



New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

2022–2023 NEW MEXICO
**MIGRATORY
GAME BIRD**
HUNTING RULES & INFO

American coot, band-tailed pigeon, gallinules, snipe, ducks, geese,
sandhill crane, sora and Virginia rail, white-winged and mourning doves

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Conserving New Mexico's Wildlife for Future Generations

Rise and Shine – Let the Hunt Begin!



Generations of New Mexican hunters have fond memories of crisp autumn and winter mornings and getting up early to begin their pursuit of various migratory bird species that come through the Land of Enchantment each year.

Whether it's the teal season in mid-September, a youth waterfowl hunt on one of the Department's Wildlife Management Areas in early October or a sandhill crane hunt in the Middle Rio Grande Valley in December or January – to name a few – there are opportunities out there in New Mexico for just about any bird hunter. The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish is working not only to maintain these opportunities, but to improve them. Work is underway at Department's WMAs across the state to improve waterfowl habitat, drawing more birds and keeping them here longer as they make their annual migration south for the winter.

These increased opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors and the thrill of the hunt would not be possible without the contributions of sportsmen and sportswomen like you. By taking part in the hunt and purchasing licenses, you enable us at the Department to continue projects that will ensure these opportunities are available for generations of hunters to come.

We look forward to continuing this work, and we hope you have an enjoyable and successful hunt this license year.

Thank you!

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Michael B. Sloane, Director – New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

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General Information

Our Mission

To conserve, regulate, propagate and protect the wildlife and fish within the State of New Mexico, using a flexible management system that ensures sustainable use for public food supply, recreation and safety and to provide for off-highway motor vehicle recreation that recognizes cultural, historic and resource values while ensuring public safety.

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Conservation Officer Contact Information

<http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/enforcement/law-enforcement-contact-information/>

Important Telephone Numbers

General Information, License Sales and Harvest Reporting 1-888-248-6866
Hunter Education Program Information (505) 222-4731
Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Information (505) 222-4712
Operation Game Thief (OGT) **1-800-432-4263**
24-hour Depredation Hotline 1-888-727-4883
TDD (number for hearing impaired) (505) 476-8143

The *2022–23 New Mexico Migratory Game Bird Hunting Rules and Information* includes seasons for migratory game birds. Information about seasons for upland game is provided online in the *2022–23 New Mexico Upland Game Hunting Rules and Information*. Information about big game and turkey hunting regulations, license requirements and fees is provided online in the *2022–23 New Mexico Hunting Rules and Information*. Information about furbearer trapping and hunting regulations, license requirements and fees is also provided online in the *2022–23 New Mexico Furbearer Rules and Information*.
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Important Reminders

Sandhill Crane Application Deadline: August 17, 2022

Deadline for all special permit sandhill crane hunts is August 17, 2022 before 5 p.m. MDT. No more than four persons may apply per application and no more than two persons may apply per youth-only application (page 17).

Migratory Game Bird Species Include:

White-winged and mourning doves, American coot, band-tailed pigeon, gallinules, snipe, ducks, geese, sandhill crane, sora and Virginia rail. Hunting swans in New Mexico is not allowed.

Game Hunting Licenses (see page 6)

Licenses and permits can be purchased online: www.wildlife.state.nm.us or call: **1-888-248-6866**. Licenses and permits may also be purchased over the counter (OTC) at New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF) offices or at local vendors.

Print Your Own Licenses and Permits

NMDGF game-hunting licenses, Eastern sandhill crane permits, light goose conservation order permits and band-tailed pigeon permits are available online and may be printed on standard paper. Licenses and permits will no longer be mailed unless requested by telephone: **1-888-248-6866**.

Information Center Assistance: 1-888-248-6866

The NMDGF Information Center is open year-round Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. (except holidays) to answer questions and assist with license issues or harvest reports.

Free Online Maps and Mobile app

Maps are available at www.wildlife.state.nm.us for La Joya North and South Ponds, the Bernardo hunt areas, sandhill crane check stations and hunt boundaries and designated areas in the lower Rio Grande Valley.

BLM-New Mexico has partnered with the NMDGF to provide free maps of big game hunting units and recreational areas on public lands.

Download the CarryMap app to your mobile device, then download New Mexico maps at: www.blm.gov/maps/frequently-requested/new-mexico/hunting/maps.



License Requirements & Fees

While in The Field You Must Have All of the Following

1. Game Hunting or Game Hunting & Fishing License: required for all migratory game bird hunters.
2. Habitat Management & Access Validation: required for all hunters, and anglers. See exceptions on page 7.
3. Habitat Stamp: required for all hunters, trappers or anglers on U.S. Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management lands. See exceptions on page 7.
4. Harvest Information Program (HIP) number: Required for all migratory bird hunters.
5. Federal Duck Stamp: Required for all waterfowl hunters 16 years of age or older.
6. Written Permission: all hunters on private lands must possess written permission from the landowner or person authorized to grant permission.

License Fees	Resident	Nonresident
Game Hunting License (Squirrel and game birds)	\$15	\$65
Game Hunting & Fishing License (Squirrel, game birds and fishing)	\$30	Not Issued
Junior Game Hunting License (Squirrel and game birds)	\$10	\$15
Junior Game Hunting & Fishing License (Squirrel, game birds and fishing)	\$15	Not Issued
Senior and Handicapped Game Hunting License (Squirrel and game birds)	\$15	Not Issued
Senior and Handicapped Game Hunting & Fishing License (Squirrel, game birds and fishing)	\$20	Not Issued
Disabled Veteran (less than 100%) Game Hunting & Fishing License (Squirrel, game birds and fishing)	\$10	Not Issued
Temporary (4 days) Game Hunting License (Squirrel and game birds other than turkey)	Not Issued	\$33
Nongame Hunting License (Nongame species, page 10).	Not Issued	\$65
Habitat Improvement Stamp (Mandatory on all U.S. Forest Service and BLM properties. For age requirements and exceptions, see page 7.)	\$10	\$10
Habitat Management & Access Validation (HMAV) (This validation does not replace the Habitat Stamp. For age requirements and exceptions, see page 7.)	\$4	\$4
Harvest Information Program (HIP) Number (Required for hunting migratory game birds)	\$0	\$0
Federal Duck Stamp (Required for waterfowl hunting [ducks and geese] age 16 and older)	\$27	\$27

Licenses, stamps and validations may be purchased online: www.wildlife.state.nm.us, by telephone: **1-888-248-6866**, and over the counter at all NMDGF offices and at local vendors (\$1 vendor fee applies).

License Information

Habitat Management & Access Validation

A Habitat Management & Access Validation (HMAV) must be purchased and possessed by all hunters, trappers and anglers, except individuals 17 years of age and younger, resident anglers 70 years and older (free fishing license) and 100% Disabled-Veteran card holders. Only one stamp each license year is required. Fees are used to: lease access to private lands for public use; provide public access to landlocked public land; and provide improvement, maintenance, development and operation of State Game Commission property for fish and wildlife habitat management. The HMAV will automatically be added to the shopping cart with your first purchase of a hunting, fishing or trapper license if required.

Habitat Improvement Stamp

Hunters and anglers must purchase and possess a current Habitat Stamp to use U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands in New Mexico, except anglers 11 years of age and younger and 100% disabled resident veterans in conjunction with privileges covered by the Disabled-Veteran card. Only one stamp is required each license year for these lands. The stamp is not required on other public property or on private property. The stamp is not required in Unit 28 which is predominately BLM property under military withdrawal. Funds from the sale of Habitat Stamps are used to improve wildlife habitat. All hunters, trappers and anglers are encouraged to purchase a Habitat Stamp.

Harvest Information Program Number (HIP)

Each license year, migratory bird hunters must obtain a HIP number. Every hunter must possess a separate permit number for each state in which they hunt migratory birds.

