

MIGRATORY GAME BIRD RULE PROPOSED CHANGES, 2018-2019

Season selections and bag limits are determined in conjunction with the US Fish and Wildlife Service working through the Central and Pacific Flyway Councils. Please note that seasons are not considered final until they have been published in the Federal Register.

Proposed amendments for the 2018–19 season include:

- Changes to regular waterfowl season dates TBA, based on public comment and calendar dates
- Possible changes to sandhill crane allocation, based on fall population data
- Increase bag limit for northern pintail to 2 per USFWS regulatory framework
- Move youth crane hunt later in November

Central Flyway. Includes falconry, youth waterfowl days, and a 9-day September teal season.

Species	Zone	Open	Close
Ducks and Mergansers:	North Zone	Oct. 13	Jan. 17
	South Zone	Oct. 23	Jan. 27
Geese:			
Dark Geese	MRGV	Dec. 15	Jan. 8
	Rest of State	Oct. 13	Jan. 27
Light Geese	North and South Zones	Oct. 13	Jan. 27

Pacific Flyway. Includes falconry and youth waterfowl days.

Species	Zone	Open	Close
Ducks and Mergansers:	North Zone	Oct. 13	Jan. 27
Scaup	North Zone	Oct. 13	Jan. 6
All Geese:	North 1	Sept. 22	Oct. 7
	North 2	Oct. 29	Jan. 27
	South	Oct. 29	Jan. 27

If you would like to comment on the proposal, send email to: DGF-waterfowl@state.nm.us