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FEDERAL DUCK HUNTING RULES ARE LIBERALIZED

Migratory waterfowl hunting regulations for the 1949 season, liberalized to the extent of allowing an increase of 10 days in the length of the shooting season in each of the four flyways, were announced today by Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug.

The amended regulations were approved by President Truman after adoption by Secretary Krug in accordance with a law of Congress making effective treaties relating to birds migrating between the United States, Canada, and Mexico. They were recommended by the Fish and Wildlife Service following biological investigations and consultations with State game administrators.

In submitting the recommendations for the 1949 season to Secretary Krug, Albert M. Day, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, said, "The improved conditions of waterfowl, as revealed by the winter inventory and the reasonably favorable situation on the bulk of the nesting grounds, have made it possible this year for us to relax somewhat the regulations which have been quite severe during the past few seasons.

"According to the comments made by the majority of the people who attended the series of public waterfowl meetings recently held throughout the country, the general public as well as conservation officials preferred to have a longer hunting season rather than an increase in the bag limits. The 1949-50 regulations, therefore, reflect this express preference. This action, we feel, will benefit a larger number of sportsmen than any other regulatory liberalization we could make at this time."

Director Day stated that investigations of the Fish and Wildlife Service, which have been continuous throughout the year on the wintering and breeding grounds, indicate that a further increase in the supply of ducks and geese can be expected this year. This will not be as large as was earlier anticipated due to the fact that drought conditions have adversely affected important sections of the breeding grounds in the short grass prairie regions of Saskatchewan and Alberta. "This will affect the size of the fall flight, chiefly that of the Central flyway. Therefore, the bag limit for ducks in that flyway has been reduced from 5 per day and 10 in possession to 4 per day and 8 in possession."

In the Atlantic and Mississippi flyway states the waterfowl season is increased from 30 consecutive days, or two periods of 12 days each, to 40 consecutive days, or two periods of 16 days each. In the Central flyway the season is increased from 35 consecutive days, or two periods of 14 days each, to 45 consecutive days, or two periods of 18 days each. In the Pacific flyway the season has been lengthened from 40 consecutive days, or two periods of 17 days each, to 50 consecutive days, or two periods of 20 days each.

Most states chose a continuous season. Of the 17 states included in the Atlantic flyway, only 5--Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and New York--settled for a split season.

The 14 states of the Mississippi flyway all elected to have a continuous season.

In the Central flyway, 4 states out of 10--Montana, New Mexico, Texas, and Wyoming--selected the split season.

California, Idaho, and Oregon, in the Pacific flyway, decided on the split season while the remaining four states elected a continuous season.

Regulation by flyways, instituted last year, continues in effect this season.

A modification of general significance is a reduction in the length of the season for hunting mourning doves. Investigations have indicated that the population of these birds, particularly in the South and Southeast, has become greatly reduced. The seasons for these birds in this region are either 30 consecutive days or two periods of 15 days each. Seasons of 30 consecutive days also are prescribed for Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, Virginia, Missouri, Kansas, and Nevada. At the request of State authorities, Montana and Nebraska have been added to those States having seasons for these birds.

Salient highlights of the 1949-50 regulations are as follows:

OPEN SEASONS FOR DUCKS, GEESE, AND COOTS, BY FLYWAYS

Atlantic flyway states:

Connecticut, November 4-December 13.
Delaware, November 4-19, and December 23-January 7.
Florida, November 29-January 7.
Georgia, November 29-January 7.
Maine, October 7-22, and November 23-December 8.
Maryland, November 18-December 27.
Massachusetts, October 21-November 5 and December 9-24.
New Hampshire, October 7-22, and November 18-December 3.
New Jersey, November 18-December 27.
New York, October 21-November 5, and November 18-December 3.
North Carolina, November 29-January 7.
Pennsylvania, October 21-November 29.
Rhode Island, November 29-January 7.
South Carolina, November 29-January 7.
Vermont, October 21-November 29.
Virginia, November 29-January 7.
West Virginia, October 21-November 29.
Puerto Rico, December 15-February 12.

