

Migratory Game Bird 19.31.6 NMAC

August 12, 2021

**New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting
Santa Fe**



Amend: Migratory Game Bird 19.31.6 NMAC

- **Adjust season dates and bag limits according to calendar and US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) frameworks**
- **Proposed frameworks published in Federal Register in February.**
- **Details about proposed changes and supporting information posted on website**



Amend: Migratory Game Bird 19.31.6 NMAC

- **Change regular migratory game bird season dates based on calendar dates and public comment**
- **Increase sandhill crane permits based on increased allocation**
- **Pintail bag limit to remain at one**
- **No changes for dove seasons**



Public Comment

- 4 comments received as of August 10, 2021
- Public meeting held via Zoom on April 26th: two members of the public attended
- Comments received:
 - Support for proposed changes
 - Sandhill crane comment
 - Goose comment



Sandhill Crane Permits

- Greater sandhill crane harvest allotment increased for 2021-22 based on population surveys and crane management plan
- 2020-21 allocation: 535, 2021-22 allocation: 831
- Proposed changes to permit numbers:
 - Estancia Valley—stay the same
 - MRGV—add 75 permits
 - Southwest—stay the same



Questions?

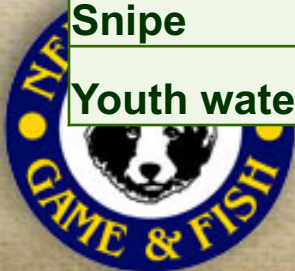


Amend: Migratory Game Bird 19.31.6 NMAC

Proposed 2021-22 Pacific Flyway Seasons

Species	Zone	2020–2021		2021–2022	
		Open	Close	Open	Close
Ducks and coots	All Pacific Flyway	Oct. 19	Jan. 31	Oct. 19	Jan. 31
Scaup	All Pacific Flyway	Oct. 17	Jan. 10	Oct. 19	Jan. 12
Dark and light geese	North Zone	Sep. 26	Oct. 11	Sep. 25	Oct. 10
	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. 12	Nov. 20	Sep. 11	Nov. 19
Snipe	All Pacific Flyway	Oct. 17	Jan. 31	Oct. 17	Jan. 31
Youth waterfowl	All Pacific Flyway	Oct. 3	Oct. 4	Oct. 2	Oct. 3

- Includes falconry and youth waterfowl days



Amend: Migratory Game Bird 19.31.6 NMAC

Proposed 2021-22 Central Flyway Seasons

Species	Zone	2020–2021		2021–2022	
		Open	Close	Open	Close
Ducks and coots	North Zone	Oct. 10	Jan. 13	Oct. 9	Jan. 12
	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. 12	Nov. 20	Sep. 11	Nov. 19
Snipe	All Central Flyway	Oct. 10	Jan. 24	Oct. 9	Jan. 23
Youth waterfowl	North Zone	Sep. 26	Sep. 27	Sep. 25	Sep. 26
	South Zone	Oct. 3	Oct. 4	Oct. 2	Oct. 3
September teal	All Central Flyway	Sep. 12	Sep. 20	Sep. 11	Sep. 19

- Includes falconry, youth waterfowl days, and September teal



“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.”



Amend: Migratory Game Bird 19.31.6 NMAC Proposed Sandhill Crane Seasons

Hunt	2020–2021		2021–2022	
	Open	Close	Open	Close
Eastern	Oct. 24	Jan. 24	Oct. 30	Jan. 30
Youth	Nov. 21	Nov. 21	Nov. 20	Nov. 20
MRGV 1	Nov. 7	Nov. 8	Nov. 13	Nov. 14
MRGV 2	Nov. 28	Nov. 29	Nov. 27	Nov. 28
MRGV 3	Dec. 5	Dec. 6	Dec. 11	Dec. 12
MRGV 4	Jan. 2	Jan. 3	Jan. 8	Jan. 9
MRGV 5	Jan. 9	Jan. 10	Jan. 15	Jan. 16
Southwest 1	Oct. 24	Nov. 1	Oct. 30	Nov. 7
Southwest 2	Jan. 2	Jan. 3	Jan. 8	Jan. 9
Estancia Valley	Oct. 24	Nov. 1	Oct. 30	Nov. 7

- Add 75 permits to MRGV hunts, Estancia Valley hunt closed Nov 3.

