

Migratory Game Bird 19.31.6 NMAC

July 21, 2023

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New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting

Albuquerque, NM



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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**
- **Final frameworks to be published in Federal Register**



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- **Change regular migratory game bird season dates based on calendar dates and public comment**
- **No change in crane permit numbers**
- **Pintail bag limit to remain at one**
- **No changes for dove seasons**



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Public Comment

- 5 comments received as of July 19, 2023
- Public meeting held in Albuquerque and via Zoom on April 26th: two members of the public attended
- Comments received:
 - Shift CF snipe season later to align with closure of south zone duck season
 - Crane hunting
 - Duck stamp requirements
 - North/south opening dates



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Questions?



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Proposed 2023-24 Central Flyway Seasons

Species	Zone	2022–2023		2023–2024	
		Open	Close	Open	Close
Ducks and coots	North Zone	Oct. 8	Jan. 11	Oct. 7	Jan. 10
	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. 10	Nov. 18	Sep. 9	Nov. 17
Snipe	All Central Flyway	Oct. 8	Jan. 22	Oct. 7	Jan. 21
Youth waterfowl	North Zone	Sep. 24	Sep. 25	Sep. 23	Sep. 24
	South Zone	Oct. 1	Oct. 2	Sep. 30	Oct. 1
September teal	All Central Flyway	Sep. 10	Sep. 18	Sep. 9	Sep. 17

- Includes falconry, youth waterfowl days, and September teal

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Proposed 2023-24 Pacific Flyway Seasons

Species	Zone	2022–2023		2023–2024	
		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. 24	Oct. 9	Sep. 23	Oct. 8
	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. 10	Nov. 18	Sep. 9	Nov. 17
Snipe	All Pacific Flyway	Oct. 17	Jan. 31	Oct. 17	Jan. 31
Youth waterfowl	All Pacific Flyway	Oct. 8	Oct. 9	Oct. 7	Oct. 8

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