

## DUCKS AND MERGANSERS

Season Dates	Limits Daily/Possession
<b>Northeast Zone</b> <b>General Duck:</b> Sept. 24, 2011 – Jan. 6, 2012 <b>Scaup:</b> Sept. 24, 2011 - Dec. 16, 2012	7/14* (See special limit restrictions below table)
<b>Northwest Zone</b> <b>General Duck:</b> Oct. 15, 2011 - Jan. 27, 2012 <b>Scaup:</b> Nov. 5, 2011 - Jan. 27, 2012	7/14* (See special limit restrictions below table)
<b>Southern Zone</b> <b>General Duck:</b> Oct. 15, 2011 - Jan. 27, 2012 <b>Scaup:</b> Nov. 5, 2011 - Jan. 27, 2012	7/14* (See special limit restrictions below table)
<b>Moapa Valley portion of the Overton WMA</b> <b>General Duck:</b> Nov. 5, 2011 - Jan. 27, 2012 <b>Scaup:</b> Nov. 5, 2011 - Jan. 27, 2012	7/14* (See special limit restrictions below table)

### SPECIAL REGULATIONS/INFORMATION:

\***LIMIT:** The combined daily limit on all ducks is 7, including not more than 2 hen mallards, 2 pintail, 2 redheads, 1 canvasback, and 3 scaup. The possession limit is twice the daily limit.

**Wood Duck:** Included within the general duck limit, except in Churchill County where the limit is not to exceed 1 daily and 2 in possession.

**OPEN** to nonresidents.

## YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT

Season Dates	Limits Daily/Possession
<b>Northeast Zone</b> Sept. 17, 2011 and Jan. 14, 2012	<b>LIMIT:</b> Daily bag limit is the same as that for the general season for ducks, mergansers, geese, coots and moorhens. Limits singly or in the aggregate for Canada and white-fronted geese. Limits singly or in the aggregate for Snow and Ross' geese.*
<b>Northwest Zone</b> Oct. 1, 2011 and Feb. 4, 2012	
<b>Southern Zone</b> Oct. 22, 2011 and Feb. 4, 2012	

### SPECIAL REGULATIONS/INFORMATION:

**OPEN** to hunters 15 years of age or younger. (Youth must be accompanied by an adult who is at least 18 years old. Adults are not allowed to hunt during this season.)

**OPEN** to nonresidents.

\*Ruby Valley within Elko and White Pine counties is closed to hunting for Snow and Ross' geese.

## ZONE DESIGNATIONS

### NORTHEAST ZONE

Elko and White Pine Counties

### NORTHWEST ZONE

Carson City, Churchill, Douglas, Esmeralda, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lyon, Mineral, Nye, Pershing, Storey and Washoe Counties.

### SOUTHERN ZONE

Lincoln and Clark Counties

## COMMON SNIPE

Season Dates	Limits Daily/Possession
<b>Northeast Zone</b> Sept. 24, 2011 – Jan. 6, 2012	8/16
<b>Northwest Zone</b> Oct. 15, 2011 - Jan. 27, 2012	8/16
<b>Southern Zone</b> Oct. 15, 2011 - Jan. 27, 2012	8/16
<b>Moapa Valley portion of the Overton WMA</b> Nov. 5, 2011 - Jan. 27, 2012	8/16

### SPECIAL REGULATIONS/INFORMATION:

**OPEN** to nonresidents.

## MOURNING AND WHITE-WING DOVE

Season Dates	Open Counties	Limits Daily/Possession
Sept. 1-30, 2011	Statewide	10/20

### SPECIAL REGULATIONS/INFORMATION

**SHOOTING HOURS** for dove are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset daily.

**OPEN to nonresidents.**

**Limits:** Limits for mourning dove and white-wing dove singly or in aggregate.

**HIP Requirements:** Any person 12 years or older who hunts dove is required to obtain a Harvest Information Program number **ANNUALLY** by calling 1-866-703-4605 or on the Internet at [www.ndowlicensing.com](http://www.ndowlicensing.com).

**Note:** Reservations are required on the Moapa Valley portion of the Overton WMA on opening day and the first weekend of the season.