Mississippi flyway states:

Alabama, November 29-January 7.
Arkansas, November 18-December 27.
Illinois, November 4-December 13.
Indiana, November 4-December 13.

Iowa, October 21-November 29.
Kentucky, November 29-January 7.
Louisiana, November 18-December 27.
Michigan, October 7-November 15.
Minnesota, October 7-November 15.
Mississippi, November 18-December 27.
Missouri, November 4-December 13.
Ohio, October 21-November 29.
Tennessee, November 18-December 27.
Wisconsin, October 14-November 22.

Central flyway states:

Colorado, October 14-November 27.
Kansas, October 21-December 4.
Montana, October 7-24, and November 18-December 5.
Nebraska, October 21-December 4.
New Mexico, October 14-31, and December 21-January 7.
North Dakota, October 7-November 20.
Oklahoma, October 21-December 4.
South Dakota, October 21-December 4.
Texas, November 4-21, and December 21-January 7.
Wyoming, October 7-24, and November 24-December 11.

Pacific flyway states:

Arizona, November 18-January 6.
California, November 18-January 6 for waterfowl and coot in those portions of San Bernardino, Riverside and Imperial Counties, east of U. S. Highway 95 from the Nevada line south to Blythe and east of the paved and graded road extending from Blythe to Ripley, Pala Verde and Ogilby south to its intersection with U. S. Highway 80, thence east to Yuma. October 21 to November 9 and December 19 to January 7, in rest of the state.
Idaho, October 14-November 2 and December 9-28.
Nevada, October 14-December 2.
Oregon, October 21-November 9, and December 19-January 7.
Utah, October 14-December 2.
Washington, November 4-December 23.
Alaska: in First Judicial Division, October 1 to November 19; in Second and Fourth Judicial Divisions and the entire drainage of Tanana River in the Third Judicial Division, September 1 to October 20; in the rest of the Third Judicial Division, September 15 to November 3.

(Any special exceptions to the above dates, as well as the open seasons and bag limits for rails, gallinules, woodcock, mourning or turtle doves, white-winged doves, and band-tailed pigeons, are shown in tabular form by flyways in the schedules attached at end of this release.)

DAILY SHOOTING HOURS

Ducks, geese, brant, and coot.—The daily shooting hours are the same as last year—from one-half hour before sunrise to one hour before sunset.

Woodcock, mourning or turtle doves, white-winged doves, and band-tailed pigeons.--The same hours are in effect as last year--from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset (with certain exceptions as shown in the schedules).

Rails and gallinules.--The daily shooting hours have been changed this year to conform with those for woodcock and doves--from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. The previous earlier closing hour (one hour before sunset), however, remains in effect in those states wherein the season for hunting these birds is concurrent with, or falls within, any part of the season prescribed for waterfowl. (A closed season on rails and gallinules has been prescribed for Colorado at the request of the State authorities.)

Opening day of season.--On the opening day of the season--including each first day of the split seasons--waterfowl and coot may not be hunted prior to 12 o'clock noon. This same regulation was in effect last year.

Special hours for mourning doves in certain states.--The daily shooting period for mourning doves in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia will be from 12 o'clock noon until sunset.

(For specific exceptions on shooting hours, see footnotes on all the schedules attached at end of release.)

DAILY BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS

Ducks.--Bag and possession limits of 4 a day and 8 in possession in the Atlantic and Mississippi flyway states, and 5 a day and 10 in possession in the Pacific flyway states, will remain the same as last year.

In the Central flyway states, however, it has been necessary to reduce the bag limit from 5 to 4, and the possession limit from 10 to 8, because of adverse conditions on the breeding grounds of Canada which supply many of the birds for this flyway.

Geese.--In view of the increase in Canada geese, the limit for this species has been increased in the Atlantic flyway states from 1 to 2 birds a day or in possession. This now makes a uniform limit of 2 birds for this species in all flyways.

