

Because of a lack of hunter interest, no season on rails is prescribed in the Pacific Flyway. When the seasons on waterfowl and coots are developed in the early fall, the taking of gallinules with coots in this Flyway will be considered.

Common Snipe

Within the outside dates of September 1 through January 15, States in the Atlantic, Mississippi and Central Flyways may select a season of 50 consecutive days for common or Wilson's snipe, with a daily bag limit of 8 and a possession limit of 16. Daily shooting hours are from sunrise until sunset.

Pacific Flyway States will select snipe seasons at the time waterfowl seasons are selected. These seasons must fall within the outside dates prescribed for waterfowl and the shooting hours will be from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset. Season lengths and bag limits will be the same in all Flyways.

Scoter, Eider, and Old-Squaw Ducks on Atlantic Coast

A special open season for taking scoter, eider, and old-squaw ducks is prescribed during the period September 25 through January 10 in all coastal waters and all waters of rivers and streams seaward from the first upstream bridge in the States of Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and Connecticut; and in those coastal waters of New York State in Long Island Sound and Block Island Sound 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 coastal waters on the south side of Long Island. The daily shooting hours are from sunrise until sunset, and the daily bag limit is 7 and the possession limit is 14, singly or in the aggregate of these species. In all other areas of these States and in all other States in the Atlantic Flyway, such ducks may be taken only during the open seasons for other ducks. During the open season in all States in the Atlantic Flyway, in addition to the bag limits on other ducks, a daily bag limit of 7 and a possession limit of 14 scoter, eider, and old-squaw ducks, singly or in the aggregate of these species, are permitted.

Migratory Game Bird Seasons in Alaska

The outside dates for brant, ducks, geese, and coots in Alaska, except for the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands, are from September 1 through January 15, with the open season to run for 105 consecutive days. In the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands, the open season can be of any length between the outside dates of October 15 and January 15.

The basic daily bag limit for ducks is 5 with a possession limit of 10. The following additional limits are also permitted: A daily bag limit of 2 and a possession limit of 4 scaup ducks and a daily bag limit of 15 and a possession limit of 30, singly or in the aggregate of the following species--scoter, eider, old-squaw, harlequin, and American and red-breasted mergansers. The daily bag and possession limits may not include more than 2 canvasback ducks or 2 redhead ducks or 1 of each.

For geese, the daily bag limit is 6 with a possession limit of 12, of which not more than 3 daily, singly or in the aggregate, may be Canada geese or subspecies of Canada geese and white-fronted geese.

The daily bag and possession limit for brant is 3 and the daily bag and possession limit for coots is 15.

The open season for snipe will run for 61 consecutive full days between the outside dates of September 1 through January 15, with a daily bag limit of 8 and a possession limit of 16.

An open season of 45 consecutive full days on little brown cranes will be permitted in Alaska with opening day on September 1 and ending October 15. The daily bag limit is 2 with a possession limit of 4.

Daily shooting hours in Alaska for all species are from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

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