## COOTS & COMMON MOORHENS

Season Dates	Limits Daily/Possession
<b>Northeast Zone</b> Sept. 24, 2011 – Jan. 6, 2012	25/25
<b>Northwest Zone</b> Oct. 15, 2011 - Jan. 27, 2012	25/25
<b>Southern Zone</b> Oct. 15, 2011 - Jan. 27, 2012	25/25
<b>Moapa Valley portion of the Overton WMA</b> Nov. 5, 2011 - Jan. 27, 2012	25/25

### SPECIAL REGULATIONS/INFORMATION:

**OPEN** to nonresidents.

### Nontoxic shot requirements in Nevada (NAC 503.183)

1. A hunter of ducks, mergansers, geese, swans, coots, moorhens or snipe shall use nontoxic shot in muzzleloaders or in shells for a shotgun when hunting in this state.
2. The possession of shells for a shotgun which contain other than nontoxic shot is prohibited while hunting any birds designated in subsection 1.
3. The possession of shot for a muzzle-loading shotgun other than nontoxic shot is prohibited while hunting any birds designated in subsection 1.

"Nontoxic shot" means any shot which has been approved by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to 50 C.F.R. Part 20.134.

### ATTENTION WOOD DUCK HUNTERS

A research project is currently underway to study wood ducks in western Nevada. At hatch, a webtag is attached to ducklings. This webtag resembles a small staple with engraved numbers and is attached in the webbing of a foot. If you harvest a wood duck with a webtag, please contact Chris Nicolai by phone at (775) 861-6333 or e-mail at [Chris\\_Nicolai@fws.gov](mailto:Chris_Nicolai@fws.gov).

## CANADA & WHITE-FRONTED GEESE

Season Dates	Limits Daily/Possession
<b>Northeast Zone</b> Sept. 24, 2011 – Jan. 6, 2012	3/6
<b>Northwest Zone</b> Oct. 15, 2011 - Jan. 27, 2012	3/6
<b>Southern Zone</b> Oct. 15, 2011 - Jan. 27, 2012	3/6
<b>Moapa Valley portion of the Overton WMA</b> Nov. 5, 2011 - Jan. 27, 2012	3/6

### SPECIAL REGULATIONS/INFORMATION

**OPEN** to nonresidents.

### ATTENTION MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTERS - BEFORE YOU HUNT -

Any person, except a Nevada resident under 12, who plans to hunt any kind of migratory game bird, including ducks, geese, swans, coots, dove, snipe, or moorhens in Nevada this year, is required to **ANNUALLY** obtain a Harvest Information Program (HIP) validation number and write it on their hunting license before entering the field. The validation number is free, and is available by simply calling 1-866-703-4605. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is conducting the nationwide harvest survey. Some migratory bird hunters may also receive a questionnaire provided by NDOW in the mail.

## SNOW & ROSS' GEESE

Season Dates	Limits Daily/Possession
<b>Northeast Zone</b> Sept. 24, 2011 – Jan. 6, 2012	10/20
<b>Northwest Zone</b> Oct. 15, 2011 - Jan. 27, 2012	10/20
<b>Southern Zone</b> Oct. 15, 2011 - Jan. 27, 2012	10/20
<b>Moapa Valley portion of the Overton WMA</b> Nov. 5, 2011 - Jan. 27, 2012	10/20

### SPECIAL REGULATIONS/INFORMATION:

**LIMIT:** Singly or in the aggregate.

**OPEN** to nonresidents.

**CLOSED** to hunting in Ruby Valley within Elko and White Pine counties.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Hunting hours** are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Shotguns must be plugged to limit overall shotshell capacity to **3** when hunting all migratory birds.

**SPECIES ID:** Head or fully feathered wing must remain attached to bird while in transit from the field to the hunter's residence for ducks, mergansers, coots and moorhens, snipe, geese and swan.

### PLEASE REPORT BIRD BANDS

Go to [www.reportband.gov](http://www.reportband.gov)

or call

1-800-327-BAND (2263)



## AMERICAN CROW

Season Dates	Open Counties	Limits Daily/Possession
Sept. 1 - Nov. 17, 2011 and March 1 - April 15, 2012	Statewide	10

### SPECIAL REGULATIONS/INFORMATION

#### Shotguns only.

**OPEN** to nonresidents.

All crows must be retrieved and removed from the field.

