

Texas may select a mourning dove season of 60 consecutive half-days in each of two geographical areas. However, in counties in the southern geographical area where the hunting of both white-winged and mourning doves will be permitted for a two-day period in September, the mourning dove season will run for only an additional 58 consecutive half-days beginning with the opening date of the 60-day season for the southern area. On the two part-days in September, shooting hours will be from 2:00 p.m. (Standard Time) to sunset. On all other days of the mourning dove season in Texas, shooting hours will be from 12 noon (Standard Time) until sunset. The 60-day season for the southern area of Texas may not open earlier than September 25.

In this Central Management Unit--except for Texas and New Mexico--daily bag and possession limits will be 12 daily and 24 in possession. In New Mexico and Texas, the daily bag and possession limits are 12 and 24 mourning and white-winged doves in the aggregate of both kinds, of which not more than 10 daily and 20 in possession may be white-winged doves.

In the Western Management Unit, which includes the States of Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington, a season of 50 consecutive full days or three periods totaling 50 full days may be selected. Shooting hours will be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. In all Western Management Unit States, except Arizona and California, the daily bag of mourning doves will be 10 and the possession limit 20. In Arizona, the mourning dove limit will be 10 daily and in possession. For California, the limit for mourning and white-winged doves will be 10 daily and in possession, singly or in the aggregate of both kinds. In Clark County, Nevada, which will again have a season on white-winged doves, bag and possession limits for mourning and white-winged doves will be 10 daily and 20 in possession, singly or in the aggregate of both kinds.

White-Winged Doves

Arizona, New Mexico, certain counties of California and Texas, and Clark County, Nevada, will have a white-winged dove season this year. In Arizona, New Mexico, and the open counties of California and Nevada, the season dates for white-winged dove hunting will be the same as those selected by these States for mourning dove hunting. Texas again will be permitted to select two separate part-days for the hunting of both white-winged and mourning doves in certain counties. In Arizona, the daily bag and possession limit of white-winged doves will be 25. In the other open-season States, the white-winged limits were discussed in connection with mourning dove limits.

Band-Tailed Pigeon

Band-tailed pigeons are hunted only in Washington, Oregon, and California. Washington and Oregon will be allowed to select 30 consecutive full days. California will have 30 consecutive full days for each of two geographical areas. Outside dates for selections are September 1 through January 15. Shooting hours will be from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset with daily bag and possession limits again at 8 for band-tailed pigeons.

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