

2002 ESTIMATED NUMBER OF MOURNING DOVE HUNTERS

HUNTER DAYS AND HARVEST BY AREA

AREA	NUMBER HUNTERS	NUMBER HUNTER DAYS	HARVEST
1 Teton	46	73	205
2 Grey's River	20	53	152
4 Seedskafee	20	66	7
5 Uinta	13	20	33
6 Flaming Gorge	33	112	53
7 Eden	46	73	185
8 Beaver Rim	93	344	1,110
9 Red Desert	11	23	132
10 Bitter Creek	9	22	207
11 Clark	11	23	35
12 Cody	59	238	377
15 Lovell	126	408	1,626
16 Greybull River	106	337	1,084
17 Grass Creek	79	172	965
18 Copper Mountain	139	430	2,280
19 Shell	40	112	681
20 Hyattville	7	26	198
21 Kirby Creek	99	397	1,685
22 Shirley Mountains			
24 Snowy Range	33	79	20
25 Sierra Madre	20	26	26
27 Laramie Peak	99	231	1,084
28 Iron Mountain	13	26	99
30 Southeast	833	9,496	15,901
32 North Natrona	33	126	496
33 Rattlesnake	20	26	93
35 Pine Ridge	66	106	211
36 Lance Creek	66	172	1,229
37 Southern Big Horns	13	53	284
38 Savageton	40	66	284
40 Big Horn Mountains	19	79	13
41 Spotted Horse	152	595	2,412
44 Black Hills	13	20	33
45 Ferris	7	46	79
UNKNOWN	264	394	3,152
TOTAL	2,648	14,470	36,431

\*Areas not listed indicate no hunting reported

**WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION**  
**CHAPTER 39**  
**EARLY MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING SEASONS**

Section 1. Authority. This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302 and §23-2-105(d).

Section 2. Definitions. For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

(a) "Daily bag limit" means the maximum number of migratory game birds or waterfowl that may be legally taken in a single day.

(b) "Federal duck stamp" means federal migratory bird hunting stamp.

(c) "Migratory game bird" means all migratory game birds defined and protected under federal law.

(d) "Nontoxic shot" means steel, bismuth-tin, tungsten-iron, tungsten-nickel-iron, tungsten-matrix, tungsten-polymer and tin shot or any other federally approved nontoxic shot.

(e) "Possession limit" means the maximum number of migratory game birds or waterfowl that may be legally in possession. Migratory game birds in transit or storage shall be considered in possession. When hunting in more than one (1) state or flyway, a person's total possession limit shall not exceed the largest possession limit prescribed for any one of the states or flyways in which the hunting takes place.

(f) "Season limit" means the maximum number of migratory game birds or waterfowl which may be legally taken during an entire season.

(g) "Waterfowl" means ducks, geese, coots and mergansers.

Section 3. Hunting Seasons Established.

(a) There shall be open seasons for the hunting of mourning doves, sandhill cranes and Canada geese as set forth in the Hunting Regulations (Section 4), Falconry Seasons (Section 5), Description of Closed Areas (Section 6), Hunt Area Descriptions (Section 7), and 2001 Shooting Hours Table (Section 8) of this Chapter.

Section 4. Hunting Regulations.

(a) Wounding and Retrieving. No person shall wound or kill any migratory game bird without making a reasonable effort to retrieve it and reduce it to possession.

(b) Shooting Hours. Shooting hours for the hunting of mourning doves, sandhill cranes and Canada geese shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset as determined from the shooting hours table in Section 8.

(c) Federal Regulations. 16 USC 703-711 and 718a; 50 CFR 10, 50 CFR 20 revised as of October 1, 1998, which do not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter, governing the hunting, taking and possession of migratory birds and migratory game birds, the requirement for a valid migratory bird hunting stamp and the requirement for state participation in the National Harvest Information Program are adopted as regulations of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission and violations of these federal statutes and regulations shall be violations of the Commission regulations. A copy of Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations can be viewed at Department Regional Offices.

(i) Automatic loading, pump, or repeating shotguns shall be plugged to admit no more than one (1) shell in the chamber and two (2) shells in the magazine.