**NOTE:** Season closed on common ravens.

## FALCONRY SEASONS FOR MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

Season Dates	Limits Daily/Possession
<b>Northeast Zone</b> Sept. 24, 2011 – Jan. 6, 2012	3/6
<b>Northwest Zone</b> Oct. 15, 2011 - Jan. 27, 2012	3/6
<b>Southern Zone</b> Oct. 15, 2011 - Jan. 27, 2012	3/6
<b>Moapa Valley portion of the Overton WMA</b> Nov. 5, 2011 - Jan. 27, 2012	3/6

### SPECIAL REGULATIONS/INFORMATION:

**LIMITS:** Singly for all permitted migratory game birds or in the aggregate.

**OPEN** to nonresidents.

**HAWKING HOURS:** 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.

\*Migratory game bird species allowed for take include: geese, ducks, mergansers, coots, common moorhens and common snipe.

## SWAN

Season Dates	Open Counties	Limits Daily/Possession
Oct. 15, 2011 - Jan. 8, 2012	Churchill Lyon Pershing	1 swan per day (maximum two swan permits per season)

### SPECIAL REGULATIONS/INFORMATION

Persons may apply for one of the 650 swan hunt permits. Applications must be mailed through a postal service to the address listed on the application or submitted online through the Internet at [www.ndow.org](http://www.ndow.org). Permits are to be awarded through an initial drawing.

**Deadline:** Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. by Friday, September 16, 2011. **No hand delivered applications for the drawing.** Results of the initial drawing will be provided by 5 p.m. Wednesday, October 5, 2011.

Any remaining swan hunt permits will be available on a first-come, first-served basis through the mail or over the counter during normal business hours (M-F 8:00 am – 5:00 pm) at the Wildlife Administrative Services Office, 185 North Main Street, Fallon, Nevada beginning on Monday, October 3, 2011. Applications are available at all Department of Wildlife offices and select license agents. Persons may apply for a second swan permit beginning on Monday, October 3, 2011. Applicants can submit one application per draw period. Applicants that did not apply for the initial drawing period may submit two applications during the first-come, first-served draw period.

**Successful swan hunters are required to validate their permit pursuant to NAC 502.380, and then present at least the head and neck of their swan to an NDOW agent at selected sites for species verification within five (5) days of harvest. Mandatory inspection sites and requirements will be provided with the swan hunt permits.**

**If a total harvest of five (5) trumpeter swans is reached, the swan season is closed for the remainder of the season.**

Persons must possess a valid annual Nevada hunting license and both a current Federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Stamp and a current Nevada Duck Stamp, when required, to hunt swan in Nevada.

Open to Nonresidents who have a valid annual Nevada hunting license or a Nonresident Short-Term Permit to hunt Upland game & Waterfowl and required waterfowl stamps.

## NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE

[www.ndow.org](http://www.ndow.org)

## 2011 - 2012 MIGRATORY GAME BIRD SEASONS, LIMITS AND REGULATIONS



### DUCKS • MERGANSERS • GEESE • SWANS COOTS • MOORHENS • SNIPE • DOVE

**STAMP REQUIREMENTS:** A Nevada State Duck Stamp (\$10) is required for any person 12-64 years old who hunts migratory game birds, except mourning or white-winged dove, snipe, coots, or moorhen. A Federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Stamp (\$16 at NDOW) is required for any person age 16 or older who hunts any migratory waterfowl (ducks, mergansers, geese and swans).

**2011-2012 Migratory Bird dates and limits** are set by the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners in CR 11-11.

Please see the 2011 **Nevada Hunting Guide** for laws and regulations, or to find an NDOW office near you.

## PUBLIC HUNTING LIMITED ON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS AND DESIGNATED STATE LANDS

### SCRIPPS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA AND WASHOE LAKE STATE PARK

1. During the waterfowl season, hunting is permitted seven days a week.

### MASON VALLEY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

1. During the waterfowl season, hunting is permitted only on Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays and the following legal State holidays: Nevada Day (Oct. 28), Veterans Day (Nov. 11), Thanksgiving (Nov. 24), Family Day (day after Thanksgiving), Christmas Day (Dec. 25), New Year's Day (Jan. 1) and Martin Luther King Day (Jan. 16). Hunters with a valid turkey tag for the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area may hunt each day of the established turkey season. Before or after the waterfowl season, hunting is allowed every day for wildlife species upon which there is an established open season.