In the Central and Pacific flyway states, hunters are permitted to include one additional snow goose this year in their total.

Distribution and limits of geese will be as follows:

In the Atlantic flyway states the daily bag and possession limit for geese will be 2. Included in this limit can be either 2 Canada geese (or its subspecies) or 2 white-fronted geese. In addition the hunter can have 3 blue geese a day or in possession. No snow geese or brant can be taken in these states.

In the Mississippi flyway states the daily bag and possession limit for geese will be 4 (the same as last year) of which 2 may be Canada geese, or 2 white-fronted geese, or 1 each of these species. (No shooting of Canada geese will be allowed in that part of Alexander County, Illinois, previously established as a closed area.)

In the Central flyway states, 5 geese may be taken, all of which may be snows or 2 may be Canada geese, or 2 white-fronted geese, or 1 each of Canada and white-fronted geese.

In the Pacific flyway states, the daily bag and possession limit for geese has been raised to 6, in any combination not exceeding 2 of Canada geese or its subspecies, white-fronted geese, or brant. The closed season is continued on Ross' geese.

Wood duck.—No open season in Massachusetts and West Virginia (in Atlantic flyway), in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming (in Central flyway), and in Arizona, Nevada, and Utah (in Pacific flyway). In all other states and Alaska, bag or possession limit may include only 1 wood duck. An open season for wood ducks in New Jersey is provided this year at the request of the State authorities.

Coots.—The bag limit for coots has been reduced from 15 to 10 birds a day in the Central and Mississippi flyway states because of a reduction in the supply of birds normally frequenting these flyways. Possession limits are the same as the daily bag limits. In the Pacific and Atlantic flyways, bag and possession limits remain the same as last year—15 birds.

Scoters and eider ducks.—The daily bag limit of 7 scoters or eider ducks singly or in the aggregate, and not exceeding 14 in possession singly or in the aggregate, is continued in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, and Rhode Island where these birds may be hunted during the applicable seasons for other ducks, and otherwise in open coastal waters beyond outer harbor lines. (See Atlantic flyway schedule.)

Rails.—In all flyway, not more than 15 in the aggregate of rails (other than sora) and gallinules.

Sora.—The bag limit for sora has been increased from 20 to 25 birds a day. This was the legal limit for a long period of years and its restoration is not likely to result in any large over-all kill. Sora are hunted chiefly in a few of the eastern seaboard states and it appears that their numbers are adequate.

Woodcock.—In the Atlantic and Mississippi flyway states, and in Oklahoma and certain counties in eastern Texas and elsewhere where permitted to be hunted (see appended schedules), the daily bag limit for woodcock is 4 and the possession limit is 8. This year a season for the hunting of woodcock has been prescribed in North Carolina and certain parts of Texas. Otherwise there is little change in the regulations affecting this species.

Mourning or turtle doves.—In the states of all flyways wherein hunted, the bag and possession limit is 10 birds.

American and red-breasted mergansers.—In all flyways, 25 singly or in the aggregate of both kinds; no possession limit after the opening day of the season.

Band-tailed pigeon.—Daily bag and possession limit is 10 in Arizona, California, New Mexico, Oregon, and Washington. (In California the band-tailed pigeon season will be split this year from September 16 to 30 and from December 17 to 31.)

CLOSED SEASONS

Closed seasons on certain species will be in effect as follows:

On wood ducks in Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, West Virginia, and Wyoming;

On snow geese in Beaverhead, Gallatin, and Madison counties in Montana, in Colorado, Idaho, and Wyoming, and on snow geese and brant in states of the Atlantic flyway;

On geese of any species in Canyon County, Idaho, except a strip 1 mile wide on each side of the Boise River and a strip 1 mile wide on the northeast side of the Snake River;

On Ross' geese and swans throughout the country;

On mourning doves in Alaska, Connecticut, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming;

On woodcock in Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, and West Virginia.

