

FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT. No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to one's car, hunting camp, home, etc.

FEDERAL REGULATIONS relating to migratory game birds are located in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON FEDERAL REGULATIONS, contact Special Agent-in-Charge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 45, Twin Cities, Minnesota 55111.

FEDERAL DUCK STAMP. No person 16 years of age or older shall take ducks or geese without first obtaining a federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp. The stamp must be validated by signature across the face in ink. A federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp is NOT required to hunt doves, rails, common moorhens, common snipe, and woodcock.

AN OHIO WETLANDS HABITAT STAMP is required in addition to a federal duck stamp to hunt waterfowl. An Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp is NOT required to hunt doves, rails, common moorhens, common snipe, and woodcock. See 2007-2008 Ohio Hunting & Trapping Regulations, Publication 85, for detailed information.

HIP SURVEY. To hunt waterfowl or other migratory game birds, the hunter must have the HIP certification printed on the hunting license at the time of purchase and carry it with them when hunting

RESTRICTIONS ON TAKING. No person shall take migratory game birds: **(1)** With a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler which limits the capacity of the gun to three shells. The filler must be such that it cannot be removed without disassembling the gun. **(2)** On or over a baited area where a person knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited. A baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after complete removal of any bait. Baiting includes placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of salt, grain, or other feed that could serve as a lure or attraction for migratory birds to, on or over other areas where hunters are attempting to take them. Agricultural areas must be prepared in accordance with official recommendations to be legally hunted. It is a separate offense to place or direct placement of bait on or adjacent to an area that causes, induces, or allows another to hunt by the aid of bait or over a baited area. Hunters are responsible for ensuring that an area has not been baited and should verify its legality prior

to hunting. **(3)** By the use or aid of live decoys. All live, tame, or captive ducks and geese shall be removed for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to hunting, and confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such tame birds from the sight of migratory waterfowl. **(4)** By the use of recorded or electrically amplified bird calls or sounds. **(5)** With a trap, snare, net, crossbow, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10 gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, poison, drug, explosive, or stupefying substance. **(6)** From a watercraft having a motor attached or from a sailboat, unless the motor has been shut off and/or the sails furled, and its progress therefrom has ceased. **(7)** By driving, rallying, or chasing birds with any motorized conveyance or any sailboat to put them in the range of the hunters. **(8)** From or with the aid or use of a car or other motor driven land conveyance, or any aircraft, except that paraplegics and single or double amputees of the legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor driven land conveyance. "Paraplegic" means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body with involvement of both legs, usually due to disease of or injury to the spinal cord. **(9)** From a sink box (a low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water). **(10)** From utility wires or buildings. **(11)** It is unlawful to hunt migratory game birds (waterfowl, rails, and shorebirds) and mourning doves by the aid of baiting or on or over any baited area. The regulations that apply to the baiting of migratory game birds differ from the regulations that apply to the hunting of mourning doves. Migratory game birds may only be taken on areas where grain and other foods exist solely as a result of normal agricultural planting or harvesting. Mourning doves may be taken on areas that have been manipulated for wildlife management purposes. Neither migratory game birds nor mourning doves may be hunted on areas where grain or other feed has been distributed once it has been removed from or stored on the field where grown. It is unlawful to hunt waterfowl over vegetation or crops that have been mowed or cut. Contact a Division of Wildlife district office or a state wildlife officer for clarification on baiting regulations before you hunt.

REDUCING TO POSSESSION. Migratory birds wounded by hunting shall be immediately killed and reduced to possession and become a part of the daily bag limit. No person shall kill or cripple any migratory bird without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the bird and include it in his or her daily bag limit.

TRANSPORTING. One fully feathered wing or the head must remain attached to all migratory game birds, except doves, while being transported between the place where taken and the personal abode of the possessor or a commercial preservation facility.

SHIPMENT. No person shall ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside with: (1) the name and address of the person sending the birds, (2) the name and address of the person to whom the birds are being sent, and (3) the number of birds, by species, contained in the package.

TAGGING. No person shall give, put, or leave any migratory game birds at any place or in the custody of another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information: **(1)** the hunter's signature; **(2)** the hunter's address; **(3)** the total number of birds involved, by species; and **(4)** the dates such birds were killed. No person or business shall receive or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are properly tagged.

The regulations provided herein are only general information and are not the complete laws pertaining to migratory game birds.

STATE REGULATIONS. The Ohio Administrative Code containing full details is available for review at the office of the Clerk of Common Pleas Court in each county.

PYMATUNING RESERVOIR. Waterfowl hunting on the Ohio portion of the Pymatuning Reservoir is subject to Ohio seasons and regulations.

ATTENTION DOVE HUNTERS

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service will be contacting randomly selected dove hunters to ask them to save wings from their first week of hunting. These wings will be sent to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to estimate annual productivity of the dove population. Participation is voluntary and will help us better manage mourning dove populations.

Special regulations apply at many state wildlife areas, state parks, and national wildlife refuges. Check before hunting.

MANDATORY REPORTING ZONES (MRZ) ELIMINATED

This recent change in regulation was made after the printing of the current Hunting Regulations.

Please disregard the information concerning the Mandatory Reporting Zones printed in the 2008-2009 Hunting Regulations.

Mandatory Reporting Zones for geese have been eliminated effective this season. These zones were originally created to protect local giant Canada geese from over harvest and were crucial to the reestablishment of Canada geese in Ohio. As Ohio's goose populations grew, the need to protect local birds diminished and was replaced by a desire to protect interior birds critical to the aboriginal people in Canada, particularly the Cree First Nation.

