

these specific areas because other diving ducks that are being adequately harvested and might be mistaken for scaup are not numerous in these areas during the hunting period.

The 1963-64 regulations permit a daily bag limit of five and a possession limit of 10 American and redbreasted mergansers, singly or in the aggregate of both kinds, in addition to the basic limits on ducks collectively.

Because of special limits or restrictions on certain ducks, identification remains an important responsibility of waterfowl hunting. To assist hunters, the Interior Department has produced a 24-page, full color waterfowl identification guide, "Ducks at a Distance." Copies are available from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402, at 25 cents a copy.

States in the Atlantic Flyway will be allowed optional seasons on ducks and coots of 40 consecutive days with four ducks per day and eight in possession or 50 consecutive days with basic limits of three and six. Last year's limits were two and four or three and six in the daily bag and in possession, respectively, according to the option selected. A split season may be selected with the usual 10 percent penalty. The daily bag may include only two black ducks or two mallards, or one of each.

The Atlantic Flyway will be allowed a 70-day goose season that can be split without penalty, with a limit of two geese per day and four in possession. The brant season is the same as that for geese with bag and possession limits of six and six.

Mississippi Flyway States will be allowed a 35 day season on ducks and coots with the 10 percent penalty for a split season. The basic daily bag on ducks collectively will be four with eight in possession, double that of last year. The daily bag can include no more than two mallards or two black ducks or one of each. The goose season in the Mississippi Flyway will be 70 consecutive days with a basic bag and possession limit of five.

In the Central Flyway, States will be allowed a 35 day duck and coot season which can be split with the usual 10 percent penalty. Basic daily bag and possession limits on ducks will also be doubled to four and eight, with daily bag and possession limits for mallards of two and four.

For geese in the Central Flyway, a season of 75 consecutive days is set with no penalty for splitting the season. Basic daily bag and possession limits for geese will be five. The Central Flyway will again have a season on lesser sandhill (little brown) cranes in certain counties of New Mexico and Texas. The crane season will be 30 consecutive days with a daily bag and possession limit of two.

States in the Pacific Flyway can exercise several options for their duck and coot seasons. With a season length of 75 consecutive days, the basic daily bag and possession limits on ducks can be either five and 10 or six and six. With the optional season length of 90 consecutive days, the basic daily bag and possession limits will be four and eight or five and five. Although the optional

bag limits remain the same as last year, the length of season has been extended by 15 days under each option. A split season may be selected with a 10 percent penalty on season length. There will be a bonus of two mallards in the bag and four in possession in the special Columbia Basin area of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

The goose season in the Pacific Flyway will be 90 days with bag and possession limits of six and six. Because brant nesting success in Alaska was reduced by a serious storm in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta area, the 75 day season with daily bag and possession limits of three brant will terminate 15 days earlier than last year.

Shooting hours on ducks and coots in the Atlantic, Mississippi, and Central Flyways will be from sunrise to sunset. In the Pacific Flyway, shooting hours will be from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

On the opening day of the season for ducks and coots in all flyways, including both opening days of a split season, shooting will begin at 12 noon (standard time). Whenever the opening day of any season on geese, brant, or Wilson's snipe is concurrent in a State with the opening day of the season on ducks and coots in that State, shooting hours on all species will start at 12 noon.

Waterfowl hunters in the plains States are again cautioned to provide safe passage for the rare whooping cranes which migrate during the waterfowl season to their wintering grounds on the Gulf Coast of Texas. These large birds are white with black wingtips. Their wingspread is from five to seven feet and they are about five feet from head to foot.

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ATLANTIC FLYWAY

Between the outside dates of Saturday, October 5, 1963, and Sunday, January 5, 1964, all States in this flyway--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--may select concurrent open seasons on ducks (except canvasback and redhead) and coots of 50 consecutive days or a split season totaling 45 days with basic limits on ducks collectively of 3 daily and 6 in possession; OR 40 consecutive days or a split season totaling 36 days with basic limits on ducks collectively of 4 daily and 8 in possession. The daily bag limit is 8 coots and the possession limit is 16 coots under either option.

