 29 & Dec. 29-Jan. 11

	Extended Falconry Dates
Missouri (cont.)	
South Zone	Sept. 11-Sept. 26 & Oct. 13-Nov. 12
Ohio	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
Statewide	Feb. 1-Feb. 29
Tennessee	
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Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
Statewide	Sept. 16-Nov. 4
Wisconsin	
Rails, snipe, moorhens, and gallinules:	
Statewide	Sept. 1-Oct. 1 & Dec. 1-Dec. 16
Woodcock	Sept. 1-Sept. 24 & Nov. 9-Dec. 16
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
Statewide	Sept. 11-Oct. 1 & Dec. 1-Dec. 6 & Feb. 20-Mar. 10
CENTRAL FLYWAY	
Kansas	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
Low Plains:	
Early Zone	Feb. 19-Mar. 5
Late Zone	Feb. 19-Mar. 5
Montana (2)	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
Zone 1	Sept. 22-Sept. 30 & Oct. 1 only
Zone 2	Sept. 22-Sept. 30 & Oct. 1 only

	Extended Falconry Dates
New Mexico (2)	
Moorhens	Dec. 18-Jan. 13
Nebraska	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
High Plains	Oct. 1 only & Dec. 14-Dec. 16 & Jan. 10 only
Low Plains:	
Zones 1 and 2	Oct. 1-Oct. 8 & Dec. 20-Dec. 24 & Dec. 27-Jan. 10
Zones 3 & 4	Oct. 1 only & Dec. 13-Dec. 17 & Dec. 20-Jan. 10
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Oklahoma	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
Low Plains:	
Zone 1	Dec. 6-Dec. 10 & Jan. 17-Jan. 27
Zone 2	Dec. 6-Dec. 10 & Jan. 24-Feb. 3
South Dakota	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
Low Plains:	
North Zone	Sept. 4-Sept. 24 & Sept. 26-Oct. 1 & Dec. 15-Dec. 19
Middle Zone	Sept. 4-Sept. 24 & Sept. 26-Oct. 1 & Dec. 15-Dec. 19
South Zone	Sept. 6-Sept. 24 & Sept. 26-Oct. 8
High Plains	Sept. 4-Sept. 12

	Extended Falconry Dates
Texas	
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Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
Low Plains	Oct. 23 only & Jan. 24-Feb. 8
High Plains	Oct. 16 only
Wyoming	
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Dark geese:	
Area 4	Oct. 18-Nov. 12
PACIFIC FLYWAY	
Arizona	
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Ducks and mergansers:	
North Zone	Oct. 3-Oct. 7
South Zone	Jan. 23-Jan. 27
California	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	
Northeastern Zone	Jan. 17-Jan. 22
Colorado River Zone	Jan. 23-Jan. 27
Southern Zone	Jan. 24-Jan. 30
Balance-of-State Zone	Jan. 24-Jan. 30
Southern San Joaquin Zone	Jan. 24-Jan. 30
Canada Geese:	
Northeastern Zone	Jan. 17-Jan. 22
Southern Zone	Oct. 16-Oct. 22 & Jan. 24-Jan. 30
Balance-of-State Zone (5)	Oct. 16-Nov. 5 & Jan 24-Jan. 30
Southern San Joaquin Zone	Oct. 16-Nov. 5 & Jan. 24-Jan. 30

	Extended Falconry Dates
California (cont.)	
White-fronted Geese:	
Northeastern Zone	Jan. 17-Jan. 22
Southern Zone	Oct. 16-Oct. 22 & Jan. 24-Jan. 30
Balance-of-State Zone	Oct. 16-Nov. 5 & Jan. 24-Jan. 30
Southern San Joaquin Zone	Oct. 16-Nov. 5 & Jan. 24-Jan. 30
Brant	
Northeastern Zone	Oct. 9-Nov. 9 & Dec. 10-Jan 22
Southern Zone	Oct. 16-Nov. 9 & Dec. 10-Jan. 30
Balance-of-State Zone	Oct. 16-Nov. 9 & Dec. 10-Jan. 30
Southern San Joaquin Zone	Oct. 16-Nov. 9 & Dec. 10-Jan. 30
Light Geese:	
Northeastern Zone	Jan. 17-Jan. 23
Southern Zone	Oct. 16-Oct. 22 & Jan. 24-Jan. 30
Balance-of-State Zone	Oct 16-Nov. 5 & Jan. 24-Jan. 30
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Montana (2)	
Geese	Jan. 10-Jan. 15
New Mexico (2)	
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Dark Geese:	
North Zone	Nov. 8-Nov. 14
South Zone	Oct. 9-Oct. 15

	Extended Falconry Dates
New Mexico (cont.) (2)	
Light Geese:	
North Zone	Nov. 8-Nov. 14
South Zone	Oct. 9-Oct. 15
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Utah	
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Light Geese	Jan. 10-Jan. 15
Dark Geese:	
Washington County	Oct. 3-Oct. 8
Rest of State	Jan. 10-Jan. 15
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Wyoming	
Rails	Nov. 5-Dec. 2

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(2) In Montana and New Mexico, the daily bag limit is 2 and the possession limit is 6.

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(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 Humbolt Area, the Sacramento Valley Area, and in the San Joaquin Valley Area.

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