Although the Mississippi flyway states will be open to the hunting of Canada geese, no shooting of this species will be permitted in that part of Alexander County, Illinois, which was established as a closed area by Presidential proclamation October 1, 1947. This includes the Horseshoe Lake area in southern Illinois.

MEANS FOR TAKING BIRDS

The regulation which prohibits the use of automatic-loading or repeating shotguns capable of holding more than three shells still continues in effect. An amendment which went into effect last year provides that the plug in such a shotgun must be incapable of being removed without disassembling the gun.

The regulations do not authorize the taking of waterfowl lured or enticed by means of grain or other feed or with the aid of live duck or goose decoys.

TRANSPORTATION AND POST-SEASON POSSESSION LIMIT OF GAME

To permit sportsmen to transport to their homes ducks and geese killed on the last day of the season at some distant point, shipments from Canada and Mexico can be made as late as 5 days following the close of the season in the province or state where taken. In the United States hunters can make interstate shipments up to 48 hours following the close of the shooting season in the state where taken.

The regulations this year permit the transportation out of and possession in another state during the period of the open season where killed, and for 90 days thereafter, of wild ducks and geese taken in a flyway having a larger possession limit than in other flyways.

In connection with such transportation or importation, dressed birds, as a means of identification, are now required to have the head, head plumage, and feet attached.

Any package in which such birds (or parts thereof) are transported must have the name and address of the shipper and of the consignee, together with an accurate statement of the numbers and kinds of birds contained in the package, clearly and conspicuously marked on the outside.

The post-season period for possession of migratory game birds remains the same as in previous years—90 days.

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(a) ATLANTIC FLYWAY STATES

	<u>MIGRATORY WATERFOWL AND COOT</u>		<u>RAILS AND GALLINULES</u>		<u>WOODCOCK</u>	<u>MOORING OR TURTLE DOVE</u>	
	<u>DUCKS</u>	<u>GESE (EXCEPT SNOW GESE)</u>	<u>COOT</u>	<u>SORA</u>		<u>OTHERS</u>	
DAILY BAG LIMITS	4 (1)	2 (2)	15	25	4		10
POSSESSION LIMITS	8 (1)	2 (2)	15	25	8		10
SEASONS IN: (4)							
Connecticut (5)		Nov. 4-Dec. 13		Sept. 1-Oct. 15	Oct. 20-Nov. 18		
Delaware	Nov. 4-Nov. 19 and Dec. 23-Jan. 7			Sept. 1-Oct. 30	Nov. 15-Dec. 14		Nov. 1-Nov. 30
Florida	Nov. 29-Jan. 7			Oct. 1-Nov. 30 (5)(10)			Dec. 17-Jan. 15 (6)(7)
Georgia	Nov. 29-Jan. 7			Oct. 1-Nov. 30 (10)	Dec. 23-Jan. 21		Sept. 16-Sept. 30 and Jan. 1-Jan. 15 (7)
Maine (8)	Oct. 7-Oct. 22 and Nov. 23-Dec. 8			Oct. 7-Oct. 22 and Nov. 23-Dec. 8 (10)	Oct. 1-Oct. 30		
Maryland	Nov. 18-Dec. 27			Sept. 1-Oct. 30	Nov. 15-Dec. 14		Sept. 1-Sept. 30 (7)
Massachusetts (8)	Oct. 21-Nov. 5 and Dec. 9-Dec. 24			Sept. 1-Oct. 30 (10)	Oct. 20-Nov. 18		
New Hampshire (8)	Oct. 7-Oct. 22 and Nov. 18-Dec. 3			Sept. 1-Oct. 30 (10)	Oct. 1-Oct. 30		
New Jersey	Nov. 18-Dec. 27			Sept. 1-Oct. 30	Oct. 20-Nov. 18		
New York (8)	Oct. 21-Nov. 5 and Nov. 18-Dec. 3			Oct. 21-Nov. 5 and Nov. 18-Dec. 3 (10)	See note 9		

