

**TITLE 19 NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE**  
**CHAPTER 31 HUNTING AND FISHING**  
**PART 6 MIGRATORY GAME BIRD**

**19.31.6.1 ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico Department of ~~G~~game and ~~F~~fish.  
[19.31.6.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.1 NMAC,]

**19.31.6.2 SCOPE:** Sportspersons interested in migratory game bird management and hunting. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and ~~Chapters 30 and 32 through 36 of~~ Title 19 ~~NMAC~~.  
[19.31.6.2 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.2 NMAC,]

**19.31.6.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** Section 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico game commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected mammals, birds, and fish.  
[19.31.6.3 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.3 NMAC,]

**19.31.6.4 DURATION:** September 1, ~~2017~~2018 - March 31, ~~2018~~2019.  
[19.31.6.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.4 NMAC,]

**19.31.6.5 EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 1, ~~2017~~2018 unless a later date is cited at ~~the~~ end of a section.  
[19.31.6.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.5 NMAC,]

**19.31.6.6 OBJECTIVE:** Establishing seasons on dove, band-tailed pigeon, sandhill crane, American coot, common moorhen, common snipe, ducks, geese, sora, Virginia rail, and setting falconry seasons for migratory game birds.  
[19.31.6.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.6 NMAC,]

**19.31.6.7 DEFINITIONS:** Areas, species, non-toxic shot, and possession limit defined.

~~A. "Adult/youth" (A/Y) as used herein, shall mean that hunt designation where the adult and youth are permitted to hunt together.~~

**BA.** "Arrows" shall mean only those arrows or bolts having broadheads with steel cutting edges.

**CB.** "Baiting" shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of any salt, grain, scent or other feed on or over areas where hunters are attempting to take migratory game birds.

**DC.** "Bernardo pond unit" shall mean that portion of Bernardo wildlife management area 600 feet south of U.S. 60 and west of the unit 7 drain.

**ED.** "Bernardo youth unit" shall mean that portion of Bernardo wildlife management area immediately south of the Quagmire and east of the unit 7 drain.

**FE.** "Bow" shall mean compound, recurve, or long bow. Sights on bows shall not project light ~~nor magnify~~; however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed.

**GF.** "Central flyway" shall mean that portion of New Mexico east of the continental divide, with the exception of the Jicarilla Apache Indian reservation.

**HG.** "Crossbows" shall mean a device with a bow limb or band of flexible material that is attached horizontally to a stock and has a mechanism to hold the string in a cocked position. Sights on crossbows shall not project light ~~nor magnify~~; however, illuminated pins/reticles and scopes of any magnification are allowed.

**IH.** "Dark goose" shall mean Canada goose or white-fronted goose.

**JL.** "Department" shall mean the New Mexico department of game and fish.

~~K. "Department offices" shall mean department offices in Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Raton, Las Cruces, or Roswell.~~

**LJ.** "Director" shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of game and fish.

**MK.** "Dove north zone" (north zone) shall mean that portion of New Mexico north of I-40 from the Arizona-New Mexico border to Tatumcari and U.S. 54 at its junction with I-40 at Tatumcari to the New Mexico-Texas border.

**NL.** "Dove south zone" (south zone) shall mean that portion of New Mexico south of I-40 from the Arizona-New Mexico border to Tatumcari and U.S. 54 at its junction with I-40 at Tatumcari to the New Mexico-Texas border.

**OM.** "Eastern New Mexico sandhill crane hunt area" (eastern) shall mean that area in the following counties: Chaves, Curry, De Baca, Eddy, Lea, Quay, and Roosevelt.

**P.** "Established road" is defined as follows:

(1) a road, built 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; or

(2) a two-track road completely void of vegetation in the tracks which shows use prior to hunting seasons for other purposes such as recreation, mining, logging, and 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 closures.

**QN.** "Estancia valley (EV) sandhill crane hunt area" (EV) shall mean that area beginning at Mountainair bounded on the west by N.M. highway 55 north to N.M. 337, north to N.M. 14, and north to Interstate 25; on the north by Interstate 25 east to U.S. 285; on the east by U.S. 285 south to U.S. 60; and on the south by U.S. 60 from U.S. 285 west to N.M. 55 in Mountainair.

**RO.** "Falconry" shall mean hunting migratory game birds using raptors.

**SP.** "Federal youth waterfowl hunting days" shall mean the special seasons where only those under 18 years of age may hunt ducks and geese. A supervising adult at least 18 years of age must accompany the youth hunter. The adult may not hunt ducks; but may participate in other seasons that are open on the special youth days.

