



New Mexico **Small Game Rules & Information**

Dove

Quail

Pheasant

Sandhill Crane

Blue Grouse

Band-tailed Pigeon

Squirrel

Duck

Goose

Common Moorhen

Sora

American Coot

September Teal

Virginia Rail

Common Snipe



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The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish manages 8 resident upland game species including quail, pheasant, blue grouse and squirrel.

The Department also manages 36 migratory species including waterfowl (ducks and geese), sandhill crane, coot, common moorhen, sora, Virginia rail and snipe, dove and band-tailed pigeon.

Both upland game and migratory birds are considered "small game".

What's New This Year

Two Application Deadlines for Special Permit Bird Hunts

The application deadline for all special permit sandhill crane hunts and youth waterfowl hunts at Bernardo WMA is **Wednesday, Sept. 9**. Online applications must be made before 5 p.m. on the deadline day.

The application deadline for all Bernardo WMA light goose special permit hunts, youth-only light goose hunt and special permit pheasant hunts is **Wednesday, Nov. 4**. Online applications must be made before 5 p.m. on the deadline day.

Season Dates Adjusted

Season dates have been adjusted for the new calendar year. All dates are 2009 unless indicated.

Other Changes Include:

- The season length for mourning doves and white-winged doves has been increased from 60 to 70 days.
- MRGV sandhill crane permits have been increased.
- A MRGV youth-only sandhill crane hunt has been established. See page 17.
- The MRGV dark goose season bag and possession limits have been increased.
- A free Light Goose Conservation Order Permit is required of all hunters participating in that hunt from Feb. 1 - March 10, 2010.

General Information

Department Main Office

P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM 87504
#1 Wildlife Way, Santa Fe, NM 87507

Department Area Offices

Northwest Office

3841 Midway Pl. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109
(505) 222-4700 Fax (505) 222-4720

Southwest Office

2715 Northrise Dr., Las Cruces, NM 88011
(575) 532-2100 Fax (575) 522-8382

Northeast Office

215 York Canyon Rd., Raton, NM 87740
(575) 445-2311 Fax (575) 445-5651

Southeast Office

1912 W. Second St., Roswell, NM 88201
(575) 624-6135 Fax (575) 624-6136

Important Phone Numbers

Operation Game Thief	(800) 432-4263
To be mailed information	(800) 862-9310
Public Information & Outreach	(505) 476-8000
Hunter Education	(505) 222-4731
License Sales	(505) 476-8087
Law Enforcement	(505) 476-8066
Wildlife Management	(505) 476-8038
Fisheries Management	(505) 476-8055
Conservation Services	(505) 476-8101
Fax (licenses/procurement/payment)	(505) 476-8137
TDD (number for hearing impaired)	(505) 476-8143

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Licenses Are Available

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish has a main office in Santa Fe and 4 area offices. Licenses for most species are sold over the counter at the main and area offices and from about 230 vendors statewide, including discount and sporting goods stores and bait and tackle shops.

Apply Online For Special Permit Bird Hunts

Use the Department's Web site www.wildlife.state.nm.us to apply online for Special Permit Bird Hunts. Residents pay must pay a \$9 application fee while nonresidents pay a \$12 application fee.

Online applications must be made before 5 p.m. on the deadline day.

Dove Banding Program

In 2009 a large-scale mourning and white-winged dove banding program will be conducted in New Mexico and nationwide to determine the impact of hunting on dove populations. The study will gather modern band reporting estimates and preliminary harvest estimates of our nation's number-one gamebird.

When hunting this year, check all harvested birds for bands. Please report any band numbers by calling toll-free: (800) 327-BAND or report via their website at: www.reportband.gov/.



Mourning Dove

License Fees

General License information

1. All hunters **Must** have one of the following valid licenses to hunt small game.
2. Everyone hunting, trapping or fishing on ANY lands must have a **Habitat Management and Access Validation**.
3. Anyone hunting, fishing or trapping on any U.S. Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands must have a **Habitat Improvement Stamp**.
4. Anyone hunting migratory birds must have a **Migratory Bird Permit (HIP) Number**.

4 Resident Licenses

Small Game	\$20.00
Small Game and Fishing	\$33.00
Disabled Veteran Fishing and Small Game (available only at Department offices)	\$10.00
Junior (17 and younger) or Senior (65 years or older) Small Game & Fishing	\$16.00
General Hunting	\$43.00*
Junior (17 and younger) General Hunting	\$18.00*
Senior (65 years or older) or Handicapped General Hunting	\$27.00*
General Hunting and Fishing	\$62.00*
Junior (17 and younger) General Hunting and Fishing	\$23.00*
Senior (65 years or older) or Handicapped General Hunting and Fishing	\$31.00*

* Fees for these licenses include the \$3 resident Depredation Damage Stamp fee.

Disabled Veteran and Handicapped Licenses

Only **residents** may purchase a Disabled Veteran Fishing and Small Game, Handicapped General Hunting or Handicapped General Hunting and Fishing license. Residents must furnish to the license vendor proof of residency and proof of disability or a Mobility Impaired Card. The Department of Game and Fish will make reasonable accommodations for persons who have a disability. Contact any Department office for more information.

Nonresident Licenses

Nonresident Small Game Season	\$90.00
Nonresident Small Game 4-day	\$33.00

Resident and Nonresident Permits and Validations

Habitat Management and Access Validation Required for hunting, fishing or trapping on ANY lands.	\$4.00
Habitat Improvement Stamp Required for hunting, fishing or trapping on U.S. Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management properties.	\$5.00
Migratory Bird Permit (HIP) Number	\$1.00

License Information

Hunter Education Certificate Required

Anyone younger than 18 must have a Hunter Education Certificate before applying for, or purchasing a firearm license to hunt in New Mexico. This certificate must be carried while hunting.

Youth-Only Hunts

To qualify for most Youth-Only or Youth/Adult hunts, the applicant must be younger than 18 on opening day of the hunt. All youth hunters must provide proof of successfully passing a hunter education course when making an application or purchasing a license. All youth hunters must carry this certificate while hunting in the field with a firearm.

The exception to the above age requirement is the federal program "Youth Waterfowl Days." Hunters must be younger than 16 to participate in this hunt and must be fully licensed and carry a Hunter Education Certificate. However, they are not required to have a federal Duck Stamp, special permit or application. See page 21 for more information about this hunt.

Duck Stamps

Waterfowl hunters 16 years or older need a federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Duck Stamp), available from the U.S. Post Office, Department of Game and Fish and some license vendors.

Paying for Penalties

Hunters cited for hunting upland game or migratory birds without a license have the option of paying a penalty assessment by mail rather than appearing in court.

The penalty assessment is \$100. The hunter also must purchase a license and permits. The license fees are \$90 for nonresidents or \$20 for residents plus a \$5 Habitat Improvement Stamp, a \$4 Habitat Management and Access Validation, a \$1 Migratory Bird Permit (HIP) Number and associated vendor fees. A license will be mailed to the hunter upon payment of the assessment.

The hunter will be assessed 10 points toward the 20 points required to revoke their license privileges.

License Revocations

Hunting and fishing privileges may be revoked for three years for violating game laws and accumulating 20 points in three years. Violations are 5 to 20 points each. Don't lose your hunting and fishing privileges! For details call any Department of Game and Fish office.

Vehicle Confiscation

Department officers may seize vehicles used in the crime of hunting at night with the use of artificial light. Vehicles used by spotlighters may be confiscated and sold at auction.



General Regulations and Hunting Hours

It Is Illegal To:

- Submit more than one application per species per year except for the Bernardo Youth Waterfowl hunt, see page 22.. If hunters submit more than one application for the same species, all of their applications may be rejected.
- Use live animals as blinds or decoys.
- Hunt migratory game birds by the aid of baiting, on or over any baited area, if the person knows or reasonably should know that the area is a baited.
- Use electrically or mechanically recorded calling devices. The exception is the Light Goose Conservation Order on page 18.
- Use tracer ammunition.
- Endanger the safety of another or his property by handling or using a firearm in a negligent manner or to carry a firearm while under the influence of an intoxicant.
- Discharge a firearm within 150 yards of a dwelling or building, not including abandoned or vacated buildings on public land, during hunting seasons, without the permission of the owner or lessee.
- Shoot at, wound, take or kill game on, from or across any graded and maintained public road or within the fenced right-of-way of any paved road or highway or within 40 feet of the pavement or maintained surface if no right-of-way fence exists.
- Shoot at, pursue, harass, harr, drive or rally any protected species by use of or from motor-driven vehicles, power boats, sailboats or aircraft.
- Use motor-driven vehicles on roads closed under the Habitat Protection Act or other federal regulation.
- Park any motor vehicle or camp within 300 yards of any man-made water hole, water well or watering tank used by wildlife or domestic stock without prior consent of the private landowner, private land lessee or public land management agency.
- Drive or ride in a motor-driven vehicle off established roads in a hunting, trapping or angling area if the vehicle bears a person licensed to hunt, fish or trap for species on which a season is open in that area. Established road means:
 1. A road, built and/or maintained by equipment, which shows no evidence of ever being closed to vehicular traffic by such means as berms, ripping, scarification, reseeding, fencing, gates, barricades or posted closures.
 2. A two-track road completely void of any vegetation in the tracks which shows prior use for hunting or other purposes such as recreation, mining, logging or ranching and shows no evidence of ever being closed to vehicular traffic by such means as berms, ripping, scarification, reseeding, fencing, gates, barricades or posted closure.