(ii) Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp. A federal duck stamp is required for persons sixteen (16) years of age and older to hunt ducks, geese and mergansers, but a federal duck stamp is not required to hunt coots, sandhill cranes, crows, mourning doves, rail and/or snipe.

(iii) National Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program. Each licensed hunter who hunts migratory game birds shall complete a current Wyoming validation for the National Harvest Information Program (HIP) and shall obtain a Wyoming HIP permit. This requirement also applies to holders of pioneer and lifetime hunting licenses. Each licensed hunter engaged in the act of hunting doves, ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, rails, cranes and/or snipe shall be in possession of a HIP permit. Each person obtaining a HIP permit for the purpose set forth in this section shall validate the permit by signing the person's name in ink across the face of the permit. HIP permits expire on June 30 each year. HIP permits are not transferrable to other states. A separate validation is required from each state in which you hunt.

(d) Nontoxic Shot Restrictions.

(i) Nontoxic Shot. No person shall hunt cranes, ducks, geese, mergansers and/or coots while possessing shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot. Nontoxic shot shall be required when hunting with a shotgun on all of the lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas and on all national wildlife refuges open for hunting.

(e) Emergency Closures. During the early sandhill crane and Canada goose hunting season, portions of hunt areas are subject to emergency closures in the event a whooping crane moves into the hunt areas. These areas shall be posted as closed.

(f) Evidence of Species. One fully-feathered wing or the feathered head shall remain naturally attached to the carcass as a means of identification of migratory game birds, except mourning doves, in the field and while the birds are being transported.

(g) Applications for Early Sandhill Crane and Canada Goose Hunting Permits. Applications for early sandhill crane and Canada goose hunting permits shall be available at Wyoming Game and Fish Department Regional Offices and selected license selling agents in Bighorn, Fremont, Hot Springs, Lincoln, Park, Sublette, Sweetwater, Teton, Uinta and Washakie Counties. Party applications shall be accepted. Maximum party size shall be two (2). Party applications shall be in the same envelope and shall specify the same hunt area preference. Permit applications shall be submitted to: Wyoming Game and Fish Department, License Draw, 5400 Bishop Boulevard, Cheyenne, WY 82006, between 8:00 a.m. July 1 and 5:00 p.m. July 31, 2001.

(h) Open Areas, Season Dates, Bag Limits and Limitations.

(i) Mourning Doves

Hunt Area	Dates of Seasons		Bag Limits		Limitations
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
1	Sept. 1	Oct. 30	15	30	Any mourning dove

(ii) Canada Geese and Sandhill Cranes

Hunt Area	Dates of Seasons		Bag Limits		Limitations
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Season	
1	Sept. 1-7		Canada geese	3	Limited quota; 45 permits any sandhill crane or Canada goose.
	Sept. 1-14		Sandhill crane	1	
2	Sept. 1-7		Canada geese	3	Limited quota; 60 permits any sandhill crane or Canada goose.

	Sept. 1-7	Sandhill crane	1	1	
3	Sept. 1-7	Canada geese	3	6	Limited quota; 65 permits any sandhill crane or Canada goose.
	Sept. 1-7	Sandhill crane	1	1	
4	Sept. 15-Oct. 5	Sandhill crane	1	1	Limited quota; 60 permits any sandhill crane.
5	Sept. 1-7	Canada geese	3	6	No quota; permits required, any Canada goose.
6	Sept. 15-Sept. 30	Sandhill crane	1	1	Limited quota; 65 permits any sandhill crane.
7	Sept. 1-7	Canada geese	3	6	Limited quota; 40 permits any Canada goose.

(i) Permits. All persons, regardless of age, hunting sandhill cranes and Canada geese during the early migratory game bird season shall possess a permit valid for the area in which they are hunting. No person shall apply for or receive more than one (1) permit for hunting sandhill cranes and/or Canada geese during the early migratory game bird season.

Section 5. Falconry Seasons.

(a) There shall be an open season for the hunting of mourning doves with the use of falcons in all areas set forth in Sections 4 and 6 of this Chapter and in accordance with the limitations set forth in subsections 4(a)(b)(c) and (f). No person shall be in possession of any firearm while hunting with a falcon.