The daily bag limit may not include more of the following species than: (a) 1 hooded merganser; (b) 2 wood ducks; (c) 2 mallard or black ducks, singly or in the aggregate of both kinds. The possession limit may not include more of the following species than: (a) 2 hooded mergansers; (b) 2 wood ducks; (c) 4 mallard or black ducks, singly or in the aggregate of both kinds.

In all States in the Flyway, a daily bag limit of 5 and a possession limit of 10 American and red-breasted mergansers, singly or in the aggregate of both kinds, is permitted in addition to the basic limits on ducks collectively.

In the entire States of Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine, and in six specified areas of Florida, a daily bag limit of 2 and a possession limit of 4 scaup ducks is permitted in addition to the basic limits on ducks collectively.

Between the outside dates of Tuesday, October 1, 1963, and Wednesday, January 15, 1964, all States in this flyway may select concurrent open seasons on geese (except snow geese) and brant of 70 consecutive days or a split season totaling 70 days with a daily bag limit of 2 and a possession limit of 4 geese, and a daily bag and possession limit of 6 brant.

The shooting of crippled waterfowl from a motorboat under power will be permitted on an experimental basis on those coastal waters and all waters of rivers and streams lying seaward from the first upstream bridge in the States of Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Connecticut; and in those coastal waters of New York State lying in Long Island and Block Island Sounds and the waters of Gardiner's Bay lying east of a line from the Long Beach Bay lighthouse to the most easterly point of Ram Head on Shelter Island to the Cedar Point light; but not including any coastal waters of New York lying south of Long Island.

MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY

Between the outside dates of Saturday, October 5, 1963, and Sunday, January 5, 1964, all States in this flyway--Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee, and Wisconsin--may select concurrent open seasons on ducks (except canvasback and redhead) and coots of 35 consecutive days or a split season totaling 32 days with basic limits on ducks collectively of 4 daily and 8 in possession, and on coots of 8 daily and 16 in possession.

The daily bag limit may not include more of the following species than: (a) 1 hooded merganser; (b) 2 wood ducks; (c) 2 mallard or black ducks, singly or in the aggregate of both kinds. The possession limit may not include more of the following species than: (a) 2 hooded mergansers; (b) 2 wood ducks; (c) 4 mallard or black ducks, singly or in the aggregate of both kinds.

In all States in the Flyway, a daily bag limit of 5 and a possession limit of 10 American and red-breasted mergansers, singly or in the aggregate of both kinds, is permitted in addition to the basic limits on ducks collectively.

In that portion of the State of Louisiana lying south of U. S. Highway 190, a daily bag limit of 2 and a possession limit of 4 scaup ducks is permitted in addition to the basic limits on ducks collectively.

Between the outside dates of Tuesday, October 1, 1963, and Wednesday, January 15, 1964, all States in this flyway may select an open season on geese of 70 consecutive days or a split season totaling 70 days with a daily bag and possession limit of 5 geese.

The daily bag and possession limits may not include, in the alternative, more of the following species than: (a) 2 Canada geese or subspecies; (b) 2 white-fronted geese; or (c) 1 Canada goose or subspecies and 1 white-fronted goose.

In the Illinois Counties of Alexander, Jackson, Union, and Williamson only, the combined kill of Canada geese will be limited to a total of 20,000 birds.