Duck Stamp

Federal law requires all waterfowl hunters 16 years of age or older to carry a valid federal Migratory Bird Hunting & Conservation Stamp (Duck Stamp) which is signed in ink across the face. Stamps are available online: www.wildlife.state.nm.us or www.duckstamp.com and at U.S. Post Offices, NMDGF offices and at all license vendors. A valid hunting license that displays 'Federal Duck Stamp' meets the federal requirement for 45 days from the date of purchase.

Reduced-Fee Licenses for Juniors

Reduced-fee licenses for resident junior game-hunting & fishing and junior game-hunting (resident and nonresident) are available to individuals 17 years of age and younger at the time of purchase, on or after April 1, 2022.

Hunter Education or Mentor-Youth Hunter Number Required

Individuals younger than 18 years of age must either: 1) possess a Hunter Education number from New Mexico or another state; or 2) possess a New Mexico Mentor-Youth Hunter number. Certification and/or registration numbers will be printed on all hunter's Game Hunting Licenses once completed.

Youth Hunts

To qualify for youth hunts, applicants must be 17 years of age or younger on opening day of the hunt and must possess a Hunter Education number or a Mentor-Youth Hunter number.

Federal Youth Waterfowl Days

No application or special hunt permit is required. Youth hunters must be 17 years of age or younger and fully licensed. Hunters 16 years of age and older must possess a federal Duck Stamp. An adult 18 years of age or older must accompany the youth in the field (the adult may not hunt ducks, coots or gallinules but may participate in other seasons that are open on the special youth days). For more information about this hunt, see page 25.

New Mexico Residency Requirements

To qualify for New Mexico resident license(s), an individual must meet one of the following criteria:

1. A United States citizen who has resided in N.M. for a period of not less than 90 days immediately preceding the date of application (or purchase) for the license, has been domiciled in N.M. and has not claimed residency elsewhere for any purpose. Temporary or seasonal residents and home owners or P.O. box holders, who maintain a primary residence outside of N.M., do not qualify for resident licenses.
2. A citizen of another country who is legally in the United States and has actually lived in N.M. for at least 90 days immediately preceding his/her license application (or purchase).
3. A student, not otherwise entitled to claim residence, who is attending any educational institution in N.M., has attended and actually has lived in the state for at least one full semester immediately preceding the application (or purchase) for a license. Students must present a certificate or letter verifying their enrollment and attendance from the proper authorities of the educational institution.
4. A member of the U.S. military, not otherwise entitled to claim residence, who is permanently assigned to a military installation located within N.M. and who presents with his/her application a certificate or letter that verifies the military assignment and is signed by the commanding officer. The spouse or dependent of such person, living within the same household and similarly certified by the person's commanding officer may also purchase resident licenses.

Military and Veteran Licenses

Free Licenses for 100% Disabled Resident Veterans

New Mexico residents who are 100%-disabled veterans of the armed services are eligible for a free lifetime Game Hunting & Fishing License. Disabled veterans may apply to NMDGF for a Disabled American Veteran card which allows the holder to hunt small game (migratory game birds and upland game), fish and obtain a free deer license. Card holders do not need to buy or possess a Habitat Stamp when fishing or hunting small game.

Disabled Veterans Game Hunting & Fishing Licenses

Residents who are disabled veterans of the armed services, but do not meet the 100%-disabled qualification, are eligible for a \$10 Game Hunting & Fishing License (\$20 savings). All other license requirements apply (page 6).

50% Discount for Resident Active Military and Veterans

50% discounts on all licenses, permits and stamps are available to New Mexico residents who are active duty military or veterans. The discount may be claimed by applying for or purchasing any license, permit or stamp online, by telephone or at any license vendor. Residents claiming this discount must be able to provide proof of active duty military or veteran status upon request. Discount does not apply to: application fees, license vendor fees, administrative fees, the federal Duck Stamp or the Resident Disabled Veteran Game Hunting & Fishing License.

Nongame Hunting License

Nonresidents must purchase a Nonresident Nongame License or a New Mexico Nonresident Game Hunting License to take nongame species. Residents are not required to have a license to take nongame species. See page 10, Rabbits and Other Nongame Species.

License Refunds and Transfers

New Mexico Game Hunting licenses are nontransferable and nonrefundable. For more information, call the NMDGF Information Center: **1-888-248-6866**.

License Information Is Public Record

Pursuant to the New Mexico Inspection of Public Records Act, Sections 14-2-1 et. seq. NMSA 1978, information provided when applying for licenses and permits is public record and must be disclosed to anyone when properly requested except as provided by law.

Penalties for Hunting without a License

Hunters cited for hunting migratory game birds without a license may pay a penalty assessment instead of appearing in court. The penalty assessment is \$125 for residents, \$175 nonresidents and includes the cost of a hunting license, permits, stamps and fees related to the citation (pages 6–7). A license will be mailed upon payment of the assessment. A hunter cited will be assessed 10 points against a potential 20 points which may result in license revocation. License Revocation: hunting and fishing privileges may be revoked for three years or more, if accumulated game law violations equal 20+ points within a three year period. For further information, please contact any NMDGF office.

Parental Responsibility Act

The Parental Responsibility Act requires the New Mexico State Game Commission to suspend the recreational and professional licenses of anyone who does not comply with court-ordered child support obligations. The purpose is to discourage parental neglect of children by suspending hunting and fishing privileges until failure to pay court-ordered child support has been corrected and a \$25 reinstatement fee has been paid. For more information, call NMDGF Field Operations: **(505) 476-8065** or **1-888-248-6866**.

Operation Game Thief (OGT)

OGT is an anonymous tip line for reporting wildlife crimes anywhere in the state. Rewards are paid for any case where charges have been filed; a conviction is not required. OGT is funded solely through donations from individuals and organizations and not from tax or license fee. Rewards range from \$50-\$750.

OGT Hotline (24 hours, 7 days a week):

1-800-432-4263 or

www.wildlife.state.nm.us/ogt



General Regulations

It is unlawful to:

- Hunt protected species without a license and all applicable permits, stamps and validations.
- Hunt any protected species outside of established season for that species.
- Hunt protected species using licenses, permits, stamps or validations belonging to another individual or take or attempt to take a protected species for another person.
- Take or attempt to take game species by the aid of baiting. An area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait.
- Use live protected species as decoys to take or attempt to take game species.
- Exceed the daily bag limit or have more than the legal possession limit of any species.
- Use electronically or mechanically recorded calling devices, except as permitted for non-game species and during the Light Goose Conservation Order.
- Shoot at protected species or artificial wildlife from a motor vehicle.
- Discharge a firearm within 150 yards of a dwelling or building (not including abandoned or vacated buildings on public land) without the permission of the owner or lessee.
- Hunt while under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicants, including medical marijuana.
- Litter and/or pollute streams, lakes and other waters.
- Leave a fire unattended or improperly handle fire.
- Shine spotlights or other artificial lights into areas where livestock may be present, while in possession of any sporting arm.
- Park any motor vehicle or camp within 300 yards of any man-made water hole, water well or watering tank used by wildlife or domestic stock, without the prior consent of the private landowner, private-land lessee, public-land lessee or public-land management agency.
- Shoot at game on, from or across any paved, graded or maintained public road or within the fenced right-of-way of any paved, graded or maintained public road.
- Use motor-driven vehicles on roads closed under the Habitat Protection Act or other federal regulation.
- Hunt or shoot at any animal from an aircraft or drone or cause any non-domesticated animal to move from its place of rest or change its direction of travel.
- Hunt from, signal locations of protected species to hunters from or harass game with aircraft; hunt protected species observed from aircraft within 48 hours of observation; or hunt protected species the same day of air travel, except by commercial airline or direct flight to a landing strip.
- Take any animal that is protected by law but not listed as a game species and/or any animal that is listed as an endangered or threatened species.
- Recklessly or carelessly handle a firearm.

