

Idaho Migratory Game Bird

2018-2019 Seasons & Rules

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*Includes Seasons and Rules for
Crows, Doves, Sandhill Cranes and Waterfowl*

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Statewide Duck (Including Merganser), Wilson's Snipe and American Coot Seasons, Limits & Hunt Area Descriptions

Daily Bag Limit: see below

Possession Limit: 3 times daily bag limit



AREA 1

- October ~~14~~ **13**, 2018 - January ~~26~~ **25**, 2019
- Scaup Season:
November ~~2~~ **1**, 2018 - January ~~26~~ **25**, 2019

Area 1 includes all parts of the state NOT included in Area 2. (See yellow area on map)

AREA 2

- October ~~7~~ **6**, 2018 - January ~~19~~ **18**, 2019
- Scaup Season:
October ~~7~~ **6**, 2018 - December ~~31~~ **30**, 2018

Area 2 includes all lands and waters within the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, including private in-holdings; and the following counties: Bannock; Bear Lake; Bingham; Bonneville; Butte; Caribou; Clark; Fremont; Jefferson; Madison; the portion of Power County east of State Highway 37 and State Highway 39; Teton, and Valley. (See blue area on map).

Duck Bag Limit (Including mergansers)

Daily Bag Limit 7 of any kind, *except* shall not include more than the following:

