

Migratory Game Bird 19.31.6 NMAC

January 9, 2026

New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting

Santa Fe, 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**
- **Proposed frameworks to be published in Federal Register. Final frameworks publication to follow.**



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- **Changes to regular migratory game bird season dates TBD, based on public comment**
- **Adjust sandhill crane permits based on changes in allocation**
- **Public meeting will be held in February or March**



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Proposed 2026–27 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. 10 | Jan. 13 |
| | South Zone | Oct. 28 | Jan. 31 |
| Geese: | | | |
| Dark Geese | MRGV | Dec. 19 | Jan. 31 |
| | Rest of State | Oct. 17 | Jan. 31 |
| Light Geese | | Oct. 17 | Jan. 31 |



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Pacific Flyway

Includes
falconry, and
youth
waterfowl
days



| Species | Zone | Open | Close |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|---------|
| Ducks and Mergansers: | | | |
| | North and South Zones | Oct. 19 | Jan. 31 |
| Scaup | | | |
| | North and South Zones | Oct. 19 | Jan. 12 |
| All Geese: | | | |
| | North 1 | Sept. 19 | Oct. 4 |
| | North 2 | Nov. 2 | Jan. 31 |
| | South | Oct. 17 | Jan. 31 |

Questions?



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