**TQ.** "License year" shall mean the period from April 1 through March 31.

**UR.** "Light geese" shall mean snow geese, blue phase snow geese, and Ross's geese.

**VS.** "Light goose conservation order" shall mean those methods, bag and possession limits, and dates approved by the U. S. fish and wildlife service (USFWS) towards reducing over-abundant light goose populations.

**WT.** "Middle Rio Grande valley (MRGV) dark goose hunt area" shall mean Sierra, Socorro and Valencia counties.

**XU.** "Middle Rio Grande valley (MRGV) sandhill crane hunt area" (MRGV) shall mean Valencia and Socorro counties.

**YV.** "Migratory game bird" shall mean band-tailed pigeon, mourning dove, white-winged dove, sandhill crane, American coot, common moorhen, common snipe, ducks, geese, sora, and Virginia rail.

**ZW.** "Modern firearms" shall mean center-fire firearms, not to include any fully automatic firearms. Legal shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.

**AAX.** "Muzzle-loader or muzzle-loading firearms" shall mean those rifles and shotguns in which the charge and projectile are loaded through the muzzle. Only blackpowder, pyrodex or equivalent blackpowder substitute may be used. Use of smokeless powder is prohibited. Legal muzzle-loader shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.

**BBY.** "Non-toxic shot" shall mean that non-toxic shot approved for use by the USFWS.

**CCZ.** "North zone" shall mean that portion of the Pacific flyway north of I-40 from the Arizona-New Mexico border to the continental divide; and that portion of the central flyway north of I-40 from the continental divide to Tucumcari and U.S. 54 at its junction with I-40 at Tucumcari to the New Mexico-Texas border.

**DDAA.** "Pacific flyway" shall mean that portion of New Mexico west of the continental divide including the Jicarilla Apache Indian reservation.

**EE.** "Permanent mobility limitation" shall mean an individual that permanently has restricted movement in both arms, or is restricted to the use of a walker, wheelchair, or two crutches to walk, or has a combination of disabilities that cause comparable substantial functional limitations. EXCEPTION: For the purposes of hunting migratory game birds from a vehicle, mobility limitation individuals are those that have permanently lost one or both legs.

**FFBB.** "Possession limit" shall mean three times the daily bag limit one can have in their ownership, except where otherwise defined.

**GG.** "Protected species" shall mean any of the following animals:

(1) all animals defined as protected wildlife species and game fish under Section 17-2-3 NMSA 1978; or

(2) all animals listed as endangered species or subspecies as stated in regulation(s) set by the state game commission.

**HHCC.** "Quagmire" shall mean that portion of Bernardo wildlife management area 600 feet south of U.S. 60 and east of the unit 7 drain.

**HDD.** "Regular band-tailed pigeon hunting area" (regular BPHA) shall mean that portion of New Mexico not included in the southwest band-tailed pigeon hunt area.

**JJE.** "Retention" or "retain" shall mean the holding of in captivity.

**KKFF.** "South zone" shall mean that portion of the Pacific flyway south of I-40 from the Arizona-New Mexico border to the continental divide; and that portion of the central flyway south of I-40 from the continental divide to Tucumcari and U.S. 54 at its junction with I-40 at Tucumcari to the New Mexico-Texas border.

**LLGG.** "Southwest band-tailed pigeon hunting area" (southwest BPHA) shall mean that portion of New Mexico both south of U.S. 60 and west of I-25.

**MMHH.** "Southwest New Mexico sandhill crane hunt area" (SW) shall mean that area bounded on the south by the New Mexico-Mexico border; on the west by the New Mexico-Arizona border north to Interstate 10; on the north by Interstate 10 east to U.S. 180, north to N.M. 26, east to N.M. 27, north to N.M. 152, and east to Interstate 25; on the east by Interstate 25 south to Interstate 10, west to the Luna county line, and south to the New Mexico/Mexico border.

**NNII.** "Wildlife management areas" or "WMAs" shall mean all department owned or managed wildlife management areas (WMAs), Sandhills Prairie conservation area, and lesser prairie chicken areas as described in state game commission rule those areas as described in 19.34.5 NMAC, Wildlife Management Areas.

**OOJJ.** "Unlimited" shall mean there is no set limit on the number of permits or licenses established for the described hunt areas.

**PPKK.** "Youth" shall mean those younger than 18 years of age except where otherwise defined. [19.31.6.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.7 NMAC,]

#### 19.31.6.8 ADJUSTMENT OF LICENSES, PERMITS, AUTHORIZATIONS AND HARVEST

**LIMITS:** The director, with the verbal concurrence of the chair ~~man~~ ~~person~~ or ~~his~~ ~~their~~ designee, may adjust the number of licenses, permits, ~~authorizations~~, or harvest limits, up or down by no more than twenty percent to address significant changes in population levels or habitat availability. This adjustment may be applied to any or all of the entry hunt codes.