(a) ATLANTIC FLYWAY STATES (Continued)

	<u>MIGRATORY WATERFOWL AND COOT</u>	<u>RAILS AND GALLINULES</u>	<u>WOODCOCK</u>	<u>MOURNING OR TURTLE DOVE</u>	
	<u>DUCKS</u> :	<u>GEESSE (EXCEPT SNOW GEESE)</u> :	<u>COOT</u> :	<u>SORA</u> :	<u>OTHERS</u>
North Carolina	Nov. 29-Jan. 7	Oct. 1-Nov. 30 (10)	Dec. 12-Jan. 11	Sept. 16-Sept. 30 and Dec. 31-Jan. 14 (7)	
Pennsylvania	Oct. 21-Nov. 29	Sept. 1-Oct. 30 (10)	Oct. 10-Nov. 8	Oct. 10-Nov. 8	
Rhode Island (8)	Nov. 29-Jan. 7	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	Nov. 1-Nov. 30	-----	
South Carolina	Nov. 29-Jan. 7	Oct. 1-Nov. 30 (10)	-----	Sept. 16-Sept. 30 and Dec. 23-Jan. 6 (7)	
Vermont	Oct. 21-Nov. 29	Sept. 1-Oct. 30 (10)	Oct. 1-Oct. 30	-----	
Virginia	Nov. 29-Jan. 7	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	Nov. 19-Dec. 18	Sept. 16-Oct. 15 (7)	
West Virginia	Oct. 21-Nov. 29	Sept. 1-Oct. 30 (10)	-----	-----	
Puerto Rico	Dec. 15-Feb. 12	Dec. 15-Feb. 12	-----	-----	

- (1) No open season on wood duck in Massachusetts and West Virginia. In other States, bag or possession limit may include 1 wood duck only. Daily bag for American and red-breasted mergansers 25 singly or in the aggregate of both kinds; no possession limit after the opening day of the season.
- (2) Canada geese or its subspecies, or 2 white-fronted geese, and in addition 3 blue geese a day or in possession.
- (3) Not more than 15 in the aggregate of rails (other than sora) and gallinules.
- (4) No open season in District of Columbia but migratory game birds may be possessed therein in accordance with § 6.6 (c).
- (5) Florida: rails (including sora) and gallinules, daily bag and possession limit 15, singly or in aggregate of all kinds.
- (6) Florida: mourning doves in Dade, Monroe, and Broward Counties, Oct. 1 to Oct. 30.
- (7) Shooting hours for mourning doves in States indicated—12 o'clock noon until sunset.

(a) ATLANTIC FLYWAY STATES (Continued)

- (8) Scoters and elder ducks may be taken in all areas in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, and Rhode Island during the applicable seasons for other ducks. Such birds otherwise may be taken in open coastal waters only, beyond outer harbor lines, in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New York, and Rhode Island from Sept. 17 to Dec. 17. In these States only, the daily bag limit is 7 scoters or elder ducks singly or in the aggregate, and not exceeding 14 in possession singly or in the aggregate.
- (9) New York: north and east of the tracks of the branch line of the New York Central R. R. from Oswego to Syracuse, the main line of the New York Central R. R. from Syracuse to Albany, and the main line of the Boston & Albany R. R. from Albany to the Massachusetts State line, Oct. 10 to Nov. 1; west and south of the line above described (except Long Island), Oct. 21 to Nov. 12; that part of New York known as Long Island, Oct. 24 to Nov. 15; from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on the opening day in each of these zones; and thereafter in all of the aforesaid zones from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m.
- (10) When rails and gallinules are permitted to be taken during the waterfowl season, they may not be hunted after one hour before sunset.

