



2019 Migratory Bird Season Proposals

New in 2019, migratory bird hunters can provide their public input via an [Online Input Tool](#). The department will also accept public comments on the proposed migratory bird season structure at each public hearing. If you would like to provide input directly or are unable to attend a hearing, comments will be accepted through midnight Friday, March 16. Written comments can be sent to Taylor Finger, Wisconsin DNR, PO Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707, via email to [Taylor Finger](#) or by calling 608-266-8841.

Early Migratory Bird Season Proposals

Early Teal Season: Sept. 1 – Sept. 9 (6 bird/day)

Early Goose: Sept. 1 – 15 (Canada Geese 5 bird/day; Light Geese (Snow and Ross's Geese) 20 bird/day)

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

Woodcock Season: Sept. 21 – Nov. 4 (3 bird/day)

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

Duck Season Dates

Youth Hunt: Sept. 14 and 15

North Zone: Sept. 28 – Nov. 26

South Zone: Sept. 28 – Oct. 6 & Oct. 12 – Dec. 1 (5 day split)

Mississippi Zone: Sept. 28 – Oct. 6 & Oct. 19 – Dec. 8 (12 day split)

- Close dates: Monday Oct. 7 through Friday Oct. 18 and reopens on a Saturday

Goose Season Dates

Exterior Zone: 92 days total. Daily Bag of 3 Canada Geese

- **North** – Sept. 16 – Dec. 16
- **South** – Sept. 16 – Oct. 6 & Oct. 12 – Dec. 1 & Dec. 14 – Jan. 2, 2020
- **Miss.** – Sept. 28 – Oct. 6 & Oct. 19 – Jan. 9, 2020

The Horicon Zone has been Eliminated

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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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

Public hearings will be held at the following locations starting at **7 pm**:

- **Monday March 11, 7 p.m., La Crosse, Wis.** - State Office Building, Rooms B-19 and B-20, 3550 Mormon Coulee Rd.;
- **Tuesday March 12, 7 p.m., Rice Lake, Wis** – AmeriVu Inn, 1710 South Main Street;
- **Wednesday March 13, 7 p.m., Appleton, Wis** – Fox Valley Technical College D.J. Bordini Center, Room BC112A 5 N. Systems Drive Appleton, WI 54914
- **Thursday March 14, 7 p.m., Pewaukee, Wis** - Wildwood Lodge, N14 W24121 Tower Place.