[19.31.6.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.8 NMAC,]

#### 19.31.6.9 LICENSE AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

**A. License:** ~~It shall be unlawful to hunt migratory game birds without having purchased a valid license for the current license year. A migratory bird permit Harvest Information Program (HIP) number shall be required. Waterfowl hunters 16 years of age and older are required to have in their possession a federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp (duck stamp). It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take migratory birds without a HIP number, or duck stamp if required.~~

(1) ~~Any person taking or attempting to take sandhill cranes in the eastern hunt area must have For eastern sandhill crane hunting and falconry: in addition to a valid license, and a free federal sandhill crane hunting permit obtained from department offices or website shall be required.~~

(2) For EV sandhill crane, MRGV sandhill crane, MRGV youth-only sandhill crane, and SW sandhill crane, in addition to a valid license, a special permit obtained by drawing shall be required.

(3) For the light goose conservation order: in addition to a valid license, a free light goose conservation order permit obtained from department offices or website shall be required.

(4) For band-tailed pigeon hunting: in addition to a valid license, a free band-tailed pigeon permit obtained from department offices or website shall be required.

**B. Valid dates of license or permit:** All permits or licenses shall be valid only for the dates, legal sporting arms, bag limit and area printed on the permit or license.

**C. Applications:** Applications for EV sandhill crane, MRGV sandhill crane, SW sandhill crane, and MRGV youth-only sandhill crane hunt permits shall be submitted via the department website.

(1) For permits issued by drawing, the appropriate application fee as defined by 19.30.9 NMAC shall be required by each applicant per application submitted.

(2) No more than four persons may apply per application. For the MRGV youth-only sandhill crane hunt, no more than two persons may apply per application.

(3) It shall be unlawful to submit more than one application per species per year, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule. Those submitting more than one application per species will result in the rejection of all applications for that species.

(4) Applications may be rejected if such applications do not supply adequate information.

(5) Applicants may apply for a first, second and third choice of seasons, if applicable. A maximum of one permit per species hunt code will be awarded to successful applicants unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule.

(6) All applications must be submitted via the department website unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule.

(7) The application deadline date for the EV, MRGV, MRGV youth-only, and SW sandhill crane hunt permits shall be on date(s) set by the state game commission. If any permits are available after the drawing, those permits may be sold online via a secondary sale.

(8) If applications for permits exceed the number of available permits, as herein established, the available permits shall be allotted by means of a random public drawing in the Santa Fe office of the department.

(9) If any permits remain after the original deadline, the director may authorize a new deadline. A person who is not awarded a permit for which ~~he~~ they applied may submit a new application for a permit if such permits remain available.

**D. Youth hunts:** Only applicants who have not reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday by the opening day of the hunt are eligible to apply for or participate in a youth-only hunt, including federal youth waterfowl hunt days. [19.31.6.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.9 NMAC,]

#### 19.31.6.10 MANNER AND METHODS FOR MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS:

**A. Season:** ~~It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take Mm~~ migratory game birds ~~may be hunted or taken only~~ during ~~open closed~~ seasons.

**B. Hours:** Migratory game birds may be hunted or taken only during the period from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, unless otherwise specifically allowed ~~or restricted~~ by rule.

~~(1) On most wildlife management areas, the lesser prairie chicken areas, and the Sandhills Prairie conservation area, hunting hours shall be from one half hour before sunrise to sunset.~~

~~(21)~~ On the following wildlife management areas: Bernardo, Casa Colorada, Charette lake, Jackson lake, La Joya, McAllister lake, Wagon Mound, Tucumcari, and W.S. Huey; and the Bottomless lakes overflow, hunting hours shall mean from one-half hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. unless otherwise stated in rule. For hunting September teal on Bernardo and La Joya WMAs, hunting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

~~(32)~~ During the light goose conservation order hunt dates, hunting hours shall mean from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset, excluding the WMAs listed in Paragraph ~~(21)~~ above.

**C. Bag limit:** It is unlawful for any person to hunt for or take more than one daily bag limit allowed by regulation, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule. There shall be no daily bag or possession limit for light geese during the light goose conservation order hunt dates.

**D. Seizure:** Any conservation officer or other officer authorized to enforce game laws and regulations shall seize ~~the carcasses of~~ any migratory game birds ~~or parts~~ that are illegally obtained ~~or possessed~~.

**E. Use of bait:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to take or attempt to take any migratory game bird by use of bait such as grain, salt or other feed.

**F. Live animals:** It shall be unlawful to use live animals as a ~~blind or~~ decoy in taking or attempting to take any migratory game bird.