Protected Bird Species

Unless otherwise designated, all birds are protected by law. In addition to the game birds listed in this booklet, protected birds include eagles, hawks, falcons, owls, vultures, crows, ravens and all songbirds. Unprotected birds are starlings, rock doves (common pigeons) and house sparrows (English sparrows).

Rabbits and Other Nongame Species

Common nongame species include coyotes, skunks, rabbits and rock squirrels. New Mexico residents are not required to have a license to take nongame species. Nonresidents must possess either a Nonresident Nongame License or a current New Mexico Nonresident Game Hunting license. Nongame species may be taken on U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands open to hunting. Nongame species may also be taken on State Trust Lands which are opened by easement, provided the hunter holds a valid license for protected species on those lands and he/she is hunting during the season(s) designated for that license. White-sided jackrabbits, found primarily in Hidalgo County, are protected under the New Mexico Wildlife Conservation Act and may not be hunted.

Vehicle Use: Driving Off-road or on a Closed Road

1. During the seasons established for any protected species, it is unlawful to drive or ride in a motor vehicle which is driven off an established road on **public land** or on a closed road on public land when the vehicle bears a licensed hunter, angler or trapper.
2. During the seasons established for any protected species, it is unlawful to drive or ride in a motor vehicle which is driven off an established road on **private land**, without written permission from the landowner, when the vehicle bears a licensed hunter, angler or trapper.
3. It is unlawful to drive or ride in a motor vehicle which is being driven off an established road or on a closed road when gathering or searching for shed antlers on public land.
4. EXCEPTION: Snowmobiles may be driven off established roads and lawfully taken game may be retrieved in areas not closed to vehicular traffic.
5. Public land as used in this section shall mean any federally owned or managed property, any state owned or managed property, any private property which is part of a unitization hunting agreement, ranch wide agreement or unit wide agreement for the species being hunted, any private property which the Department has paid for public access for the species being hunted or any New Mexico State Game Commission owned or managed property.

Established road means:

1. A road, built or maintained by equipment, which shows no evidence of ever being closed to vehicular traffic by such means as berms, ripping, scarification, reseeding, fencing, gates, barricades or posted closures;
2. A two-track road which shows use prior to hunting seasons for other purposes such as recreation, mining, logging and ranching and which shows no evidence of ever being closed to vehicular traffic by such means as berms, ripping, scarification, reseeding, fencing, gates, barricades or posted closures.

Hunting on Private Land

Hunters must obtain written permission before entering private lands (*see Criminal Trespass*). It is unlawful to hunt, capture, take, attempt to take or kill any game on posted private property without written permission of the landowner or person in control of the land, or if consent to remain on the property has been denied or withdrawn. Any game taken in violation of the above, shall be subject to seizure.

Criminal Trespass

Any person entering private property without written permission from the landowner, manager or leasee may be charged with criminal trespass under Chapter 30-14-1, NMSA 1978. Criminal trespass is a misdemeanor and punishable by fines up to \$1,000 and 364 days in jail. For complete descriptions of what is and what is not criminal trespass and the penalties involved, *see page 25–26 of the 2022–23 New Mexico Hunting Rules and Information*, available online: www.wildlife.state.nm.us. Any person convicted of criminal trespass shall be revoked for at least three years.

Open Gate Program

Open Gate is a voluntary access program available to landowners statewide. The purpose of the program is to provide outdoor users more opportunities to hunt, fish and trap. To accomplish this lands and waters are leased from private landowners.



Each participating Open Gate property has special rules for permitted activities agreed upon by the landowner and NMDGF. These rules will be posted on the property and are also available on the NMDGF website: www.wildlife.state.nm.us. Hunters, anglers and trappers can use online information to locate and learn about properties that match their interests. It is the responsibility of the individual using the property to know and obey posted rules. Citations may be issued for violation of any rules or regulations.

General Rules

Legal Sporting Arms

Migratory Birds: White-winged and mourning doves, American coot, band-tailed pigeon, gallinules, snipe, ducks, geese, sandhill crane, sora and Virginia rail.

Migratory game birds may be taken with a shotgun fired from the shoulder, provided it is no larger than 10-gauge and is not capable of holding more than three shells. Migratory game birds also may be taken with muzzle-loading shotguns firing shot, bow and arrows and crossbow and bolts.

Nontoxic Shot Mandatory

Hunters must use and possess only USFWS-approved nontoxic shot when hunting any waterfowl, coot, gallinules, crane (draw hunt only), snipe, sora or Virginia rail with shotguns (including muzzle-loading shotguns).

Anyone hunting migratory game birds on Bernardo, LaJoya or Huey WMAs must use and possess only USFWS-approved nontoxic shot. Nontoxic shot is not required for dove, band-tailed pigeon and the eastern sandhill crane hunt on other State Game Commission owned or managed properties.

Nontoxic shot includes: bismuth-tin, iron (steel), copper-clad iron, iron-tungsten, iron-tungsten-nickel, tungsten-bronze, tungsten-iron-copper-nickel, tungsten matrix, tungsten polymer, tungsten-tin-iron, tungsten-tin-bismuth, tungsten-tin-iron-nickel and tungsten-iron-polymer.

Possession, Transportation and Storage

It is unlawful to possess migratory game birds without a proper license or possession certificate demonstrating the game was taken legally.

No game of any kind may be transported or possessed by another person, unless that game is accompanied by a possession certificate (sample possession certificate, page 33 and online: www.wildlife.state.nm.us).

Proof of Species, Sex and Bag Limit

One fully feathered wing of each migratory game bird or Eurasian collared-dove (other species of dove and band-tailed pigeon are exempt) must remain attached to the bird until it is at a residence, taxidermist, meat processing facility or place of final cold storage.

Wanton Waste

Wanton waste is illegal. Anyone taking migratory game birds must transport the edible portions of the meat from the field for human consumption.

Regulated Areas

Access to Public Lands

New Mexico contains approximately nine million acres of National Forest and 13 million acres of BLM lands. NMDGF recommends contacting the appropriate land management agency prior to hunting. Many public lands in New Mexico are also interspersed with privately owned property. A private landowner has the right to control the use of his/her private land. Where no public access exists, sportsmen/women must obtain written permission from the landowner or leaseholder to cross private land for access to public land. It is unlawful for persons to post or restrict lawful use of public land.

Forest Service and BLM Lands

Most BLM and U.S. Forest Service lands, including Wilderness Study Areas, are open to public hunters. It is the responsibility of each hunter to know what restrictions apply and where. Vehicle use and off-road vehicle travel may be restricted or prohibited on these lands. For more information visit: www.fs.fed.us or <https://www.blm.gov/new-mexico>.

State Trust Lands

The New Mexico State Game Commission has purchased a lease for hunting and fishing of protected species on State Trust Land. Certain State Trust Land may be under business lease and withdrawn by the Commissioner of Public Lands, and therefore unavailable for hunting or fishing. For specific locations, contact the New Mexico State Land Office: www.nmstatelands.org/resources/hunting-access-information/.

National Parks and Monuments

National parks and national monuments are closed to hunting, except the following BLM managed national monuments: Rio Grande Del Norte National Monument, Prehistoric Trackways National Monument and Organ Mountains–Desert Peaks National Monument.

National Wildlife Refuges

Contact individual federal refuges for hunting regulations. For more information, see page 19.

Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)

Areas owned and operated by the Bureau of Reclamation are open, unless otherwise posted, to migratory game bird hunting during established seasons. All state and federal regulations apply, such as permits, shooting hours and bag limits. Additional restrictions may apply. For information contact the BOR: (505) 462-3540.

Native American Tribal Lands

Contact tribal officials about hunting on tribal lands.

McGregor Range in Unit 28

For access information, email christopher.a.taylor154.civ@army.mil.

Jornada Experimental Station

Contact the Jornada Experimental Station in Doña Ana County for public access and restrictions: (575) 646-4842.