(b) Falconry Bag Limits. Mourning doves may be taken singly or in combination with other migratory game birds when seasons for those species are open. The daily bag and possession limits in the aggregate shall not exceed three (3) and six (6) migratory game birds respectively. The falconry bag and possession limit is not in addition to the bag and possession limits listed in Section 4, Hunting Regulations.

Section 6. Description of Closed Areas. The areas described in this Section shall be closed to all migratory game bird hunting.

(a) PLATTE COUNTY

(i) Festo Lake. Festo Lake and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of the normal high water line shall be closed to all migratory game bird hunting.

(ii) Wheatland Reservoir No. 1. Wheatland Reservoir No. 1 and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of the normal high water line, and all Wheatland Irrigation District lands adjacent to the reservoir, in addition to those included in the three hundred (300) yard closure, shall be closed to hunting.

(b) SWEETWATER COUNTY

(i) Eden Reservoir. Eden Reservoir and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of the normal high water line shall be closed to all migratory game bird hunting.

(c) LINCOLN COUNTY

(i) Palisades Reservoir. Beginning at the junction of the McCoy Creek Road and U.S. Highway 89; northerly on U.S. Highway 89 for 1.6 miles to the Palisades Reservoir high water line; westerly along said high water line to the Wyoming-Idaho state line; southerly along said line to the McCoy Creek Road; southeasterly along the McCoy Creek Road to U.S. Highway 89 shall be closed to all migratory game bird hunting.

Section 7. Hunt Area Descriptions.

(a) Mourning Dove Area.

(i) Area 1. The entire State of Wyoming.

(b) Sandhill Crane and Canada Goose Areas.

(i) Area 1. All of the Bear River drainage in Lincoln County.

(ii) Area 2. All of the Salt River drainage in Lincoln County south of the McCoy Creek Road.

(iii) Area 3. All lands within the Bureau of Reclamation Eden Project in Sweetwater and Sublette Counties.

(iv) Area 4. All lands of the Wind River Indian Reservation within the Bureau of Reclamation Riverton and Boysen Unit boundaries and Boysen State Park, excluding Indian sole occupancy lands north of Cottonwood Creek.

(v) Area 5. All of Teton County.

(vi) Area 6. All of Park County and Big Horn County.

(vii) Area 7. All of the Blacks Fork and Smiths Fork River drainages in Uinta County north of Wyoming Highways 410 and 414.

Section 8. 2001 Shooting Hours Table. This table (including adjustments for daylight savings time) lists the official shooting hours (one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset) adopted by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission for migratory game bird hunting. (Do not use tables from other sources.) ST=Starting Time, SS=Sunset.

	AREA A		AREA B		AREA C		AREA D	
	ST	SS	ST	SS	ST	SS	ST	SS
September								
1-7	6:17	7:48	6:11	7:42	6:03	7:34	5:57	7:28
8-14	6:25	7:36	6:19	7:30	6:11	7:22	6:05	7:16
15-21	6:32	7:23	6:26	7:17	6:18	7:09	6:12	7:03
22-30	6:41	7:09	6:35	7:03	6:27	6:55	6:21	6:49
October								
1-7	6:50	6:55	6:44	6:49	6:36	6:41	6:30	6:35
8-14	6:58	6:43	6:52	6:37	6:44	6:29	6:38	6:23
15-21	7:06	6:32	7:00	6:26	6:52	6:18	6:46	6:12
22- 28	7:15	6:22	7:09	6:16	7:01	6:08	6:55	6:02
*29-30	6:21	5:14	6:15	5:08	6:07	5:00	6:01	4:54

\*Start Mountain Standard Time

AREA A - Lincoln, Sublette, Sweetwater, Teton, Uinta Counties

AREA B - Big Horn, Fremont, Hot Springs, Park, Washakie Counties

AREA C - Albany, Campbell, Carbon, Converse, Johnson, Natrona, Sheridan Counties

AREA D - Crook, Goshen, Laramie, Niobrara, Platte, Weston Counties

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