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# Digest MIGRATORY GAME BIRD Regulations

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## MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

**Warning:** On the opening day of season, no person may possess any migratory game bird in excess of the daily bag limit.

Birds must be placed on storage within three days after close of season.

Migratory game birds may be possessed for only 90 days after the close of the season.

Court may revoke hunting license and right to hunt for one year upon conviction for violating a migratory bird regulation.

May not hunt on land of another without permission of landowner or agent in charge.

**Means of Taking:** Shotgun, not larger than 10 gauge, fired from the shoulder, may be used. Automatic loaded or hand-operated repeating shotgun capable of holding more than 3 shells unlawful, unless magazine has been cut off or plugged with one-piece metal or wooden filler incapable of removal through the loading end so as to reduce gun capacity to not more than 3 shells at one time in magazine and chamber combined. Bow and arrow permitted. Migratory birds may be taken from land or water with aid of a dog and from a blind, boat or floating craft, except that they may not be taken from a sink box, power boat, or sailboat, or any boat under sail or craft or device towed by power boat or sailboat. Waterfowl may be taken from outboard motorboat when the motor is detached from boat and is placed inside of boat, or when motorboat is placed inside of or secured to a shooting blind. Use of aircraft or power boat, sailboat or other floating craft or device of any kind, for the purpose of concentrating, driving, rallying or stirring up waterfowl and coots is prohibited. Taking by means, aid or use of automobile, aircraft, cattle, horses or mules prohibited. The use, directly or indirectly, of live duck or goose decoys is prohibited, regardless of the distance intervening between such live decoys and the position of the taker. Taking by means, aid or use, directly or indirectly, of corn, wheat, oats or other grain or product thereof, salt or any kind of feed, placed, deposited, distributed, scattered, or otherwise put out whereby waterfowl or doves are lured, attracted, or enticed to, on or over the area where hunters are attempting to take them, is prohibited; but taking of such birds as are attracted by growing or standing crops of grain or by harvested grainfield is permitted so long as such crops are not manipulated or such fields have not been harvested by



man or his agencies so as to cause such grain to be placed, deposited, scattered, or otherwise put out as aforesaid.

**Restricted Areas:** May not take migratory game birds on any State or Federal sanctuary or preserve. May not hunt on public roads and highways.

**Federal Stamp:** No person over the age of 16 may hunt migratory waterfowl without a Federal stamp (procureable at Post Office).

**Five-Day Migratory Game Bird License:** Available to nonresidents or aliens. Fee \$5.00. Permits hunting migratory game birds only for five consecutive days, including date of issuance, without the \$25.00 nonresident hunting license.

**Non-resident Hunting License:** Price \$25.00. Required of non-citizens of State or aliens, who do not have a five-day migratory game bird license.

**Resident Hunting License:** Price \$2.15. Required of Texas citizen 17 or more years of age who hunts outside county of residence. "Citizen" includes any person except an alien who has been for more than six months immediately preceding application for license, a bona fide resident of Texas.

## BRANT, COOT, DUCKS AND GEESE

**Open Season:** Nov. 5 to Jan. 3, both dates inclusive. Exception: no open season on black-bellied tree duck.

**Shooting Hours:** On Nov. 5, from 12:00 o'clock noon to sunset; all other days of season one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

### Bag and Possession Limits

**Coot:** 10 per day or in possession.

**Ducks:** 5 per day, 10 in possession, including not more than one wood duck, and not more than one hooded merganser. Exception: American and redbreasted mergansers: 25 singly or in the aggregate per day, but no possession limit except on opening day. Hooded merganser or wood duck, one per day or in possession.

**Geese and Brant:** 5 in the aggregate per day or in possession, including in such limit not more than either 2 Canada geese (or its subspecies, Hutchins or cackling goose), or 2 white-fronted geese, or one of each.

## GALLINULES AND RAILS (EXCEPT COOT)

**Open Season:** Sept. 1 to Oct. 30, both dates inclusive.

**Shooting Hours:** One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

### Bag and Possession Limits

**Rails and Gallinules** (except Sora): 15 in the aggregate per day or in possession.

**Sora:** 25 per day or in possession.

### MOURNING DOVES

**Open Season: North Zone,** Sept. 1 to Oct. 10, both dates inclusive, in Val Verde, Kinney, Uvalde, Medina, Bexar, Comal, Hays, Travis, Williamson, Milam, Robertson, Leon, Houston, Cherokee, Nacogdoches and Shelby Counties, and all counties north and west thereof, from 12 o'clock noon to sunset. **South Zone:** Oct. 1 to Nov. 9, from 12 o'clock noon to sunset.

**Limits:** 10 per day or in possession.

**Exceptions:** Bailey County, season closed; Kaufman County, in Point or Combine Community, season closed. McMullen County, State law Nov. 1 to Dec. 15; Federal regulation, Oct. 1 to Nov. 9, noon to sunset.

**WHITE-WINGED DOVES**—Season closed.

### WILSON SNIPE OR JACKSNIPE

**Open Season:** December 20 to January 3, both days inclusive.

**Shooting Hours:** One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

**Bag and Possession Limits:** 8 per day or in possession.

### WOODCOCK

**Open Season:** Shelby, Nacogdoches, Angelina, Trinity, San Jacinto, Liberty, Chambers and all counties south and east thereof, Dec. 12 to Jan. 20, both days inclusive. Rest of state closed.

**Limits:** 4 per day, 8 in possession.

**Shooting Hours:** One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.