

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission
Proclamation 08-12

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 Wildlife Resources Commission hereby proclaims the following migratory bird hunting regulations effective October 1, 2008. 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. 15 Nov. 29	Nov. 16 Jan. 25
Reelfoot Duck Zone shall include the waters of Reelfoot Lake.		
Remainder of State	Nov. 28	Jan. 25
B. Youth Waterfowl Hunting Season		
Reelfoot Duck Zone	Feb. 7 Jan. 31	Feb. 8 Feb. 1
Remainder of State		

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, including pintails, may be taken by youths during the Youth Waterfowl Season, but canvasback season is closed during the Youth Waterfowl Season.

Section I. Hunting Seasons (Cont.) Species	Season Opens	Season Closes
C. Purple Gallinules and Common Moorhens		
Reelfoot Duck Zone	Nov. 15 Nov. 29	Nov. 16 Jan. 25
Remainder of State	Nov. 28	Jan. 25
D. Virginia Rails and Sora Rails		

Section I. Hunting Seasons (Cont.)			
	Reelfoot Duck Zone	Nov. 15 Nov. 29	Nov. 16 Jan. 25
	Remainder of State	Nov. 28	Jan. 25
E.	White-fronted Geese	Nov. 29	Feb. 8
F.	Blue, Snow, and Ross' Geese	Nov. 24	Feb. 8
	(Standard Federal Regulations Apply)		
	Blue, Snow, and Ross' Geese		March 10
	CONSERVATION SEASON		
	(The Following Conservation Provisions Apply during this season segment only: Unplugged Shotguns and Electronic Calls Allowed)		
G.	Brant	Nov. 23	Jan. 31
H.	Canada Geese		
1.	Northwest Zone: Lake, Obion, and Weakley Counties and those portions of Gibson and Dyer Counties North of State Highways 20 and 104.	Nov. 29	Feb. 8
4.	Statewide Zone:	Oct. 4 Nov. 28	Oct. 11 Jan. 30
	The Statewide Zone includes all counties or portions of counties not included in the Northwest Zone.		

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

Section III. Bag and Possession Limits

A. Ducks and Mergansers

Daily Bag Limit - The Daily bag limit of ducks is 6, and may include no more than 4 mallards (no more than 1 of which may be a female), 1 black duck, 3 wood ducks, 1 pintail, 1 scaup, and 2 redheads. (The season for canvasbacks is closed.)

The daily bag limit of merganser is 5, only 2 of which may be hooded mergansers.

Possession Limit: The maximum number of birds that could have legally been taken in two (2) days.

		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	2	4

SECTION IV. REPEAL OF PRIOR PROCLAMATIONS

This proclamation repeals Proclamation No. 07-15, dated August 30, 2007.

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