

2016-2017 Migratory Game Bird Seasons

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY	POSSESSION
Sept. Teal	Sept. 10, 2016- Sept. 25, 2016	6	18
Sept. Canada Geese*	Sept. 1, 2016- Sept. 30, 2016	5	15
Woodcock	Dec. 18, 2016- Jan. 31, 2017	3	9
Snipe	Nov. 14, 2016- Feb. 28, 2017	8	24
Gallinules (Common and Purple)	Sept. 3, 2016- Nov. 11, 2016	15 Singly or in aggregate	45 Singly or in aggregate
Rails, Clapper, and King	Sept. 3, 2016- Nov. 11, 2016	15 Singly or in aggregate	45 Singly or in aggregate
Rails, Sora, and Virginia	Sept. 3, 2016- Nov. 11, 2016	25 Singly or in aggregate	75 Singly or in aggregate
Mourning and White-winged Doves (North Zone) **	Sept. 3, 2016- Oct. 9, 2016 AND Oct. 22, 2016- Nov. 6, 2016 AND Dec. 10, 2016- Jan. 15, 2017	15 Singly or in aggregate	45 Singly or in aggregate
Mourning and White-winged Doves (South Zone) ***	Sept. 3, 2016- Sept. 11, 2016 AND Oct. 8, 2016- Nov. 13, 2016 AND Dec. 3, 2016- Jan. 15, 2017	15 Singly or in aggregate	45 Singly or in aggregate
Crows	Nov. 5, 2016 - Feb. 28, 2017	No Limit	No Limit
Ducks, Mergansers, and Coots****	Nov. 25, 2016- Nov. 27, 2016 AND Dec. 2, 2016- Dec. 4, 2016 AND Dec. 7, 2016- Jan. 29, 2017	See Below****	See Below****
Geese: Canada, Snow, Blue, Ross', White-fronted, and Brant	Nov. 12, 2016- Nov. 27, 2016 AND Dec. 15, 2016- Jan. 29, 2017 AND Feb. 4, 2017- Feb. 15, 2017	Canada Goose Bag Limit 3; Snow, Blue, and Ross' Bag Limit 20; White-fronted Bag Limit 3; Brant Bag Limit 1	Possession 9 No Possession Limit Possession 9 Possession 3
Youth Waterfowl	Nov. 19, 2016 AND Feb. 4, 2017	Same as Regular Season	Same as Regular Season
Light Goose Conservation Order***** (Special Permit Needed)	Oct. 1, 2016- Nov. 11, 2016 AND Feb. 16, 2017- Mar. 31, 2017	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 canvasback, 1 mottled duck, 1 black duck, and 2 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 all migratory game birds except snow, blue, and Ross' geese.

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

*****The Light Goose Conservation Order is a special opportunity designed to reduce the populations of snow, blue, and Ross's geese when no other waterfowl seasons are open. This allows for expanded methods of take which 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 online at <http://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