

Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission  
Proclamation 16-30

## Dove, Woodcock, Snipe, Crow and September Waterfowl Hunting Seasons and Regulations

Pursuant to the authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 70-4-107 and 70-5-108, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission hereby proclaims the following migratory bird hunting regulations effective August 1, 2016.

Season dates and limits are not considered final until the final federal frameworks are published annually.

## Section I. Season Dates and Daily Bag Limits -

Seasons close at the end of legal shooting hours on the day listed.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Season Opens</u>	<u>Season Closes</u>	<u>Daily Bag</u>
Woodcock	Opening the last Saturday in October	Maximum days allowed in Federal Framework	Maximum allowed in Federal Framework
Wilson Snipe	Opening 106 days prior to the last day in February (107 day season)	Last day in Feb.	8
Crow	Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only, from June 1 – February 28	Maximum days allowed in Federal Framework	No limit
Wood Duck/Teal	2nd Sat. in Sept. and continues for five consecutive days; any teal-only days allowed in the Federal Frameworks would occur immediately after these 5-days.	Maximum days allowed in Federal Framework	Maximum allowed in Federal Framework <sup>1</sup>
Canada Goose	Sept. 1	Sept. 15	5
Virginia and Sora Rail	Sept. 1	Nov. 9	25
Common Moorhen and Purple Gallinule	Sept. 1	Nov. 9	15

<sup>1</sup> During the Wood Duck/Teal season, daily bag limit not to exceed six (6), only two (2) of which may be wood ducks.

## Section I. Season Dates and Daily Bag Limits (continued)

If the Final Federal Frameworks and Dove Harvest Strategy call for a **Restrictive Season (70 days)**:

Species	Opens	Closes	Daily Bag <sup>1</sup>
Doves <sup>2</sup> 1st segment (26 days)	Sept. 1	Sept. 26	Max allowed in Federal Framework
2nd segment (16 days)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. in Oct.	4 <sup>th</sup> Sun. in Oct.	Max allowed in Federal Framework
3rd segment (28 days)	Dec. 19	Jan. 15	Max allowed in Federal Framework

If the Final Federal Frameworks and Dove Harvest Strategy call for a **Regular Season (90 days)**:

Species	Opens	Closes	Daily Bag <sup>1</sup>
Doves <sup>2</sup> 1st segment (28 days)	Sept. 1	Sept. 28	Max allowed in Federal Framework
2nd segment (23 days)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. in Oct.	22 days thereafter (a Sunday)	Max allowed in Federal Framework
3rd segment (39 days)	Dec. 8	Jan. 15	Max allowed in Federal Framework

## Section II. Shooting Hours

1. Mourning, white-winged and Eurasian collared doves are legal to take and count towards daily bag.
2. No limit on Eurasian collared doves; however, any doves not readily identifiable as Eurasian collared doves will be considered mourning doves and count towards the mourning dove daily bag and possession limits.

Shooting hours are the same as allowed in federal frameworks; 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset daily, except for opening day of the first segment of dove season when shooting hours will begin at 12:00 noon, and except for crows when shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset. Seasons close at the end of legal shooting hours on the closing day listed.

Section III. Possession Limits

The possession limit for all species listed herein are the same as allowed in the Federal Frameworks: three times the daily bag limit, except opening day when it shall be the same as the daily bag limit, and the second day of the season when it shall be twice the daily bag limit, and except crows which have no limit.

Section IV. Repeal of Prior Proclamation

This proclamation repeals Proclamation No. 14-10 dated August 1, 2014.

Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Chairman

I certify that this is an accurate and complete copy of a proclamation lawfully promulgated and adopted by the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission on the 15 day of April, 2016.

*[Handwritten Signature: Ed Carter]*

Secretary

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 21 day of April, 2016.

*[Handwritten Signature: Lisa Crawford]*

Notary Public



My Commission Expires: 3/10/2019

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Proclamation No. 16-30 received and recorded this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016; to be effective the 1 day of August, 2016.

*[Handwritten Signature: Tre Hargett]*

Tre Hargett, Secretary of State

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