**G. Use of calling devices:** It shall be unlawful to use any electronically or mechanically recorded calling device in taking or attempting to take any migratory game bird, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule. During the light goose conservation order hunt dates, electronic calling devices are allowed.

~~H. Killing out of season: It shall be unlawful to kill any migratory game bird out of season.~~

#### HH. Legal sporting arms and ammunition:

(1) The following are legal sporting arms for migratory game birds:  
(a) shotguns no larger than 10 gauge firing shot, shotguns shall not be capable of holding more than three shells;

(b) muzzle-loading shotguns firing shot;

(c) bows and arrows;

(d) crossbows and bolts; and

(e) during the light goose conservation order hunt dates, as listed herein, shotguns capable of holding more than three shells are ~~lawful allowed~~.

(2) Non-toxic shot use is required for hunting:

(a) all migratory game bird species, excluding dove, band-tailed pigeon, and eastern sandhill crane; and

(b) on all state game commission owned lands.

(3) Use of lead shot: It shall be unlawful for any person hunting migratory game birds, other than dove, band-tailed pigeon and eastern sandhill crane, to hunt with or be in possession of any shotgun shells loaded with ~~toxic~~lead shot or for any person using a muzzleloader to be in possession of lead shot.

**JL. Drugs and explosives:** It shall be unlawful to use any form of drug on an arrow or bolt, or use arrows or bolts driven by explosives.

**KJ. Proof of species or sex:** One fully feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds, except dove and band-tailed pigeon, until the bird has arrived at a residence, taxidermist, meat processing facility, or place of final storage, the personal abode of the possessor or storage facility.

**LK. Possession or sale of migratory game bird:** It shall be unlawful to possess, sell, or offer for sale all or part of any migratory game bird except as provided below.

(1) License or permit: A person may possess migratory game bird or parts thereof they have lawfully taken (killed) under license or permit.

(2) Game taken by another: Any person may have in their possession or under their control any migratory game bird or parts thereof that have been lawfully taken by another person if they possess a written statement which shall be provided by the donor of the migratory game bird, or parts thereof, and which shall contain the following:

(a) the kind and number of game parts donated;

(b) the date and county where the game was lawfully taken;

(c) the donor's name, address, and the number of the hunting license under which the game was lawfully taken; and

(d) the date and place of the donation.

(3) Retention of live animals: It shall be unlawful to retain migratory game birds in a live condition except under permit or license issued by the director for the following purposes:

(a) zoos open for public display;

(b) in class A parks;

(c) in projects for scientific research and propagation;

(d) a rehabilitation permit;

(e) under a falconry permit, only those birds listed on the permit;

(f) under a scientific collection permit, one may collect and possess only those migratory game bird species listed on the permit; or

(g) in transit through New Mexico when the transporter can demonstrate proof of legal possession of the migratory game bird being transported.

(4) Sale of migratory game animal bird parts: It shall be unlawful to sell or barter any parts or feathers from migratory game birds.

(5) Falconry provisions for possession: The falconry hunter shall not retain nor possess any migratory game bird of bird taken by a raptor except those species of protected birds taken during open falconry season.

**M. Release of wildlife:** It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to release, intentionally or otherwise, or cause to be released in this state any migratory game bird, without first obtaining a permit from the department.

**N. Use of vehicles and roads in hunting migratory game birds:**

(1) Roads: It shall be unlawful to shoot at, wound, take, attempt to take, or kill any migratory game bird on, from, or across any graded paved, or maintained public road and including the areas lying within right of way fences or 40 feet from the edge of the pavement or maintained surface, in absence of right of way fences.

(2) Vehicles, boats, aircraft: It shall be unlawful to shoot at any migratory game bird from within a motor vehicle, power boat, sailboat, or aircraft. EXCEPTION: Migratory game birds may be taken from a motor driven boat (or other craft with attached motor) or sailboat 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.

(3) Harassing migratory game birds: It shall be unlawful, at any time, to pursue, harass, harr, drive, or rally any migratory game bird by use of or from a motor driven vehicle, powerboat, sailboat, or aircraft.

(4) Vehicle off of established road: During the seasons established for any migratory game bird, it shall be unlawful to drive or ride in a motor vehicle which is driven off an established road when the vehicle



bears a licensed hunter, fisherman or trapper. EXCEPTION: 1) snowmobiles; and 2) all landowners, lessees or their employees, while on their owned or leased lands in connection with legitimate agricultural activities.

(5) Closed roads: During the seasons established for any migratory game bird, it shall be unlawful to knowingly occupy, drive, or cause to be driven any motor vehicle on a closed road when the vehicle bears a licensed hunter, angler or trapper.