In those portions of the Wisconsin Counties of Dodge and Fond du Lac bounded by roads beginning at the junction of State Highways 28 and 33 in Horicon, Wisconsin; thence northeast following State Highways 28 to the junction with County Road "V"; thence north on County Road "V" to the junction with State Highway 49; thence west on State Highway 49 to the junction with County Road "YY"; thence north on County Road "YY" to the junction with County Road "B"; thence northeast on County Road "B" to the junction with County Road "D"; thence northerly on County Road

"D" to the junction with U. S. Highway 151; thence west on U. S. Highway 151 to the junction with State Highway 103; thence west on State Highway 103 to the junction with County Road "M"; thence south on County Road "M" to the junction with County Road "X"; thence west on County Road "X" to the junction with State Highway 49; thence south on State Highway 49 to the junction with County Road "AW"; thence west on County Road "AW" to the junction with County Road "W"; thence south on County Road "W" to the junction with County Road "A"; thence southeasterly on County Road "A" to the junction with State Highway 33; thence east on State Highway 33 to the point of beginning, the combined kill of Canada geese will be limited to a total of 12,000 birds. Wisconsin is permitted to select a separate open season for geese for the area governed by quota control of 70 consecutive days or a split season totaling 70 days within the outside dates of Friday, September 20, 1963, and Wednesday, January 15, 1964.

In those portions of the Missouri Counties of Livingston, Carroll, Lafayette, Saline, Howard, Chariton, and Linn bounded by roads starting at the Junction of U. S. Highways 36 and 65 at Chillicothe in Livingston County; thence south along U. S. Highway 65 to Waverly in Lafayette County; thence east along U. S. Highway 65 to the junction with State Highway 41 at Marshall in Saline County; thence east along State Highway 41 to the junction with State Highway 240; thence north and east along State Highway 240 to the Junction with State Highway 5 at Glasgow in Howard County; thence north along State Highway 5 to the junction with U. S. Highway 36 north of Marceline in Linn County; thence west along U. S. Highway 36 to the point of beginning, the combined kill of Canada geese will be limited to a total of 25,000 birds. Missouri is permitted to select a separate open season for geese for the area governed by quota control of 70 consecutive days or a split season totaling 70 days.

When it has been determined by the Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, that the quota of Canada geese allotted for any area has been killed in that area, the season for taking geese therein will be closed by the Director upon having given public notice thereof through local information media no less than 48 hours in advance of the time and day of closing of the open season.

No open season on Canada geese is prescribed in the States of Arkansas and Louisiana.

CENTRAL FLYWAY

Between the outside dates of Saturday, October 5, 1963, and Sunday, January 5, 1964, all States in this flyway--Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming--may select concurrent open seasons on ducks (except canvasback and redhead) and coots of 35 consecutive days or a split season totaling 32 days with basic limits on ducks collectively of 4 daily and 8 in possession, and on coots of 8 daily and 16 in possession.

The daily bag limit may not include more of the following species than: (a) 1 hooded merganser; (b) 2 wood ducks; (c) 2 mallards. The possession limit may not include more of the following species than: (a) 2 hooded mergansers; (b) 2 wood ducks; (c) 4 mallards.

In all States in the Flyway, a daily bag limit of 5 and a possession limit of 10 American and red-breasted mergansers, singly or in the aggregate of both kinds, is permitted in addition to the basic limits on ducks collectively.

In the Colorado Counties of Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, and Rio Grande, and that portion of Sagauche County lying east of the Continental Divide, a special experimental open season on ducks (except canvasback and redhead) is prescribed from October 1 through October 18 with a daily bag limit of 5 ducks and a possession limit of 10 ducks and daily shooting hours from sunrise until sunset including opening day.

Between the outside dates of Tuesday, October 1, 1963, and Wednesday, January 15, 1964, all States in this flyway may select an open season on geese of 75 consecutive days or a split season totaling 75 days with a daily bag and possession limit of 5 geese.

The daily bag and possession limit may not include more of the following species than: (a) 1 Ross's goose; (b) in the alternative, 2 Canada geese or subspecies; 1 Canada goose or subspecies and 1 white-fronted goose; or 1 white-fronted goose.

No open season on snow, blue, or Ross's geese is prescribed in the Montana Counties of Beaverhead, Gallatin, and Madison.

The States of Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, and Wyoming will again be allowed to select open seasons on waterfowl and coots in accordance with the frameworks prescribed for the Pacific Flyway for those portions of these States lying west of the Continental Divide.

