

# Idaho Migratory Game Bird

2021-2022 Seasons & Rules



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

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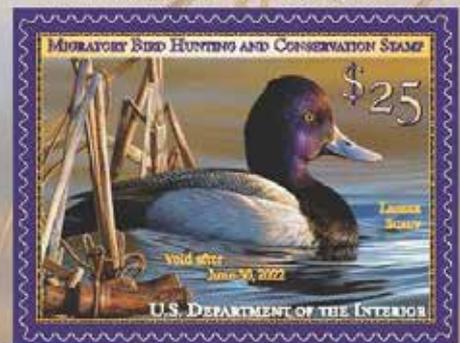
**Be safe, enjoy your season and remember...**



- **Be a mentor.** Pass on the heritage and traditions of hunting, fishing and trapping in Idaho.
- Hunting on private land is a privilege. Always get permission and thank the landowner.

## 2021-2022 MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING AND CONSERVATION STAMP

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*If applicable, sign your stamp.*

# DIRECTOR SCHRIEVER'S OPEN LETTER TO THE HUNTERS, ANGLERS AND TRAPPERS OF IDAHO



It is my honor to be director of Idaho Fish and Game, and my priority is to maintain Idaho's high-quality hunting, fishing and trapping opportunities. Whether it's hunting doves and sandhill cranes in September, ducks in October or snow geese in March, our migratory bird hunting offers diverse opportunities with long seasons and abundant bird populations.

Unlike other hunting seasons in Idaho, migratory game bird rules and season frameworks are set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service after consulting with state agencies. The parameters for seasons are based on international treaties, and Idaho must set its dates within those federal timeframes and guidelines.

Fish and Game traditionally provides the most generous bag limits and longest seasons allowed, and we strive to provide hunters with as much opportunity as possible during peak migrations. But Idaho is a diverse state with different latitudes, elevations and climates, which means it can be challenging to create seasons that exactly coincide with varied bird migrations.

Idaho's rules and seasons for migratory game bird hunting have been fairly consistent over the last 20 years, but there are some annual changes, and the 2021-22 season is no different.

- Duck and Canada goose seasons in Area 1 will open on Saturday, October 16 and run through Friday, January 28; 105 day season. The swan season in north Idaho opens on Tuesday October 19 and runs through Wednesday December 1.
- Veterans and active duty military will have a special two-day hunt in 2021, which will coincide with the traditional youth waterfowl hunting day on September 25-26.

Otherwise, rules and seasons are very similar to recent years, and overall, hunters can look forward to healthy populations of migratory birds, which include doves, ducks, geese, sandhill cranes, Wilson's snipe, coots and American crows. Most of these species are found statewide, so nearly everyone can hunt them.

Hunters can pursue most of these birds with a hunting license, migratory bird permit and a waterfowl stamp for ducks and geese. Exceptions include sandhill cranes and swans, where a tag is required and limited numbers are available.

Hunting ducks, geese and other migratory game birds is a good way to introduce people to hunting, and I encourage experienced hunters to share this valued Idaho tradition and help others become part of our rich hunting heritage.

Hunters of all ages can take advantage of Idaho Fish and Game's "Passport Program," which is a simple, low-cost way for newcomers to try mentored hunting under these stipulations:

- Hunting Passports are only available to first-time hunters. Passport holders will need a federal waterfowl stamp if they are 16 years or older. Those who have previously held a hunting license in any state are ineligible.
- Hunter Education certification is not needed to obtain a Hunting Passport. If an individual has completed a Hunter Education course, but has not yet purchased a license, they are eligible for a Hunting Passport.
- The minimum age to hold a Hunting Passport is eight years old; there is no maximum age.
- Hunting Passports are available at license vendors and Fish and Game regional offices for \$1.75.
- Youth ages 8 and 9 years old can possess a Hunting Passport each year until they turn 10, but anyone who is 10 or older can only possess one Hunting Passport.

You can see more details about the Passport Program at [idfg.idaho.gov/hunt/passport](https://idfg.idaho.gov/hunt/passport).

Enjoy migratory bird hunting in Idaho, and thank you for supporting Idaho Fish and Game and wildlife conservation. I wish you great hunting, fishing and trapping in 2021 and beyond.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Schriever". The signature is fluid and cursive.

**Ed Schriever**, Director  
Idaho Department of Fish and Game



# Idaho Department of Fish and Game

## Idaho Wildlife Policy

*“All wildlife, including all wild animals, wild birds, and fish, within the state of Idaho, is hereby declared to be the property of the state of Idaho. It shall be preserved, protected, perpetuated, and managed. It shall be only captured or taken at such times or places, under such conditions, or by such means, or in such manner, as will preserve, protect, and perpetuate such wildlife, and provide for the citizens of this state and, as by law permitted to others, continued supplies of such wildlife for hunting, fishing and trapping.”*

— Idaho Code Section 36-103

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Idaho Fish and Game offices are open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday except state holidays. Offices in the Panhandle and Clearwater regions are in the Pacific Time Zone; all others are in the Mountain Time Zone.

## To Buy a License, Tag or Permit:

- In person, go to any Idaho Fish and Game office or license vendor.
- By credit card, within the United States call 1-800-554-8685. Outside the U.S., use the Internet or mail.
- From your computer or mobile device, go to **gooutdoorsidaho.com**. A service fee is added for online and telephone transactions.
- Commercial licenses and tags, duplicate tags, documents that require proof of disability, lifetime licenses, and bear baiting permits may be purchased only at Fish and Game offices.

