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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES DOVE AND PIGEON HUNTING
REGULATIONS FOR PUERTO RICO AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Seasons, bag limits and other hunting regulations for doves and pigeons in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands were announced today by the Department of the Interior.

The open season on doves and pigeons in Puerto Rico will run from June 12 through August 29. Bag limits for doves are 15 per day and 15 in possession. For pigeons, the daily bag and possession limit is 8 birds with the exception of Mono Island where the daily bag and possession limit is 15.

The shooting hours for both doves and pigeons in Puerto Rico are from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

In the Virgin Islands, the season for doves and red-neck pigeons will run from July 15 through September 1. The daily bag and possession limit for doves is 10, and the pigeon limits are 5 per day and 10 in possession. There is a closed season on all species of pigeon in the Virgin Islands except those known locally as red-neck pigeons. Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

Doves and pigeons come under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and hunting regulations are established by the Department of the Interior and based on recommendations by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

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