Exceptions:

Holders of a Mobility Impaired Card may, with permission of the landowner, lessee or management agency, drive off established roads to hunt for squirrels or game birds (except turkey), during open seasons.

Legal Hunting Hours

Legal hunting hours for dove, quail, pheasant, band-tailed pigeon, blue grouse, squirrel, sandhill crane, duck, coot, moorhen, Virginia rail, snipe and light and dark goose seasons run from **one-half hour before sunrise to sunset** unless otherwise permitted or noted. The Bottomless Lakes Overflow is open to hunting **one-half hour before sunrise to 1 p.m.**

Hunting Hours On State Owned WMAs

Waterfowl Management Areas are open to waterfowl hunting from **one-half hour before sunrise to 1 p.m.** unless otherwise noted on page 13. See page 20 for areas and species.

Wildlife Management Areas are open to hunting small game and Sept. teal **one-half hour before sunrise to sunset** unless otherwise prohibited. See page 13 for areas and species.

Sunrise-Sunset Table For Albuquerque

For points west of Albuquerque, add one minute for each 12 miles west. For points east of Albuquerque, subtract one minute for each 12 miles east.

Date	Rise	Set	Date	Rise	Set
Sept. 1	6:39	7:34	Dec. 1	6:56	4:55
5	6:42	7:28	5	6:59	4:54
10	6:45	7:21	10	7:03	4:55
15	6:49	7:14	15	7:07	4:56
20	6:53	7:07	20	7:10	4:58
25	6:56	6:59	25	7:12	5:01
Oct. 1	7:01	6:51	Jan. 1	7:15	5:06
5	7:04	6:45	5	7:15	5:09
10	7:08	6:39	10	7:15	5:13
15	7:12	6:32	15	7:14	5:18
20	7:16	6:26	20	7:13	5:23
25	7:21	6:20	25	7:10	5:28
Nov. 5	7:27	6:13	Feb. 1	7:06	5:35
5	6:31	5:09	5	7:03	5:39
10	6:36	5:05	10	6:58	5:44
15	6:41	5:01	15	6:53	5:49
20	6:46	4:58	20	6:47	5:54
25	6:50	4:56	25	6:41	5:58

Closed or Special Regulation Areas

National Parks and Monuments

Closed to all hunting.

National Wildlife Refuges

Closed to all hunting unless specifically opened under federal refuge regulations to hunting of particular species. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) approved nontoxic shot is required for hunting on all national wildlife refuges. See page 16. For additional information, call the specific wildlife refuges.

Bosque del Apache	(575) 835-1828
Bitter Lake	(575) 622-6755
Las Vegas	(575) 425-3581
Sevilleita	(575) 864-4021

Lake Holloman Wildlife Refuge

May be closed during September teal season. For information call (505) 572-3931.

Native American Tribal Lands

Check with tribal officials about hunting on tribal lands.

McGregor Range in Unit 28

For access information, call the Fort Bliss U.S. Army Office at (915) 569-9505.

Jornada Experimental Station

The Jornada Experimental Station in Doña Ana County is closed to all public access without an escort.

Rio Grande Gorge

Orilla Verde Recreation Area (BLM) is closed to hunting.

Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

Call (505) 864-7466 for more information and to obtain access along the Rio Grande.

Portions of the Rio Grande in Valencia County

Due to public safety concerns, posted areas along the Rio Grande in Valencia County are closed to migratory bird hunting. Contact the Northwest Area Office at (505) 222-4700 for more information regarding these closures.

No Trespassing Signs

It is illegal to destroy no-trespassing signs.

New Mexico State Parks

Closed to all hunting except for specific areas. Contact park superintendents for hunt area directions or call the New Mexico State Parks Division at: (505) 827-7173.

Bluewater, Caballo, El Vado, Heron, Conchas, Ute Lake, Elephant Butte and Sumner Lake state parks

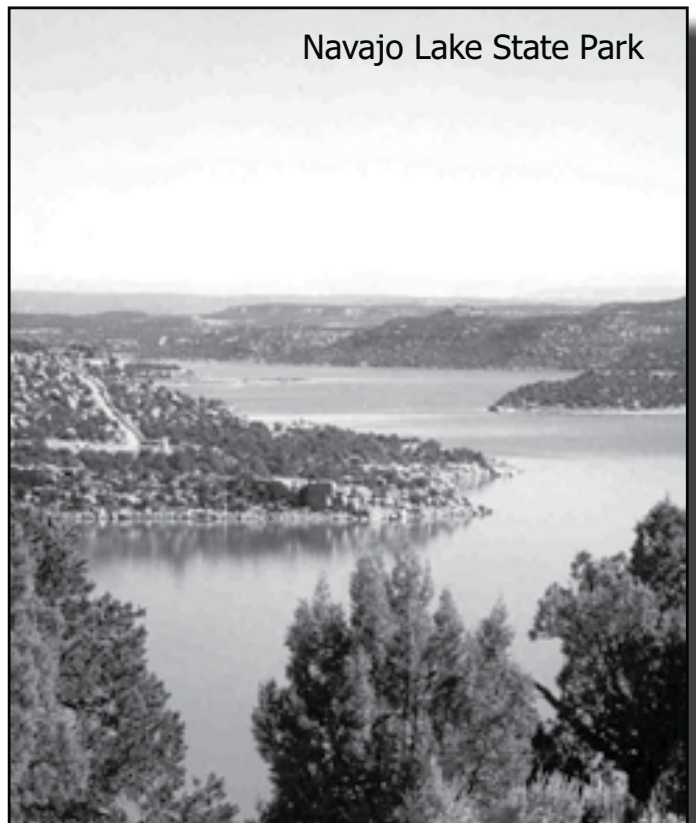
Open for waterfowl, Virginia rail, common snipe and sora.

Navajo Lake State Park

Open for waterfowl, Virginia rail, sora and common snipe. The CLOSED areas are:

1. Navajo Dam stilling basin, encompassing all of the Catch-and-Release Fishing Area. This includes all the area from the crest of the bluff above the north bank of the San Juan River to NM 511 on the south side of the river.
2. Cottonwood Campground and Day Use Area from the lower boundary of the Quality Waters to a fence 1/4 mile downstream from the Cottonwood Day Use Area.
3. Pine and Sims Mesa recreation areas and the southern end of Navajo Reservoir.
4. Miller Mesa and Sambrito recreation areas.

Navajo Lake State Park



Closed or Special Regulation Areas

State Wildlife Management Areas

USFWS-approved nontoxic shot is required for hunting on all state-owned Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs). Vehicle use is restricted to designated areas. See legal shooting hours on WMAs, pages 13 and 20.

1. The Big Hatchet Special Management Area is open to quail hunting.
2. The W.S. Huey WMA is open to hunting for dove and quail on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday during established seasons. See legal shooting hours on WMAs, pages 13 and 20.
3. Socorro-Escondida WMA is open to upland game and migratory bird hunting.
4. The Prairie Chicken Areas and the Sandhill Prairie Conservation Area are open for quail and dove each day of established seasons.
5. Those hunting waterfowl on Bernardo and La Joya WMAs are required to obtain a free Bernardo/La Joya Waterfowl Permit from Department offices or Web site. See map on page 16 and information on page 20 for areas and open days.
6. La Joya WMA is open to dove hunting east of the railroad tracks.
7. The Seven Rivers WMA is open to hunting in specified areas for quail on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday during established seasons. See legal shooting hours on WMAs. The old McMillan Lake spillway arm of Brantley Lake is closed to all hunting from Jan. 1-Feb. 28, '10. This includes an area that extends from the mouth of South Seven Rivers Draw north to the railroad trestle.
8. The Sargent, Humphries, Rio Chama, Urraca, Neblett, Water Canyon, Marquez and Elliott Barker WMAs are open to hunting each day of the established season. Waterfowl hunting is not allowed outside of September teal season.

