Don't forget HIP REGISTRATION

2013 EARLY MIGRATORY GAME BIRD SEASONS AND REGULATIONS

Indiana Division of Fish and Wildlife

EARLY MIGRATORY SPECIES, SEASONS, LIMITS, LICENSES, AND MORE

SPECIES	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	IN Hunting License	IN Waterfowl Stamp Privilege	HIP Registration Number	Federal Duck Stamp	≤ 3 Shell Shotgun Capacity	Non-Toxic Shot Only	Hunter Orange Required	Gamebird Habitat Stamp Privilege
							LICENSES							
Sora Rail	Sept. 1-Nov. 9				25	75	●		●		●			
King, Clapper, Virginia Rail	closed													
Mourning Dove	Sept. 1-Oct. 13		Nov. 8-Dec. 4		15	45	●		●		●			●
Common Moorhen	closed													
Woodcock		Oct. 15-Nov. 28			3	9	●		●		●		●	
Common Snipe	Sept. 1-Dec. 16				8	24	●		●		●			
Teal (Blue- and green-winged only) No teal hunting on Kankakee FWA.	Sept. 7-Sept. 22				6	18	●	●	●	●	●	●		
Canada Goose No goose hunting on Kankakee FWA and Hovey Lake FWA.	Sept. 1-Sept. 15				5	15	●	●	●	●	●	●		

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This summary of early migratory game bird hunting regulations is designed as a service to hunters and is not intended to be a complete digest of all hunting regulations. For specific details, consult Title 50, Part 20 of the Code of Federal Regulations, located at http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/.

These dates are subject to approval by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. As of this printing (August 2013) the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has not approved these dates. The federal agency will review these dates by late August. Contact the Indiana DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife for further information.

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Indiana Outdoor
HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES
www.IndianaOutdoor.IN.gov

License and Stamp Requirements

Anyone hunting migratory game birds (ducks, coots, geese, mourning doves, snipe, sora rail or woodcock) must have an Indiana hunting license and a HIP registration number. A Gamebird Habitat Stamp privilege is also required for hunting doves. An Indiana waterfowl stamp privilege is also required for hunting ducks and geese (the Indiana stamp privileges are covered under the youth license) and must have an original signature, in ink, on the license on which the stamp privilege is issued. Commemorative (traditional) waterfowl stamps do not convey hunting privileges. Additionally, anyone 16 years old or older must have a signed federal duck stamp when hunting ducks and geese. Resident owners of Indiana farmland or lessees of Indiana farmland who farm that land, their spouses and children living with them, while hunting, fishing or trapping on the farmland they own or lease are exempt from the state license requirement, but a Federal duck stamp is required when hunting waterfowl and HIP registration is required when hunting any migratory birds.

Purchasing a License and Stamp Privileges

Online . . .

To purchase licenses online, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, go to www.IndianaOutdoor.IN.gov.

In Person . . .

All licenses are available from retailers and most Department of Natural Resources properties throughout the state. A list of Indiana Outdoor license retailer locations is available online at www.IndianaOutdoor.IN.gov.

The DNR Customer Service Center is in the Indiana Government Center South, 402 W. Washington St., W160, Indianapolis. Service Center hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

By Mail . . .

To purchase licenses by mail, send your order with the following information:

- name, date of birth, Indiana Driver's License number or Social Security number (Hunting license: include a copy of your hunter education certificate or card if born after Dec. 31, 1986.)
- Complete address, city, state, ZIP and phone number
- Height, weight, color of hair and color of eyes
- Specify the license(s), including the season (i.e., deer for muzzleloader)

Send check (payable to DNR), money order or Visa or MasterCard number, including expiration date, for licenses to:

Licenses
DNR Customer Service Center
402 W. Washington St., W160
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Please allow 2-3 weeks for delivery.

By Phone . . .

To purchase licenses by phone, call (317) 232-4200.

For more information, call the Indiana DNR Customer Service Center at (317) 232-4200. All licenses issued by the DNR are non-transferable and non-refundable.

Order the Federal Duck Stamp www.fws.gov

Federal duck stamps can be purchased online at **www.fws.gov** or by phone from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. (EST) at 1-800-782-6724.

Harvest Information Program (HIP) Registration www.wildlife.IN.gov

Licensed hunters in Indiana must register each year with the National Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) before they hunt coots, doves, ducks, geese, snipe, sora rails or woodcock.

