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HUNTING DATES ANNOUNCED FOR DOVES, WOODCOCK, RAILS AND GALLINULES

The hunting dates selected by the States for the shooting of doves, rails, gallinules, woodcock, and band-tailed pigeons during the 1957-58 season were announced today by Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton.

These amended regulations contain the specific dates for each State's season, together with bag and possession limits. As announced on July 5, the dates of September 1, 1957, through January 10, 1958, (except for woodcock) were specified by the Department of the Interior as the "outside" dates within which framework the States could select the season dates most desirable to them. The framework for the woodcock season was October 1, 1957 to January 20, 1958.

The open seasons by States, the bag and possession limits, and the exceptions to the usual shooting hours of one-half hour before sunrise to sunset are listed in the following extract from the regulatory document approved by Secretary Seaton. The waterfowl season for Alaska is also included as well as the seasons on scoter, eider, and old-squaw ducks in the northeastern States. However, since the State conservation departments are permitted to adopt regulations which may be more restrictive than the Federal regulations, persons who plan to hunt these birds should first obtain a copy of the current State regulations.

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§ 6.41 Seasons and limits on doves and wild pigeons. Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, the areas open to hunting, the respective open seasons (dates inclusive), and the daily bag and possession limits on the species of doves and wild pigeons designated in this section are prescribed between the dates of September 1, 1957, and January 10, 1958, as follows:

(a) Mourning doves.

Daily bag and possession limit 10

Seasons in:

Alabama <u>1</u> /	 [Oct. 2-Oct. 31] [Dec. 3-Jan. 1]
Arizona <u>2</u> /	 [Sept. 1-Sept. 29] [Dec. 7-Dec. 27]
Arkansas <u>1</u> /	 [Sept. 1-Oct. 10] [Dec. 1-Dec. 20]
California <u>2</u> /	 Sept. 1-Sept. 30
Colorado	 Sept. 1-Oct. 20
Connecticut	 Closed season
Delaware <u>1</u> /	 [Sept. 20-Nov. 2] [Nov. 15-Nov. 30]
District of Columbia	 Closed season

1/ Shooting hours in States indicated, 12 o'clock noon until sunset.

2/ In Arizona, daily bag and possession limit on mourning and white-winged doves is 25, provided such limit contains not more than 10 mourning doves. In California, New Mexico, and Texas, daily bag and possession limit on mourning and white-winged doves is 10, singly or in the aggregate of both kinds.

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Florida <u>1/</u>	[Oct. 5-Nov. 1] [Nov. 28-Dec. 29]
Georgia	[Sept. 12-Sept. 28] [Dec. 14-Jan. 10]
Idaho	Sept. 1-Sept. 15
Illinois	Sept. 1-Oct. 15
Indiana	Closed season.
Iowa	Closed season.
Kansas	Sept. 1-Oct. 20
Kentucky <u>1/</u>	Sept. 1-Oct. 30
Louisiana <u>1/</u>	[Sept. 1-Sept. 15] [Nov. 27-Jan. 10]
Maine	Closed season.
Maryland <u>1/</u>	[Sept. 16-Oct. 30] [Dec. 21-Jan. 4]
Massachusetts.	Closed season.
Michigan	Closed season.
Minnesota	Closed season.
Mississippi <u>1/</u>	[Sept. 12-Oct. 5] [Nov. 27-Jan. 1]
Missouri	[Sept. 1-Oct. 10] [Nov. 10-Nov. 19]

1/ Shooting hours in States indicated, 12 o'clock noon until sunset.

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Montana	Closed season
Nebraska	Closed season
Nevada	Sept. 1-Oct. 20
New Hampshire	Closed season
New Jersey	Closed season
New Mexico <u>2</u> /	[Sept. 1-Sept. 25] [Oct. 1-Oct. 25]
New York	Closed season
North Carolina <u>1</u> /	[Sept. 7-Oct. 5] [Dec. 11-Jan. 10]
North Dakota	Closed season
Ohio	Closed season
Oklahoma	Sept. 1-Oct. 20
Oregon	Sept. 1-Sept. 22
Pennsylvania	Sept. 10-Oct. 24
Puerto Rico	Closed season
Rhode Island	Nov. 1-Dec. 15
South Carolina <u>1</u> /	[Sept. 14-Oct. 5] [Dec. 4-Jan. 10]
South Dakota	Closed season

1/ Shooting hours in States indicated, 12 o'clock noon until sunset.

