



## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Edwin B. Forsythe *National Wildlife Refuge*

## *Migratory Bird Hunting General Regulations*

Thank you for participating in the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge Migratory Bird Hunting Program. To ensure your safety and enjoyment while visiting the refuge, please read all of the information in this package and abide by all rules and regulations. Hunting is permitted in accordance with all applicable State and Federal regulations and is subject to special regulations. Hunters should also consult the current New Jersey Fish and Wildlife Digest, as well as the current NJ Migratory Bird Regulations Supplement.

### **Hunt Unit Information**

Forsythe NWR is divided into several different hunt units with unit-specific regulations. Hunters must consult hunt unit maps and regulations for the units they wish to hunt. Unit maps and regulations are easily available on the Refuge web site and at the Refuge office.

### **Season Dates**

Refuge Hunt Units (NJ Coastal Zone) will be open for migratory waterfowl, rails, coots and moorhens subject to State, Federal and Refuge regulations. Please refer to the current state Migratory Bird Regulations Booklet.

### **Hours**

1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset. No units shall be occupied before 4:00 a.m.

### **Licenses**

Hunters must have a valid NJ hunting license. In addition, each waterfowl hunter 16 years of age and over must carry on his person a valid Federal Duck Stamp and New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp signed in ink across the face of the stamps. All waterfowl hunters must also have a current HIP number written on their license.

### **Nontoxic Shot**

All hunters (including rail, coot and moorhen hunters) must use or possess only approved nontoxic shot.

### **Hunting Dogs**

We allow the use of retrieving dogs for hunting migratory game birds; however, the dogs must be under the hunter's control at all times, and groups of three or more dogs per hunter are prohibited.

We prohibit dog training at all times.

### **Prohibited Activities**

- All hunting blind materials, boats and decoys must be removed at the end of each hunting day. Permanent and pit blinds are not permitted.
- Gun capable of holding more than 3 shells before or while hunting.
- Regardless of State Regulation, the distribution of bait and/or hunting over bait is prohibited.
- The use of nails, wire, screws, or bolts to attach a stand to a tree, and/or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter is prohibited.
- All marking tape, reflective pins, or other materials used to mark trails must be removed at the end of the hunt day. The use of paint is prohibited.
- Trimming or cutting vegetation.
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages.
- Use of ATVs and/or dirt bikes.
- Target practice
- Camping and campfires
- Littering

- Overnight parking
- Searching for or removing any object of antiquity including arrowheads, pottery or other artifacts.
- Blocking gates or roadways with vehicles.

Thank you. Have a safe and enjoyable hunting experience.

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