2. **AREAS CLOSED TO ALL HUNTING ADJACENT TO THE FT. CHURCHILL WATERFOWL SANCTUARY:** Those portions of SE corner of Section 36, T.15N, R.25E; W ½ of Section 31, T.15N, R.26E, and N ½ of Section 1, T.14N, R.25E, M.D. & M. are closed to hunting as posted.

3. The following area within the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area is designated as a CONTROLLED GOOSE HUNTING ZONE and will be closed to all persons five (5) days prior to the last Saturday in November through the end of the controlled goose hunting season, except for those persons having a valid Mason Valley controlled goose hunting reservation, described in #5 below. Prior to and after the described closure dates, all legal hunting is allowed within the CONTROLLED GOOSE HUNTING ZONE. The CONTROLLED GOOSE HUNTING ZONE includes those portions of the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area within Sections 1, 2 and 12, T.14N, R.25E; Section 35, T.15N, R.25E; Sections 6 and 7, T.14N, R.26E, and Section 31, T.15N, R.26E, M.D.B. & M. as posted. The assigned blinds for the controlled goose hunt and Family Hunt are located in farm fields MV-8, 10, 11, and B-11, 12, 13, 14 and 15. A lottery is held the morning of the hunt to determine blind assignments for those parties awarded a hunt reservation as described in #5 below. If blinds are still available after the first lottery for parties with reservations, a special lottery will be held for standby hunters present at 5:30 a.m.

4. Two Saturdays in mid-December will be set aside as Family Hunt Days, when all of the blinds in the CONTROLLED GOOSE HUNTING ZONE will be available for Family Hunt Day applicants as described in #5 below. The Wednesdays prior to the Family Hunt Days will be open for all other applicants as described in #5 below. If a standby lottery is invoked on Family Hunt Days, preference will be given to those parties containing at least one hunter 15 years of age or younger on that hunt day.

5. Hunt permit applications for the CONTROLLED GOOSE HUNTING ZONE within the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area are available through the Headquarters Office in Reno, the Field Office in Fallon or on the NDOW website at [www.ndow.org](http://www.ndow.org). Unless their privilege is limited or revoked pursuant to law, any resident or nonresident is eligible to apply **once** for a hunt reservation. A person whose name appears on more than one application will be rejected from the drawing. Hunt applications will be accepted for groups no larger than four individuals, and all members of a group must hunt from the same assigned location. Any application submitted for Family Hunt Days must include at least one licensed hunter who will be 15 years old or younger on the day of the hunt. Applications for the Special Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area Goose Hunt shall be received at the Headquarters Office in Reno (through a postal service only) no later than the second Wednesday in October

(Oct. 12). A public drawing will be held at the Headquarters Office in Reno at 10:00 a.m. on the last Wednesday in October (Oct. 26). Successful applicants will receive a reservation confirmation by return mail.

### FT. CHURCHILL COOPERATIVE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

1. From October 1, through the Friday preceding the second Saturday of February (February 11, 2012), the area shall be closed to trespass.

### VERTON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

1. Waterfowl hunting is permitted on the Moapa Valley portion of the area on: a) the opening day of the earliest opening waterfowl season, b) even days thereafter through the end of regular duck and goose seasons, c) on the opening day of any duck and goose season, d) the closing two days of any duck and goose season, and e) during the youth waterfowl hunt.

2. Before or after the regular duck and goose seasons, hunting is allowed every day for wildlife species upon which there is an established open season.

3. Upland game bird and rabbit hunting is prohibited during the regular duck and goose seasons, except for persons possessing a valid wild turkey tag to hunt turkeys in the Moapa Valley of Clark County. These persons may hunt turkeys every day for which the tag is valid. These persons are prohibited from pursuing any other upland game birds or rabbits during such time that the fall turkey season is concurrent with the waterfowl season.