- 2 female mallard
- 2 redhead
- ~~1~~ **2** pintail
- 2 canvasback
- 3 scaup

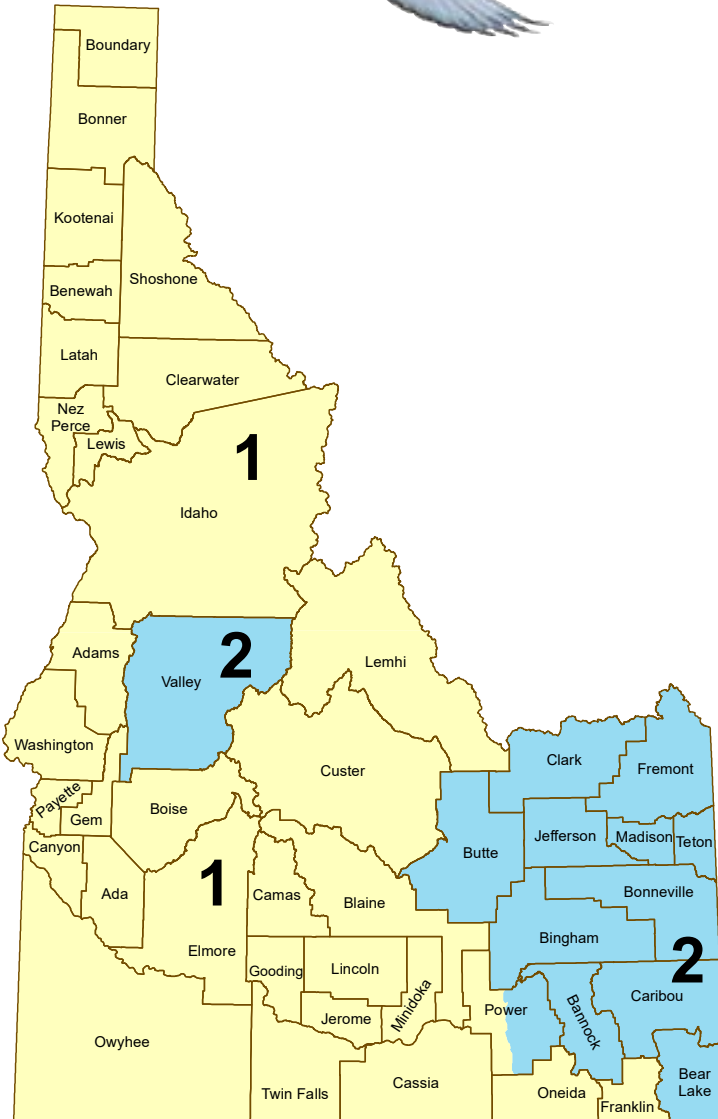
Bag Limits for Wilson's Snipe and Coots

Wilson's Snipe

Daily Bag Limit: 8

Coots

Daily Bag Limit: 25



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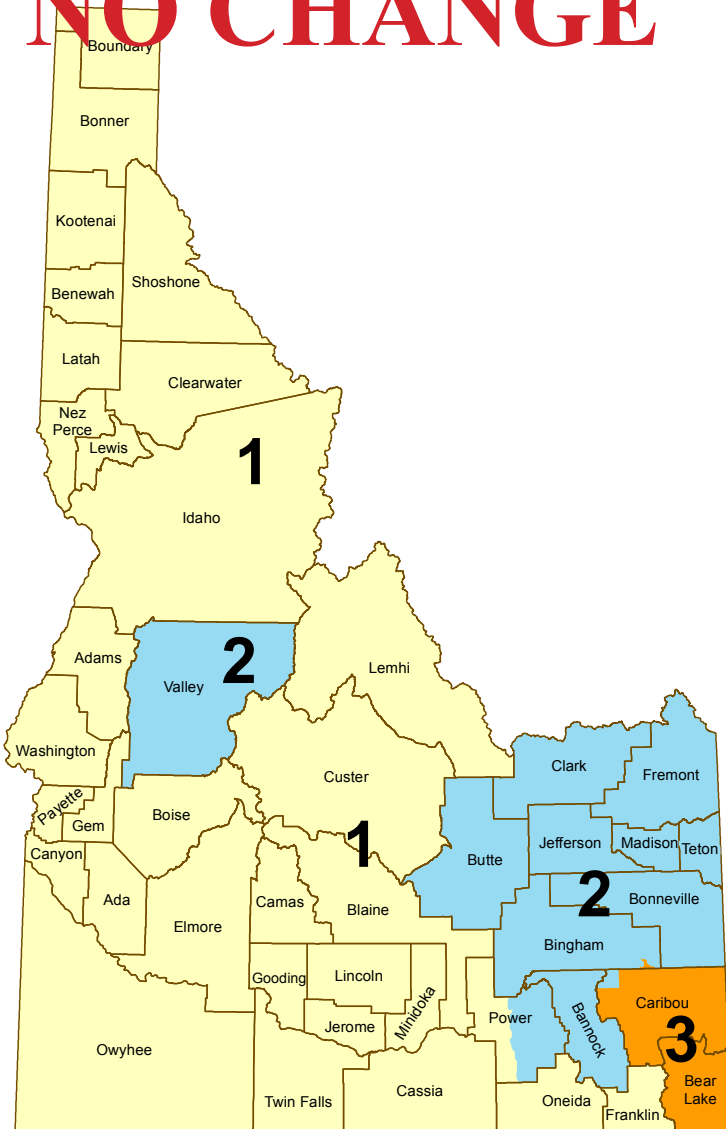


Canada Goose Seasons, Limits & Hunt Area Descriptions

Daily Bag Limit: 4 Possession Limit: 12



NO CHANGE



AREA 1

- **October 14 13, 2018 - January 26 25, 2019**

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AREA 2

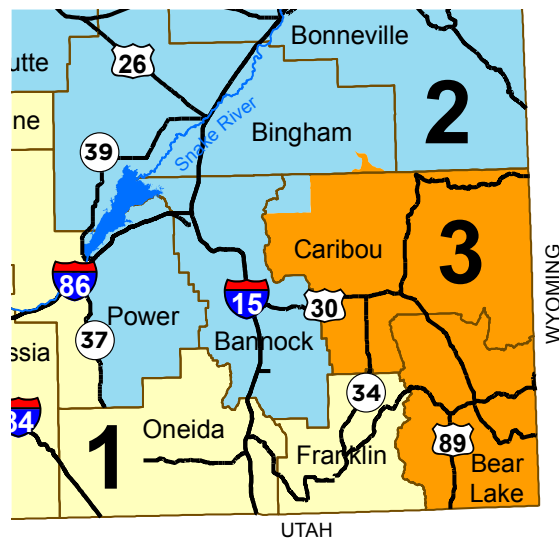
- **October 7 6, 2018 - January 19 18, 2019**

