

Migratory Game Bird

19.31.6 NMAC

March 8, 2024

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**
- **Proposed frameworks to be published in Federal Register in February. Final frameworks publication to follow.**



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- **Changes to regular migratory game bird season dates TBD, based on public comment**
- **Central Flyway scaup limit from 3 to 1 per Federal frameworks**
- **Adjust sandhill crane permits based on changes in allocation**
- **Open Bernardo Unit D to handicap accessible waterfowl hunting during regular season**
- **Hybrid public meeting will be held in March or April**



Sandhill Crane Permits

- Greater sandhill crane harvest allotment increased for 2024–25 based on population surveys and crane management plan
- 2023-24 allocation: 905, 2024-25 allocation: 1,063



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Proposed 2024–25 Duck and Goose Seasons

Central Flyway

Includes
falconry,
youth
waterfowl
days, and a
9-day
September
teal season.

Species	Zone	Open	Close
Ducks and Mergansers:			
	North Zone	Oct. 12	Jan. 15
	South Zone	Oct. 28	Jan. 31
Geese:			
Dark Geese	MRGV	Dec. 19	Jan. 31
	Rest of State	Oct. 17	Jan. 31
Light Geese		Oct. 17	Jan. 31



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Species	Zone	Open	Close
Ducks and Mergansers:			
	North and South Zones	Oct. 19	Jan. 31
Scaup			
	North and South Zones	Oct. 19	Jan. 12
All Geese:			
	North 1	Sept. 21	Oct. 6
	North 2	Nov. 2	Jan. 31
	South	Oct. 17	Jan. 31

Questions?



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