

Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission
 Proclamation 13-11

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, 2013. 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. 16 Nov. 30	Nov. 17 Jan. 26
Reelfoot Duck Zone shall include the waters of Reelfoot Lake.		
Remainder of State	Nov. 28	Jan. 26
B. Youth Waterfowl Hunting Season		
Reelfoot Duck Zone	Feb. 1 Feb. 8	Feb. 1 Feb. 8
Remainder of State (Youth hunts in both zones will be split into two one-day hunts on consecutive Saturdays.)	Feb. 1 Feb. 8	Feb. 1 Feb. 8
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. Hunting Seasons (Cont.)	Season Opens	Season Closes
C. Purple Gallinules and Common Moorhens		
Reelfoot Duck Zone	Nov. 16 Nov. 30	Nov. 17 Jan. 26
Remainder of State	Nov. 28	Jan. 26
D. Virginia Rails and Sora Rails		
Reelfoot Duck Zone	Nov. 16 Nov. 30	Nov. 17 Jan. 26
Remainder of State	Nov. 28	Jan. 26
E. White-fronted Geese	Nov. 28	Feb. 8
F. Blue, Snow, and Ross' Geese (Standard Federal Regulations Apply)	Nov. 24	Feb. 8
Blue, Snow, and Ross' Geese CONSERVATION SEASON (The Following Conservation Provisions Apply during this season segment only: Unplugged Shotguns and Electronic Calls Allowed)	Feb. 9	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. 12 Nov. 16 Nov. 30	Oct. 17 Nov. 17 Feb. 8
2. Statewide Goose Zone:	Oct. 12 Nov. 28	Oct. 29 Jan. 26
The Statewide Goose Zone includes all counties or portions of counties not included in the Northwest Goose Zone.		

Section I. Hunting Seasons (Cont.)	Season Opens	Season Closes
I. Sandhill Cranes		
South of Interstate 40 and east of State Highway 56.	Nov. 28	Jan. 1
<p>400 3-permit packets will be issued by handheld draw on or near the Hiwassee WMA. A type 001 Hunting & Fishing License and type 005 waterfowl license are required to enter the draw. Leftover permits will be available on a first come basis at regional offices. Individuals must be present to obtain permits. Permits are invalid until proof of passing a bird identification test is obtained and permit is signed by the individual.</p>		

Section II. Shooting Hours - Sandhill crane hours are from sunrise to 3:00pm EST. For all other species and seasons, hours are ½ hour before sunrise to sunset daily.

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, 2 canvasback, 3 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 three (3) days.</p>		
	Daily Bag	Possession
B. Coots and Gallinules	15	45
C. Virginia and Sora Rails	25	75
D. Blue and Snow Geese	20	No Limit
E. White-fronted Goose	2	6
F. Brant	2	6
G. Canada Goose	3	9

H. Sandhill Crane

Daily bag, season bag, and possession is 3 cranes. Harvested cranes must be accompanied by a completed kill tag and checked in by the end of the calendar day by mailing completed business reply card on the permit. Hunters must fill out and return a post-season survey. Failure to return the post-season survey will be a violation of Proclamation 13-11.

Section IV. Repeal of Prior Proclamations

This proclamation repeals Proclamation No. 12-15.

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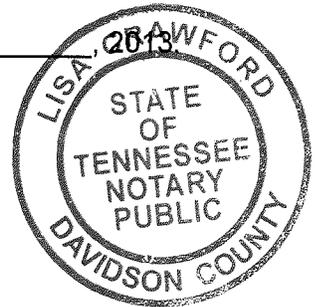
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Chairman

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 23rd day of August, 2013.

[Signature]
Secretary

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

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Notary Public



My commission expires: 5-5-15

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Tre Hargett, Secretary of State

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