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AREA 3

- **September 1 - 15, 2018**
(Daily bag limit is 5 during this time period only).
- **October 7 6, 2018 - January 4, 3 2019**

Area 3 includes Bear Lake County, the portion of Bingham County within the Blackfoot Reservoir drainage; and Caribou County, except that portion within the Fort Hall Indian Reservation. (See orange area on map).

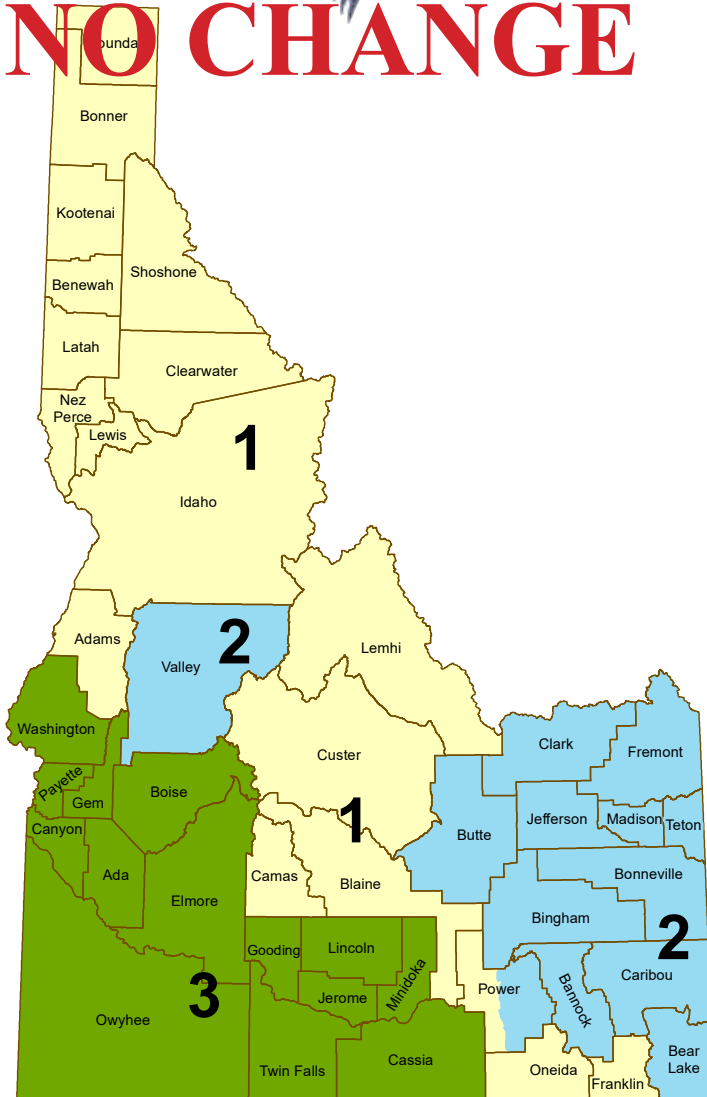


White-fronted Goose Seasons, Limits & Hunt Area Descriptions

Daily Bag Limit: 10 Possession Limit: 30



NO CHANGE



AREA 1

• October ~~14~~ **13**, 2018 - January ~~26~~ **25**, 2019

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AREA 2

• October ~~7~~ **6**, 2018 - January ~~19~~ **18**, 2019

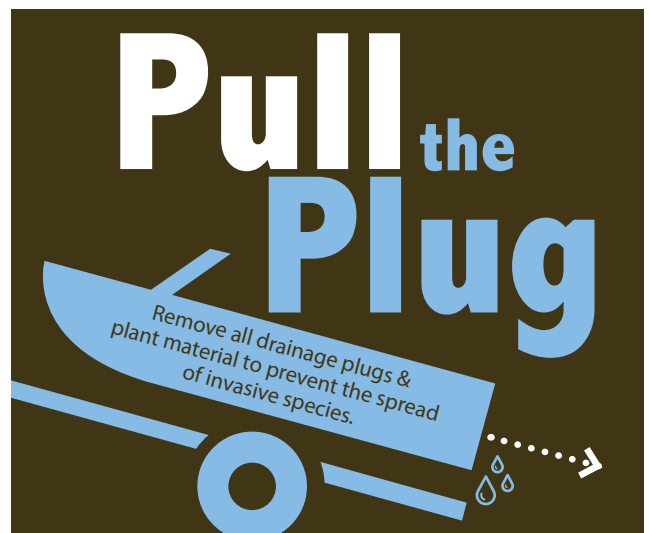
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AREA 3

• November ~~6~~ **5**, 2018 - February ~~18~~ **17**, 2019

Area 3 includes the following counties: Ada, Boise, Canyon, Cassia, Elmore, Gem, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, Owyhee, Payette, Twin Falls and Washington counties. (See green area on map).