(b) MISSISSIPPI FLIVAY STATES

	<u>MIGRATORY WATERFOWL AND COOT</u>		<u>RAILS AND GALLINULES</u>		<u>WOODCOCK</u>	<u>MOUERNING OR TURTLE DOVE</u>
	<u>DUCKS</u> :	<u>GESE</u> :	<u>COOT</u>	<u>SORA</u> :	<u>ONERS</u>	
DAILY BAG LIMITS	4 (1)	4 (2)	10	25	15 (3)	10
POSSESSION LIMITS	8 (1)	4 (2)	10	25	15 (3)	10
SEASONS IN:						
Alabama	Nov. 29-Jan. 7			Nov. 29-Jan. 7	Dec. 1-Dec. 30	Dec. 17-Jan. 15 (4)
Arkansas	Nov. 18-Dec. 27			Sept. 1-Oct. 30	Dec. 1-Dec. 30	Sept. 16-Oct. 15 (4)
Illinois	Nov. 4-Dec. 13 (5)			Sept. 1-Oct. 30	-----	Sept. 1-Sept. 30
Indiana	Nov. 4-Dec. 13			Sept. 1-Oct. 30	Oct. 15-Nov. 13	-----
Iowa	Oct. 21-Nov. 29			-----	-----	-----
Kentucky	Nov. 29-Jan. 7			Sept. 1-Oct. 30	-----	Sept. 1-Sept. 30 (4)
Louisiana	Nov. 18-Dec. 27			Sept. 1-Oct. 30	Dec. 23-Jan. 21	Dec. 1-Dec. 30 (4)
Michigan	Oct. 7-Nov. 15			Oct. 7-Nov. 15 (6)	See note 7	-----
Minnesota	Oct. 7-Nov. 15			Sept. 16-Nov. 14 (6)	Oct. 1-Oct. 30	-----
Mississippi	Nov. 18-Dec. 27			Oct. 15-Dec. 13 (6)	Dec. 1-Dec. 30	Sept. 16-Sept. 30 and Jan. 1-Jan. 15 (4)
Missouri	Nov. 4-Dec. 13			Sept. 1-Oct. 30	Nov. 10-Dec. 9	Sept. 1-Sept. 30

(b) MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY STATES (Continued)

	<u>MIGRATORY WATERFOWL AND COOT</u>	<u>RAILS AND GALLINULES</u>	<u>WOODCOCK</u>	<u>MOURNING OR TURTLE DOVE</u>
	<u>DUCKS</u> : <u>GEESE</u> : <u>COOT</u>	<u>SORA</u> : <u>OTHERS</u>		
Ohio	Oct. 21-Nov. 29	Sept. 1-Oct. 30 (5)	Oct. 8-Nov. 6	-----
Tennessee	Nov. 18-Dec. 27	-----	-----	Sept. 16-Oct. 15 (4)
Wisconsin	Oct. 14-Nov. 22	Oct. 14-Nov. 22 (5)	Oct. 1-Oct. 30	-----

- (1) Bag or possession limit may include 1 wood duck only. Daily bag for American and red-breasted mergansers 25 singly or in the aggregate of both kinds; no possession limit after the opening day of the season.
- (2) Including in such limit not more than 2 Canada geese or its subspecies or not more than 2 white-fronted geese, or not more than 1 of each of these species.
- (3) Not more than 15 in the aggregate of rails (other than sora) and gallinules.
- (4) Shooting hours for mourning doves in States indicated--12 o'clock noon until sunset.
- (5) No open season for geese in that part of Alexander County, Illinois, established as closed area by Proclamation 2748 of Oct. 1, 1947 (12 F.R. 6521).
- (6) When rails and gallinules are permitted to be taken during the waterfowl season, they may not be hunted after one hour before sunset.
- (7) Woodcock: Michigan, Upper Peninsula, Oct. 1 to Oct. 20; Lower Peninsula, Oct. 15 to Nov. 5.

