

2015 - 2016 MIGRATORY GAME BIRD SEASONS, LIMITS AND REGULATIONS



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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

2015–16 MIGRATORY BIRD DATES AND LIMITS are set by the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners in CR 16-01 and CR 14-11.

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, moorhen or crows. A Federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Stamp (\$27 at NDOW) is required for any person age 16 or older who hunts any migratory waterfowl (ducks, mergansers, geese and swans).

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. (Note: See Snow and Ross' geese season for exception.)

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.

HIP NUMBER: 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 or go online to www.ndowlicensing.com. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is conducting the nationwide harvest survey.

Additionally, NDOW would like migratory bird hunters to complete an online questionnaire at the conclusion of the season.

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. **South Zone:** Lincoln and Clark Counties.

DUCKS AND MERGANSERS

Season Dates	Limits Daily/Possession
<p>Northeast Zone</p> <p>Sept. 26, 2015 – Oct. 25, 2015</p> <p>Oct. 28, 2015 – Jan. 10, 2016</p>	<p>7/21*</p> <p>(See special limit restrictions below table)</p>
<p>Northwest Zone</p> <p>Oct. 10, 2015 – Oct. 25, 2015</p> <p>Oct. 28, 2015 – Jan. 24, 2016</p>	<p>7/21*</p> <p>(See special limit restrictions below table)</p>
<p>South Zone - Clark and Lincoln County (except the Moapa Valley)</p> <p>Oct. 10, 2015 – Oct. 25, 2015</p> <p>Oct. 28, 2015 – Jan. 24, 2016</p>	<p>7/21*</p> <p>(See special limit restrictions below table)</p>
<p>South Zone - Moapa Valley to the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin Rivers</p> <p>Oct. 31, 2015– Jan. 24, 2016</p>	<p>7/21*</p> <p>(See special limit restrictions below table)</p>

SPECIAL REGULATIONS/INFORMATION:

***LIMIT:** The combined daily limit on all ducks is 7, including not more than 2 hen mallards, 2 pintail, 2 redheads, 2 canvasback and 3 scaup (check scaup for season dates). The possession limit is three times the daily limit.

OPEN to nonresidents.

NOTE: Please see the 2015 Nevada Hunting Guide for laws and regulations, or to find an NDOW office near you.

SCAUP (LESSER AND GREATER)

Season Dates	Limits Daily/Possession
Northeast Zone Sept. 26, 2015 – Oct. 25, 2015 Oct. 28, 2015 – Dec. 22, 2015	3/9*
Northwest Zone Oct. 31, 2015 – Jan. 24, 2016	3/9*
South Zone - Clark and Lincoln County (except the Moapa Valley) Oct. 31, 2015 – Jan. 24, 2016	3/9*
South Zone - Moapa Valley to the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin Rivers Oct. 31, 2015 – Jan. 24, 2016	3/9*

SPECIAL REGULATIONS/INFORMATION:

OPEN to nonresidents.

* Included within general duck limit, not in addition to.

YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT

Season Dates	Limits Daily/Possession
Northeast Zone Sept. 12-13, 2015	Daily bag limit is the same as that for the general seasons for ducks, mergansers, geese, coots and moorhens. Limits singly or in the aggregate for Canada geese and Brant. Limits singly or in the aggregate for Snow and Ross' geese.*
Northwest Zone Sept. 26, 2015 and Feb. 6, 2016	
South Zone (to include the Moapa Valley portion of the Overton WMA) Feb. 6-7, 2016	
Moapa Valley portion of the Overton WMA Oct. 17, 2015	

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.

FALCONRY SEASONS FOR MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

Season Dates	Limits Daily/Possession
Northeast Zone Sept. 26, 2015 – Oct. 25, 2015 Oct. 28, 2015 – Jan. 10, 2016	3/9*
Northwest Zone Oct. 10, 2015 – Oct. 25, 2015 Oct. 28, 2015 – Jan. 24, 2016	3/9*
South Zone - Clark and Lincoln County (except the Moapa Valley) Oct. 10, 2015 – Oct. 25, 2015 Oct. 28, 2015 – Jan. 24, 2016	3/9*
South Zone - Moapa Valley to the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin Rivers Oct. 31, 2015 – Jan. 24, 2016	3/9*

SPECIAL REGULATIONS/INFORMATION:

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

LIMITS: Singly or in the aggregate.

OPEN to nonresidents.

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

* Included within general duck limit, not in addition to.