Chihuahuan Desert Research Center

The Chihuahuan Desert Rangeland Research Center (College Ranch) is closed to public access. Call: (575) 646-2514 or visit online: <http://chihuahuansc.nmsu.edu/index.html>.

Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

For more information and to obtain access along the Rio Grande call: **(505) 864-7466**.

Sandia Ranger District

The Sandia Ranger District is open only to bow and crossbow hunting for migratory game birds during established seasons.

Valle Vidal

Valle Vidal is closed to all migratory game bird hunting.

New Mexico State Parks

New Mexico State Parks are closed to all hunting except in designated areas. Contact state park superintendents for designated hunting areas and directions or call: **1-888-667-2757**.

1. **Blewater, Caballo, El Vado, Heron, Conchas, Ute, Elephant Butte and Sumner Lake State Parks:** Open for snipe, sora, Virginia rail and waterfowl.

2. **Navajo Lake State Park:** Open for snipe, sora, Virginia rail and waterfowl.

Closed areas: Navajo Dam stilling basin which includes the area from the crest of the bluff above the north bank of the San Juan River to N.M. Hwy. 511 on the south side of the river for 1/4 mile downstream from the dam; Cottonwood Campground and Day Use Area from the lower boundary of the Quality Waters to a fence 1/4 mile downstream from the Cottonwood Day Use Area; Pine and Sims Mesa Recreation Area; and Navajo Reservoir Recreation Area south end.

State Game Commission Owned or Managed Areas

The State Game Commission owns and manages lands across New Mexico for the benefit of fish, wildlife and their habitats. These lands include New Mexico's Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs). Select WMAs are open to provide additional public hunting opportunities. See below for special WMA rules.

General Rules for Hunting on Wildlife Management Areas

- WMA access is allowed by each properly-licensed hunter with up to three guests during his/her published hunt period (and scouting period for big game hunters only).
- Individuals may not enter closed areas as posted on site.
- Vehicles may not be operated off established roads or on closed roads.
- Camping is restricted to designated areas. Individuals may not camp more than 14 consecutive days, except during their published hunt period (and scouting period for big game hunters only).
- Campfires must be safely contained.
- Dogs must remain on leash, except when being used for hunting purposes as allowed by rule.
- Domestic livestock feed, other than pelleted feed, grain feed or hay certified as weed free, is prohibited.
- Individuals may not deface or remove rocks, minerals, plants (including fruits, nuts and berries), animals, firewood or man-made features (including artifacts).
- Individuals may not violate access rules for WMAs posted on site or otherwise published by NMDGF.

State Game Commission Owned or Managed Areas—continued.

Hunting nongame animals, protected furbearers or unprotected species (feral hogs) is not allowed on WMAs, except Water Canyon WMA where nongame hunting is allowed January 1–March 31, 2022. For further rules and specific information about each WMA, visit Conservation/State Game Commission Lands at

<http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/conservation/state-game-commission-lands/>

WMAs not specifically listed as open on pages 17 and 23 are closed to hunting for species listed in this booklet.

Eurasian collared-dove hunting is open during seasons for mourning and white-winged dove and during open quail, squirrel and dusky grouse seasons on all open WMAs.

Shooting Hours

Migratory Game Birds: 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset, unless otherwise noted.

Bottomless Lakes Overflow: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1 p.m.

Wildlife Management Areas

Bernardo, Jackson Lake, La Joya and W.S. Huey: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1 p.m.

Exceptions: Shooting hours for the September Teal Season on the Bernardo and La Joya areas are from 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.

Migratory game bird hunting on all other WMAs: 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.



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Migratory Game Bird Rules

Species include white-winged and mourning doves, American coot, band-tailed pigeon, common gallinules, snipe, ducks, geese, sandhill crane, sora and Virginia rail.

Harvest Information Program Number (HIP)

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service requires all migratory game bird hunters to obtain a Harvest Information Program (HIP) number (page 7).

Migratory Game Bird Permits

Free Eastern Sandhill Crane Permit

Each eastern sandhill crane hunter must possess the appropriate license(s) (page 6), plus an Eastern Sandhill Crane Hunting Permit (free). Permits are available online: www.wildlife.state.nm.us, at NMDGF offices and at all license vendors (One-dollar vendor fee may apply). A federal Duck Stamp is not required to hunt sandhill cranes.

Draw Sandhill Crane Permits

Each draw-season sandhill crane hunter must have the appropriate license(s) (page 6), plus a draw permit (hunt codes and dates listed on page 23). Applications may be submitted online: www.wildlife.state.nm.us or call: **1-888-248-6866**. Applications must be submitted by August 17, 2022 before 5 p.m. MDT. No more than four people may apply per application and no more than two people may apply per youth-only hunt application. Nonrefundable application fees are \$7 per resident and \$13 per nonresident. Additional information about hunt requirements will be given to successful applicants. A federal Duck Stamp is not required.

Free Band-tailed Pigeon Permit

All band-tailed pigeon hunters must possess a band-tailed pigeon permit. Permits are available online: www.wildlife.state.nm.us, by telephone: **1-888-248-6866** and at NMDGF offices and all license vendors (one-dollar vendor fee may apply).

Free Light Goose Conservation Order Permit

A Light Goose Conservation Order permit is required for hunters participating in the conservation order hunts Feb. 1–March 10, 2023 (see page 24). Permits are available online: www.wildlife.state.nm.us, by telephone: **1-888-248-6866** and at NMDGF offices and all license vendors (one-dollar vendor fee may apply).

Federal Duck Stamp

Federal law requires all waterfowl hunters 16 years of age or older to carry a valid federal Migratory Bird Hunting & Conservation Stamp (Duck Stamp) which is signed in ink across the face. See page 7.

Legal Methods for Migratory Game Birds

It is legal to use artificial decoys, blinds and dogs. It is illegal to shoot at any protected species from within or upon a motor vehicle, motor-driven boat, sailboat or aircraft. However, a person may shoot from a motor-driven boat **when the motor has been completely shut off and its progress has ceased**.

Report All Banded Birds!

NMDGF requests all banded birds harvested be reported online: www.reportband.gov.

Federal Regulations

In addition to all New Mexico regulations in this booklet, the following federal regulations apply on federal lands when taking, possessing, transporting and storing migratory game birds. Persons cited for violating federal regulations will be required to appear in federal court. The complete federal regulations (50 CFR-Part 20) is available online: <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-50/chapter-I/subchapter-B/part-20?toc=1>

Illegal Methods

No person shall take migratory birds:

1. From a sink box (a low floating device that has a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water).
2. From or with the aid or use of a car or other motor-driven land conveyance or from or with the aid of any aircraft or drone.
3. By baiting (placing or directing placement of feed such as corn, wheat, salt, etc. for the purpose of causing, inducing or attempting to take any migratory game bird). Hunters should be aware a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait.

Importation of Harvested Migratory Birds

During any one-week beginning on Sunday, no person shall import more than:

1. 25 doves and 10 pigeons from any foreign country.
2. 10 ducks and 5 geese from any foreign country, except Canada and Mexico.
3. The Canadian and Mexican export limits for doves and waterfowl, which vary for different foreign provinces and states.

In addition, one fully feathered wing must remain attached to all harvested migratory game birds being transported or shipped between a port of entry and one's home or taxidermist. No person shall import harvested migratory game birds belonging to another person.



Migratory Game Bird Hunting on National Wildlife Refuges (NWRs)

All state and federal regulations apply. Only USFWS-approved nontoxic shot may be used and possessed on refuges. Sporting arms must be unloaded and cased when transported.

Bosque del Apache NWR

Conducts special permit light goose hunts and allows dove hunting in specific areas. For current information, maps and applications, call (575) 835-1828 or visit:

<https://www.fws.gov/refuge/bosque-del-apache/visit-us/activities/hunting>

Las Vegas NWR

Conducts special permit Canada goose hunts and limited dove hunting. For information, maps and applications visit: www.fws.gov/refuge/las_vegas/ or call: (505) 425-3581.