2/ In Arizona, daily bag and possession limit on mourning and white-winged doves is 25, provided such limit contains not more than 10 mourning doves. In California, New Mexico, and Texas, daily bag and possession limit on mourning and white-winged doves is 10, singly or in the aggregate of both kinds.

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Tennessee <u>1</u> /	[Sept. 2-Oct. 21] [Dec. 21-Dec. 30]
Texas <u>1</u> / <u>2</u> /	See footnote 3.
Utah	Sept. 1-Sept. 15
Vermont	Closed season
Virginia <u>1</u> /	Sept. 16-Nov. 14
Washington	Sept. 1-Sept. 30
West Virginia	Oct. 11-Nov. 24
Wisconsin	Closed season
Wyoming	Closed season

1/ Shooting hours in States indicated, 12 o'clock noon until sunset.

2/ In Arizona, daily bag and possession limit on mourning and white-winged doves is 25, provided such limit contains not more than 10 mourning doves. In California, New Mexico, and Texas, daily bag and possession limit on mourning and white-winged doves is 10, singly or in the aggregate of both kinds.

3/ Texas: Mourning doves in Val Verde, Kinney, Uvalde, Medina, Bexar, Comal, Hays, Travis, Williamson, Milam, Robertson, Leon, Houston, Cherokee, Nacogdoches, and Shelby Counties and all counties north and west thereof, Sept. 1 to Oct. 17; in the rest of State (but not including Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, Zapata, Webb, Maverick, Dimmit, La Salle, Jim Hogg, Brooks, Kenedy, and Willacy Counties), Oct. 1 to Nov. 17; in these latter counties Sept. 13, 15, and 17 and from Oct. 1 to Nov. 14.

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(b) White-winged doves.

Daily bag and possession limit See footnote 1.

Seasons in:

Arizona [Sept. 1-Sept. 29]
[Dec. 7-Dec. 27]

California:

Counties of:

Imperial Sept. 1-Sept. 30
Riverside Do.
San Bernardino Do.
Remainder of State Closed season.

New Mexico [Sept. 1-Sept. 25]
[Oct. 1-Oct. 25]

Texas ^{2/}

Counties of:

Brewster. [
Brooks [
Cameron [
Culberson [
Dimmit [
El Paso [
Hidalgo [
Hudspeth [
Jeff Davis [
Jim Hogg [Sept. 13, 15, 17
Kenedy [
Kinney [
La Salle [
Maverick [
Presidio [
Starr [
Terrell [
Val Verde [
Webb [
Willacy [
Zapata]

^{1/} In Arizona, the daily bag and possession limit on white-winged and mourning doves is 25, provided such limit contains not more than 10 mourning doves. In California, New Mexico, and Texas, the daily bag and possession limit on white-winged and mourning doves is 10 singly or in the aggregate of both kinds.

^{2/} Texas: Shooting hours 12 o'clock noon until sunset.

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(c) Band-tailed pigeons.

Daily bag and possession limit 6

Seasons in:

California:

Counties of:

Del Norte	[
Humboldt	[
Lassen	[
Modoc	[Oct. 1-Oct. 31.
Shasta	[
Siskiyou	[
Tehama	[
Trinity	[

Remainder of State Dec. 1-Dec. 31.

Oregon Sept. 1-Sept. 30.

Washington Do.

§ 6.46 Seasons and limits on rails, gallinules, and woodcock.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, the areas open to hunting, the respective open seasons (dates inclusive), and the daily bag and possession limits on the species designated in this section are prescribed between the dates of September 1, 1957, and February 12, 1958, as follows:

1/ New York: The shooting hours during which woodcock may be taken shall be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the first day of the respective seasons and from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on each day thereafter.

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(b) Mississippi Flyway States.