(6) Mobility impaired:

(a) Shooting from a vehicle: The holder of a mobility impaired card is authorized to shoot at and kill migratory game birds during their respective open seasons from a stationary motor driven vehicle that is not on a public road or highway. The director may issue permits to shoot from a stationary vehicle to applicants who provide certification that the applicant is disabled in accordance with the American Disability Act. Such certification shall be signed by a medical doctor or doctor of optometry licensed to practice in the applicant's state of residence.

(b) Driving off established roads: Holders of a mobility impaired card may, with permission of the landowner, lessee, or land management agency, drive off established roads to hunt for or take migratory game birds, during open seasons.

(c) Assistance for mobility impaired hunter: The holder of a mobility impaired card may be accompanied by another person to assist in reducing to possession any migratory game bird which has clearly been wounded by the licensed mobility impaired hunter. Persons assisting in reducing to possession any wounded migratory game birds shall be fully licensed.

**OL. Lands and waters owned, administered, controlled, or managed by the state game commission:**

(1) Posting of signs: The state game commission may prohibit, modify, condition, or otherwise control the use of areas under its control by posting of signs as may be required in any particular area.

(2) Violating provisions of posted signs: It shall be unlawful to violate the provisions of posted signs on areas under the control of the state game commission.

(3) Trespass on state game commission owned lands: It shall be unlawful to hunt migratory game birds, camp, or trespass upon state game commission owned lands unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule.

(4) State wildlife management areas open, species that can be hunted, and days open for hunting (use of vehicles will be restricted to designated areas):

(a) Bernardo WMA:

(i) That portion of the Bernardo WMA south of U.S. 60 is open to teal hunting each day of the September teal season and the federal youth waterfowl days. That portion of the Bernardo WMA north of U.S. 60 is closed except during the light goose conservation order.

(ii) The Quagmire shall be open only on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot, and common snipe during established seasons, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule.

(iii) The Bernardo pond unit shall be open for general waterfowl hunting from one half hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot, and common snipe during established seasons, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule.

(iv) The Bernardo youth unit shall be open for youth waterfowl hunting from one half hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot, and common snipe during established seasons, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule.

(b) The Charette lake WMA shall be open each day of the federal youth waterfowl days and on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot, and common snipe during established seasons. Charette lake WMA is closed during the September teal season.

(c) The Edward Sargent, W. A. Humphries, Rio Chama, Urraca, Colin Neblett, Water canyon, Marquez, and Elliot S. Barker wildlife management areas shall be open for hunting dove and band-tailed pigeon during established seasons.

(d) The portion of Jackson lake WMA west of N.M. 170 shall be open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot, and common snipe. The portion of Jackson lake WMA east of N.M. 170 shall be open to falconry only migratory game bird hunting during established seasons.

(e) The lesser prairie-chicken management areas and Sandhills Prairie conservation area shall be open to hunt dove during established seasons.

(f) La Joya WMA:

(i) the entire La Joya WMA shall be open to teal hunting each day of the September teal season and each day of the federal youth waterfowl days;

(ii) that portion of La Joya WMA north of the main east/west entrance road and west of the railroad tracks shall be open on Saturdays, Mondays, and Wednesdays to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot, and common snipe during established seasons, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule;

(iii) that portion of La Joya WMA south of the main east/west entrance road and west of the railroad tracks shall be open on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot, and common snipe during established seasons, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule;

(iv) that portion of La Joya WMA east of the railroad tracks shall be open to hunt dove, ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot, and common snipe during established seasons.

(g) The McAllister lake WMA shall be open each day of the federal youth waterfowl days, each day of the September teal season, and on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday to hunt ducks, dark and light geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot, and common snipe during established seasons. McAllister lake WMA shall also be open each day of the dove season for dove hunting.

(h) The Wagon Mound WMA shall be open to teal hunting each day of the September teal season and federal youth waterfowl days and open on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday for ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot and common snipe during established seasons.

(i) The Socorro-Escondida wildlife management area shall be open for migratory game bird hunting during established seasons.

(j) The Tucumcari WMA shall be open each day of the September teal and federal youth waterfowl days and on Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot, and common snipe during established seasons.

(k) The William S. Huey WMA shall be open for dove hunting only on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday during established statewide seasons.