Bitter Lake NWR

Conducts limited hunting for ducks, geese, coot, sandhill crane and quail. For information, maps and applications visit: www.fws.gov/refuge/bitter_lake/ or call: (575) 244-6256.

Sevilleta NWR

Limited hunting for mourning dove, white-winged dove, quail, geese, duck and coot. One handicap-accessible duck blind is available first-come, first-served. For more information and maps visit: www.fws.gov/refuge/sevilleta or call: (505) 864-4021.



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Migratory Game Bird Seasons

DOVE AND BAND-TAILED PIGEON SEASONS

Mourning and White-winged Dove

North Zone: North of I-40 from the New Mexico/Arizona border to U.S. Hwy. 54 at Tucumcari; U.S. Hwy. 54 from Tucumcari to the New Mexico/Texas border. **South Zone:** South of I-40 from the New Mexico/Arizona border to U.S. Hwy. 54 at Tucumcari; U.S. Hwy. 54 from Tucumcari to the New Mexico/Texas border.

Hunt Area	Season Dates	Bag / Possession
North Zone	Sept. 1 – Nov. 29	15 singly or aggregate / 45 in possession
South Zone	Sept. 1 – Oct. 28 and Dec. 1 – Jan. 1 '23	15 singly or aggregate / 45 in possession

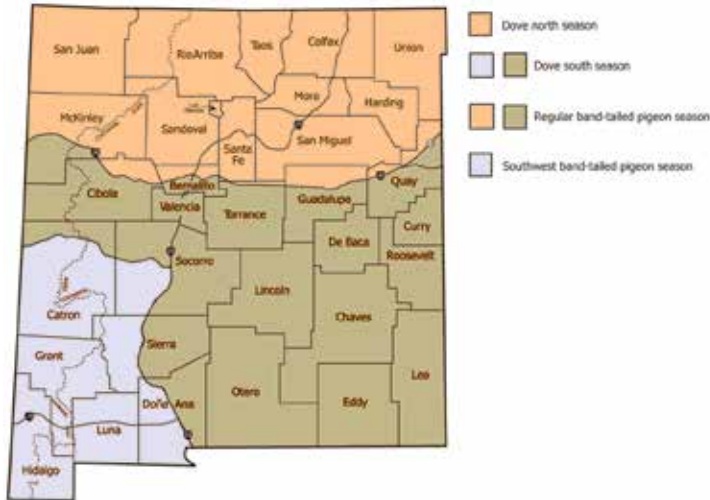
Band-tailed Pigeon

A free Band-tailed Pigeon Permit is required (page 17).

Southwest Season: South of U.S. Hwy. 60 and west of I-25. Regular Season: Remainder of the state outside the Southwest Season boundary.

Hunt Area	Season Dates	Bag / Possession
Regular Season	Sept. 1–14	2 per day / 6 in possession
Southwest Season	Oct. 1–14	2 per day / 6 in possession

Dove and Band-tailed Pigeon Hunt Areas



State Game Commission WMAs

State Game Commission owned or managed areas listed below are open to migratory game bird hunting. No hunting is allowed outside of open seasons or for species not listed. No camping is allowed and vehicles are restricted to designated areas. Shooting hours are listed on page 15.

Days Open to Migratory Game Bird Hunting

(• = Days Open)

Wildlife Management Areas	Species	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thr.	Fri.	Sat.
W.S. Huey	Dove		•		•			•
All Prairie Chicken Areas, Sandhill Prairie Conservation Area, and River Ranch	Dove	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Sargent, Humphries, Rio Chama, Urraca, Colin Neblett, Water Canyon, Marquez and E.S. Barker	Dove, Band-tailed pigeon	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Bernardo (South) South of U.S. 60 in Bernardo will be open for September Teal Season and youth waterfowl days	September Teal Season	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
La Joya	September Teal Season	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
La Joya (east of railroad tracks)	Dove, Group I	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Bernardo (The Quagmire)	Group I	•		•		•		
Bernardo (Ponds)	Group I		•		•			•
Bernardo (Youth Unit)	Group I		•		•			•
La Joya (north portion) That portion north of the main east/west entrance road and west of the railroad tracks.	Group I		•		•			•
La Joya (south portion) That portion south of the main east/west entrance road and west of the railroad tracks.	Group I*	•		•		•		
Jackson Lake (west of NM 170)	Group II*		•		•			•
Charette Lake, Hammond Tract, McAllister Lake, Retherford Tract, Socorro-Escondida, Tucumcari, and Wagon Mound	All migratory birds	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Bernardo (Unit D) Open only during the Light Goose Conservation Order.	Light Goose C.O.		•		•			•

* **Group I:** Includes ducks, light geese, dark geese (as part of the MRGV dark goose season), Virginia rail, sora, gallinules, American coot and snipe.

* **Group II:** Includes ducks, all geese, Virginia rail, sora, gallinules, American coot and snipe.

SANDHILL CRANE SEASONS

Applying for Sandhill Crane Hunts

Applications may be made online or by phone. The application deadline is August 17, 2022. No more than four persons may apply per application and no more than two persons per youth-only hunt application. A federal Duck Stamp is not required to hunt sandhill cranes. Cranes are often found on private property. To access private property, hunters must obtain and possess prior written permission.

Eastern Hunt (Eastern)

Chaves, Curry, De Baca, Eddy, Lea, Quay and Roosevelt counties: All Eastern sandhill crane hunters must possess an appropriate license (page 6), plus a free Eastern sandhill crane permit (page 17). There is no deadline to apply. Permits are available online and at all license vendors.

Southwest Hunt (SW)

Parts of Sierra, Doña Ana, Luna, Grant and Hidalgo counties: Bounded on the south by the New Mexico/Mexico border; Bounded on the west by the New Mexico / Arizona border north to I-10; Bounded on the north by I-10 east to US 180, north to NM 26, east to NM 27, north to NM 152 and east to I-25; Bounded on the east by I-25 south to I-10, west to the Luna county line and south to the New Mexico/Mexico border. Hunters who draw special Southwest Crane Permits must return the Harvest Questionnaire and Bill Measurement Card to NMDGF no later than five days after the end of the permitted hunt dates.

Estancia Valley Hunt (EV)

Portions of Bernalillo, Santa Fe and Torrance counties: Bounded on the west by NM 55 starting at Mountainair and north to NM 337, north to NM 14 and north to I-25; Bounded on the north by I-25 east to US 285; Bounded on the east by US 285 south to US 60; Bounded on the south by US 60 from US 285 west to NM 55 at Mountainair. Hunters who draw Special Estancia Valley Crane Permits must return the Harvest Questionnaire and Bill Measurement Card to NMDGF no later than five days after hunting.

Middle Rio Grande Valley (MRGV) Hunts and Resident Youth-only Hunt

Hunters who draw Special MRGV Crane Permits must: 1) Check all cranes harvested at the designated check station; and 2) File a harvest report no later than five days after the end of the permitted hunt dates via the Department's online licensing system or by calling 888-248-6866. Sandhill crane check station dates in the Middle Rio Grande Valley: Nov. 12–13; Nov. 26–27; Dec. 10–11; Jan. 7–8, 2023; Jan. 14–15 2023. Harvest Questionnaires and hunt letters are available online:

<http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/hunting/information-by-animal/migratory-bird/>

Regular draw hunts: Valencia and Socorro counties only. Bernardo, La Joya and Casa Colorada WMAs are closed to crane hunting during regular draw hunts.

Resident Youth-only Hunt: Youth hunters will be assigned to hunt on either Bernardo or Casa Colorada WMAs.

Sandhill Crane Hunt Areas



Migratory Game Bird Seasons—continued.