An open season of 30 consecutive days on little brown cranes with a daily bag and possession limit of 2 cranes is prescribed between Saturday, November 2, 1963, and Sunday, December 1, 1963, in the New Mexico Counties of Chaves, Curry, De Baca, Eddy, Lea, Quay, and Roosevelt, and in that portion of Texas lying west of a line from the International Toll Bridge at Del Rio, Val Verde County; thence northward following U. S. Highway 277 to its junction with U. S. Highway 87 at San Angelo, Tom Green County; thence northwesterly following Highway 87 to the junction with Highway 287 at Dumas, Moore County; thence northwesterly following Highway 287 to the point of intersection with Texas-Oklahoma State line in Dallam County.

PACIFIC FLYWAY

Between the outside dates of Saturday, October 5, 1963, and Sunday, January 5, 1964, all States in this flyway-Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington--may select concurrent open seasons on ducks (except canvasback and redhead), coots, and gallinules of

(a) 90 consecutive days or a split season totaling 81 days with basic limits on ducks collectively of 4 daily and 8 in possession or a daily bag and possession limit of 5 ducks; OR (b) 75 consecutive days or a split season totaling 68 days with basic limits on ducks of 5 daily and 10 in possession or a daily bag and possession limit of 6. The daily bag and possession limit is 25 coots and gallinules, singly or in the aggregate of both kinds, under either option.

The daily bag limit may not include more of the following species than: (a) 1 hooded merganser; (b) 2 wood ducks.

In all States in the Flyway, a daily bag limit of 5 and a possession limit of 10 American and red-breasted mergansers, singly or in the aggregate of both kinds, is permitted in addition to the basic limits on ducks collectively.

In all of the State of Washington lying east of the summit of the Cascade Mountains; in the Idaho Counties of Ada, Benewah, Blaine, Bonner, Boundary, Camas, Canyon, Cassia, Elmore, Gem, Gooding, Jerome, Kootenai, Latah, Lewis, Lincoln, Minidoka, Nez Perce, Owyhee, Payette, Twin Falls, and Washington; and in the Oregon Counties of Baker, Gilliam, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, and Wasco, a daily bag limit of 2 and a possession limit of 4 mallard ducks is permitted in addition to the basic limits on ducks collectively.

Between the outside dates of Saturday, October 5, 1963, and Sunday, January 5, 1964, all States in this Flyway may select an open season on geese of 90 consecutive days or a split season totaling 90 days with a basic daily bag and possession limit on geese collectively of 6.

In the States of Washington and Idaho, the daily bag limit is 3 geese and the possession limit is 6 geese. In all States in the Flyway, the daily bag limit may not include more than 3 geese of the dark species: Provided, That in the entire States of Arizona and Utah, in Clark County, Nevada, in the Idaho Counties of Bear Lake, Bonneville, and Caribou, and in those portions of the States of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico lying west of the Continental Divide, the daily bag and possession limit may not include more than 2 Canada geese or subspecies thereof. In California Fish and Game District No 22, the daily bag and possession limits may not include more than 1 Canada goose or subspecies thereof. No open season on snow, blue, or Ross's geese is prescribed in the Idaho Counties of Clark, Madison, Fremont, and Teton.

Between the outside dates of Tuesday, October 1, 1963, and Friday, January 31, 1964, all States in this flyway may select open seasons on brant of 75 consecutive days with a daily bag and possession limit of 3 brant.

An open season for the taking of a limited number of whistling swans under special permit in the State of Utah is prescribed subject to the following conditions: (a) Not more than 1,000 permits will be issued authorizing the permittee to take 1 whistling swan; (b) the open season will run concurrently with the open season for ducks selected by Utah; (c) Permit forms will be furnished by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife to the Utah Department of Fish and Game which will issue such permits to applicants without charge on an equitable basis.

Those portions of the States of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico lying west of the Continental Divide will be allowed to select open seasons for the hunting of waterfowl, coots, and gallinules in accordance with frameworks prescribed for the Pacific Flyway.

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