(c) CENTRAL FLYWAY STATES

MOURNING OR
TURTLE DOVE

RAILS AND GALLINULES

MIGRATORY WATERFOWL AND COOT

DUCKS : GREENE : COOT : SORA : OTHERS

DAILY BAG LIMITS	4 (1)	5 (2)	10	25	15 (3)	10
POSSESSION LIMITS	8 (1)	5 (2)	10	25	15 (3)	10

SEASONS IN:

Colorado	Oct. 14-Nov. 27 (4)	-----	Sept. 1-Oct. 12
Kansas	Oct. 21-Dec. 4	Sept. 1-Oct. 30 (5)	Sept. 1-Sept. 30
Montana	Oct. 7-Oct. 24 and Nov. 13-Dec. 5 (4)	-----	Sept. 1-Sept. 15
Nebraska	Oct. 21-Dec. 4	Sept. 1-Oct. 30 (5)	Sept. 10-Oct. 1
New Mexico (6)(7)	Oct. 14-Oct. 31 and Dec. 21-Jan. 7	Sept. 1-Oct. 30 (5)	Sept. 1-Oct. 12 (7)
North Dakota	Oct. 7-Nov. 20	Sept. 1-Oct. 30 (5)	-----
Oklahoma (8)	Oct. 21-Dec. 4	Sept. 1-Oct. 30 (5)	Sept. 1-Sept. 30
South Dakota	Oct. 21-Dec. 4	Sept. 1-Oct. 30 (5)	-----
Texas (8)(10)	Nov. 4-Nov. 21 and Dec. 21-Jan. 7	Sept. 1-Oct. 30	See note 9
Wyoming	Oct. 7-Oct. 24 and Nov. 24-Dec. 11 (4)	Sept. 1-Oct. 30 (5)	-----

(1) No open season on wood duck in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming. In other States, bag or possession limit may include 1 wood duck only. Daily bag for American and red-breasted mergansers 25 singly or in the aggregate of both kinds; no possession limit after opening day of the season.

(c) CENTRAL FLYWAY STATES (Continued)

- (2) Including in such limit not more than 2 Canada geese or its subspecies, or not more than 2 white-fronted geese, or not more than 1 of each of these species.
- (3) Not more than 15 in the aggregate of rails (other than sora) and gallinules.
- (4) No open season on snow geese in Beaverhead, Gallatin, and Madison Counties in Montana, or in the States of Colorado and Wyoming.
- (5) When rails and gallinules are permitted to be taken during the waterfowl season, they may not be hunted after one hour before sunset.
- (6) New Mexico: band-tailed pigeons; south of highway 60, Sept. 16 to Oct. 15; daily limit 10, possession limit 10; no open season in rest of State.
- (7) New Mexico: shooting hours for mourning doves and band-tailed pigeons on first day of the season, 12 o'clock noon until sunset; thereafter from sunrise to sunset.
- (8) Woodcock: Oklahoma, Dec. 1 to Dec. 30; Texas, in the counties of Shelby, Macogdoches, Angelino, Trinity, San Jacinto, Liberty, Chambers, and all counties south and east thereof, Dec. 23 to Jan. 21; no open season in rest of Texas. Daily limit 4, possession limit 8.
- (9) Texas: mourning doves in Val Verde, Kinney, Uvalde, Medina, Bexar, Comal, Hays, Travis, Williamson, Milam, Robertson, Leon, Houston, Cherokee, Macogdoches, and Shelby Counties and all counties north and west thereof, Sept. 1 to Oct. 15; in rest of State (but not including Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, Zapata, Webb, Maverick, Dimmit, La Salle, Jim Hogg, Brooks, Kennedy, and Willacy Counties), Oct. 1 to Nov. 14; in these latter counties, Sept. 15, 17, and 19 from 4 p.m. until sunset, and Oct. 1 to Nov. 11 from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.
- (10) Texas: white-winged doves in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, Zapata, Webb, Maverick, Kinney, Dimmit, La Salle, Jim Hogg, Brooks, Kennedy, Willacy, Val Verde, Terrell, Brewster, Presidio, Jeff Davis, Culberson, Hudspeth, and El Paso Counties, Sept. 15, 17, and 19 from 4 p.m. until sunset; daily bag and possession limit for white-winged or mourning doves is not more than 10 singly or in the aggregate of both kinds; no open season in rest of State.