Other Wildlife Management Areas not listed as open here or on pages 13 and 20, are **CLOSED** to hunting for species listed in this booklet.

Sandia Ranger District

The Sandia Ranger District is open only to bow hunting for small game and waterfowl during established seasons.

Valle Vidal

The Valle Vidal Unit in the Carson National Forest is closed to all small game hunting.

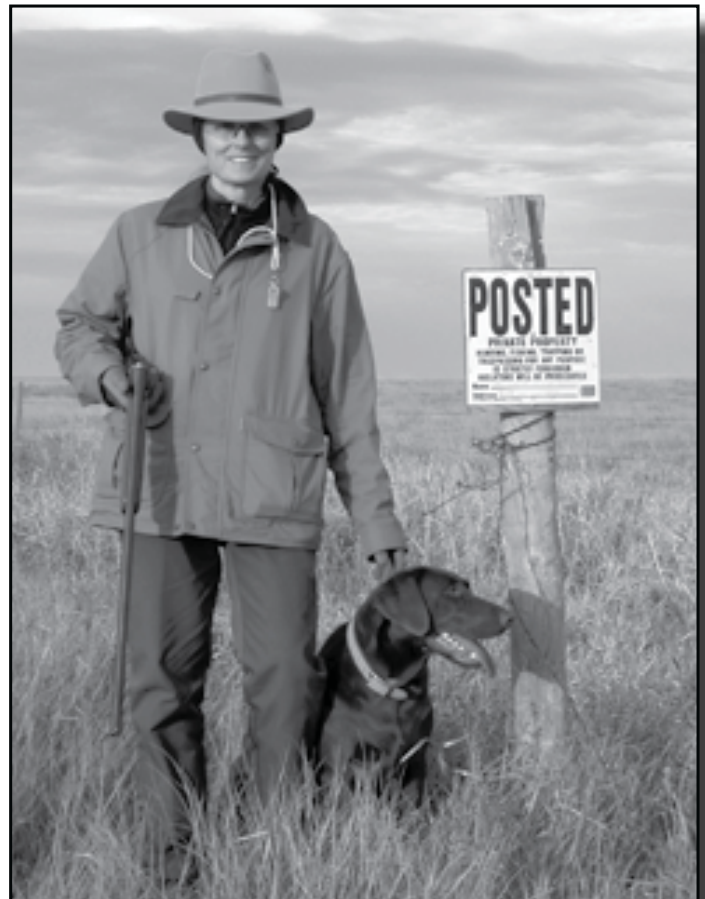
Hunting On Private Land

Hunters must obtain written permission before entering onto posted private lands, including streambeds.

Criminal trespass consists of:

1. Unlawfully entering or remaining upon posted private property without possessing written permission of the owner or person in control of the land.
2. Entering or remaining on private unposted lands knowing that consent to enter or remain is denied or withdrawn.

If convicted of trespass, you will lose hunting and fishing license privileges for three years and fines are severe.



Upland Game Seasons

Upland Game

Upland game includes blue grouse, quail, pheasant and squirrel.

Valencia County Landowner Pheasant Permits

No public-land pheasant hunting is allowed in Valencia County. Private landowners in Valencia county still have the ability to hunt pheasants and allow hunters on their private property. Landowners are required to provide proof of ownership and sufficient acreage to accommodate a safe hunt to the Northwest Area Office in Albuquerque prior to the hunt date. The landowner will be issued unlimited application forms to distribute to hunters they choose. All hunters wishing to hunt private land in Valencia County, must obtain an application from the landowner and submit it to the Northwest Area Office in Albuquerque. See page 3. Hunters may possess a Valencia County Landowner Permit in addition to another special pheasant hunt permit.

Special WMA Pheasant Permits

Hunt permits issued by drawing are required for special permit pheasant hunts on Seven Rivers, Casa Colorada, and the W.S. Huey WMA and the Youth-Only pheasant hunt on the Seven Rivers and Casa Colorada WMAs. Apply online or use paper Form 2009 available from any Department office or license vendor. Paper applications must be sent by mail to: Department of Game and Fish, Special Hunts Office, P.O. Box 25125, Santa Fe, NM 87504-5125. Applications for permits must be made online or postmarked by Nov. 4. Up to four persons may apply per application. The application fee is \$9 per resident or \$12 per nonresident. See page 11.

Blue Grouse Permits

A free Blue Grouse Permit is required of all blue grouse hunters. Permits are available only at Department offices or online at www.wildlife.state.nm.us/. There is no limit to the number of permits issued.

Dog Call-Pen and Field Trial Permits

A \$15 permit is required for either a dog call-pen releases or dog field trial. Call (505) 476-8064 in Santa Fe for details.

Shooting Preserve Permits

A shooting preserve permit fee is \$200. Call (505) 476-8064 in Santa Fe for details.

Daily Bag Limit

No person shall take more than one daily bag limit in any one day.

Field Possession Limit

No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit each day while in the field or while returning from the field to ones car, hunting camp or home.

Possession of Live Birds

Crippled birds must be killed immediately. Possession of live birds is illegal.

Wanton Waste Is Illegal

Anyone who takes game birds or squirrels must transport the edible portions of the meat from the field for human consumption.

Protected Bird Species

Virtually all birds are protected by law. Protected birds include game birds listed in this booklet, eagles, hawks, falcons, owls, vultures, crows, ravens and all songbirds. The only unprotected birds are starlings, rock doves (common pigeons) and house sparrows (English sparrows).

Possession, Transportation and Storage

It is unlawful to possess game birds or squirrels without a proper license or other evidence that the game was legally taken.

The head or leg of each pheasant, the leg of each quail or one fully feathered wing of each migratory bird taken (except mourning and white-winged dove and band-tailed pigeon) must remain attached to the bird until it is at your home or locker plant. Eurasian-collared doves must have one fully feathered wing attached until they are at your home or locker plant.

Game meat may be given to another individual. However, it must be accompanied by a written statement describing the kind and number of game involved, the date and county where taken, the name and hunting license number of the person who took them and the date and place where the donation took place.

Game transported by an appropriately licensed hunter or accompanied by a written statement (see above) may be transported within or outside New Mexico.

Legally taken and possessed game may be stored for five days after the close of the season for the particular species. After that, a storage permit must be obtained from the Department of Game and Fish.

Upland Game Seasons

Legal Sporting Arms

Quail and pheasant may be taken with shotguns fired from the shoulder, any bow and any muzzle-loading shotgun. Crossbows may only be used by hunters holding an NMDG&F mobility impaired card.

Grouse and squirrels may be taken with shotguns firing shot, rim-fire sporting arms, muzzle-loading sporting arms and any bow. Crossbows may only be used by hunters holding an NMDG&F mobility impaired card.



Nontoxic Shot Required On WMAs

Nontoxic shot is required for hunting any species with a shotgun on all open Wildlife Management Areas and State Game Commission lands. Nontoxic shot includes steel, bismuth-tin, tungsten-matrix, tungsten-bronze, tungsten-iron (2 types), tungsten-nickel-iron, tungsten-iron-copper-nickel, iron-tungsten-nickel, tungsten-bronze, tungsten-tin-iron, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-tin-bismuth, tungsten-tin-iron-nickel shot. The State Game Commission recommends that hunters use non-toxic shot for all small game hunting.

Rabbits and Other Nongame Species

Common nongame species include coyotes, skunks, rabbits and rock squirrels. Residents are not required to have a hunting license to take rabbits or other nongame species. Nonresidents must have either a nonresident, nongame license or any current New Mexico nonresident hunting license.

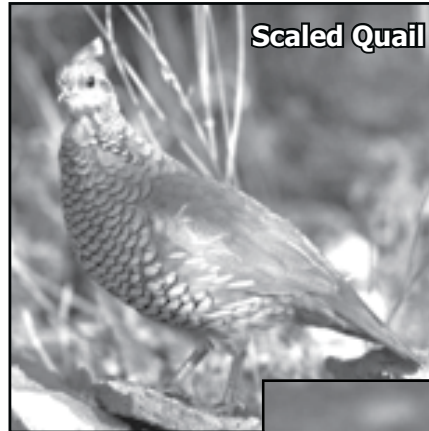
Nongame species may be taken on State Trust Lands opened by easement by persons holding a valid hunting or trapping licenses for protected species on those lands during the individual's hunt or trapping season. Nongame species may also be taken on U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands open to hunting.

