



2018 Migratory Bird Seasons

Early Migratory Bird Seasons

Early Teal Season: Sept. 1 – Sept. 7 (6 bird/day)

Shooting hours sunrise to sunset

Early Goose Season: Sept. 1 – Sept. 15 (5 bird/day)

Mourning Dove Season: Sept. 1 – Nov. 29 (15 bird/day)

Woodcock Season: Sept. 22 – Nov. 5 (3 bird/day)

Duck Season

60 Day Season – 6 ducks, no more than 4 mallards (only 1 may be a hen), 3 wood ducks, 1 black duck, 2 redheads, 3 scaup, 2 pintail and 2 canvasback. 5 mergansers, not more than 2 hooded. Coot daily bag of 15.

Shooting hours begin at ½ hour before sunrise to sunset

Duck Season Dates

Youth Hunt: Sept. 15 and 16

North Zone: Sept. 29 – Nov. 27

South Zone: Sept. 29 – Oct. 7 & Oct. 13 – Dec. 2 (5-day split)

- *Close dates: Monday Oct. 8 through Friday Oct. 12 and reopens on a Saturday*

Mississippi Zone: Sept. 29 – Oct. 5 & Oct. 13 – Dec. 4 (7-day split)

- *Close dates: Saturday Oct. 6 through Friday Oct. 12 and reopens on a Saturday*

Goose Season Dates

Exterior Zone: 92 days total. **Daily Bag of 3**

- **North** – Sept. 16 – Dec. 16
- **South** – Sept. 16 – Oct. 7 (5-day split) & Oct. 13 – Dec. 2 (13-day split) & Dec. 16 – Jan. 3, 2019
- **Miss.** – Sept. 29 – Oct. 5 & Oct. 13 – Jan. 3, 2019 (7-day split)

- **Elimination of the Horicon Goose Zone for a statewide Exterior zone**

Snow/Blue Geese, Ross' Geese, Brant, White-fronted Geese and other geese

Daily Bag Limits:

White Geese (Snow/Blue Geese and Ross' Geese) – 20

Brant – 1

Greater White-Fronted Geese - 1

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- **Miss.** – Sept. 29 – Oct. 5 & Oct. 13 – Jan. 3, 2019 (7-day split)

Other Migratory Bird Seasons

Coot, Moorhen, Rails and Snipe: Same as wild ducks in the zone in which you are hunting.

Daily Bag Limit:

Coot and Moorhen – 15

Sora & Virginia Rails – 25

Snipe – 8

Note from Taylor Finger – Migratory Game Bird Ecologist,

First and foremost, I would like to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to everyone that participated in the public input process for setting the 2018 migratory bird season structure. We reached out using some different avenues this year including social media and it resulted in a nearly 400% increase in comments received compared to 2017! We use several methods to gather feedback from hunters each year and we intend to continue improving how we gather that input moving forward. Every comment was reviewed and used when we set the 2018 waterfowl season structure and we did our best based on the information we received to set the seasons to benefit the majority of Wisconsin's waterfowl hunters. As I said I want to say thank you to everyone that took the time and effort to make sure your voice was heard and good luck this fall, hopefully I will see you out there!"