Sandhill Crane Hunts

Bag limit is 3 per day and 6 in possession. Up to four hunters may apply per application.

Hunt Area	Hunt Code	Season Dates	Number of Permits
Eastern Hunt	N/A	Oct. 29– Jan. 29, 2023	Unlimited
Estancia Valley Hunt	SCR-0-101	Oct. 29–Nov. 1 and Nov. 3–6	65
MRGV Hunts	SCR-0-102	Nov. 12–13	80
	SCR-0-103	Nov. 26–27	80
	SCR-0-104	Dec. 10–11	80
	SCR-0-105	Jan. 7–8, '23	80
	SCR-0-106	Jan. 14–15, '23	80
Southwestern	SCR-0-108	Oct. 29–Nov. 6	70
	SCR-0-109	Jan. 7–8, '23	70

Youth Sandhill Crane Hunt (residents only)

Bag and possession limits are 3. Up to two hunters may apply per application.

MRGV Youth-only	SCR-0-107	Nov. 19	24
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CENTRAL FLYWAY SEASONS

Possession limits are 3 times the daily bag limit for all species, unless otherwise noted.

North Zone

(East of the Continental Divide and north of I-40 and U.S. Hwy. 54 at Tucumcari)

Species	Season Dates	Bag / Possession
Ducks	Oct. 8– Jan. 11, '23	6 ducks singly or in aggregate ¹ / 3 times daily bag
American Coot	Oct. 8–Jan. 11, '23	15 daily / 45 in possession

⁽¹⁾ Aggregate may consist of no more than: 5 mallards, only 2 of which may be female (Mexican ducks are considered part of the mallard bag limit); 3 scaup; 3 wood ducks; 2 redhead; 2 hooded merganser; 1 pintail; and 2 canvasback.

South Zone

(East of the Continental Divide and south of I-40 and U.S. Hwy. 54 at Tucumcari)

Ducks and American Coot	Oct. 28– Jan. 31 '23	Same as North Zone / 3 times daily bag
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North and South Zones

(North Zone and South Zone boundaries above)

September Teal Season	Sept. 10–18	6 singly or in aggregate / 18 in possession (blue-winged, cinnamon, green-winged teal)
Gallinules	Sept. 10– Nov. 18	1 daily / 3 in possession
Sora and Virginia Rail	Sept. 10– Nov. 18	10 singly or in aggregate / 20 in possession
Snipe	Oct. 8 – Jan. 22 '23	8 daily / 24 in possession

Continued on page 24.

Central Flyway Seasons: North and South Zones—continued.

North and South Zones (cont.)

(North Zone and South Zone boundaries p. 23)



Central Flyway

Species	Season Dates	Bag / Possession
Dark Goose ⁽²⁾	Oct. 17– Jan. 31 '23	5 daily / 15 in possession (Canada and white-fronted goose)

⁽²⁾ MRGV (Valencia, Socorro and Sierra counties) is closed to dark goose hunting in the regular season.

MRGV Dark Goose ⁽³⁾	Dec. 19– Jan. 31, '23	2 per day / 2 per season (Canada and white-fronted goose)
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⁽³⁾ MRGV includes Valencia, Socorro and Sierra counties.

Light Goose	Oct. 17– Jan. 31 '23	50 daily / No possession limit (snow and Ross's goose)
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Light Goose Conservation Order	Feb. 1– Mar. 10 '23	No bag limit / No possession limit ⁽⁴⁾ (snow and Ross's goose)
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⁽⁴⁾ Free permit required (page 17). Approved tools include electronic calls and unplugged shotguns. Shooting until 1/2 hour after sunset, except on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs).

PACIFIC FLYWAY SEASONS

Possession limits are 3 times the daily bag limit for all species, unless otherwise noted.

North Zone

(West of the Continental Divide and north of I-40)

Species	Season Dates	Bag / Possession
Goose	Sept. 24– Oct. 9; Nov. 2–Jan. 31, '23	5 Canada and brant / 15 in possession, 10 white- fronted/ 30 in possession, 20 light / 60 in possession

South Zone

(West of the Continental Divide and south of I-40)

Goose	Oct. 17– Jan. 31, '22	5 Canada and brant / 15 in possession, 10 white- fronted/ 30 in possession, 20 light / 60 in possession
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North and South Zones

(North Zone and South Zone boundaries, see map below)



Pacific Flyway

Ducks	Oct. 19– Jan. 31, '23	7 ducks in aggregate ⁽¹⁾ / 3 times daily bag
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⁽¹⁾ Aggregate may include no more than 2 female mallards, 2 redheads, 1 pintail, 2 canvasback.

Scaup	Oct. 19 – Jan. 12, '23	2 daily ⁽²⁾ / 6 possession
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⁽²⁾ Included in the aggregate bag for ducks.

American Coot and Gallinules	Oct. 19– Jan. 31, '23	25 singly or in aggregate / 75 in possession
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Snipe	Oct. 17–Jan. 31, '23	8 daily / 24 in possession
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Sora and Virginia Rail	Sept. 10 – Nov. 18	25 singly or in aggregate / 75 in possession
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YOUTH WATERFOWL SEASONS

Federal Youth Waterfowl Days

(Residents and Nonresidents)

Hunt Area	Zone	Season Dates	Bag / Possession
Central Flyway	North	Sept. 24–25	See pages 23–24
	South	Oct. 1–2	
Pacific Flyway	North and South	Oct. 8–9	See page 24

No application is required. Youth hunters must be 17 years of age or younger and fully licensed (a special hunt permit is not required). Hunters 16 years of age and older must possess a federal Duck Stamp. An adult 18 years of age or older must accompany the youth in the field. The adult may not hunt ducks, but may if properly licensed participate in other seasons open during Youth Waterfowl Days.

The youth hunter may take only ducks, coots and gallinules in the Pacific Flyway. The youth hunter may take only ducks and coots in the Central Flyway. No other migratory game bird species may be taken, unless it is open season for these species. Bag and possession limits are the same as the regular seasons.

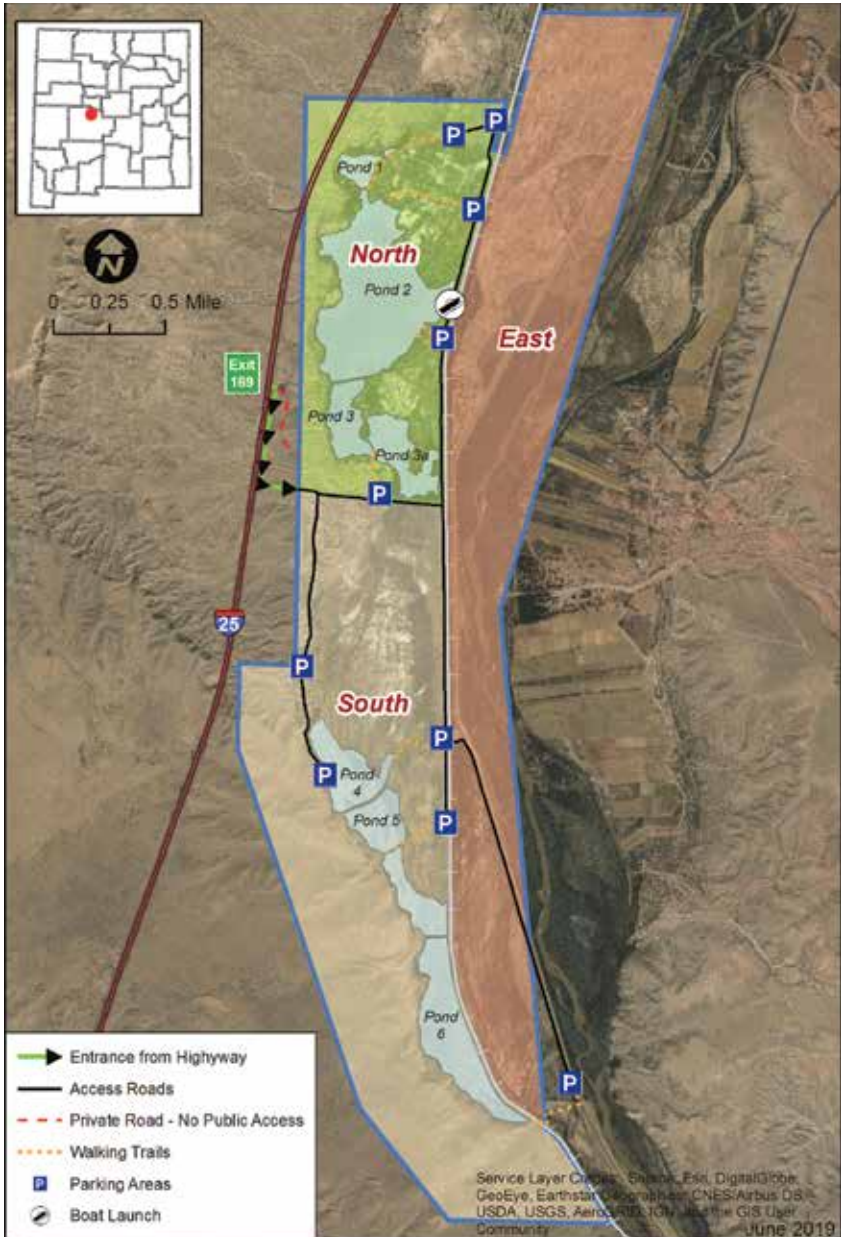
WMAs open during Youth Waterfowl Days include Bernardo, La Joya, Wagon Mound, Charette Lake, McAllister Lake and Tucumcari.