White-sided (antelope) jackrabbits, found primarily in Hidalgo county, are protected under the New Mexico Wildlife Conservation Act and may not be hunted.

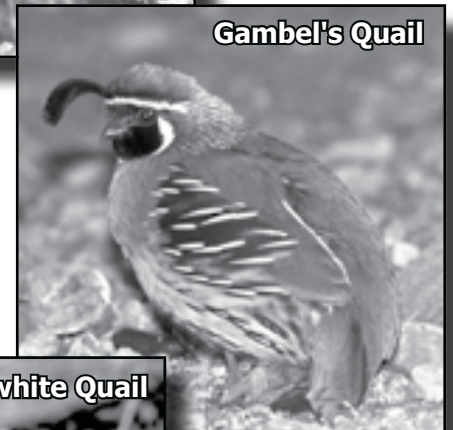
Quail Season

(Scaled, Gambel's, Bobwhite, Montezuma)

Hunt Area	Season Dates	Bag/Possession
Statewide	Nov. 14- Feb. 14, '10	15 per day (no more than 5 Montezuma quail), 30 in possession (no more than 10 Montezuma quail)



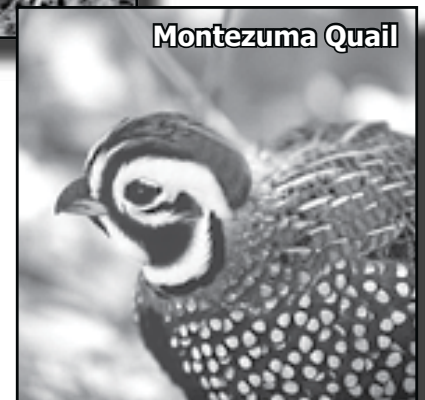
Scaled Quail



Gambel's Quail



Bobwhite Quail



Montezuma Quail

Upland Game Seasons

Grouse and Squirrel Seasons

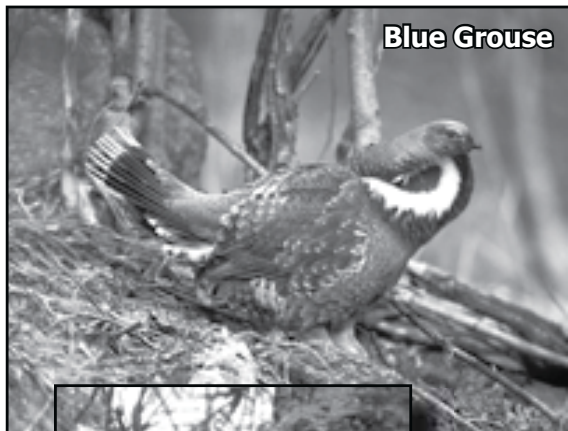
Grouse hunters are required to have a free Blue Grouse Permit when hunting anywhere in New Mexico, see page 9.

Blue Grouse Seasons

Hunt Area	Season Dates	Bag/Possession
GS-1E	Aug. 22-Oct. 18	3 per day,
GS-1	Sept. 1-Oct. 15	6 in possession
GS-2	Oct. 1-31	

Squirrel Seasons (Red and Abert's)

Hunt Area	Season Dates	Bag/Possession
GS-1E	Aug. 22-Oct. 31	8 per day,
GS-1, S-3, S-4	Sept. 1-Oct. 31	16 in possession
GS-2	Oct. 1-Nov. 30	



Blue Grouse



Red Squirrel



Abert's Squirrel

Grouse and Squirrel Zones

In "GS" areas, you may hunt both grouse and squirrel. In "S" areas, you may hunt only squirrel. The area boundaries are:

GS - 1:

The area bounded by the NM/CO border at NM 551, to U.S. 64/87, to I-25, to U.S. 285, to NM 41, to U.S. 60, to I-25, to NM 550, to the border of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation north to the NM/CO border to NM 551.

GS - 1E:

The area bounded by I-25 at the I-25/U.S. 285 intersection, north on I-25 to NM 518, north on NM 518 to NM 75, west on NM 75 to NM 68, south on NM 68 to U.S. 285 and south on U.S. 285 to I-25.

GS - 2:

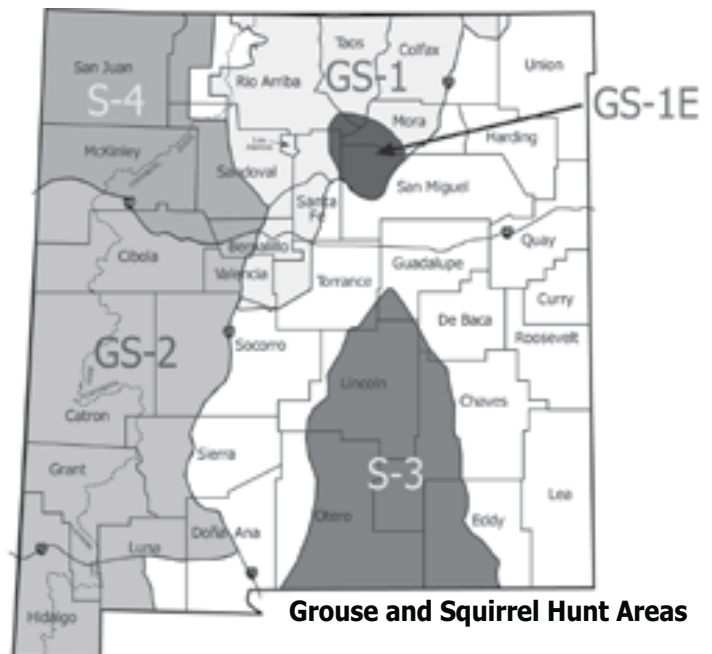
The area bounded by the NM/AZ border, I-40 from the border to I-25, I-25 to I-10, I-10 to NM 11, NM 11 to the NM/Mexico border and the NM/Mexico border to the Arizona border.

S - 3:

The area bounded by the NM/TX border, U.S. 54 from the border to U.S. 285 and U.S. 285 to the Texas border.

S - 4:

The area bounded by Four Corners south to I-40, east to I-25, I-25 north to NM 550 to the Jicarilla Apache Reservation's south and west boundaries, north to the Colorado line and west to Four Corners.



Grouse and Squirrel Hunt Areas

Upland Game Seasons

Pheasant Seasons Over The Counter, Statewide

Hunt Area	Season Dates	Bag/Possession
Statewide (except Valencia Co.)	Dec. 10-13	3 males per day, 6 in possession

Private Land, Valencia County

Private Land in Valencia County	Dec. 12	3 males
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Land owners in Valencia County may receive unlimited specially marked applications from the Department's Northwest Area Office in Albuquerque for hunting pheasants on their private land.

Hunters wishing to hunt private land in Valencia County must obtain one of these applications and submit it to the Northwest Area Office. No public-land pheasant hunting is allowed in Valencia County.



Male Ring-necked Pheasant

Draw Permit WMA Hunts General Information

To receive a permit, hunters may apply online or complete paper Form 2009 and send it with a \$9 fee per resident or \$12 fee per nonresident to: Department of Game and Fish, Special Hunts Office, P.O. Box 25125, Santa Fe, NM 87504-5125. Applications must be made online or postmarked by Nov. 4.

Seven Rivers and Casa Colorado WMAs Youth-Only Pheasant Hunts

Two Youth-Only pheasant hunts are available by drawing. See page 5 for age requirements. Apply online or complete paper Form 2009 using hunt codes listed below. Youth hunters must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult. Shooting hours on Casa Colorado and Seven Rivers WMAs are one-half hour before sunrise to 4:00 p.m.

Hunt Area	Hunt Code	Season Dates	Bag/Possession	Permits
Casa Colorado (Youth-Only)	PHE-0-001	Dec. 5	3 males	15
Seven Rivers (Youth-Only)	PHE-0-002	Dec. 5	3 males	40

Casa Colorado, Seven Rivers and W.S. Huey WMAs Pheasant Hunts

A draw permit hunt will be held for up to 10 hunters at Casa Colorado WMA, up to 65 hunters at Seven Rivers WMA and up to 40 hunters at W.S. Huey WMA on Dec. 12. Apply online or complete paper Form 2009, using hunt codes listed below. Shooting hours on Casa Colorado, W.S. Huey and Seven Rivers WMA are one-half hour before sunrise to 4:00 p.m.

