

Migratory Game Bird

19.31.6 NMAC

April 11, 2022

New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting
Santa Fe



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- **Adjust season dates according to calendar and US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) frameworks**
- **Adjust bag/possession limits according to USFWS frameworks**
- **Proposed frameworks published in Federal Register. Final frameworks publication to follow.**



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- **Change regular migratory game bird season dates based on calendar dates and public comment**
- **Adjust sandhill crane permits based on increased allocation**
- **Pintail bag limit to remain at one**
- **No changes for dove seasons**



Public Comment

- 2 comments received as of April 6, 2022
- Public meeting held via Zoom on March 10th: one member of the public attended
- Comments received:
 - Support for proposed changes
 - Sandhill crane comments



Sandhill Crane Permits

- Greater sandhill crane harvest allotment increased for 2022-23 based on population surveys and crane management plan
- 2021-22 allocation: 831, 2022-23 allocation: 988
- Proposed changes to permit numbers:
 - Estancia Valley—stay the same
 - MRGV—add 55 permits
 - Southwest—add 10 permits to January hunt



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Proposed 2022-23 Central Flyway Seasons

Species	Zone	2021–2022		2022–2023	
		Open	Close	Open	Close
Ducks and coots	North Zone	Oct. 9	Jan. 12	Oct. 8	Jan. 11
	South Zone	Oct. 28	Jan. 31	Oct. 28	Jan. 31
Dark geese	MRGV	Dec. 19	Jan. 31	Dec. 19	Jan. 31
	Rest of State	Oct. 17	Jan. 31	Oct. 17	Jan. 31
Light geese	All Central Flyway	Oct. 17	Jan. 31	Oct. 17	Jan. 31
Rails and moorhens	All Central Flyway	Sep. 11	Nov. 19	Sep. 10	Nov. 18
Snipe	All Central Flyway	Oct. 9	Jan. 23	Oct. 8	Jan. 22
Youth waterfowl	North Zone	Sep. 25	Sep. 26	Sep. 24	Sep. 25
	South Zone	Oct. 2	Oct. 3	Oct. 1	Oct. 2
September teal	All Central Flyway	Sep. 11	Sep. 19	Sep. 10	Sep. 18

- Includes falconry, youth waterfowl days, and September teal

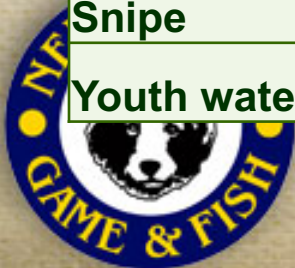


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Proposed 2022-23 Pacific Flyway Seasons

Species	Zone	2020–2021		2021–2022	
		Open	Close	Open	Close
Ducks and coots	All Pacific Flyway	Oct. 19	Jan. 31	Oct. 19	Jan. 31
Scaup	All Pacific Flyway	Oct. 19	Jan. 12	Oct. 19	Jan. 12
Dark and light geese	North Zone	Sep. 26	Oct. 11	Sep. 24	Oct. 9
	North Zone	Nov. 2	Jan. 31	Nov. 2	Jan. 31
	South Zone	Oct. 17	Jan. 31	Oct. 17	Jan. 31
Sora and Virginia rail	All Pacific Flyway	Sep. 11	Nov. 19	Sep. 10	Nov. 18
Snipe	All Pacific Flyway	Oct. 17	Jan. 31	Oct. 17	Jan. 31
Youth waterfowl	All Pacific Flyway	Oct. 3	Oct. 4	Oct. 8	Oct. 9

- Includes falconry and youth waterfowl days



Questions?