Youth Waterfowl Hunts at Bernardo (Residents Only)

Bernardo Youth Hunt Unit is open for waterfowl hunts for resident youth and their guests. Blind selection will be available first-come, first-served from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1 p.m. Youth hunters must be accompanied by a supervising adult 18 years of age or older. Supervising adults may not hunt, but must be legally licensed. No more than four people per blind are allowed—at least half of whom must be youth hunters.

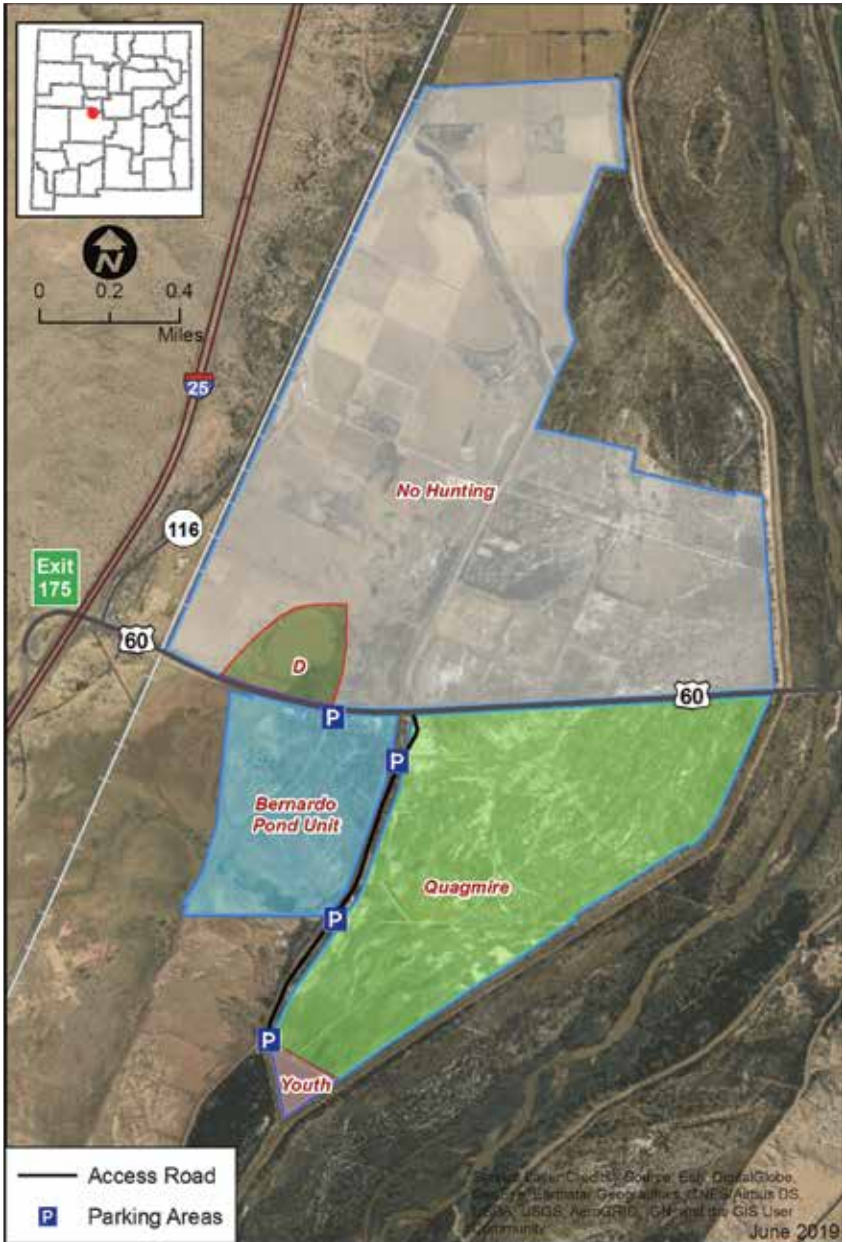
La Joya Wildlife Management Areas

Maps of State Game Commission Lands, including La Joya WMA, are available online: <http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/conservation/state-game-commission-lands/>



Bernardo Wildlife Management Area

Maps of State Game Commission Lands, including Bernardo WMAs, are available online: <http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/conservation/state-game-commission-lands/>



FALCONRY MIGRATORY GAME BIRD SEASONS

White-winged and mourning doves, American coot, band-tailed pigeon, gallinules, snipe, ducks, geese, sandhill crane, sora and Virginia rail. All Wildlife Management Areas are open each day of the established falconry season. The portion of Jackson Lake east of N.M. Hwy. 170 is open to falconry-only migratory game bird hunting during established seasons.

	Area	Season Dates	Bag / Possession
Dove	North Zone	Sept. 1–Dec. 4, Dec. 21–Jan. 1 '23	3 singly or in aggregate / 9 in possession
	South Zone	Sept. 1–Nov. 5, Nov. 22–Jan. 1, '23	3 singly or in aggregate / 9 in possession
Band-tailed Pigeon Central Flyway and Pacific Flyway	North Zone	Sept. 1–14	3 singly or in aggregate / 9 in possession
	South Zone	Oct. 1–14	3 singly or in aggregate / 9 in possession
Sandhill Crane	Eastern ⁽¹⁾	Oct. 15 – Jan. 29, '23	3 singly or in aggregate / 6 in possession
	Estancia Valley ⁽²⁾	Oct. 29–Dec. 27	3 singly or in aggregate / 6 in possession
Ducks and American Coot Central Flyway	North Zone	Sept. 10–18, Oct. 8–Jan. 11, '23	3 singly or in aggregate / 9 in possession
	South Zone	Sept. 10–18, Oct. 28–Jan. 31, '23	3 singly or in aggregate / 9 in possession
Ducks and American Coot Pacific Flyway	All Zones	Oct. 19–Jan. 31, '23	3 singly or in aggregate / 9 in possession
Scaup Pacific Flyway	All Zones	Oct. 19–Jan. 12, '23	3 singly or in aggregate / 9 in possession

⁽¹⁾ Eastern Sandhill Crane Permit (free) in possession is required while hunting.