Hunt Area	Hunt Code	Season Dates	Bag/Possession	Permits
Casa Colorado	PHE-0-003	Dec. 12	3 males	10
Seven Rivers	PHE-0-004	Dec. 12	3 males	65
W.S. Huey	PHE-0-005	Dec. 12	3 males	40

Bitter Lake Youth-Only Pheasant Hunt

Bitter Lake Refuge will hold a Youth-Only pheasant hunt scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 6. Contact the Bitter Lake Refuge at (575) 622-6755. See page 16 for more information.

Upland Game Hunting at WMAs

Upland Game Hunting At Wildlife Management Areas

Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) are open to hunting as allowed by special regulations listed below. No hunting is allowed outside of open seasons or for species not listed. Vehicles are restricted to designated areas and camping is not allowed.

Nontoxic Shot

Shot-gunners must use and have in their possession only USFWS-approved nontoxic shot when hunting any species in any WMA listed here. See page 10.

Hunting Hours on Wildlife Management Areas

One-half hour before sunrise to sunset with the following exceptions:

1. Shooting hours on W.S. Huey, Seven Rivers and Salt Lake WMA are one-half hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m.
2. Shooting hours on W.S. Huey and Seven Rivers WMA for special permit pheasant hunts are one-half hour before sunrise to 4:00 p.m.



First Retrieve

Days Open To Upland Game Hunting At WMAs ● = Days Open

WMA	Species	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat
Seven Rivers	Quail		●		●			●
W.S. Huey	Quail		●		●			●
Brantley (except Seven Rivers)	Quail, Pheasant	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Big Hatchet	Quail	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Prairie Chicken Areas	Quail	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Sargent, Humphries, Rio Chama, Urraca, Colin Neblett, Water Canyon, Marquez, and Elliott Barker	Grouse, squirrel	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Sandia Ranger District (bow use only)	Quail, squirrel	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Socorro-Escondida	Quail	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

Migratory Bird Seasons

Migratory Birds

Migratory birds include dove and band-tailed pigeon, sandhill crane, duck, dark goose (Canada and white-fronted), light goose (snow, blue-phase snow and Ross's), coot, common moorhen, sora, Virginia rail and snipe.

Migratory Bird Permits

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service requires that all migratory bird hunters obtain a Migratory Bird Permit (HIP) Number. Residents and nonresidents must have a permit number for each state in which they hunt migratory birds.

Band-tailed Pigeon Permits

A free Band-tailed Pigeon Permit is required of all band-tailed pigeon hunters. There is no limit on the number of permits issued. These permits are available only at Department offices or online at www.wildlife.state.nm.us/.

Regular Season Sandhill Crane Permits

Each regular (Eastern) season sandhill crane hunter must have a hunting license (see page 4) plus a free, federal Sandhill Crane Hunting Permit. There is no limit on the number issued and no application deadline. Permits are available only at Department offices or online at www.wildlife.state.nm.us/. A federal Duck Stamp is not required to hunt sandhill cranes.

Special Sandhill Crane Permits

Each special-season Middle Rio Grande Valley, Estancia Valley, Southwest, and Bernardo/Casa Colorada Youth-Only sandhill crane hunter must have an appropriate license (see page 4) plus a special-season permit issued by drawing. See hunt codes and dates on page 17.

Apply online or use paper Form 2009 available at any Department office or license vendor. Paper applications must be sent to: Department of Game and Fish, Special Hunts Office, P.O. Box 25125, Santa Fe, NM 87504-5125. Applications for permits must be made online or postmarked by Sept. 9. Up to four persons may apply per application. The application fee is \$9 per resident or \$12 per nonresident. Hunters may apply for their first and second choices, but only one hunt may be awarded.

Additional information about hunt requirements will be given to successful applicants. A federal Duck Stamp is not required to hunt sandhill cranes.

Special Goose Permits

Permits issued by drawing are required for the Youth-only Light Goose Hunt and the Special Permit Light Goose hunts on Bernardo WMA. See page 21. Apply online or use paper Form 2009, available from Department offices and license vendors. Paper applications must be sent by mail to: Department of Game and Fish, Special Hunts Office, P.O. Box 25125, Santa Fe, NM 87504-5125. Applications for permits must be made online or postmarked by Nov. 4.

For information about the Light Goose Hunt at the Bosque del Apache and the Dark Goose Hunt at the Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge, please contact the refuges directly, see page 16.

Free MRGV Dark Goose Permits

A free Middle Rio Grande Valley (MRGV [Valencia, Socorro and Sierra counties]) Dark Goose Permit is required of all dark goose hunters in the MRGV. They are available only at Department offices or online at www.wildlife.state.nm.us/. There is no deadline or limit to the number of permits issued.

Free Bernardo and La Joya WMA Waterfowl Permits

A free Bernardo and La Joya Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Permit is required of all waterfowl hunters at these WMAs. They are available only at Department offices or online at www.wildlife.state.nm.us/. There is no deadline or limit to the number of permits issued.

Free Light Goose Conservation Order Permit

A free Light Goose Conservation Order Permit is required of all hunters participating in this hunt from Feb. 1 - March 10, 2010. See page 18. They are available only at Department offices or online at www.wildlife.state.nm.us/. There is no deadline or limit to the number of permits issued.

Storage, Transportation and Shipment

One fully feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory birds, except doves and band-tailed pigeons, until the bird arrives at the hunters' home or storage facility. No person shall give, put or leave any game at any place or in the custody of another person unless the game is tagged by the hunter with the following information:

1. The hunter's signature
2. The hunter's address
3. The total number of birds by species
4. The dates such game was taken.

Migratory Bird Seasons

Storage continued

Tagging is required if the game is being transported by another person for the hunter or if the game has been left for cleaning, storage (including temporary storage), shipment or taxidermy services.

No person shall ship game unless the package is marked on the outside with:

1. Name and address of person sending the birds.
2. Name and address of person receiving the birds.

Duck Stamp

The law requires that each waterfowl hunter 16 years of age or older carry a valid federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Duck Stamp) signed in ink across the face, see page 5.

Migratory Bird Permit Number

A Migratory Bird Permit (HIP) Number is required for all migratory bird hunters, see page 14.

Legal Sporting Arms

Migratory birds may be taken with a shotgun fired from the shoulder no larger than 10 gauge, of any description capable of holding no more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun, so that its total capacity does not exceed three shells. Migratory birds also may be taken with any muzzle-loading shotgun and any bow. Crossbows may only be used by hunters holding an NMDG&F mobility impaired card.

Nontoxic Shot Mandatory

Persons hunting any waterfowl (ducks and geese), coot, common moorhen, sora, Virginia rail, and snipe with shotguns, including muzzle-loading shotguns must use and possess in the field only nontoxic shot approved for use by the USFWS. In addition, shot-gunners hunting any species of upland game or migratory birds on all State Game Commission lands, including Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs), must use and possess only USFWS-approved nontoxic shot.

Nontoxic shot includes steel, bismuth-tin, tungsten-matrix, tungsten-bronze, tungsten-iron (2 types), tungsten-nickel-iron, tungsten-iron-copper-nickel, iron-tungsten-nickel, tungsten-bronze, tungsten-tin-iron, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-tin-bismuth, tungsten-tin-iron-nickel shot.

Wanton Waste Is Illegal

Anyone who takes game birds must transport the edible portions of the meat from the field for human consumption.

Closed Seasons

No person shall take migratory game birds except during the hours open to shooting or falconry as prescribed.

Legal Methods

It is legal to use artificial decoys, blinds and dogs. It is illegal to shoot at any protected species from within a motor vehicle, power boat, sailboat or aircraft. Migratory birds may be taken from a motor-driven boat (or other craft with attached motor) or sailboat only when resting at anchor or fastened within or immediately alongside a fixed hunting blind or is used solely as a means of picking up dead birds.

Summary of Federal Regulations

The following federal regulations apply to the taking, possession, transportation and storage of migratory game birds (duck, geese, coot, common moorhen, snipe, rail, dove, band-tailed pigeon and sandhill crane) in addition to the state regulations set forth in this booklet. Persons cited for violating federal regulations are required to appear in Federal Court.

Illegal Methods of Taking Migratory Birds

No person shall take migratory birds:

1. From a sink box (a low floating device that has a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water);
2. From or with the aid or use of a car or other motor-driven land conveyance or from or with the aid of any aircraft;
3. By the aid of baiting (placing or directing placement of feed such as corn, wheat, salt or other feed for the purpose of causing, inducing or allowing any person to take or attempt to take any migratory game bird). Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait.