~~(5) The Big Hatchet mountain special management area shall be open for dove hunting during established seasons.~~

~~(62) The Hammond tract WMA is open for waterfowl hunting during established seasons.~~

~~(73) The Retherford tract WMA is open for waterfowl hunting during established seasons.~~

~~(84) The Sandia ranger district of the Cibola national forest shall be open to archery, falconry, bow and crossbow only migratory game bird hunting during established seasons.~~

~~(95) All wildlife management areas shall be open to falconry waterfowl hunting each day of the established falconry season, unless otherwise restricted by rule.~~

~~PM. Areas closed to migratory game bird hunting: All areas noted in 19.31.10.16 NMAC shall remain closed to hunting, except as permitted by regulation.~~

~~(1) That portion of the stilling basin below Navajo dam lying within a line starting from N.M. 511 at the crest of the bluff west of the Navajo dam spillway and running west along the fence approximately one-quarter mile downstream, southwest along the fence to N.M. 511 to the Navajo dam spillway, across the spillway, and to the crest of the bluff.~~

~~(2) Areas within Valencia county may be closed to migratory game bird hunting that meets the following criteria:~~

~~(a) the discharge of a shotgun in the area has been identified by department personnel as a public safety risk because of its proximity to an inhabited area. For the purpose of this section, "public safety risk" shall be defined as a reasonable potential risk of injury at an occupied place of residence;~~

~~(b) the discharge of a shotgun in the area is not prohibited by any other statute, rule, regulation or ordinance; and~~

~~(c) these areas shall be designated by posting of signs and identified on the department's website.~~

**QN. Regulations pertaining to boats, other floating devices, and motors:**

(1) On Bernardo, La Joya, Wagon Mound and Jackson lake WMAs, only boats and other floating devices using no motors shall be permitted during waterfowl season.

(2) On Tucumcari WMA, only boats and other floating devices using electric motors or with motors that are not in use shall be permitted.

(3) On Charette and McAllister lakes boats and other floating devices with or without motors shall be permitted; provided, however, that boats or floating devices shall not be operated at greater than normal trolling speed.

(4) Department personnel or persons authorized by the director may use gasoline powered outboard motors on all lakes mentioned in this chapter while performing official duties.

[19.31.6.10 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.10 NMAC,]

**19.31.6.11 SPECIES, OPEN AREAS, SEASON DATES, AND DAILY BAG LIMITS:**

**A.** ~~20172018-20182019~~ season; all dates are ~~20172018~~ unless otherwise specified. Possession limits are three times the daily bag limit unless otherwise specified.

species	open areas	season dates	daily bag limit
mourning and white-winged dove	north zone	Sept. 1 - Nov. 29	15 (singly or in aggregate)
	south zone	Sept. 1 - Oct. <del>29</del> and Dec. <del>21</del> - Jan. 1, <del>20182019</del>	
band-tailed pigeon	southwest BPHA	Oct. 1 - 14	2
	regular BPHA	Sept. 1 - 14	
regular season sandhill crane (free permit required)	eastern	Oct. <del>2827</del> - Jan. <del>2827</del> , <del>20182019</del>	3 (6 in possession)
special season sandhill crane (special draw permit required)	MRGV	Nov. <del>11-10</del> - <del>1211</del>	3 (6 in possession)
	southwest	Oct. <del>2827</del> - Nov. <del>54</del>	
	MRGV	Nov. <del>2524</del> - <del>2625</del>	
	MRGV	Dec. <del>1615</del> - <del>1716</del>	
	southwest	Jan. <del>65</del> - <del>76</del> , <del>20182019</del>	
	MRGV	Jan. <del>65</del> - <del>76</del> , <del>20182019</del>	
	MRGV	Jan. <del>1312</del> - <del>1413</del> , <del>20182019</del>	
	EV	Oct. <del>2827</del> - Oct. <del>3130</del>	3 (6 in possession)
	EV	Nov. <del>21</del> - Nov. <del>54</del>	
	MRGV youth-only	<del>Nov-Dec</del> <del>41</del>	3

**CENTRAL FLYWAY:** possession limits are three times the daily bag limit unless otherwise specified.

species	season dates	daily bag limit
September teal: blue-winged teal, green-winged teal, and cinnamon teal	Sept. <del>1615</del> - <del>2423</del>	6 (singly or in the aggregate)
ducks	north zone: Oct. <del>1413</del> - Jan. <del>716</del> , <del>20182019</del>	6 (singly or in the aggregate); that consists of no more than 5 mallard (of which only 2 may be female mallard, (Mexican-like ducks are included towards the mallard bag limit), 3 wood duck, 3 scaup, 2 redhead, 2 hooded merganser, <del>12</del> pintail, and 2 canvasback
	south zone: Oct. <del>2524</del> - Jan. <del>2827</del> , <del>20182019</del>	
youth waterfowl days	north zone: <del>Sept. 30 - Oct. 1</del> Sept. 29 - 30	
	south zone: <del>Oct. 7 - 8</del> Oct. 6 - 7	
American coot	north zone: Oct. <del>1413</del> - Jan. <del>1716</del> , <del>20182019</del>	15
	south zone: Oct. <del>2524</del> - Jan. <del>2827</del> , <del>20182019</del>	
common moorhen	Sept. <del>1615</del> - Nov. <del>2423</del>	1
common snipe	Oct. <del>1413</del> - Jan. <del>2827</del> , <del>20182019</del>	8
Virginia rail & sora	Sept. <del>1615</del> - Nov. <del>2423</del>	10 (singly or in the aggregate); 20 in possession