• **Closures:** In the Southwest Region, Fort Boise and Payette River WMAs, and that portion of the Roswell Marsh Wildlife Habitat Area south of State Highway 18, and the Snake River Islands Unit of the Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge will be closed February 1 - March 10, 2018.



Light Goose Seasons, Limits & Hunt Area Descriptions (Including: Blue, Ross's and Snow Geese)

Daily Bag Limit: 20 Possession Limit: 60



AREA 1

- **October 14 13, 2018 - January 26 25, 2019**

Area 1 includes all parts of the state NOT included in Area 2, 3 and 4. (See yellow area on map).

AREA 2

- **October 7 6, 2018 - January 19 18, 2019**

Area 2 includes all lands and waters within the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, including private in-holdings; and the following counties: Bannock; Bear Lake; portions of Bingham County east of the west bank of the Snake River, west of the McTucker boat ramp access road, and east of the American Falls Reservoir bluff; Bonneville; Butte; Caribou; Clark; Jefferson; Madison; portions of Power County below the American Falls Reservoir bluff and within the Fort Hall Indian Reservation; and Valley. (See blue area on map).

• ~~Closures: Fremont and Teton counties~~

AREA 3

- **November 26, 2018 - March 10, 2019**

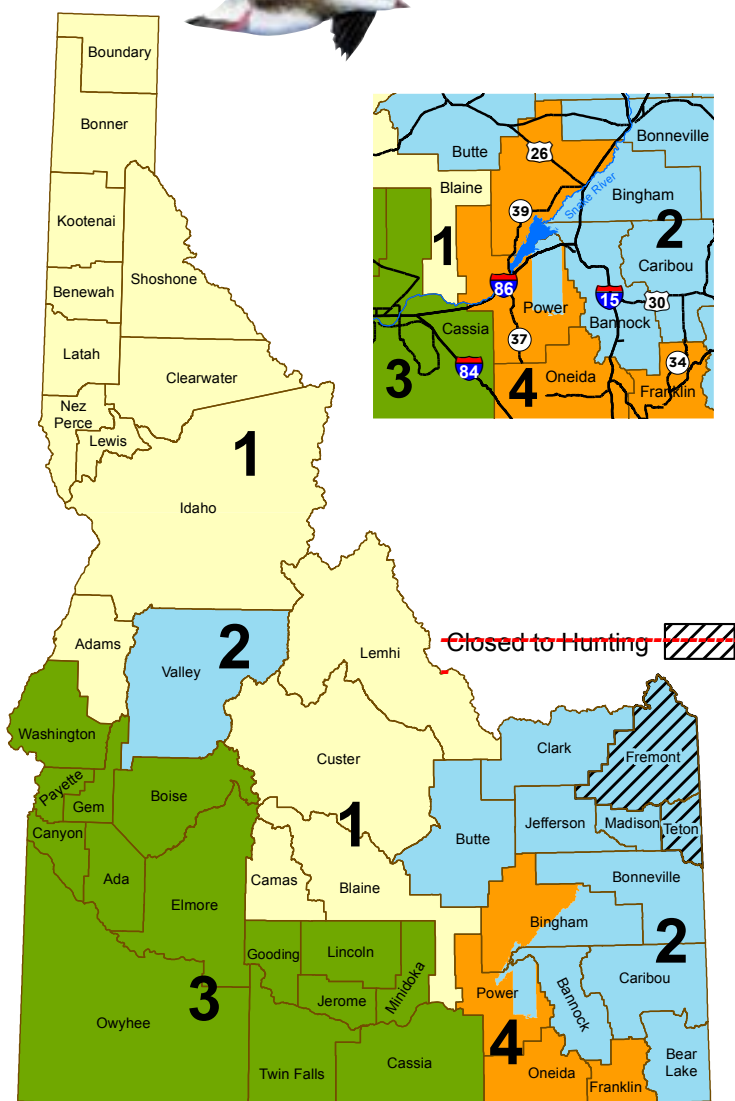
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AREA 4

