

Migratory Game Bird 19.31.6 NMAC

April 28, 2023

**New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting
Roswell**



Amend: Migratory Game Bird 19.31.6 NMAC

- Adjust season dates according to calendar and US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) frameworks
- Adjust bag/possession limits according to USFWS frameworks
- Proposed frameworks published in Federal Register. Final frameworks publication to follow.



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- Change regular migratory game bird season dates based on calendar dates and public comment
- No changes for crane permit numbers
- Pintail bag limit to remain at one
- No changes for dove seasons



Public Comment

- 3 comments received as of April 27, 2023
- Hybrid public meeting held in Albuquerque and via Zoom on April 26th: Two members of the public attended
- Comments received:
 - Shift CF snipe season later to align with closure of south zone duck season
 - Crane hunting

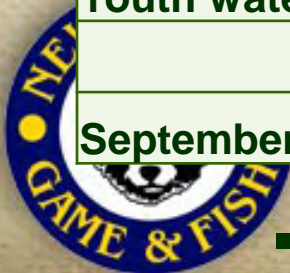


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Proposed 2023-24 Central Flyway Seasons

Species	Zone	2022–2023		2023–2024	
		Open	Close	Open	Close
Ducks and coots	North Zone	Oct. 8	Jan. 11	Oct. 7	Jan. 10
	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. 10	Nov. 18	Sep. 9	Nov. 17
Snipe	All Central Flyway	Oct. 8	Jan. 22	Oct. 7	Jan. 21
Youth waterfowl	North Zone	Sep. 24	Sep. 25	Sep. 23	Sep. 24
	South Zone	Oct. 1	Oct. 2	Sep. 30	Oct. 1
September teal	All Central Flyway	Sep. 10	Sep. 18	Sep. 9	Sep. 17

- Includes falconry, youth waterfowl days, and September teal



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Proposed 2023-24 Pacific Flyway Seasons

Species	Zone	2022–2023		2023–2024	
		Open	Close	Open	Close
Ducks and coots	All Pacific Flyway	Oct. 19	Jan. 31	Oct. 19	Jan. 31
Scaup	All Pacific Flyway	Oct. 19	Jan. 12	Oct. 19	Jan. 12
Dark and light geese	North Zone	Sep. 24	Oct. 9	Sep. 23	Oct. 8
	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. 10	Nov. 18	Sep. 9	Nov. 17
Snipe	All Pacific Flyway	Oct. 17	Jan. 31	Oct. 17	Jan. 31
Youth waterfowl	All Pacific Flyway	Oct. 8	Oct. 9	Oct. 7	Oct. 8

- Includes falconry and youth waterfowl days



Questions?



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Hunt	2022–2023		2023–2024	
	Open	Close	Open	Close
Eastern	Oct. 29	Jan. 29	Oct. 28	Jan. 28
Youth	Nov. 19	Nov. 19	Nov. 18	Nov. 18
MRGV 1	Nov. 12	Nov. 13	Nov. 11	Nov. 12
MRGV 2	Nov. 26	Nov. 27	Nov. 25	Nov. 26
MRGV 3	Dec. 10	Dec. 11	Dec. 9	Dec. 10
MRGV 4	Jan. 7	Jan. 8	Jan. 6	Jan. 7
MRGV 5	Jan. 14	Jan. 15	Jan. 13	Jan. 14
Southwest 1	Oct. 29	Nov. 6	Oct. 28	Nov. 5
Southwest 2	Jan. 7	Jan. 8	Jan. 6	Jan. 7
Estancia Valley	Oct. 29	Nov. 6	Oct. 28	Nov. 5

- Estancia Valley hunt closed Nov 1.