	:	:	:
	:	<u>Rails and Gallinules</u>	:
	:	: All others	:
	:	: Sora : (singly or	: Woodcock
	:	: in aggregate	:
Daily bag limits	: 25	: 15	: 4
Possession limits	: 25	: 15	: 8
Seasons in:	:	:	:
Alabama	: See footnote 1.	:	: Dec. 12-Jan. 20
Arkansas	: Sept. 1-Nov. 9	:	: Nov. 15-Dec. 24
Illinois	: Closed season.	:	: Nov. 16-Dec. 25
Indiana	: Sept. 1-Nov. 9	:	: Oct. 19-Nov. 27
Iowa	: Closed season.	:	: Closed season.
Kentucky	: Nov. 20-Jan. 10	:	: Nov. 20-Dec. 29
Louisiana	: Oct. 1-Dec. 9	:	: Dec. 12-Jan. 20
Michigan	: See footnote 1.	:	: See footnote 2.
Minnesota	: Sept. 1-Nov. 9	:	: Oct. 1-Nov. 9
Mississippi	: Oct. 7-Dec. 15	:	: Dec. 10-Jan. 18
Missouri	: Sept. 1-Nov. 9	:	: Nov. 10-Dec. 19
Ohio	: Sept. 2-Nov. 9	:	: Oct. 1-Nov. 9
Tennessee	: Nov. 2-Jan. 10	:	: Nov. 28-Jan. 6
Wisconsin	: Oct. 1-Dec. 9	:	: Oct. 1-Nov. 9
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1/ The seasons for hunting rails and gallinules in Alabama and Michigan will be prescribed at a later date.

2/ The season for hunting woodcock in Michigan will be prescribed at a later date.

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(c) Central Flyway States

	: Rails and gallinules :		: Woodcock :
	: All others :		
	: Sora :	: (singly or in :	
	: aggregate) :		
Daily bag limits	25	15	4
Possession limits	25	15	8
Seasons in:			
Colorado	Sept. 1-Nov. 9		Closed season.
Kansas	Sept. 1-Nov. 9		Closed season.
Montana	Closed season.		Closed season.
Nebraska	Oct. 11-Dec. 19		Oct. 11-Nov. 19
New Mexico	Nov. 2-Jan. 10		Closed season.
North Dakota	Sept. 27-Dec. 3		Oct. 1-Nov. 9
Oklahoma	Oct. 1-Dec. 9		Nov. 23-Jan. 1
South Dakota	Closed season.		Closed season.
Texas	Sept. 1-Nov. 9		Dec. 8-Jan. 16
Wyoming	Closed season.		Closed season.

§ 6.51 Seasons and limits on waterfowl, coots, and Wilson's snipe.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, the areas open to hunting, the respective open seasons (dates inclusive), and the daily bag and possession limits on the species of waterfowl and on coots and Wilson's snipe as designated in this section are prescribed between the dates of September 1, 1957, and December 31, 1957, as follows:

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(a) Alaska.

	: Ducks <u>1/</u>	: Geese	: Coots	: Erant	: Wilson's snipe
Daily bag limits	7	3	15	3	8
Possession limits	14	6	15	6	8
Seasons throughout					
Alaska <u>1/</u>		Sept. 1-Nov. 29.			Sept. 1-Oct. 15

1/ In Wildlife Management Units 8, 9, 10, and 16 through 26, as described in § 46.2 of this chapter, old-squaw, harlequin, scoter, and eider ducks and American and red-breasted merganser ducks may be taken from September 1 through December 15. Within such Units the daily bag limit for old-squaw, harlequin, scoter, and eider ducks and American and red-breasted merganser ducks is 10 singly or in the aggregate, and the possession limit is 20 singly or in the aggregate of all kinds of such ducks. These limits may be taken and possessed in addition to the limits prescribed in the above table for other ducks. In Units 1 to 7 and 11 to 15, both inclusive, the bag limits on American and red-breasted merganser ducks are 5 daily and 10 in possession, singly or in the aggregate of both kinds, which limits may be in addition to the limits prescribed in the above table for other ducks.

(b) Scoter, eider, and old-squaw ducks.

Daily bag limit.	: 7 [singly or]
Possession limit	: 14 [in aggregate]
Special seasons in open coastal waters only,	:
beyond outer harbor lines in: <u>1/</u>	:
Connecticut	: Oct. 1-Dec. 31
Maine	: Sept. 16-Dec. 31
Massachusetts	: Sept. 14-Dec. 29
New Hampshire	: Sept. 16-Dec. 31
New York.	: Oct. 1-Dec. 31
Rhode Island.	: Sept. 16-Dec. 31

1/ In areas other than those beyond outer harbor lines in the States listed, scoter, eider, and old-squaw ducks may be taken only during the open seasons for other ducks. Daily bag and possession limits prescribed for scoter, eider, and old-squaw ducks are in addition to the limits prescribed for other ducks taken during the regular season.