

Idaho Migratory Game Bird

2016-2017 Seasons & Rules



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NEW: Includes Seasons and Rules for Crows, Doves, Sandhill Cranes and Waterfowl

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“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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- 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 idfg.idaho.gov. A service fee is added for online and telephone transactions.
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To report wildlife crimes, call Citizens Against Poaching at 1-800-632-5999.

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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 and/or fish. The official rules are available 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.

Idaho Department of Fish & Game
Migratory Game Bird Seasons and Rules

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What's New?

Hunting seasons and rules for all ducks, geese, sandhill crane, doves, and crow are now available in this brochure.

Ducks and Geese: To help guide the waterfowl season-setting process over the next five years, Fish and Game conducted a hunter opinion survey earlier this year to assess hunter preferences on how to structure seasons within the Federal Framework. Based on this survey and hunter preferences, seasons in southwest Idaho will continue into late January, and seasons in northern and eastern Idaho will begin two weeks earlier than last year to allow hunting opportunities prior to wetlands freezing.

The daily bag limit is four Canada geese, except in Area 3 where the daily limit will be five from September 1- 15, then a four daily limit from October 1-December 29. See page 7.

Youth Waterfowl Hunt is September 24 and 25 statewide. See page 5.

Sandhill Crane: To accommodate an increased harvest allocation, tag numbers were increased in each hunt area; additional hunt periods were established in some hunt areas; and a closure was created in a small section of the Jefferson County Hunt Area to protect an important roost site, which will hold birds in the area longer.

The daily limit remains two birds for all hunts, and the season limit is two birds for each hunter. Sandhill crane tags are available on a first-come first-served basis beginning at 10 a.m. (MDT) August 1 at all license vendors. See page 11.

Doves and Crows: No changes.



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MIGRATORY GAME BIRD SEASONS AND RULES
 September 2016 through March 2017

Seasons	September	October	November	December	January	February	March
Special Youth Hunt Statewide	24th & 25th						
Duck Area 1		1st	22nd	Scaup	13th		
Duck Area 2		15th	5th	Scaup	27th		
Canada Goose Area 1		1st			13th		
Canada Goose Area 2		15th			27th		
Canada Goose Area 3	1st-15th	1st		29th			
White-fronted Goose Area 1		1st			13th		
White-fronted Goose Area 2			7th			19th	
Light Goose Area 1		1st			13th		
Light Goose Area 2				26th		10th	
Light Goose Area 3			29th		13th	11th-10th	

Required:

- Migratory Bird (HIP) Permit.
- Federal Migratory Bird (Duck) Stamp for all hunters 16 or older.
- Nontoxic shot.

It is the responsibility of the hunter to become familiar with the rules that affect the hunt in which he or she is participating. This brochure provides seasons for migratory game bird hunting, and provides a summary of rules that govern migratory game bird hunting in Idaho. For details about the rules, please refer to these links: Idaho Administrative Procedures Act, idfg.idaho.gov/content/idfg-rules; Idaho Code idfg.idaho.gov/content/title36.



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

Remember!

If you are 16 or older, you need to purchase a Federal Migratory Bird (Duck) Stamp.

Available online @ idfg.idaho.gov/content/duckstamp

Getting Started

To use this brochure:

- 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.

There are two hunt areas for ducks and white-fronted geese; and three hunt areas for Canada and light geese.

Duck, snipe and coot seasons, limits and areas are on page 6.

Goose seasons, limits and areas are on pages 7-9.

Mourning dove and crow seasons and limits are page 10.

Sandhill crane seasons and limits are on page 11.

Detailed rules and restrictions begin on page 20.

Report Duck and Goose Leg Bands

1-800-327-BAND (2263) or
pwrc.usgs.gov/bbl/



*"Emily's first hunt... two geese with one shot!
The Youth Waterfowl season is a fantastic way
to get kids into hunting."*

—Stan Myers

Youth 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.

- Open to licensed hunters 15 years of age and younger.
- Duck, goose, snipe and coot seasons are open for two days only, on September 24 and 25, 2016.
- Migratory Bird (HIP) Permit—required.
- Federal Migratory Bird (Duck) Stamp—not required.
- Daily duck, goose, snipe 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.
- All other state rules and federal regulations pertaining to take of migratory game birds are in effect for this hunt.