


Migratory Game Bird 19.31.6 NMAC

May 12, 2016


New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting

Silver City, NM



**Amend:
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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 published in Federal Register in March 28, 2016**



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- **Additional 20 day for firearm dove seasons**
- **Increase sandhill crane allocation**
 - **Increase permits**
 - **Increase bag and possession limits**
- **Changes to regular duck season dates**
- **Create a free Band-tailed Pigeon hunting permit**



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Public Comment**

- **99 comments received as of May 9, 2016.**
- **Public meetings: Farmington, Santa Fe, Albuquerque**
- **Comments Received:**
 - **Mourning dove season dates**
 - **Duck season dates**
 - **Sandhill crane hunt dates and harvest limits**



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Proposed 2016-17 Duck, Goose, and Dove 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. 15	Jan. 18
	South Zone	Oct. 26	Jan. 29
Geese:			
Dark Geese	MRGV	Dec. 24	Jan. 17
	Rest of State	Oct. 15	Jan. 29
Light Geese	Statewide	Oct. 15	Jan. 29
Mourning Dove	North Zone	Sep. 1	Nov. 29
	South Zone- 1	Sep. 1	Oct. 30
	South Zone- 2	Dec. 3	Jan. 1

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Proposed 2016-17 Crane Seasons

Area	Hunt	Open	Close	Bag	Possession	Permits
Middle Rio	SCR-0-101	Oct. 29	Oct. 30	3	6	75
Grand Valley	SCR-0-103	Nov. 26	Nov. 27	3	6	60
	SCR-0-104	Dec. 17	Dec. 18	3	6	60
	SCR-0-106	Jan. 7	Jan. 8	3	6	60
	SCR-0-109	Nov. 5	Nov. 5	3	3	24
Southwest	SCR-0-105	Oct. 29	Nov. 6	3	6	70
	SCR-0-107	Jan. 7	Jan. 8	3	6	60
Estancia Valley	SCR-0-102	Oct. 29	Nov. 6	3	6	65
Regular Season		Oct. 29	Jan. 29	3	6	N/A



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Species	Zone	Open	Close
Ducks and Mergansers:	North Zone	Oct. 17	Jan. 29
Scaup	North Zone	Oct. 17	Jan. 10
All Geese:	North 1	Sept. 24	Oct. 9
	North 2	Oct. 31	Jan. 29
	South	Oct. 15	Jan. 29
Mourning Dove	North Zone	Sep. 1	Nov. 29
	South Zone- 1	Sep. 1	Oct. 30
	South Zone- 2	Dec. 3	Jan. 1

Questions?



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“Move to repeal and replace 19.31.6 NMAC, as presented by the Department and allow the Department to make minor corrections to comply with filing this rule with State Records and Archives.”