- **November 5, 2018 - January 19 18, 2019**
- **February 10 9, 2019 - March 10, 2019**

Area 4 includes the following counties: Bingham County west of the west bank of the Snake River, east of the McTucker boat ramp access road, and west of the American Falls Reservoir bluff; Franklin; Oneida; and Power County, except below the American Falls Reservoir bluff and those lands and waters within the Fort Hall Indian Reservation. (See orange area on map).



Legal Hunting Methods for Light Geese

When all other waterfowl and migratory game bird hunting seasons, except falconry, are closed, recorded or electrically amplified bird calls or imitations of bird calls, and unplugged shotguns capable of holding more than three shells may be used to hunt light geese. These hunting methods apply to the light goose seasons in Area 3 from February 19 18 to March 10, 2019, and in Area 4 from February 10 9 to March 10, 2019.



Mourning Dove Seasons and Limits

Daily Bag Limit: 15 Possession Limit: 45

- **September 1–October 30, 2018**
- **Migratory Bird (HIP) Permit—REQUIRED**
- **Shotgun capable of carrying no more than 3 shells—REQUIRED**
- **Federal Migratory Bird (Duck) Stamp—NOT REQUIRED**
- **Nontoxic Shot—NOT REQUIRED**
- **Shot Size: No person shall take mourning doves while in possession of shot larger than two tenths (0.2 inches) in diameter (size T).**

NO CHANGE

Eurasian-collared doves are larger than mourning doves. They have a black collar on the top part of the neck, pale gray coloration, and dark primary feathers. These doves are an introduced species that have recently expanded their range into Idaho. Eurasian-collared doves will not count as part of your aggregate bag of doves as long as they are identifiable.

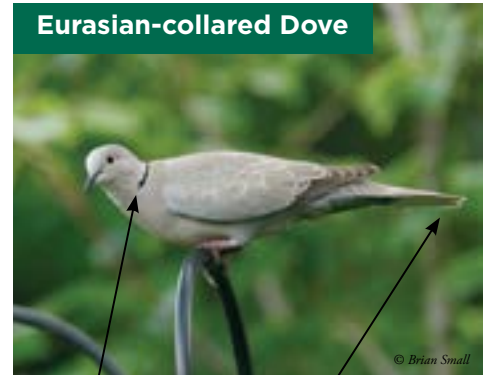
Eurasian-collared doves may be taken in any amounts and at any time by holders of the appropriate valid Idaho hunting or combination hunting license, provided such taking is not in violation of state, county, or city laws, ordinances, or regulations.

