

2017-2018 Migratory Game Bird Seasons

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY	POSSESSION
Sept. Teal	Sept. 9, 2017- Sept. 24, 2017	6	18
Sept. Canada Geese*	Sept. 1, 2017- Sept. 30, 2017	5	15
Woodcock	Dec. 18, 2017- Jan. 31, 2018	3	9
Snipe	Nov. 14, 2017- Feb. 28, 2018	8	24
Moorhens and Gallinules	Sept. 2, 2017- Nov. 10, 2017	15 Singly or in aggregate	45 Singly or in aggregate
Rails: Clapper and King	Sept. 2, 2017- Nov. 10, 2017	15 Singly or in aggregate	45 Singly or in aggregate
Rails: Sora and Virginia	Sept. 2, 2017- Nov. 10, 2017	25 Singly or in aggregate	75 Singly or in aggregate
Mourning and White-winged Doves (North Zone) **	Sept. 2, 2017- Oct. 8, 2017 AND Oct. 21, 2017- Nov. 4, 2017 AND Dec. 9, 2017- Jan. 15, 2018	15 Singly or in aggregate	45 Singly or in aggregate
Mourning and White-winged Doves (South Zone) ***	Sept. 2, 2017- Sept. 10, 2017 AND Oct. 7, 2017- Nov. 11, 2017 AND Dec. 2, 2017- Jan. 15, 2018	15 Singly or in aggregate	45 Singly or in aggregate
Crows	Nov. 4, 2017 - Feb. 28, 2018	No Limit	No Limit
Ducks, Mergansers, and Coots****	Nov. 24, 2017- Nov. 26, 2017 AND Dec. 1, 2017- Dec. 3, 2017 AND Dec. 6, 2017- Jan. 28, 2018	See Below****	See Below****
Geese: Canada, White-fronted, Snow, Blue, Ross's, and Brant	Nov. 10, 2017- Nov. 26, 2017 AND Dec. 1, 2017- Dec. 3, 2017 AND Dec. 6, 2017- Jan. 28, 2018	Canada Geese: 3 Snow, Blue, and Ross's: 20 White-fronted: 3 Brant: 1	Canada Geese: 9 Snow, Blue, and Ross's: No Limit White-fronted: 9 Brant: 3
Youth Waterfowl	Nov. 18, 2017 AND Feb. 3, 2018	Same as Regular Season	Same as Regular Season
Light Goose Conservation Order***** Special Permit Needed	Oct. 1, 2017- Nov. 9, 2017 AND Jan. 29, 2018- Feb. 2, 2018 AND Feb. 4, 2018- Mar. 31, 2018	No Limit*****	No Limit*****

* Sept. Canada Goose season is closed on Roebuck Lake in Leflore county

** (Dove North Zone) Areas north of U.S. Hwy. 84 plus areas south of U.S. Hwy. 84 and west of MS Hwy. 35.

*** (Dove South Zone) Areas south of U.S. Hwy. 84 and east of MS Hwy. 35.

**** The duck daily bag limit is a total of 6 ducks, including no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 of which may be females), 3 wood ducks, 2 redheads, 3 scaup, 2 canvasbacks, 1 mottled duck, 2 black ducks, and 1 pintail.

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

The coot daily bag limit is a total of 15 coots.

The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit for ducks, mergansers, and coots.

Shooting hours for all migratory game birds are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, except for the Light Goose Conservation Order (see below).

*****The Light Goose Conservation Order is a special opportunity designed to reduce the population of overpopulated snow, blue, and Ross's geese when no other waterfowl seasons are open. This order allows for expanded methods of take that are not allowed during regular waterfowl seasons.

To participate in the Light Goose Conservation Order, hunters need a valid Mississippi hunting license, state waterfowl stamp, and a free Light Goose Conservation Order permit number. Hunters can obtain the permit number by visiting www.mdwfp.com/waterfowl.

Light Goose Conservation Order Methods:

Shooting hours are from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

Only snow, blue, and Ross's geese are eligible for harvest.

The use of electronic calls is allowed.

The use of unplugged shotguns is allowed.

There is no daily or possession limit for snow, blue, or Ross's geese.

Hunters must use non-toxic shot.

Hunters must possess a Mississippi hunting license and a Mississippi state waterfowl stamp.

Hunters do not need a federal waterfowl stamp.