


Migratory Game Bird 19.31.6 NMAC

March 1, 2018

New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting

Las Cruces, 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 published in Federal Register in March/April**

Migratory Game Bird 2018-19 Regulations Schedule

Month	Biological Data	Meetings	Federal Register
May	Population surveys		
August	Flyway reports	Flyway Tech and Council	
Oct		USFWS Service Regulations Committee	
Dec-Jan	RMP Crane/Goose Reports		
Feb		Flyway Tech	Proposed season frameworks
March		State Game Commission/ Flyway Council	
April		State Game Commission	Final season frameworks/ State hunting selections
June		State Game Commission	



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- Changes to regular migratory game bird season dates TBA, based on public comment
- Increase pintail bag limit to 2, per USFWS frameworks
- Move sandhill crane youth hunt later in November



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Proposed 2018-19 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. 13	Jan. 17
	South Zone	Oct. 23	Jan. 27
Geese:			
Dark Geese	MRGV	Dec. 15	Jan. 8
	Rest of State	Oct. 13	Jan. 27
Light Geese		Oct. 13	Jan. 27



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Ducks and Mergansers:			
	North Zone	Oct. 13	Jan. 27
Scaup	North Zone	Oct. 13	Jan. 6
All Geese:			
	North 1	Sept. 22	Oct. 7
	North 2	Oct. 29	Jan. 27
	South	Oct. 29	Jan. 27

Questions?