dark goose: Canada & white-fronted geese (regular season closed in Sierra, Socorro, and Valencia counties)	Oct. <del>1413</del> - Jan. <del>2827</del> , <del>20182019</del>	5
dark goose: special MRGV season	Dec. <del>2322</del> - Jan. <del>1615</del> , <del>20182019</del>	2 (2 per season)
light goose: Ross's & snow geese	Oct. <del>1413</del> - Jan. <del>2827</del> , <del>20182019</del>	50 (no possession limit)
light goose conservation order	Feb. 1 - Mar. 10, <del>20182019</del>	no bag or possession limit
<b>PACIFIC FLYWAY:</b> possession limits are three times the daily bag limit unless otherwise specified.		
<b>species</b>	<b>season dates</b>	<b>daily bag limit</b>
youth waterfowl days	Oct. <del>76</del> - <del>87</del>	7 (singly or in the aggregate); that consists of no more than 2 female mallard, 2 redhead, <del>12</del> pintail, and 2 canvasback
ducks	Oct. <del>1615</del> - Jan. <del>2827</del> , <del>20182019</del>	
scaup	Oct. <del>1615</del> - Jan. <del>98</del> , <del>20182019</del>	3 (as part of the aggregate duck bag)
American coot and common moorhen	Oct. <del>1615</del> - Jan. <del>2827</del> , <del>20182019</del>	25 daily (singly or in the aggregate)
common snipe	Oct. <del>1615</del> - Jan. <del>3029</del> , <del>20182019</del>	8
Virginia rail & sora	Sept. <del>1615</del> - Nov. <del>2423</del>	25 daily (singly or in the aggregate)
goose	north zone: Sept. <del>2322</del> - Oct. <del>87</del> and Oct. <del>3029</del> - Jan. <del>2827</del> , <del>20182019</del>	4 Canada geese, 10 white-fronted geese, and 20 light geese
	south zone: Oct. <del>1413</del> - Jan. <del>2827</del> , <del>20182019</del>	
	south zone: Oct. <del>15</del> - Jan. <del>29</del> , <del>2017</del>	

**B. Light goose conservation measures:** Under the director's discretion with the verbal concurrence of the state game commission chairman or his designee, the department may implement the light goose conservation measures approved by the USFWS. Methods, bag and possession limits, and dates allowed shall be those as approved by the USFWS. A free permit is required.  
[19.31.6.11 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.11 NMAC, ]

**19.31.6.12 FALCONRY SEASONS:** ~~20172018~~ ~~20182019~~ season, all dates are ~~20172018~~ unless otherwise specified. Bag limits are three singly or in the aggregate and nine in possession unless otherwise specified.

<b>CENTRAL FLYWAY</b>		
<b>species</b>	<b>open areas</b>	<b>season dates</b>
mourning and white-winged dove	north	Sept. 1 - Dec. 4 and Dec. <del>232</del> - Jan. <del>32</del> , <del>20182019</del>
	south	Sept. 1 - Nov. <del>65</del> and Nov. <del>232</del> - Jan. 1, <del>20182019</del>
band-tailed pigeon	southwest BPHA	Oct. 1 - 14
	regular BPHA	Sept. 1 - 14
sora and Virginia rail	all	Sept. <del>1615</del> - Dec. <del>3130</del>
common snipe	all	Oct. <del>1413</del> - Jan. <del>2827</del> , <del>20182019</del>
common moorhen	all	Sept. <del>1615</del> - Dec. <del>3130</del>
ducks	north	Sept. <del>1615</del> - <del>2423</del> and Oct. <del>1413</del> - Jan <del>1716</del> , <del>20182019</del>
	south	Sept. <del>1615</del> - <del>2423</del> and Oct. <del>2524</del> - Jan <del>2827</del> , <del>20182019</del>
goose (light and dark)	all	Oct. <del>1413</del> - Jan. <del>2827</del> , <del>20182019</del>
goose (dark)	MRGV	Dec. <del>2322</del> - Jan. <del>1615</del> , <del>20182019</del>
sandhill crane	regular (eastern)	Oct. <del>1413</del> - Jan. <del>2827</del> , <del>20182019</del> ; 3 (6 in possession)
	Estancia valley	Oct. <del>2827</del> - Dec. <del>2625</del> ; 3 (6 in possession)
<b>PACIFIC FLYWAY</b>		

