

WILDLIFE PROCLAMATIONS

TENNESSEE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION - 1660

PROCLAMATION 05-23 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 Wildlife Resources Commission hereby proclaims the following migratory bird hunting regulations effective October 1, 2005. Season dates and limits pending final Federal Frameworks.

SECTION I. HUNTING SEASONS

Species	Season Opens	Season Closes
A. Ducks, Coots, and Mergansers		
Reelfoot Duck Zone	Nov. 12 Dec. 3	Nov. 13 Jan. 29
Canvasback	Dec. 31	Jan. 29
Reelfoot Duck Zone shall include the waters of Reelfoot Lake.		
Remainder of State	Nov. 26 Dec. 3	Nov. 27 Jan. 29
Canvasback	Dec. 31	Jan. 29
B. Youth Waterfowl Hunting Season		
Reelfoot Duck Zone	Feb. 4	Feb. 5
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Remainder of State		

Youth waterfowl hunters must be 6-15 years of age or younger. 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, including pintails, may be taken by youths during the Youth Waterfowl Season, but canvasback seasons are closed during the Youth Waterfowl Season.

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C.	Purple Gallinules and Common Moorhens		
	Reelfoot Duck Zone	Nov. 12 Dec. 3	Nov. 13 Jan. 22
	Remainder of State	Nov. 27 Dec. 3	Nov. 28 Jan. 22
D.	Virginia Rails and Sora Rails		
	Reelfoot Duck Zone	Nov. 12 Dec. 3	Nov. 13 Jan. 20
	Remainder of State	Nov. 26 Dec. 3	Nov. 27 Jan. 20
E.	White-fronted Geese	Dec. 3	Feb. 12
F.	Blue, Snow, and Ross' Geese	Nov. 12	Feb. 26
G.	Brant	Nov. 26	Jan. 30
H.	Canada Geese		
	1. Northwest MVP Zone: Mississippi Valley Population Lake, Obion, and Weakley Counties, and Those Portions of Gibson and Dyer Counties Not Included in the Southwest MVP Zone.	Dec. 3	Feb. 12
	2. Southwest MVP Zone: Mississippi Valley Population That portion of the state bounded on the north by State Highways 20 and 104, and on the east by U.S. Highways 45W and 45.	Oct. 1 Dec. 11	Oct. 9 Jan. 29
Zone:	3. Kentucky/Barkley Lake Southern James Bay Population. That area west of Highway 13 not in the Northwest and Southwest MVP Zones.	Oct. 1 Dec. 11	Oct. 9 Jan. 29
	4. Remainder of the State:	Oct. 1 Dec. 1	Oct. 9 Jan. 30

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The Remainder of the State includes all counties or portions of counties east of State Highway 13.

SECTION II. BOGOTA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA Draw Hunts for Pools 2, 4, 5, 7, and 12.

Hunting of waterfowl will be by computer draw and will occur on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays during the regular duck season except for opening weekends on which hunting will be Saturday and Sunday only. All hunting shall cease at 3:00 p.m. (CST) each day, except the last day of the season when hunting shall close at sunset.

SECTION III. LAUREL HILL LAKE. Duck and Goose season for Laurel Hill Lake is Saturday, Jan 14, 2006 through Sunday, Jan. 29, 2006. Hunting from temporary blind sites only (boat blinds allowed).

SECTION IV. SHOOTING HOURS - From ½ hour before sunrise to sunset daily, for all species and seasons.

SECTION V. 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 1 of which may be a female), 1 black duck, 2 wood ducks, 1 pintail, 1 canvasback (last 30 days of season), 2 scaup, and 2 redheads.

The daily bag limit of merganser is 5, only 1 of which may be a hooded merganser.

Possession Limit:

The maximum number of birds that could have legally been taken in two (2) days.

	Daily Bag	Possession
B. Coots and Gallinules	15	30
C. Virginia and Sora Rails	25	25
D. Blue and Snow Geese	20	No Limit
E. White-fronted Goose	2	4
F. Brant	2	4
G. Canada Goose	2	4

SECTION VI. REPEAL OF PRIOR PROCLAMATION

This proclamation repeals Proclamation No. 04-17, dated August 21, 2004.

Proclamation No. 05-23, received and recorded this 23rd day of August, 2005. (08-45)