4. During the waterfowl season on the Moapa Valley portion of the area, hunters must hunt from assigned hunt locations (blinds) constructed by the Department of Wildlife. A maximum of up to four hunters are permitted at each hunt location. Assigned hunt locations are marked by numbered stakes. Hunters shall hunt only within their assigned hunt location and moving to vacant locations is prohibited. The only exception involves reasonable accommodation of the disabled.

5. During the opening day and the first weekend of the dove season the maximum capacity for the Moapa Valley portion of the area is 60 hunters by reservation. Vacancies will be filled by stand-by hunters on a first-come, first-served basis.

6. On Overton Hunt days, only persons authorized to hunt waterfowl may use vessels on the portion of the area inundated by Lake Mead.

### KEY PITTMAN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

1. During the waterfowl season, hunting is permitted on the opening weekend of the duck season, odd-numbered days throughout the season, opening day of the goose season, and the closing two days of the waterfowl season.

2. The maximum hunter capacity during the opening day of duck season and the opening day of goose season will be 55 at any time.

3. All hunters will check in and out at the main entrance and will park in designated parking areas only. No vehicles are allowed on the area during the hunting season.

4. The area is closed to fishing during the waterfowl season.

5. No motorized boats are allowed on the area during waterfowl season.

### VERTON-KEY PITTMAN HUNTER RESERVATION SYSTEM

1. To guarantee an opportunity to hunt, reservations must be made for the following specified days of each hunt listed: on the Moapa Valley portion of the Overton Wildlife Management Area - opening day and the first weekend of the dove season and the entire duck and goose seasons; on the Key Pittman Wildlife Management Area - the opening day of the duck and goose seasons. A reservation may be made for one hunt day only. On Overton Wildlife Management Area, a person or his representative applying for reservations

for group hunting on either hunt area will be limited to up to four hunters per party.

2. A drawing will be held for reservations starting at 8:00 a.m. on the Monday prior to the opening of the above listed seasons. If the Monday prior to season opening is a state holiday, the drawing will be held on Tuesday. Reservations remaining after the drawing are available on a "first-come, first-served" basis, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for holidays, through the close of these seasons.

3. Reservations must be made in person (or by a representative) at the Las Vegas Office, the Henderson office or at the Overton or Key Pittman Wildlife Management Areas. The reservations must be in the hunter's possession and be shown to the check station attendant to constitute a valid reservation for the day specified. Reservations will not be accepted by mail or phone. At the Key Pittman Wildlife Management Area, reservations for hunting will be required only on the opening day of duck season and the opening day of goose season. On all other waterfowl hunt days, hunters must obtain a reservation card at the Frenchy Lake or Nesbitt check stations prior to hunting. This card must be filled out and returned to the check station upon completion of the hunt. Failure to turn in a completed card at the Key Pittman Wildlife Management Area or failure to check out at the Overton Wildlife Management Area may result in a citation being issued, and the loss of hunting privileges for the remainder of the season.

4. At the Overton Wildlife Management Area, during the waterfowl season an assigned hunt location program will be in effect. An individual may reserve no more than one assigned hunt location on the Moapa Valley portion of the area for no more than four individuals to hunt as a party and this reservation must be utilized prior to reserving another hunt day. Hunters will make a reservation for one of four types of hunt locations (field, pond, bulrush plot, or lake) and the specific hunt location will be determined by a drawing at the check station prior to each day's hunt.

5. A hunter with a reservation will be considered as a "no-show" if he does not present himself at the check station by one full hour before shooting time, except that at the Overton Wildlife Management Area, a hunter with a reservation will be considered a "no-show" if he does not present himself at the checking station one and one-half hours before shooting time during the waterfowl season.

6. Standby hunters must register at the check station upon arrival.

7. All reservations, permits and assigned hunting locations are nontransferable.

## Hunting on Wildlife Management Areas

Non-toxic shot must be used for all species when hunting on wildlife management areas. (NAC 503.183)

The use or possession of shells for a shotgun containing shot that is toxic, or larger than standard-sized T is prohibited on the Overton, Key Pittman, W.E. Kirch, Scripps, Mason Valley, Fernley, Alkali Lake, Humboldt, Steptoe and Franklin Lake Wildlife Management Areas. (NAC 504.135)

The use of shotguns capable of holding more than three shells is prohibited on all wildlife management areas unless it has been plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun so its total capacity does not exceed three shells. (NAC 504.135)