(c) PACIFIC FLYWAY STATES

	<u>MIGRATORY WATERFOWL AND COOT</u>		<u>RAILS AND GALLINULES</u>		<u>MOURNING OR TURTLE DOVE</u>	<u>RAND-TAILED PIGEON</u>
	<u>DUCKS :</u>	<u>GOOSE AND BRANT (EXCEPT ROSS'S GOOSE)</u>	<u>COOT</u>	<u>SORA</u> ; <u>OTHERS</u>		
DAILY BAG LIMITS	5 (1)	6 (2)	15	25	15 (3)	10 (4)
POSSESSION LIMITS	10 (1)	6 (2)	15	25	15 (3)	10 (4)
SEASONS IN:						
Arizona (4)	Nov. 18-Jan. 6			Sept. 1-Oct. 30	Sept. 1-Oct. 15	Sept. 16-Oct. 15
California	See note 5			-----	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	See note 6
Idaho	Oct. 14-Nov. 2 and Dec. 9-Dec. 28 (7)			-----	See note 8	-----
Nevada	Oct. 14-Dec. 2			-----	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	-----
Oregon	Oct. 21-Nov. 9 and Dec. 19-Jan. 7			-----	Sept. 1-Sept. 15	Sept. 1-Sept. 30
Utah	Oct. 14-Dec. 2			Sept. 1-Oct. 30 (9)	-----	-----
Washington	Nov. 4-Dec. 23			-----	-----	Sept. 1-Sept. 30
Alaska	See note 10			-----	-----	-----

(1) No open season on wood ducks in Arizona, Nevada, and Utah. In other Pacific Flyway States and Alaska, bag or possession limit may include 1 wood duck only. Daily bag for American and red-breasted mergansers 25 singly or in the aggregate of both kinds; no possession limit after opening day of the season.

(2) In any combination not exceeding 2 of Canada geese or its subspecies, white-fronted geese, or brant.

(3) Not more than 15 in the aggregate of rails (other than sora) and gallinules.

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- (4) Arizona: white-winged dove, Sept. 1 to Sept. 15. The daily bag and possession limit for white-winged or mourning doves is not more than 10 singly or in the aggregate of both kinds.
- (5) Waterfowl and coot in those portions of San Bernardino, Riverside and Imperial Counties, California, east of U. S. Highway 95 from the Nevada line south to Blythe and east of the paved and graded road extending from Blythe to Ripley, Pala Verde and Ogilby south to its intersection with U. S. Highway 80, thence east to Yuma, Nov. 13 to Jan. 6; in rest of the State, Oct. 21 to Nov. 9 and Dec. 19 to Jan. 7.
- (6) California: band-tailed pigeons, Sept. 16 to Sept. 30 and Dec. 17 to Dec. 31.
- (7) Idaho: no open season on snow geese and no open season on geese of any other species in Canyon County except a strip 1 mile wide on each side of the Boise River and a strip 1 mile wide on the northeast side of the Snake River.
- (8) Idaho: mourning doves in Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Shoshone, Benewah, Power, Bannock, Franklin, Bear Lake, Caribou, Bingham, Bonneville, Clark, Jefferson, Fremont, Madison, Oneida, and Teton Counties, no open season; in rest of State, Sept. 1 to Sept. 10.
- (9) When rails and Gallinules are permitted to be taken during the waterfowl season, they may not be hunted after one hour before sunset.
- (10) Alaska: in First Judicial Division, Oct. 1 to Nov. 19; in Second and Fourth Judicial Divisions and the entire drainage of Tanana River in the Third Judicial Division, Sept. 1 to Oct. 20; in the rest of the Third Judicial Division, Sept. 15 to Nov. 3.