Importation of Migratory Birds

During any one-week beginning on Sunday, no person shall import more than:

1. 25 doves and 10 pigeons from any foreign country;
2. 10 ducks and 5 geese from any foreign country except Canada and Mexico. Importation of doves and waterfowl from Canada and Mexico may not exceed Canadian or Mexican export limits and these vary by province and state.

In addition, one fully feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported or shipped between a port of entry and ones home or to a taxidermist. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

Migratory Bird Seasons

Waterfowl Hunting at National Wildlife Refuges (NWR)

General Information

All state and federal regulations apply, including licenses, permits, method of take, bag limit, etc. Only USFWS-approved nontoxic shot may be used and possessed on the refuge. Sporting arms must be unloaded and cased when transported.

Bosque del Apache NWR

The Bosque del Apache conducts Special Permit Light Goose Hunts. The refuge may allow limited hunting for quail, rabbit and dove in specific areas. For current information, maps and applications, call the refuge at: (575) 835-1828 or visit: www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/newmex/bosque/.

Las Vegas NWR

The Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge conducts Special Permit Canada Goose Hunts and has limited dove hunting. For current information, maps and applications, call the refuge at: (575) 425-3581 or visit: www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/newmex/lasvegas/.

Bitter Lake NWR

The Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge has limited hunting for duck, geese, coot, sandhill crane, dove, quail and pheasant. For current information, maps and applications, call the refuge at: (575) 622-6755 or visit: www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/newmex/bitterlake/.

Sevilleta NWR

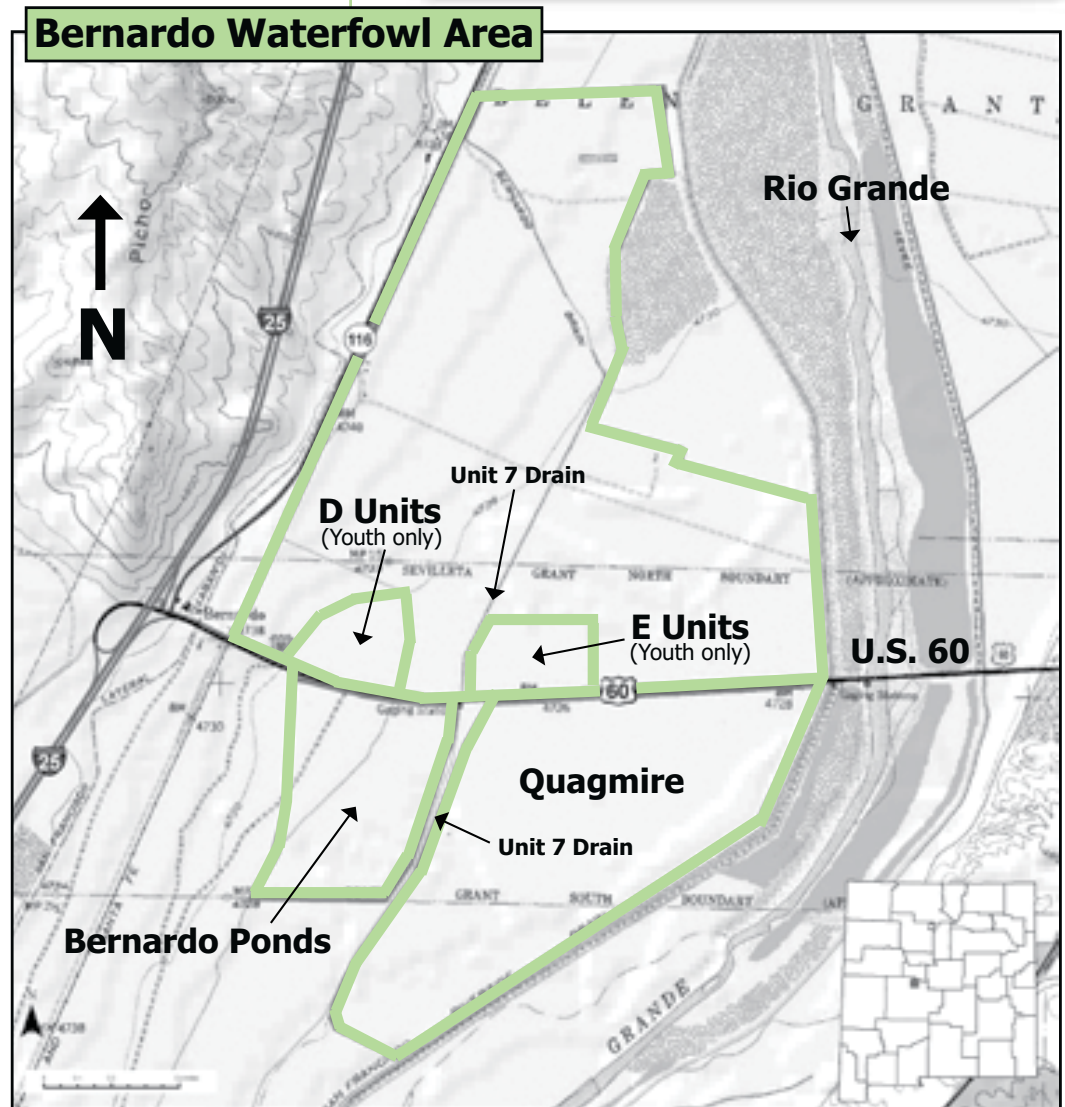
The Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge has limited hunting for duck, light geese, coot and dove. For current information and maps call the refuge at: (575) 864-4021 or visit: www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/newmex/sevilleta/.

Report All Banded Birds

Please report all banded birds you harvest using the toll-free number (800) 327-BAND or via the website: www.reportband.gov/.



Wood Duck



Migratory Bird Seasons

Dove and Band-tailed Pigeon Seasons

Mourning and White-winged Dove

North Zone: North of I-40 from the NM/AZ state line to U.S. 54 at Tucumcari; U.S. 54 from Tucumcari to the NM/TX state line.

South Zone: South of I-40 from the NM/AZ state line to U.S. 54 at Tucumcari; U.S. 54 from Tucumcari to the NM/TX state line.

Hunt Area	Season Dates	Bag/Possession
Mourning and white-winged dove		
North Zone	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15 per day, 30
South Zone	Sept. 1-Oct. 9 & Dec. 1-31	in possession

Eurasian-collared Dove

There is no daily bag or possession limit for Eurasian-collared dove with the following restriction: All Eurasian-collared doves in possession must retain one fully feathered wing until they are at your home.

Hunt Area	Season Dates	Bag/Possession
Eurasian-collared dove		
Statewide	Sept. 1-Dec. 31	No limit

Band-tailed Pigeon

Southwest Season: South of U.S. 60 and west of I-25.

Regular Season: Remainder of the state.

Hunt Area	Season Dates	Bag/Possession
Band-tailed pigeon Free permit required, see page 14.		
Southwest Season	Oct. 1-20	5 per day, 10 in
Regular Season	Sept. 1-20	possession

Dove and Band-Tailed Pigeon Hunt Areas



Sandhill Crane Seasons

Eastern Hunt

(Chaves, Curry, De Baca, Eddy, Lea, Quay and Roosevelt counties)
Each Eastern season sandhill crane hunter must have an appropriate license (page 4) plus a free federal Sandhill Crane Permit. There is no limit on the number issued and no application deadline, see page 14. The permit is available at all Department offices. Hunt dates are Oct. 31, '09-Jan. 31, '10.

Estancia Valley Hunt

(Parts of Santa Fe and Torrance counties)

Up to 60 permits by drawing are available for the SCR-0-102 hunt. Hunters successfully drawing Special Estancia Valley Crane Permits must:

1. Return the Harvest Questionnaire within five days after their hunt.

Middle Rio Grande Valley (MRGV) Hunts and Youth-only Hunt

(Valencia and Socorro counties)

Up to 80 permits by drawing are available for the SCR-0-101 hunt, 75 permits are available for the SCR-0-103 hunt, 75 permits are available for the SCR-0-104 hunt and 75 permits are available for the SCR-0-106 hunt.

Up to 24 permits will be available for a Youth-only hunt, SCR-0-109.

Hunters who draw Special MRGV Crane Permits must:

1. Check their harvested cranes at the designated check station.
2. Return the Harvest Questionnaire within five days after their hunt.

Southwest Hunt

(Parts of Sierra, Doña Ana, Luna, Grant and Hidalgo counties)

Up to 70 permits are available for the SCR-0-105 and up to 60 permits are available for the SCR-0-107 hunt. Hunters successfully drawing Special SW Crane Permits must return the Harvest Questionnaire within five days after each hunt. Hunters in the Hatch, NM area are asked to check their harvested cranes at the Hatch Check Station.

