

Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission
 Proclamation 15-20

Migratory Bird Hunting Seasons and Regulations

Pursuant to the authority granted by Title 70, Tennessee Code Annotated, and Section 70-4-107 thereof, the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission hereby proclaims the following migratory bird hunting regulations effective October 1, 2015. Season dates and limits not considered final until the final late season Federal Frameworks are published.

Section I. Hunting Seasons

Species	Season Opens	Season Closes
A. Ducks, Coots, and Mergansers		
Reelfoot Duck Zone	Nov. 14 Dec. 5	Nov. 15 Jan. 31, 2016
Reelfoot Duck Zone shall include the waters of Reelfoot Lake.		
Remainder of State	Nov. 28 Dec. 5	Nov 29 Jan. 31, 2016
B. Youth Waterfowl Hunting Season* (The two Saturdays immediately following the close of the regular duck season, for both the Reelfoot Duck Zone and Remainder of State).	Feb. 6, 2016 Feb. 13, 2016	Feb. 6, 2016 Feb. 13, 2016
*Federal regulations allow only youth waterfowl hunters from 6-15 years of age to participate. An adult at least 21 years of age must accompany the youth hunter into the field and must remain in a position to take control of the hunting device. This adult cannot duck hunt but may participate in other open seasons. Geese, coots, gallinules, moorhens, and ducks may be taken by youths during the Youth Waterfowl Season.		

Section I. Hunting Seasons (Cont.)	Season Opens	Season Closes
C. Purple Gallinules and Common Moorhens		
Reelfoot Duck Zone	Nov. 14 Dec. 5	Nov. 15 Jan. 31, 2016
Remainder of State	Nov. 28 Dec. 5	Nov. 29 Jan. 31, 2016
D. Virginia Rails and Sora Rails		
Reelfoot Duck Zone	Nov. 14 Dec. 5	Nov. 15 Jan. 31, 2016
Remainder of State	Nov. 28 Dec. 5	Nov. 29 Jan. 31, 2016
E. White-fronted Geese	Nov. 28 Dec. 5	Nov. 29 Feb. 13, 2016
F. Blue, Snow, and Ross' Geese (Standard Federal Regulations Apply)	Nov. 28 Dec. 5	Nov. 29 Feb. 13, 2016
<p>LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION SEASON for Blue, Snow, and Ross' Geese</p> <p>(During this season only, the following Conservation Season Provisions are allowed: Unplugged Shotguns, Electronic Calls, shooting 30 min before official sunrise until 30 min after official sunset, no daily bag or possession limit).</p> <p>A Light Goose Conservation Season Permit and valid hunting license are required for all hunters over 16 years of age to participate in this season.</p>	Feb. 14, 2016	March 10, 2016
G. Brant	Nov. 23	Jan. 31, 2016
H. Canada Geese		

Section I. Hunting Seasons (Cont.)	Season Opens	Season Closes
1. Northwest Goose Zone: Lake, Obion, 27 Weakley Counties; that portion of Dyer County, excluding that portion south of Hwy 104; and Gibson County excluding that portion bounded on the south by Hwy 104 and on the west by Hwy 45W.	Oct. 10 Nov. 14 Dec. 5	Oct. 14 Nov. 15 Feb. 13, 2016
2. Statewide Goose Zone:	Oct. 10 Nov. 28 Dec. 5	Oct. 27 Nov. 29 Jan. 31, 2016
The Statewide Goose Zone includes all counties or portions of counties not included in the Northwest Goose Zone.		

Section I. Hunting Seasons (Cont.)	Season Opens	Season Closes
I. Sandhill Cranes		
South of Interstate 40 and east of State Highway 56.	Nov. 28 Dec. 5	Nov. 29 Jan. 1, 2016
400 3-permit packets will be issued by handheld draw on or near the Hiwassee WMA. A type 001 Hunting & Fishing License and type 005 waterfowl license are required to enter the draw. Leftover permits will be available on a first come basis at regional offices. Individuals must be present to obtain permits. Permits are invalid until proof of passing a bird identification test the year the permit is obtained and permit is signed by the individual.		

Section II. Shooting Hours - Sandhill crane hours are from sunrise to 3:00pm EST. For all other species and seasons, hours are ½ hour before sunrise to sunset daily.

Section III. Bag and Possession Limits

A. Ducks and Mergansers

Daily Bag Limit: The Daily bag limit of ducks is 6, and may include no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 of which may be a female), 1 black duck, 3 wood ducks, 2 pintails, 2 canvasbacks, 3 scaup, and 2 redheads.

The daily bag limit of merganser is 5, only 2 of which may be hooded mergansers.

Possession Limit: The maximum number of birds that could have legally been taken in three (3) days, except on opening day and the second day of the season when the possession limit is the daily bag limit and two times the daily bag limit, respectively

	Daily Bag	Possession
B. Coots and Gallinules	15	45
C. Virginia and Sora Rails	25	75
D. Blue, Snow and Ross's Geese- Regular Season	20	No Limit, except on opening day and the second day of the season when the possession limit is the daily bag limit and two times the daily bag limit, respectively.
E. White-fronted Geese	2	6
F. Brant	2	6
G. Canada Geese	3	9
<p>H. Sandhill Cranes Daily bag, season bag, and possession limit is 3 cranes. Harvested cranes must be accompanied by a completed kill tag and be checked in by the end of the calendar day of harvest by mailing completed business reply card on the permit. Also, hunters must fill out and return a post-season survey. Failure to return the post-season survey will be a violation of this Proclamation.</p>		

Section IV. Repeal of Prior Proclamations

This proclamation repeals Proclamation No. 14-11.

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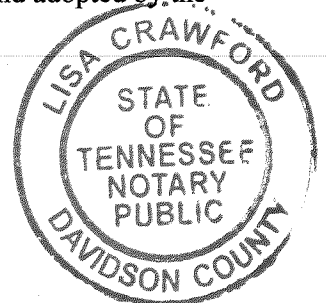
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 Chairman

I certify that this is an accurate and complete copy of a proclamation lawfully promulgated and adopted by the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission on the 21 day of August, 2015.

[Signature]
 Secretary

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 25 day of August, 2015.

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 Notary Public



My commission expires: My Commission Expires: 3/10/2019

Proclamation No. 15-20 received and recorded this 26th day of August, 2015; to be effective the 1 day of October, 2015.

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 Tre Hargett, Secretary of State

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