Mourning Dove



Pointed tail

Eurasian-collared Dove



Black collar

Square tail

American Crow Seasons and Limits

Daily Bag & Possession Limit: No Limits

- **October 1, 2018 - January 31, 2019**

No person shall take American crows:

- From one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.
- With trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol or a shotgun using shells exceeding three and one-half ($3\frac{1}{2}$) inches maximum length.
- From boats or other craft having a motor attached UNLESS the motor is completely shut off and forward progress has ceased, or the boat is drifting naturally or it is propelled only by paddle, oars, or pole, or it is beached, moored, or resting at anchor.

Areas Closed to Hunting

Areas closed to hunting of upland game birds are also closed to hunting of American crows.

NO CHANGE



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Sandhill Crane Seasons and Limits

Daily Bag Limit: 2 Season Limit: 2

Sandhill crane hunting occurs in eastern Idaho. One of the purposes of these hunts is to help reduce crop damage

Tags will be available for purchase at 10 am MDT on August 1, first-come, first-served.

- **September 1-15 or September 16-30, 2017 depending on tag type.**
- **Sandhill Crane Tag—REQUIRED**
- **Migratory Bird (HIP) Permit—REQUIRED WITH FIRST TAG ONLY**
- **Federal Migratory Bird (Duck) Stamp—NOT REQUIRED**
- **Shotgun capable of carrying no more than 3 shells—REQUIRED**
- **Nontoxic Shot—NOT REQUIRED**
- **Shot Size: No person shall take sandhill crane while in possession of shot larger than two tenths (0.2 inches) in diameter (size T).**

Tagging

Immediately after any sandhill crane is harvested, the tag must be validated and securely attached. The tag must remain attached so long as the sandhill crane is in transit or storage.

Species Identification

To legally transport any migratory game bird, one feathered wing or head must be left attached at all times while being transported until they reach their final destination.

Know Your Crane!

Please note the age of the crane you harvested. This data is important for crane harvest management.

An adult sandhill crane stands nearly four feet tall. Grayish plumage is accented by a featherless red head patch. Juveniles have tannish brown heads with no red.



Juvenile



Adult

Sandhill Crane Seasons, Limits and Tags

Hunt Area	Season	Tags
1-Bear Lake	September 1-15	238
	September 16-30	119
2-Teton	September 1-15	35
3-Fremont	September 1-15	41
	September 16-30	41
4-Jefferson	September 1-15	23
	September 16-30	24
5-Swan Lake	September 1-15	29
<u>5-Malad</u>	<u>September 1-15</u>	<u>25</u>
<i>Note: Daily limit is 2 for all hunts. The season limit is 2.</i>		

AREA 1

- Includes all of Bear Lake County and all of Caribou County **except that portion lying within the Grays Lake Basin.**

AREA 2

- Includes all of Teton County **except that portion lying west of state Highway 33 and south of Packsaddle Road (West 400 North) and north of the North Cedron Road (West 600 South) and east of the west bank of the Teton River.**

AREA 3

- Includes all of Fremont County **except the Chester Wetlands Wildlife Management Area.**

AREA 4

- Includes all of Jefferson County **except that portion beginning at the 1400 E/1750 N intersection, then west following the Mud Lake WMA boundary to the 1100 E/ WMA Sparks Canal Road, then north and east following the Sparks Canal Road to the WMA North Bluff Road intersection, then east following the North Bluff Road to the WMA Lower Lake Road, then drawing a straight line south to the beginning point of 1750 N/1400 E intersection.**

AREA 5

- Includes Bannock County east of Interstate-15 and south of U.S. Highway 30; and all of Franklin County.

AREA 6

- Includes that portion of Oneida County within the following boundary: beginning at the Idaho/Utah border on Old Highway 191, then north along Old Highway 191, then west on 1500 S, then west on Highway 38 to 5400 S, then south to Pocatello Valley Road, then west and south on Pocatello Valley Road to 10000 W, then south on 10000 W to the Utah/Idaho border, then east to the beginning point.