## Other Information

Rules booklets, nonresident license applications: 208-334-3700

U. S. Forest Service:

Southern Idaho ..... **fs.usda.gov/r4**

Northern Idaho..... **fs.usda.gov/r1**

Bureau of Land Management: ..... **blm.gov/idaho**

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Information in this brochure summarizes rules and is an official proclamation of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission for the taking of wildlife. The official rules are available at **adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current** or from the Office of Administrative Rules, Department of Administration, Statehouse Mail, Boise, ID 83720, and may be reviewed in some libraries. Maps are for general reference only.

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Idaho Department of Fish and Game  
**Idaho Migratory Game Bird Rules 2021 & 2022**

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**What's New?**

**Ducks:**

The duck season in Area 1 starts on a Saturday, but does not end on January 31. See page 8.

**Geese:**

The Canada goose season in Area 1 does not end on January 31; the season is not at the same time as the duck season in all areas. See page 9.

**Light and White-fronted Geese:**

The seasons in Area 1 do not open and close on the same days as duck and Canada goose seasons.

**Swan:**

The swan season does not open on the same day as the duck and Canada goose seasons.

**Sandhill Crane:**

The number of crane tags was increased to accommodate for an increase in the annual harvest allocation for Idaho, as per the Pacific Flyway Management Plan. Two hunts in the Bear Lake Hunt Area in the Southeast Region were combined, and the season runs through September 30. See page 14.

**American Crow:**

The season has been shifted one month later: October 27 – February 28.



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# GETTING STARTED

## To use this brochure:

Hunting seasons and rules for all ducks, geese, sandhill crane, doves, and crow are available in this brochure. To get started:

- Pick the species and area you want to hunt, then refer to the section on that bird.
- Season and limit pages include maps for each hunting area.

**Page 8:** Duck, snipe and coot seasons, limits and areas.

**Pages 9-11:** Goose seasons, limits and areas.

**Page 12:** Swan seasons, limits and areas

**Page 13:** Mourning dove and crow seasons and limits

**Page 14:** Sandhill crane seasons and limits.

**Pages 24-35:** Detailed rules and related information.

It is the responsibility of the hunter to become familiar with the rules that affect the hunt in which he or she is participating.

**Seasons and rules may change after a booklet is printed.**

Changes or corrections are posted online at [idfg.idaho.gov/rules](http://idfg.idaho.gov/rules).

## Remember!

Waterfowl hunters are required to possess/use:

- A valid Idaho hunting license or hunting passport.
- Migratory Bird (HIP) Permit.
- Federal Migratory Bird (Duck) Stamp for all hunters 16 years or older.
- Nontoxic shot.



**License holder must validate stamp by signing across the front in ink.**

Available online @ [idfg.idaho.gov/duckstamp](http://idfg.idaho.gov/duckstamp)

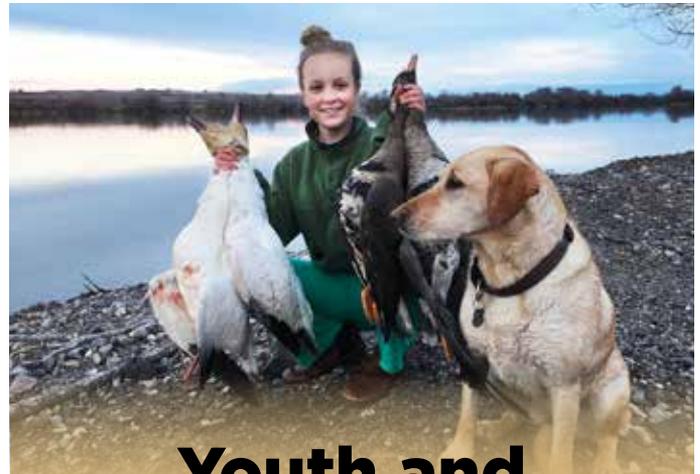
Seasons	September	October	November	December	January	February	March
Youth Waterfowl Hunting Weekend*	Sept. 25 - 26th						
Duck Area 1		16th	4th Scaup	28th	28th		
Duck Area 2		2nd	2nd Scaup	26th	14th		
Canada Goose Area 1		16th		28th			
Canada Goose Area 2		2nd		14th			
Canada Goose Area 3	1st-15th	2nd		30th			
Canada Goose Area 4			19th		31st		
White-fronted Goose Area 1			19th		31st		
White-fronted Goose Area 2		2nd		14th			
White-fronted Goose Area 3			1st		13th		
Light Goose Area 1			19th		31st		
Light Goose Area 2		2nd		14th			
Light Goose Area 3				26th			10th
Light Goose Area 4		2nd		11th		5th	10th
Swan			19th	1st			

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**Why?** By reporting, you help provide information used to monitor populations, set hunting regulations, restore endangered species, and address issues such as avian influenza, bird hazards, and crop depredations. Plus you will receive a report on when and where the bird was banded.



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## Youth and Veterans/Active Military Waterfowl Hunting Weekend

*There is no better way to introduce a new hunter to the safe, ethical and responsible aspects of hunting than with the close supervision of a qualified adult mentor.*

- Veterans and active military personnel are eligible to participate in this hunt. Check [idfg.idaho.gov](https://idfg.idaho.gov) prior to the hunt for details on veterans and active military personnel eligibility.
- Open to licensed hunters 17 years of age and younger.
- Duck, goose, and coot seasons are open for two days only, on **September 25-26, 2021.**
- Migratory Bird (HIP) Permit—required.
- Federal Migratory Bird (Duck) Stamp—not required for hunters 15 and younger.
- Daily duck, goose, and coot limits are the same as regular season limits statewide.
- At least one adult 18 years or older with a valid hunting license must accompany each youth hunting party into the field at all times. Adults are not authorized to hunt; however, veterans and active military personnel may hunt and harvest; **migratory bird (HIP) permit and Federal Migratory Bird (Duck) stamp required.**
- All other state rules and federal regulations pertaining to take of migratory game birds are in effect for this hunt.