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Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission
Proclamation 12-15

Migratory Bird Hunting Seasons and Regulations

Pursuant to the authority granted by Title 70, Tennessee Code Annotated, and Section 70-4-107 thereof, the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission hereby proclaims the following migratory bird hunting regulations effective October 1, 2012. Season dates and limits pending final Federal Frameworks.

Section I. Hunting Seasons

Species	Season Opens	Season Closes
A. Ducks, Coots, and Mergansers		
Reelfoot Duck Zone	Nov. 10 Dec. 1	Nov. 11 Jan. 27
Reelfoot Duck Zone shall include the waters of Reelfoot Lake.		
Remainder of State	Nov. 24 Dec. 1	Nov. 25 Jan. 27
B. Youth Waterfowl Hunting Season		
Reelfoot Duck Zone	Feb. 2 Feb. 9	Feb. 2 Feb. 9
Remainder of State (Youth hunts in both zones will be split into two one-day hunts on consecutive Saturdays.)	Feb. 2 Feb. 9	Feb. 2 Feb. 9
Youth waterfowl hunters must be 6-15 years of age. An adult at least 21 years of age must accompany the youth hunter into the field and must remain in a position to take control of the hunting device. This adult cannot duck hunt but may participate in other open seasons. Geese, coots, gallinules, moorhens, and ducks, may be taken by youths during the Youth Waterfowl Season.		

Section I. (Cont.)	Hunting Seasons	Season Opens	Season Closes
C.	Purple Gallinules and Common Moorhens		
	Reelfoot Duck Zone	Nov. 10 Dec. 1	Nov. 11 Jan. 27
	Remainder of State	Nov. 24 Dec. 1	Nov. 25 Jan. 27
D.	Virginia Rails and Sora Rails		
	Reelfoot Duck Zone	Nov. 10 Dec. 1	Nov. 11 Jan. 27
	Remainder of State	Nov. 24 Dec. 1	Nov. 25 Jan. 27
E.	White-fronted Geese	Dec. 1	Feb. 10
F.	Blue, Snow, and Ross' Geese (Standard Federal Regulations Apply)	Nov. 24	Feb. 10
	Blue, Snow, and Ross' Geese CONSERVATION SEASON (The Following Conservation Provisions Apply during this season segment only: Unplugged Shotguns and Electronic Calls Allowed)	Feb. 11	March 10
G.	Brant	Nov. 23	Jan. 31
H.	Canada Geese		
	1. Northwest Goose Zone: Lake, Obion, and Weakley Counties; that portion of Dyer County, excluding that portion south of Hwy 104; and Gibson County excluding that portion bounded on the south by Hwy 104 and on the west by Hwy 45W.	Oct. 13 Nov. 10 Dec. 1	Oct. 16 Nov. 11 Feb. 10
	2. Statewide Goose Zone:	Oct. 13 Nov. 24 Dec. 1	Oct. 30 Nov. 25 Jan. 27
The Statewide Goose Zone includes all counties or portions of counties not included in the Northwest Goose Zone.			

Section II. Shooting Hours - From ½ hour before sunrise to sunset daily, for all species and seasons.

Section III. Bag and Possession Limits

<p>A. Ducks and Mergansers</p> <p>Daily Bag Limit - The Daily bag limit of ducks is 6, and may include no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 of which may be a female), 1 black duck, 3 wood ducks, 2 pintails, 1 canvasback, 4 scaup, and 2 redheads.</p> <p>The daily bag limit of merganser is 5, only 2 of which may be a hooded merganser.</p> <p>Possession Limit: The maximum number of birds that could have legally been taken in two (2) days.</p>		
	Daily Bag	Possession
B. Coots and Gallinules	15	30
C. Virginia and Sora Rails	25	25
D. Blue and Snow Geese	20	No Limit
E. White-fronted Goose	2	4
F. Brant	2	4
G. Canada Goose	3	6

Section IV. Repeal of Prior Proclamations

This proclamation repeals Proclamation No. 11-20.

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission

William Brown
Chairman

I certify that this is an accurate and complete copy of a proclamation lawfully promulgated and adopted by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission on the 24th day of August, 2012.

Od Carter
Secretary

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 29 day of August, 2012.

Lisa Crawford
Notary Public



My commission expires: 5-5-15

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Tre Hargett
Secretary of State

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