WHITE-FRONTED GEESE

Season Dates	Limits Daily/Possession
Northeast Zone Sept. 26, 2015 – Oct. 25, 2015 Oct. 28, 2015 – Jan. 10, 2016	10/30
Northwest Zone Oct. 10, 2015 – Oct. 25, 2015 Oct. 28, 2015 – Jan. 24, 2016	10/30
South Zone - Clark and Lincoln County (except the Moapa Valley) Oct. 10, 2015 – Oct. 25, 2015 Oct. 28, 2015 – Jan. 24, 2016	10/30
South Zone - Moapa Valley to the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin Rivers Oct. 31, 2015 – Jan. 24, 2016	10/30

SPECIAL REGULATIONS/INFORMATION:

OPEN to nonresidents.

CANADA GEESE AND BRANT

Season Dates	Limits Daily/Possession
Northeast Zone Sept. 26, 2015 – Oct. 25, 2015 Oct. 28, 2015 – Jan. 10, 2016	4/12
Northwest Zone Oct. 10, 2015 – Oct. 25, 2015 Oct. 28, 2015 – Jan. 24, 2016	4/12
South Zone - Clark and Lincoln County (except the Moapa Valley) Oct. 10, 2015 – Oct. 25, 2015 Oct. 28, 2015 – Jan. 24, 2016	4/12
South Zone - Moapa Valley to the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin Rivers Oct. 31, 2015 – Jan. 24, 2016	4/12

SPECIAL REGULATIONS/INFORMATION:
OPEN to nonresidents.

COMMON SNIPE

Season Dates	Limits Daily/Possession
Northeast Zone Sept. 26, 2015 – Oct. 25, 2015 Oct. 28, 2015 – Jan. 10, 2016	8/24
Northwest Zone Oct. 10, 2015 – Oct. 25, 2015 Oct. 28, 2015 – Jan. 24, 2016	8/24
South Zone - Clark and Lincoln County (except the Moapa Valley) Oct. 10, 2015 – Oct. 25, 2015 Oct. 28, 2015 – Jan. 24, 2016	8/24
South Zone - Moapa Valley to the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin Rivers Oct. 31, 2015 – Jan. 24, 2016	8/24

SPECIAL REGULATIONS/INFORMATION:
OPEN to nonresidents.

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COOTS AND COMMON MOORHENS

Season Dates	Limits Daily/Possession
Northeast Zone Sept. 26, 2015 – Oct. 25, 2015 Oct. 28, 2015 – Jan. 10, 2016	25/75
Northwest Zone Oct. 10, 2015 – Oct. 25, 2015 Oct. 28, 2015 – Jan. 24, 2016	25/75
South Zone - Clark and Lincoln County (except the Moapa Valley) Oct. 10, 2015 – Oct. 25, 2015 Oct. 28, 2015 – Jan. 24, 2016	25/75
South Zone - Moapa Valley to the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin Rivers Oct. 31, 2015 – Jan. 24, 2016	25/75

SPECIAL REGULATIONS/INFORMATION:
OPEN to nonresidents.

MOURNING AND WHITE-WING DOVE

Season Dates	Open Counties	Limits Daily/Possession
Sept. 1 - October 30, 2015	Statewide	15/45

SPECIAL REGULATIONS/INFORMATION
SHOOTING HOURS: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset daily.
Shotguns must be plugged to limit overall shotshell capacity to **3** when hunting dove.
OPEN to nonresidents.
Limits: Limits for mourning dove and white-winged dove are singly or in aggregate.
NOTE: The Eurasian Collared Dove is an unprotected species, and does not count towards your bag limit.

AMERICAN CROW

Season Dates	Open Counties	Limits Daily/ Possession
Sept. 1 - Nov. 17, 2015 and March 1 - April 15, 2016	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.

SNOW AND ROSS' GEESE

Season Dates	Limits Daily/Possession
Northeast Zone Oct. 31, 2015 - Jan. 24, 2016 Feb. 20, 2016 - March 9, 2016	20/60
Northwest Zone Oct. 31, 2015 - Jan. 24, 2016 Feb. 20, 2016 - March 9, 2016	20/60
South Zone - Clark and Lincoln County (except the Moapa Valley) Oct. 10, 2015 – Oct. 25, 2015 Oct. 28, 2015 – Jan. 24, 2016	20/60
South Zone - Moapa Valley to the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin Rivers Oct. 31, 2015 – Jan. 24, 2016	20/60

SPECIAL REGULATIONS/INFORMATION:

LIMIT: Singly or in the aggregate.

OPEN to nonresidents.

NOTE: Restrictions on three (3) shotshell capacity and electronic calls do **NOT** apply during the Feb. 20, 2016 - March 9, 2016 season. (50 CFR 20.21 b(1) g(1).)

