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SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR BAND-TAILED PIGEONS,  
WOODCOCK, RAILS, GALLINULES, SNIPE AND DOVES ARE ANNOUNCED

Hunting regulations for band-tailed pigeons, woodcock, rails, gallinules, common snipe and doves this fall and winter will be about the same as last year, according to Assistant Secretary Nathaniel P. Reed, who heads the Interior Department's programs for fish, wildlife and parks.

Surveys by Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service and State wildlife agencies showed little change in populations of most of these game birds.

States in the Eastern dove management unit may choose a bag limit for mourning doves of 12 daily and 24 in possession (last year the limits were 18 and 36). An experiment is continuing to measure the effect of hunting regulations on this species.

An experimental 23-day season for band-tailed pigeons will be held in all or parts of New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, and Utah. Limits remain 5 and 10 and special permit requirements continue. The limit on white-winged doves continues at 10 in Arizona.

The season length on Wilson's snipe continues at 65 days and the framework closing date is extended to February 28 for Wilson's snipe and woodcock, except in 10 Northeastern and Middle Atlantic States.

Specific information on seasons may be obtained from State fish and game agencies. Full details of the Federal "framework" regulations will be published in the Federal Register.

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