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DOVE, RAIL, AND GALLINULE SEASONS FOR PUERTO RICO AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

The Department of the Interior has announced hunting seasons for all local species of doves and for rails and gallinules for Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Between the dates of September 1 and February 12, seasons will be selected as follows:

Doves: 60 consecutive full days; daily bag and possession limits of 10.

Rails and Gallinules: 60 consecutive full days; daily bag 15, and possession limit 30, singly or in the aggregate of all species.

Hunting hours will be sunrise to sunset.

There are no open seasons on pigeons and Wilson's snipe. The white-crowned pigeon population is low and the local government in the Virgin Islands is promoting conservation measures for this species.

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