Three Canada goose populations regularly occur in Ohio during fall and winter. The Mississippi Flyway Giant Population is a population of the giant subspecies of Canada geese that was reintroduced to Ohio beginning in the 1950s. This population has expanded rapidly, and is present throughout the year. The Southern James Bay Population (SJB), a population of the interior subspecies of Canada geese, breeds along the southern and western coasts of Canada's James Bay and Akimiski Island. SJB geese traditionally migrated through Ohio and wintered in the southern United States. Increasing numbers of SJB now winter in Ohio, probably as a result of above average winter temperatures and the increase in no-till crop acreage. Since 1995, Ohio has become one of the top harvesters of SJB in the Mississippi Flyway. The Mississippi Valley Population (MVP), another population of the interior subspecies, breeds along the northwestern coast of James Bay and the southern coast of Hudson Bay, and migrates and winters further west in the Mississippi Flyway. MVP geese are primarily harvested in Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, and Indiana, and make up only a small portion of Ohio's Canada goose harvest. Over the last several years, population surveys have shown that both interior populations are relatively stable and at or above their population size goal. In 2003, the Division of Wildlife, in cooperation with The Ohio State University, initiated an intensive evaluation of Ohio's statewide goose harvest to better delineate where and when SJB geese are harvested. Results of this study have shown that SJB geese are now distributed throughout the state making zones less effective in influencing harvest. Harvest of SJB geese increases as the season progresses so timing becomes more critical than zones. We will continue to monitor goose harvest and propose regulations that allow us to manage our local giant Canada goose populations while minimizing impacts on migrants.

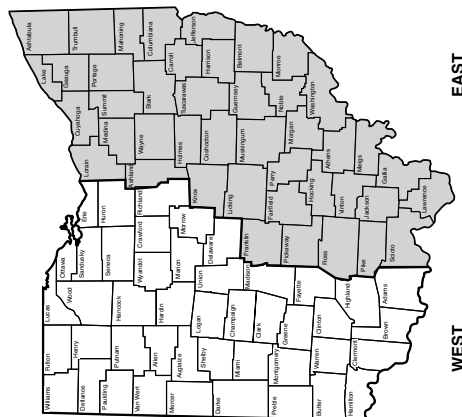


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SUNRISE, SUNSET TABLES EASTERN TIME 2008

Adjustments have been made for daylight-saving time



Day	September		October		November		December	
	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set
1	7:03	8:07	7:31	8:04	6:33	7:37	5:11	7:57
2	7:04	8:05	7:32	8:04	6:33	7:37	5:11	7:57
3	7:05	8:04	7:33	8:03	6:33	7:37	5:11	7:57
4	7:06	8:02	7:34	8:02	6:33	7:37	5:11	7:57
5	7:06	8:01	7:35	8:01	6:33	7:37	5:11	7:57
6	7:07	7:59	7:36	8:00	6:33	7:37	5:11	7:57
7	7:08	7:57	7:37	7:58	6:33	7:37	5:11	7:57
8	7:09	7:56	7:38	7:57	6:33	7:37	5:11	7:57
9	7:10	7:54	7:39	7:55	6:33	7:37	5:11	7:57
10	7:11	7:53	7:40	7:54	6:33	7:37	5:11	7:57
11	7:12	7:51	7:41	7:52	6:33	7:37	5:11	7:57
12	7:13	7:49	7:42	7:50	6:33	7:37	5:11	7:57
13	7:14	7:48	7:43	7:49	6:33	7:37	5:11	7:57
14	7:15	7:46	7:44	7:47	6:33	7:37	5:11	7:57
15	7:16	7:44	7:45	7:45	6:33	7:37	5:11	7:57
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19	7:20	7:38	7:49	7:41	6:33	7:37	5:11	7:57
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27	7:28	7:25	7:58	7:33	6:33	7:37	5:11	7:57
28	7:29	7:23	7:59	7:32	6:33	7:37	5:11	7:57
29	7:30	7:21	8:00	7:31	6:33	7:37	5:11	7:57
30	7:31	7:20	8:01	7:30	6:33	7:37	5:11	7:57
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DIVISION OF WILDLIFE
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MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING SEASONS, 2008

DAILY HUNTING HOURS ARE SUNRISE TO SUNSET

Only nontoxic shot may be used to take waterfowl, rails, snipe and gallinules. Doves and woodcock may be taken with lead shot.

SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT AFTER FIRST DAY
RAILS (Virginia and sora only)	Sept. 1 through Nov. 9	25	25
COMMON MOORHEN (Gallinule)		15	30
COMMON (Wilson's) SNIBE	Sept. 1 through Nov. 30 and Dec. 8 through Dec. 23	8	16
MOURNING DOVE	Sept. 1 through Oct. 22 and Dec. 9 through Dec. 26	15	30
WOODCOCK	Oct. 11 through Nov. 24	3	6
TEAL (blue-winged, green-winged, cinnamon teal only)	Sept. 6 through Sept. 21	4	8
Early statewide* CANADA GOOSE	Sept. 1 through Sept. 15	3	6

The Mercer Canada Goose Zone will not be open during the special Early Goose Season.

The Division of Wildlife is planning to operate controlled dove hunts at Fallsville, Rush Run, Spring Valley, Indian Creek, and Bott wildlife areas, St. Marys Fish Hatchery, and Cowan Lake State Park. These controlled hunts will occur during the first 2 days of the season (Monday, September 1st - Tuesday, September 2nd); hunting hours will be noon to sunset. Drawings for opening day dove hunts at these 7 public hunting areas will be held on Saturday, August 23rd (noon) at the respective public area headquarters, except that the drawing for Cowan Lake State Park will occur at the Spring Valley Wildlife Area. In addition to September 1, Cowan Lake and St. Marys Hatchery will offer extra controlled hunt dates. Maps and details are available at www.wildohio.com. Please contact the District Five Office (937-372-9261) for more information.

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