

# **Migratory Game Bird**

## **19.31.6 NMAC**

**April 16, 2023**

**New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting**

**Hobbs, NM**



# **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 and Final USFWS frameworks published in Federal Register.**



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- **Change regular migratory game bird season dates based on calendar shift and public comment**
- **Increase sandhill crane permits in MRGV and SW draw hunts by 35 total, to be distributed among existing hunts**
- **Pintail bag limit to remain at one**



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- **Open Bernardo Unit D to handicap accessible waterfowl hunting on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday during the regular season**
- **Open Bernardo Unit D to handicap accessible hunting for the Light Goose Conservation Order on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday during the hours of ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset**
- **Open Bernardo Ponds Unit for the Light Goose Conservation Order on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday during the hours of ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset**



# Public Comment

- 9 comments received as of May 15, 2024
- Hybrid public meeting held in Albuquerque and via Zoom on April 18<sup>th</sup>: Two members of the public attended
- Comments received:
  - Increase draw crane permits
  - Later duck season dates
  - Support for proposed changes



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## Proposed 2024-25 Central Flyway Seasons

Species	Zone	2023–2024		2024–2025	
		Open	Close	Open	Close
Ducks and coots	North Zone	Oct. 7	Jan. 10	Oct. 12	Jan. 15
	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. 9	Nov. 17	Sep. 14	Nov. 22
Snipe	All Central Flyway	Oct. 7	Jan. 21	Oct. 12	Jan. 26
Youth waterfowl	North Zone	Sep. 23	Sep. 24	Oct. 5	Oct. 6
	South Zone	Sep. 30	Oct. 1	Oct. 26	Oct. 27
September teal	All Central Flyway	Sep. 9	Sep. 17	Sep. 14	Sep. 22

- Includes falconry, youth waterfowl days, and September teal



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## Proposed 2024-25 Pacific Flyway Seasons

Species	Zone	2023–2024		2024–2025	
		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. 23	Oct. 8	Sep. 21	Oct. 6
	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. 9	Nov. 17	Sep. 14	Nov. 22
Snipe	All Pacific Flyway	Oct. 17	Jan. 31	Oct. 17	Jan. 31
Youth waterfowl	All Pacific Flyway	Oct. 7	Oct. 8	Oct. 12	Oct. 13

- Includes falconry and youth waterfowl days



# *Questions?*

