



Migratory Game Bird 19.31.6 NMAC

April 14, 2016

**New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting
Las Cruces, NM**



Migratory Game Bird 2016-2017 Regulations Schedule

- **State Agencies**
 - **May/June- Population Surveys**
- **Federal Actions**
 - **December- Proposed Season Frameworks**
 - **End of March- Final Season Frameworks**
 - **End of April- Season Selection Letters Due**
- **Flyway Council**
 - **October and March meetings- Review status of migratory birds and provide management recommendations**
- **State Game Commission**
 - **January Meeting- Rule Opens**
 - **April Meeting- Proposed Rule Changes**
 - **May Meeting- Final Action on Rule**



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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**

- **94 comments received as of April 11, 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

Species	Zone	Open	Close
Ducks and Mergansers:	North Zone	Oct. 15	Jan. 19
	South Zone	Oct. 26	Jan. 29
Geese:			
Dark Geese	MRGV	Dec. 17	Jan. 10
	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

Central Flyway

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

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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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Proposed 2016-17 Duck, Goose, and Doves Seasons

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

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?