⁽²⁾ Falconers are requested to report hunting efforts.



Falconry Migratory Game Bird Seasons—continued.

	Area	Season Dates	Bag / Possession
Snipe Central Flyway	All Zones	Oct. 8–Jan. 22, '23	3 singly or in aggregate / 9 in possession
Snipe Pacific Flyway	All Zones	Oct. 17–Jan. 31, '23	3 singly or in aggregate / 9 in possession
Gallinules Central Flyway	All Zones	Sept. 10–Dec. 25	3 singly or in aggregate / 9 in possession
Gallinules Pacific Flyway	All Zones	Oct. 19–Jan. 31, '23	3 singly or in aggregate / 9 in possession
Sora and Virginia Rail Central Flyway	All Zones	Sept. 10–Dec. 25	3 singly or in aggregate / 9 in possession
Sora and Virginia Rail Pacific Flyway	All Zones	Sept. 10–Nov. 18	3 singly or in aggregate / 9 in possession
Light Goose Central Flyway	All Zones	Oct. 17–Jan. 31, '23	3 singly or in aggregate / 9 in possession
Light Goose Pacific Flyway	North Zone	Sept. 24–Oct. 9, Nov. 2–Jan. 31, '23	3 singly or in aggregate / 9 in possession
	South Zone	Oct. 17–Jan. 31, '23	3 singly or in aggregate / 9 in possession
Dark Goose Central Flyway	MRGV	Dec. 19–Jan. 31, '23	3 singly or in aggregate / 9 in possession
	All Zones ⁽¹⁾	Oct. 17–Jan. 31, '23	3 singly or in aggregate / 9 in possession
Dark Goose Pacific Flyway	North Zone	Sept. 24–Oct. 9, Nov. 2–Jan. 31, '23	3 singly or in aggregate / 9 in possession
	South Zone	Oct. 17–Jan. 31, '23	3 singly or in aggregate / 9 in possession

⁽¹⁾ Excluding MRGV.



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Waterfowl Identification

Mallard

Length: 24"
Weight: 2.75 lbs.
Eclipse drake
Drake
Hen



Northern pintail

Length: 26"
Weight: 1.75 lbs.
Drake
Eclipse drake
Hen



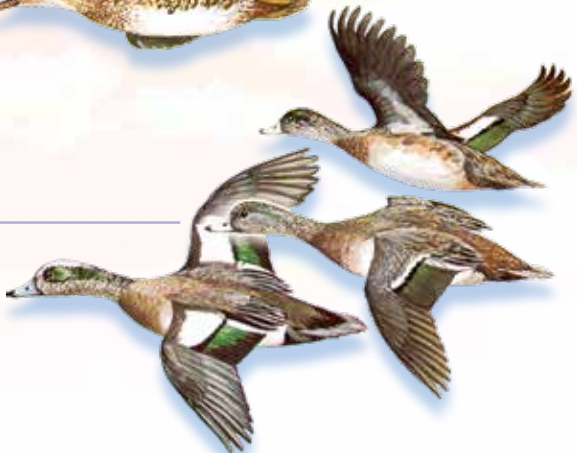
Gadwall

Length: 21"
Weight: 2 lbs.
Drake
Eclipse drake
Hen



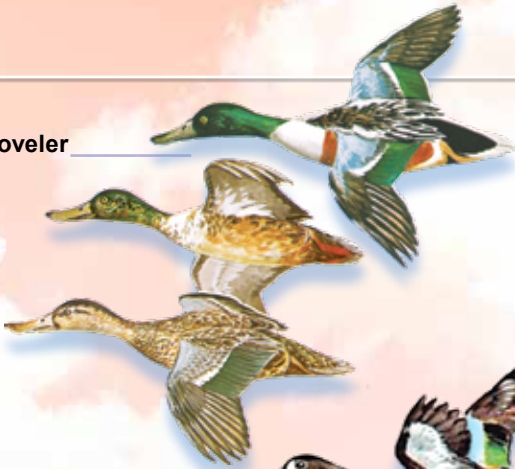
American wigeon

Length: 26"
Length: 21"
Weight: 1.75 lbs.
Eclipse drake
Hen
Drake



Northern shoveler

Length: 19.5"
Weight: 1.5 lbs.
Drake
Eclipse drake
Hen



Blue-winged teal

Length: 16"
Weight: 15 oz.
Drake
Eclipse drake
Hen



Green-winged teal

Length: 15"
Weight: 14 oz.
Eclipse drake
Drake
Hen



Wood duck

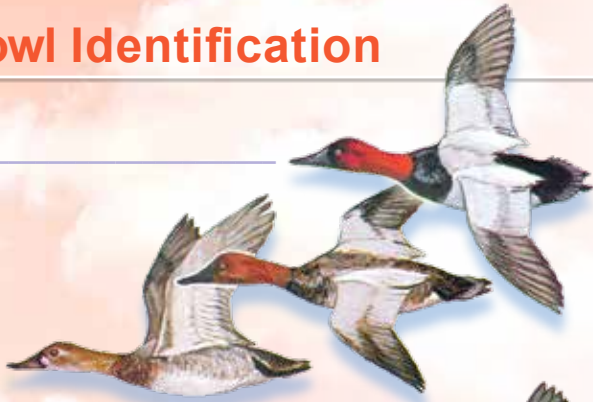
Length: 18.5"
Weight: 1.5 lbs.
Eclipse drake
Drake
Hen



Waterfowl Identification

Canvasback

Length: 22"
Weight: 3 lbs.
Drake
Eclipse drake
Hen



Redhead

Length: 20"
Weight: 2.5 lbs.
Eclipse drake
Drake
Hen



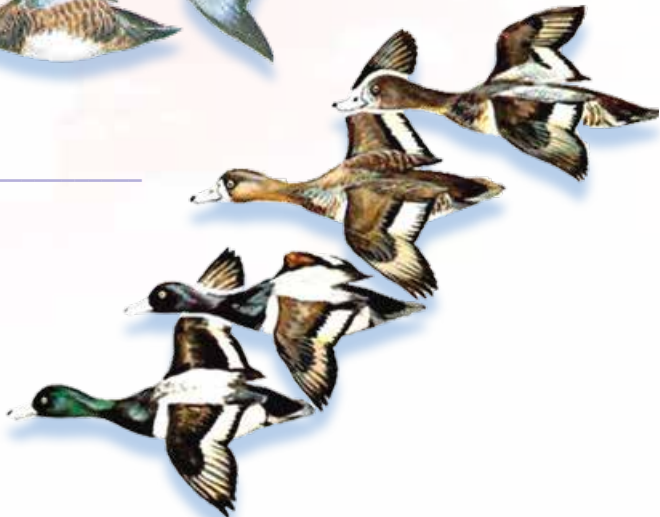
Ringneck

Length: 17"
Weight: 2.5 lbs.
Drake
Eclipse drake
Hen



Scaup

Length: 18.5"
Weight: 2 lbs.
Eclipse Drake
Hen
Lesser Drake
Greater Drake





Possession Certificate

Use this certificate if you give game animals or parts to a person or organization.

I, _____
Full name of license holder. Please print.

residing at: _____ tel.: (____) ____-_____
Address and telephone of license holder required. Please print.

on this day: ___/___/___ at: _____,
Date of transaction; Place of transaction.

hereby convey to: _____ the following game animal(s) or parts:
Full name of person receiving game animal(s) of parts.

Detailed description of the kind and number of animals donated or the kind, approximate weight and specific parts donated.
(Example: one scaup weighing approximately 1 lb.)

for the purpose of: _____,
Donation, taxidermy and/or meat processing.

taken in GMU _____ under license number: _____ and taken on:
___/___/___.

Donor: _____ Recipient: _____
(Signature of license holder) (Signature of recipient)

By signing we understand and acknowledge to postdate, predate or otherwise falsify a Possession Certificate is unlawful.

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