



2021-22 Migratory Bird Season Dates Summary

Migratory bird hunters in Arkansas 16 or older are required to carry proof of Arkansas Harvest Information Program (HIP) registration when hunting ducks, geese, doves, coots, woodcock, snipe, rails or gallinules. HIP registration should be completed when purchasing a license at any Arkansas Game and Fish Commission office or online at www.agfc.com.

Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset, except during teal season, which begins at sunrise. During duck season, WMAs close to waterfowl hunting at noon. Waterfowl hunters must leave waterfowl hunting areas by 1 p.m. except on George H. Dunklin Jr. Bayou Meto and Dave Donaldson Black River WMAs where hunters must leave by noon. Waterfowl rest areas are closed to all access Nov. 1-Feb. 15.

Duck daily bag limit – six. Limit may include no more than four mallards (no more than two of which may be hens), one scaup, three wood ducks, one pintail, two redheads, two canvasbacks, two black ducks and one mottled duck. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit. Coot daily bag limit – 15. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

Merganser daily bag limit – five. No more than two may be hooded mergansers. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

Duck, Coot and Merganser

Nov. 20-29, 2021, Dec 11-23, 2021 and Dec. 26, 2021-Jan. 31, 2022

Snow, Blue and Ross's Goose

Oct. 30-Nov. 14, 2021, Nov. 20-Dec. 3, 2021, and Dec. 5, 2021-Jan. 31, 2022
Bag Limit – 20
Light Goose Conservation Order
Oct. 2-29, 2021, Nov. 15-19, 2021, Feb. 1-4, 2022, Feb. 6-April 25, 2022
Bag Limit – None

White-fronted Goose

Oct. 30-Nov. 14, 2021, Nov. 20-Dec. 3, 2021, and Dec. 5, 2021-Jan. 31, 2022
Bag Limit – 2
Possession Limit – 6

Early Canada Goose

Sept. 1-30, 2021 (statewide)
Daily Limit – 5
Possession Limit – 15

Canada Goose

Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2021, Nov. 20-Dec. 3, 2021 and Dec. 5, 2021-Jan. 31, 2022 (statewide)
Daily Limit – 2
Possession Limit – 6

Special Youth and Veteran Waterfowl Hunt: Dec. 4, 2021, and Feb. 5, 2022

On these days, youths 15 and younger as well as veteran and active duty military may hunt ducks, geese, coots and mergansers. Youths who have completed a hunter education course must be accompanied by a mentor who is 18 or older. Youths who have not completed a hunter education course must be accompanied by a mentor who is 21 or older. Mentors may not hunt ducks, geese, coots or mergansers, but may call waterfowl and hunt other in-season game. Shooting hours and bag limits are the same as regular waterfowl season. Hunting is allowed on WMAs from one half-hour before sunrise until sunset.

Mourning Dove, White-winged and Eurasian Collared-Doves

Sept. 4-Oct. 24, 2021
Dec. 8, 2021-Jan. 15, 2022
Mourning and white-winged dove daily limit – 15
Mourning and white-winged dove possession limit – 45
Eurasian collared-doves – No daily bag or possession limit

Virginia Rail and Sora

Sept. 11-Nov. 19, 2021
Daily Limit – 25
Possession Limit – 75 (combined)

Special Early Teal

Sept. 15-30, 2021
Daily Limit – 6 (blue-winged, green-winged and cinnamon teal combined)
Possession Limit – 18

Wilson's Snipe

Nov. 1, 2021-Feb. 15, 2022
Daily Limit – 8
Possession Limit – 24

Common and Purple Gallinule

Sept. 1-Nov. 9, 2021
Daily Limit – 15
Possession Limit – 45

Woodcock

Nov. 6-Dec. 20, 2021
Daily Limit – 3
Possession Limit – 9

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