CLOSED: Ruby Valley within Elko and White Pine Counties.

CLOSED: Kirch WMA, Mason Valley WMA and Scripps WMA/ Washoe State Park during Feb. 20, 2016 - March 9, 2016 season.

FEDERAL MIGRATORY BIRD STAMP

NEW THIS YEAR: The Federal Migratory Bird Stamp is now an electronic stamp privilege. The physical stamps are NO LONGER available at NDOW offices or NDOW license agents that sold them in the past. However, the US post offices will continue to sell the physical stamp. You can purchase your electronic Federal Migratory Bird Stamp privilege at the NDOW Online Consumer site (www.ndowlicensing.com), at NDOW offices, and from most license agents. The privilege is valid for 45 days to allow for receipt of the physical Federal Migratory Bird stamp in the mail from the USFWS. Earlier this year Congress approved a fee increase for the Federal stamp. Beginning this year those who purchase the stamp in Nevada will pay \$27. For assistance, contact NDOW's License Office at Toll Free 855-542-6369.

SWAN

Season Dates	Open Counties	Limits Daily/Possession
Oct. 10, 2015 – Jan. 3, 2016	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 for the draw must be submitted online through the Internet at www.huntnevada.com. Permits are to be awarded through an initial drawing.

Deadline: Applications must be received by 11:00 p.m. Friday September 11, 2015. **No hand delivered applications for the drawing.** Initial draw results will be posted online no later than 48 hours after the completion of the draw. Draw result notifications may not reflect the final status of an application due to ongoing processing of credit cards after the result notifications have been posted. The results of the draw will be provided by Friday, October 2, 2015.

Beginning on Friday, October 9, 2015 any remaining swan hunt permits will be available on a first come, first served basis, online at www.huntnevada.com. Applications may also be submitted 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. Persons may apply for a second swan permit beginning on Friday, October 9, 2015. 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.

PUBLIC HUNTING LIMITED ON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS AND DESIGNATED STATE LANDS

ALKALI LAKE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA), BRUNEAU RIVER WMA, FERNLEY WMA, FRANKLIN LAKE WMA, HUMBOLDT WMA, SCRIPPS WMA, STEPTOE VALLEY WMA and WAYNE E. KIRCH WMA

1. Hunting is allowed every day for wildlife species upon which there is an established open season

WASHOE LAKE STATE PARK

1. During any waterfowl season open within the hunt zone and within areas open to hunting as specified by Washoe State Park, hunting is permitted seven days a week.

MASON VALLEY WMA

1. During any waterfowl season open within the hunt zone, hunting is permitted only on Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays and the following legal State holidays: Nevada Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Family Day (day after Thanksgiving), Christmas, New Years Day, and Martin Luther King Day. Hunters with a valid turkey tag for the Mason Valley WMA 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.

FT. CHURCHILL COOLING POND COOPERATIVE WMA

1. The Ft. Churchill Cooperative Cooling Pond Wildlife Cooperative WMA is closed year-round to all hunting.

2. From October 1, through the Friday preceding the second Saturday of February, the area shall be closed to trespass.

OVERTON WMA

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) the closing two days of any duck and goose season, and
- d) during any youth waterfowl hunt.

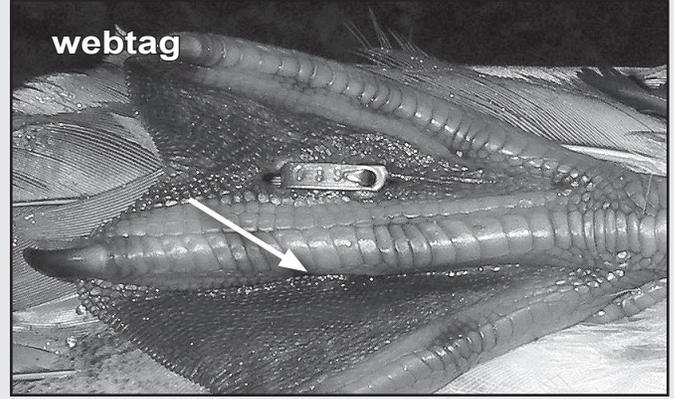
2. Before or after the regular duck and goose seasons, hunting is allowed every day for wildlife species upon which there is an established open season.

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

ATTENTION WOOD DUCK HUNTERS

A research project is currently under way to study wood ducks in western Nevada. At hatch, a webtag (small metal staple) is attached to ducklings. Reports of wood ducks with a webtag is extremely valuable to researchers. If you harvest a wood duck with a webtag, please contact Chris Nicolai by phone at (775)861-6333 or email at chris.a.nicolai@gmail.com.