species	open areas	season dates
mourning and white-winged dove	north	Sept. 1 - Dec. 4 and Dec. 2322 - Jan. 32, 20182019
	south	Sept. 1 - Nov. 65 and Nov. 2322 - Jan. 1, 20182019
band-tailed pigeon	southwest BPHA	Oct. 1 - Oct. 14
	regular BPHA	Sept. 1 - Sept. 14
duck	all	Oct. 1415 - Jan. 2827, 20182019
scaup	all	Oct. 1415 - Jan. 78, 20182019
goose	north	Sept. 2322 - Oct. 87 and Oct. 3029 - Jan. 2827, 20182019
	south	Oct. 1413 - Jan. 2827, 20182019
common snipe	all	Oct. 1615 - Jan. 3129, 20182019
coots and common moorhen	all	Oct. 1615 - Jan. 2827, 20182019
sora and Virginia rail	all	Sept. 1615 - Nov. 2423

[19.31.6.12 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.12 NMAC,]

**19.31.6.13 FEDERAL YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS:** Requirements for youth hunters to participate in this hunt are as follows:

~~A.~~ Youth hunters must be younger than 18 years old.

**BA.** An adult, at least 18 years old, must accompany the youth hunter in the field (the adult may not hunt ducks but may participate in other seasons that are open on the special youth days).

**CB.** Only ducks, coots, and moorhens may be taken by the youth hunter (sandhill cranes, geese or any other migratory game bird species may not be taken unless the season is open).

[19.31.6.13 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.13 NMAC,]

**19.31.6.14 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SPECIAL BERNARDO YOUTH WATERFOWL UNIT:**

~~A.~~ The Bernardo youth hunt unit will only be open for youth waterfowl hunting.

**B.** Blind selection will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis from one-half hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. Youth hunters must be accompanied by a supervising adult who may not hunt. A maximum of four people is allowed per blind, at least fifty percent of which must be youth hunters.

[19.31.6.14 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.14 NMAC,]

**19.31.6.15 HUNT CODES AND PERMITS NUMBERS FOR THE SPECIAL ESTANCIA VALLEY, MIDDLE RIO GRANDE VALLEY, AND SOUTHWEST NEW MEXICO SANDHILL CRANE SEASONS:**

A. The hunting seasons for ~~20172018, 20182019~~ are:

season dates	hunt code	hunt location	no. of permits	season dates	hunt code	hunt location	no. of permits
Oct 28 - Oct 31 and Nov. 2 - Nov. 5	SCR-0-101	EV	65	Jan. 13-14, 2018	SCR-0-106	MRGV	60
Nov. 11 - 12	SCR-0-102	MRGV	75	Nov. 4	SCR-0-107	MRGV	24
Nov. 25-26	SCR-0-103	MRGV	60	Oct. 28 - Nov. 5	SCR-0-108	SW	70
Dec. 16-17	SCR-0-104	MRGV	60	Jan. 6-7, 2018	SCR-0-109	SW	60
Jan. 6-7, 2018	SCR-0-105	MRGV	60				

hunt location	hunt dates	hunt code	permits
EV	Oct 27 - Oct 30 and Nov. 1 - Nov. 4	SCR-0-101	65
MRGV	Nov. 10 - 11	SCR-0-102	75
MRGV	Nov. 24-25	SCR-0-103	60

MRGV	Dec. 15-16	SCR-0-104	60
MRGV	Jan. 5-6, 2019	SCR-0-105	60
MRGV	Jan. 12-13, 2019	SCR-0-106	60
MRGV, youth only	Dec. 1	SCR-0-107	24
SW	Oct. 27- Nov. 4	SCR-0-108	70
SW	Jan. 5-6, 2019	SCR-0-109	60

**B.** Hunters who participate in the EV and MRGV seasons shall be required to check-out at designated check stations when they harvest any sandhill cranes.

**C.** All EV, MRGV and SW sandhill crane hunters are required to submit a special permit sandhill crane harvest report to the department within five days after the end of their hunt. Hunters that do not submit a questionnaire within five days of the close of their hunt will be considered ineligible to receive a sandhill crane permit the following year.

**DC.** The department may cancel one or more EV, MRGV or SW sandhill crane hunts if harvest is expected to exceed our federal allocation of greater sandhill cranes.

[19.31.6.15 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.15 NMAC,]

#### **HISTORY OF 19.31.6 NMAC:**

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