Applying for Sandhill Crane Hunts

Applicants must apply online or complete paper Form 2009 using the hunt codes below and mail it with a \$9 fee per resident or \$12 per nonresident to: Department of Game and Fish, Special Hunts Office, P.O. Box 25125, Santa Fe, NM 87504-5125. Applications must be made online or postmarked by Sept. 9. Four hunters may apply on each form, however, only one application may be submitted. No more than 2 hunters may apply per application for the Youth-only hunt. Note: Most cranes in the MRGV are found on private property and written permission is required for access.

Hunt Area	Hunt Code	Season Dates	Bag/Possession
Eastern Hunt	NA	Oct. 31- Jan. 31, '10	3 per day, 6 in possession
Estancia Valley Hunt	SCR-0-102	Oct. 31-Nov. 8	3 per day, 6 in possession
MRGV Hunts	SCR-0-101	Oct. 31-Nov. 1	3 per day, 6 per season
	SCR-0-103	Nov. 21-22	
	SCR-0-104	Dec. 5-6	
	SCR-0-106	Jan. 9-10, '10	
MRGV Youth-only Hunt	SCR-0-109	Nov. 14	3 total
Southwest Hunts	SCR-0-105	Oct. 31-Nov. 8	3 per day, 6 in possession
	SCR-0-107	Jan. 2-3, '10	

Migratory Bird Seasons

Central Flyway Seasons

East of the Continental Divide

Both North and South Zones

Species	Season Dates	Bag/Possession Limits
Sept. Teal	Sept. 19-27	4 per day. Possession limit is twice the daily bag.

North Zone

Ducks	Oct. 10-Jan. 13, '10	6 ducks singly or in aggregate that consist of no more than 5 mallard (only 2 may be female, [Mexican-like ducks are part of the mallard bag limit]), 3 wood duck, 2 redhead, 2 hooded merganser, 2 scaup, 1 pintail and 1 canvasback.
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American Coot	Oct. 10-Jan. 13, '10	15 American coot.
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South Zone

Ducks and American Coot	Oct. 28-Jan. 31, '10	Same as North Zone. For all above, possession limit is twice the daily bag.
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Central Flyway Seasons cont.

Both North and South Zones

Species	Season Dates	Bag/Possession Limits
Common Moorhen	Oct. 3-Dec. 11	1 daily. Possession limit is twice the daily bag.

Virginia Rail, Sora	Sept. 19-Nov. 27	10 daily, singly or in aggregate. Possession limit is twice the daily bag.
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Common Snipe	Oct. 17-Jan. 31, '10	8 daily. Possession limit is twice the daily bag.
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Dark Goose (Canada and white-fronted goose)	Oct. 17-Jan. 31, '10	4 daily. Possession limit is twice the daily bag.
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Sandoval, Bernalillo, Valencia, Socorro and Sierra counties are closed to dark goose hunting during the regular season. See page 21 for Special Permit Goose Hunts.

Light Goose (snow, blue-phase snow, and Ross's goose)	Oct. 17-Jan. 31, '10	20 daily, 80 in possession
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Light Goose Conservation Order (snow, blue-phase snow, and Ross's goose)	Feb. 1, '10-Mar. 10, '10	No bag or possession limits. Approved tools include: electronic calls, unplugged shotguns, shooting until 1/2 hour after sunset.
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Free permit required, see page 14.

Central Flyway



Game meat or parts of migratory birds may NOT be sold or bartered at any time.

Migratory Bird Seasons

Pacific Flyway Seasons

West of the Continental Divide

Species	Season Dates	Bag/Possession
Duck	Oct. 19- Jan. 31, '10	7 ducks, including no more than 2 female mallards, 2 redheads, 1 pintail and 1 canvasback. Possession limit is twice the daily bag.
Scaup	Nov. 7- Jan. 31, '10	2 may be part of the aggregate bag.
American Coot and Common Moorhen	Oct. 19- Jan. 31, '10	12 daily, singly or in aggregate. Possession limit is twice the daily bag.
Common Snipe	Oct. 17- Jan. 31, '10	8 daily. Possession limit is twice the daily bag.
Sora and Virginia Rail	Sept. 19- Nov. 27	10 daily, singly or in aggregate. Possession limit is twice the daily bag.

Pacific Flyway Seasons cont.

Species	Season Dates	Bag/Possession
Goose	North Zone: Sept. 19-Oct. 4 and Nov. 2- Jan. 31, '10	3 dark geese, 10 light geese. Possession limit is twice the daily bag.
	South Zone: Oct. 17- Jan. 31, '10	2 dark geese, 10 light geese. Possession limit is twice the daily bag.



Virginia Rail



American Coot



Sora

Pacific Flyway



Migratory Bird Hunting at WMAs

WMAs are closed to all hunting except by special regulations listed below. No hunting outside of open seasons or for species not listed. Vehicles are restricted to designated areas. No camping is allowed. Hunting hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. During Sept. teal at Bernardo and La Joya WMAs, shooting hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.

Days Open To Migratory Bird Hunting At WMAs

● = Days open

WMA	Species	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat
Seven Rivers	Dove, Sept. teal, sandhill crane Group 2		●		●			●
W.S. Huey	Dove,		●		●			●
Brantley (except Seven Rivers)	Dove, Sept. teal, sandhill crane Group 2	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Prairie Chicken Areas, Sandhills Prairie Conservation Area and Big Hatchet	Dove	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Sargent, Humphries, Rio Chama, Urraca, Colin Neblett, Water Canyon, Marquez and Elliott Barker	Dove, band-tailed pigeon	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Sandia Ranger District (bow hunting only)	All migratory birds	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Bernardo (600 feet south of U.S. 60)	Sept. teal	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
*Bernardo, 600 feet south of U.S. 60 (Quagmire Unit) and portions north of U.S. 60 (E Units), east of Unit 7 Drain. See map, page 17.	Group 1		●		●			●
*Bernardo, 600 feet south of U.S. 60 (Bernardo Ponds Unit) and portions north of U.S. 60 (D Units), west of Unit 7 Drain. See page 17.	Group 1	●				●		
* That portion of Bernardo WMA north of U.S. 60 will be open for waterfowl hunting to groups consisting of at least one youth hunter with a supervising adult, see page 21.								
Salt Lake and Charette Lake	Group 2		●		●			●
La Joya and Salt Lake	Sept. teal	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
La Joya (north portion)	Group 1		●		●			●
La Joya (south portion)	Group 1	●				●		
La Joya (east of railroad tracks)	Dove, Group 1	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Jackson Lake (west of NM 170)	Group 2		●		●			●
Seven Rivers	Group 2		●		●			●
Tucumcari	Group 2	●			●			●
Bottomless Lakes Overflow	All migratory birds	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
McAllister Lake	Group 3		●		●			●
Socorro-Escondida	All migratory birds	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

Group 1 includes: ducks, light geese, dark geese (if in possession of a MRGV dark goose permit), Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot, common snipe.

Group 2 includes: ducks, all geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot, common snipe.

Group 3 includes: ducks, light geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot, common snipe.

Special Permit & Youth Waterfowl Seasons

Special Permit Goose Hunts

Bernardo WMA Light Goose Hunts

Up to 24 permits will be available at Bernardo each open day. Permits will be offered by drawing for each hunt date. Bag limits are 20 per day, 80 in possession. Hunters shall use only USFWS-approved nontoxic shot. Only 30 rounds per hunter will be allowed in the blinds. Additional information about hunt requirements will be given to successful hunt applicants. Hunters must have a valid license, their special hunt permit, a Migratory Bird Permit (HIP) Number and a Duck Stamp.

Hunters may apply for all Bernardo WMA light goose hunts online or use paper Form 2009 using the hunt codes listed on the chart below and enclosing an application fee of \$9 per resident or \$12 per nonresident. Applications must be made online or postmarked by Nov. 4.

Hunt Code	Dates	Number of Permits
LTG-0-101	Dec. 31	24
LTG-0-103	Jan. 25, '10	24

Middle Rio Grande Valley Dark Goose Hunt

Middle Rio Grande Valley (Valencia, Socorro and Sierra counties) dark goose hunters must have a permit which is issued free at any Department office or online at www.wildlife.state.nm.us/. There is no limit to the number of permits issued.