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 WMA

1. Waterfowl hunting is permitted on:

- a) the opening weekend of the earliest opening waterfowl season within the hunt zone,
- b) odd-numbered days thereafter through the end of regular duck and goose seasons,
- c) the closing two days of any duck or goose season, and
- d) during any youth waterfowl hunt.

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 the waterfowl season.

OVERTON-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:

The Key Pittman WMA

a) The earliest opening day of the general duck and goose seasons.

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STILLWATER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE Special Conditions for the 2015-2016 Waterfowl Season

In an effort to reduce disturbance to migratory birds during drought conditions, Foxtail Lake auto-tour route will be closed to all foot and vehicle access from 5 p.m. Friday, October 9 until 7 a.m. Monday October 19, 2015.

The Moapa Valley portion of the Overton WMA

- a) Opening day and the first weekend of the dove season.
- b) The entirety of any open waterfowl season.

Special Regulation for the Moapa Valley Portion of the Overton WMA: A person or his representative applying for reservations for group hunting will be limited to up to four hunters per party.

2. Dove Reservation Process:

Hunters wishing to make reservations for opening day and the first weekend of the dove season at the Overton WMA will do so via a paper application available at the Las Vegas and Henderson offices of NDOW or on the NDOW web site at www.ndow.org. Unless their privilege is limited or revoked pursuant to law, any resident or nonresident is eligible to have their name included on one application for each hunt day for which reservations are required. A person whose name appears on more than one application for each hunt day for which reservations are required will be rejected from the drawing. Hunters will be permitted to draw only one reservation during this mail-in application process unless there are less than 60 applicants on a day for which reservations are required. Applications for the dove hunt at the Overton WMA shall be received at the Headquarters Office in Reno (through a postal service only) no later than the second Wednesday in July. A public drawing will be held at the Headquarters Office in Reno at 10:00 a.m. on the last Wednesday in July. Successful applicants will receive a reservation confirmation by return mail. Successful reservation holders will be allowed to substitute one person of a hunt party but that substitute must not have been included in an application of the mail-in process or part of a stand-by group.

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)

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3. Waterfowl Opening Day/Weekend Reservation Process:

Hunters wishing to make reservations for the first two hunt days of the earliest opening duck and goose seasons at the Overton WMA and the opening day of the duck and goose seasons at the Key Pittman WMA will do so via a paper application available at the Las Vegas and Henderson offices of NDOW or on the NDOW web site at www.ndow.org. Unless their privilege is limited or revoked pursuant to law, any resident or nonresident is eligible to have their name included on one application for each hunt day for which reservations are required. A person whose name appears on more than one application for each hunt day for which reservations are required will be rejected from the drawing. For the Overton WMA, hunters will be permitted to draw only one reservation through the mail-in application process unless there are available blinds on a day for which mail-in reservations are required. Applications for these waterfowl hunt days shall be received at the Headquarters Office in Reno (through a postal service only) no later than the second Wednesday in September. A public drawing will be held at the Headquarters Office in Reno at 10:00 a.m. on the last Wednesday in September. Successful applicants will receive a reservation confirmation by return mail. Successful reservation holders will be allowed to substitute one person of a hunt party but that substitute must not have been included in an application of the mail-in process or part of a stand-by group.

4. Waterfowl Remainder of Season Reservation Process:

Reservations for the remainder of the waterfowl hunting season at the Overton WMA will be available the Monday prior to the opening of the waterfowl season and must be made in person (or by a representative) at the Las Vegas or Henderson offices or at the Overton WMA. Hunters that are successful during the mail-in application process for the first two hunt days must use those reservations before making reservations for the remainder of the season. 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. 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. At the Key Pittman WMA, reservations for hunting will be required only on the earliest opening day of the regular duck season and goose seasons. All hunters will check in at the main entrance on the opening day of waterfowl season. For the remainder of the waterfowl season, hunters will complete a reservation card obtained from the Frenchy Lake or Nesbitt Lake check station box and deposit the card in an appropriate drop box for each day hunted. Failure to turn in a completed card at the Key Pittman WMA or failure to check out at the Overton WMA may result in a citation being issued, and the loss of hunting privileges for the remainder of the season. No vehicles are allowed on the areas during the hunting season.

5. During the waterfowl season at the Overton WMA, an assigned hunt location program will be in effect. Hunters will make a reservation for one of three types of hunt locations (field, pond or bulrush plot) and the specific hunt location will be determined by a drawing at the check station prior to each day's hunt. NDOW reserves the right to adjust blind availability and blind assignments based on the conditions present on the day of the hunt.

6. 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 WMA, 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.