Dates	Number of Permits	Bag/Possession
Jan. 2-24, '10	Unlimited	2 per day / 2 per season



Snow Goose

Youth Waterfowl Seasons

Bernardo Youth/Adult Light Goose Hunt

For the Bernardo Youth/Adult Light Goose Hunt, youths must be younger than 18 and with an adult at least 18 years old. At least one adult but not more than two, must accompany each youth hunter. Youths and their supervising adults must hunt together. Hunters must have a valid license, their special hunt permit and a Migratory Bird Permit (HIP) Number. A Duck Stamp is required for hunters 16 years and older.

Hunters may apply online or complete paper Form 2009. Only four hunters may apply per Form 2009 for the Youth/Adult hunt. Applications must be made online or postmarked by Nov. 4. Unsuccessful applicants may be used on a standby basis.

Hunt Code	Dates	Number of Permits
LTG-0-102	Jan. 23, '10	24

Youth-Only Light Goose Hunt at Bernardo WMA

Up to 12 permits will be drawn for a Youth-Only Light Goose Hunt on Bernardo WMA. Bag limit is 20, with 80 in possession. Youth hunters must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult. Hunters must have a valid license, their special hunt permit, and a Migratory Bird Permit (HIP) Number. A Duck Stamp is required for hunters 16 years and older.

Youth hunters may apply for this hunt online or on paper Form 2009, using hunt code YLG-0-101 and enclosing an application fee of \$9 per resident or \$12 per nonresident. Up to three hunters may apply per form for the Youth-Only hunt. Applications must be made online or postmarked by Nov. 4.

Hunt Code	Hunt Date	Number of Permits
YLG-0-101	Dec. 29	12

Federal Youth Waterfowl Days

Central Flyway	North Zone:	Oct. 3-4
	South Zone:	Oct. 17-18
Pacific Flyway		Oct. 10-11

To participate in this federal program, hunters must be younger than 16 years of age. They must be fully licensed and have a free Bernardo/La Joya Waterfowl Permit if hunting on Bernardo and/or La Joya WMA. They are not required to have a Duck Stamp or special permit and no application is required.

An adult at least 18 years old must accompany the youth in the field. The adult may not hunt ducks, but may participate in other seasons that are open during Youth Waterfowl Days.

Only ducks and coots may be taken by the youth hunter (no sandhill cranes, geese or other waterfowl may be taken). Bag limit and possession limits are the same as the regular seasons.

Legal shooting hours for this hunt are from one-half hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. at WMAs. Hunting hours end at sunset in all other areas.

The WMAs open during Youth Waterfowl Days are: Bernardo, La Joya, Seven Rivers, Salt Lake, Charette Lake, McAllister Lake and Tucumcari.

Youth Waterfowl Seasons

Youth Waterfowl Hunts At Bernardo WMA

Youth waterfowl hunts have been established at Bernardo WMA on ponds north of U.S. 60, between U.S. 60 and the closed area as posted. Youths must be younger than 18 years of age. At least one adult must accompany each youth hunter. Adults may not hunt this area. All hunters must be fully licensed and have a free Bernardo/La Joya Waterfowl Permit. Up to three hunters may occupy each blind.



Blind selection during the Sept. teal and federal Youth Waterfowl Days is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Blind selection on weekdays between Oct. 28-Dec. 17 and Jan. 4-31, '10 is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Once all blinds are selected, no other hunters will be allowed to enter the area. Hunt dates and areas shall follow the schedule described in the table on page 20.

Blind selection on all weekends and those weekdays between Dec. 19, '09-Jan. 3, '10 will be available by permit only. See right-hand column for dates, hunt codes and permits available. Hunters may apply for these hunts online or on paper Form 2009 using the hunt codes on the chart to the right. Enclose a \$9 application fee per resident or \$12 application fee for each nonresident. Applications must be made online or postmarked by Sept. 9. If any permits are available after the draw, they may be obtained at Department area offices. Up to 2 permits may be issued per application. A youth hunter may have up to a maximum of 4 permits per license year.

Bag limit and possession limits are the same as the regular seasons. See page 18 for bag limit. The use of motorized motion decoys is **prohibited** during these hunts.

Legal shooting hours are from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m.

Hunt Date	Hunt Code	Permits
Oct. 31	BNY-0-101	6
Nov. 1	BNY-0-102	6
Nov. 7	BNY-0-103	6
Nov. 8	BNY-0-104	6
Nov. 14	BNY-0-105	6
Nov. 15	BNY-0-106	6
Nov. 21	BNY-0-107	6
Nov. 22	BNY-0-108	6
Nov. 28	BNY-0-109	6
Nov. 29	BNY-0-110	6
Dec. 5	BNY-0-111	6
Dec. 6	BNY-0-112	6
Dec. 12	BNY-0-113	6
Dec. 13	BNY-0-114	6
Dec. 19	BNY-0-115	6
Dec. 20	BNY-0-116	6
Dec. 21	BNY-0-117	6
Dec. 22	BNY-0-118	6
Dec. 23	BNY-0-119	6
Dec. 24	BNY-0-120	6
Dec. 25	BNY-0-121	6
Dec. 26	BNY-0-122	6
Dec. 27	BNY-0-123	6
Dec. 28	BNY-0-124	6
Dec. 29	BNY-0-125	6
Dec. 30	BNY-0-126	6
Dec. 31	BNY-0-127	6
Jan. 1, '10	BNY-0-128	6
Jan. 2, '10	BNY-0-129	6
Jan. 3, '10	BNY-0-130	6
Jan. 9, '10	BNY-0-131	6
Jan. 10, '10	BNY-0-132	6
Jan. 16, '10	BNY-0-133	6
Jan. 17, '10	BNY-0-134	6
Jan. 23, '10	BNY-0-135	6
Jan. 24, '10	BNY-0-136	6
Jan. 30, '10	BNY-0-137	6
Jan. 31, '10	BNY-0-138	6

Falconry Seasons

Falconry Upland Game Seasons

Species	Area/Date	Bag/Possession
Pheasant, Grouse, Quail and Squirrel	Statewide Sept. 1-Feb. 28, '10	3 birds and 3 squirrels. Possession is 6 pheasant and grouse, 16 squirrel and 30 quail.

Falconry Migratory Bird Seasons

Dove	Statewide Sept. 1-Nov. 12 and Nov. 28-Dec. 31	Dove, band-tailed pigeon, sandhill crane Bag is 3. Possession is 6 singly or in combination.
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There is no bag or possession limit on Eurasian-collared doves

Band-tailed Pigeon*	Southwest Oct. 1-Jan. 15, '10	See above
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	Remainder of state Sept. 1-Dec. 16	See above
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Sandhill Crane*	Eastern Oct. 17-Jan. 31, '10	See above
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	Estancia Valley** Oct. 31-Dec. 29	Bag is 3, 6 in possession
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*Falconers are required to have a Band-tailed Pigeon or Sandhill Crane Permit in their possession when hunting these species.

** Only 5 falconry permits will be available for the Estancia Valley. They are available first-come, first-serve. Apply at either the Santa Fe or Albuquerque office.



Falconry Migratory Bird Seasons cont.

Species	Area/Date	Bag/Possession
Duck and American Coot	Central Flyway North Zone: Sept. 19-27 Oct. 3-4 (Youth waterfowl days) Oct. 10-Jan. 13, '10	3 birds a day, 6 in possession for both flyways and all zones.

	Central Flyway South Zone: Sept. 19-27 Oct. 17-18 (Youth Waterfowl Days) Oct. 28-Jan. 31, '10	
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	Pacific Flyway Oct. 3-4 (Youth Waterfowl Days) Oct. 19-Jan. 31, '10	
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Common Snipe	Central and Pacific Flyways Oct. 17-Jan. 31, '10	See above
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Common Moorhen	Central Flyway Oct. 3-Jan. 17, '10	See above
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	Pacific Flyway Oct. 17-Jan. 31, '10	See above
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Sora and Virginia Rail	Central and Pacific Flyways Sept. 19-Jan. 3, '10	See above
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Light Goose	Central Flyway Oct. 17-Jan. 31, '10	See above
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	Pacific Flyway North Zone: Sept. 19-Oct. 4 and Nov. 2-Jan. 31, '10 South Zone: Oct. 17-Jan. 31, '10	
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Dark Goose	Central Flyway Oct. 17-Jan. 31, '10	See above
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	Pacific Flyway North Zone: Sept. 19-Oct. 4 and Nov. 2-Jan. 31, '10 South Zone: Oct. 17-Jan. 31, '10	
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Falconers may take waterfowl any day of the open season on the open portions of the Waterfowl Areas. Falcon hunting for waterfowl is permitted on that portion of Jackson Lake Wildlife Management Area east of NM 170.