In order to register, hunters must visit the DNR Web site at **www.wildlife.IN.gov** or call 1-866-671-4499 and provide the information requested. The average time it takes to register is less than five minutes. At the end of the registration, the hunter is given a validation number to record on his or her license. This number is valid from the date of registration through the close of the last 2013-2014 migratory bird hunting season. All migratory bird hunters including lifetime license holders, persons on military leave, or resident landowners and tenants (who hunt on their own land) must register with HIP.

Hunters need to register only once each season in each state in which they hunt, not each time they hunt. In addition to providing name and address during the call, hunters are asked questions designed to identify which species they hunted last year and, in some cases, the number of birds they harvested.

HIP is a joint effort between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and state wildlife agencies. The program improves harvest estimates for migratory game birds nationwide. Once the harvest information is gathered, the information is used by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the states to ensure that decisions regarding hunting seasons are soundly based on scientific evidence.

Shooting Hours

Shooting hours for geese, sora rails, mourning doves, woodcock and snipe are ½ hour before sunrise to sunset. Teal shooting hours are from sunrise to sunset.

Shell Capacity Limit

It is illegal to hunt migratory birds (ducks, geese, coots, mergansers, doves, woodcock, sora rails or snipe) with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler that cannot be removed without disassembling the gun.

Non-toxic Shot Requirements

Hunters are required to use approved non-toxic shot while hunting all waterfowl in Indiana. Non-toxic shots

currently approved for use by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are bismuth-tin, steel, tungsten-bronze, tungsten-iron, iron-tungsten, tungsten-matrix, tungsten-nickel-iron, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-tin-bismuth, tungsten-tin-iron-nickel, tungsten-iron-copper-nickel, tungsten-tin-iron and iron-tungsten-nickel. Copper-plated, zinc chromate-plated, zinc chloride-plated and nickel-plated steel shot is approved as long as the plating represents less than one percent of the shot's weight. Lead shot plated with copper, nickel or other material does not qualify. It is illegal to possess shells loaded with anything other than approved non-toxic shot while hunting ducks, geese and coots anywhere in the state. Additional shot restrictions may be in place at select state Fish and Wildlife areas. For details, check with the property where you plan to hunt. Some properties require non-toxic shot for species other than waterfowl.

Hunting from a Boat

Migratory game birds may be hunted from a motorboat provided it is beached, resting at anchor, tied to a stationary object, or without motion other than that imparted by wind and current acting upon the hull, or due to hand-operated oars or paddles.

Identification Requirements

While in the field or traveling from the field to your home, migratory game birds (except for doves) in your possession must have one fully feathered wing or head attached to the carcass for identification purposes.

Wanton Waste

All migratory game birds killed or crippled shall be retrieved, if possible, and retained in the custody of the hunter in the field. You may retrieve dead or injured birds by hand or from a motorboat under power, but crippled birds may not be shot from a boat under power or in motion due to motor power.

Hunter Orange for Woodcock Hunting

Woodcock hunters must wear exposed at all times as an outer garment one or more of the following articles that is solid hunter orange in color: vest, coat, jacket, coveralls, hat or cap.

Hunting on State Properties

Be sure to check at area headquarters concerning open hunting areas and other special regulations that are in effect on all Fish and Wildlife areas and reservoirs.

Restrictions

No person shall take migratory game birds:

- With a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10 gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, poison, drug, explosive or stupefying substance.
- From a sink box (a low, floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water).
- 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.
- 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.
- By driving, rallying or chasing birds with any motorized conveyance or any sail boat to put them in the range of the hunters.
- By the aid of baiting, or on or over any baited area, if the person knows or reasonably should know that the area is baited. Baiting includes the placing of corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed to serve as a lure or attraction for migratory game birds to, on, or over areas where hunters are attempting to take them. It is a separate offense to place or direct placement of bait on or adjacent to an area for the purpose of causing or allowing hunters to take or attempt to take birds by the aid of bait or over a baited area. A baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after complete removal of any bait. The maximum federal penalties are: for hunting over bait: $15,000/6 months jail; placing bait: $100,000/1 year jail.
- By the use of recorded or electrically amplified bird calls or sounds, or recorded or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds.

Tagging Requirements

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:

- hunter's signature
- hunter's address
- total number of birds involved by species
- 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.

Shipping Migratory Birds

No person shall ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside with:

- the name and address of the person sending the birds,
- the name and address of the person to whom the birds are being sent, and
- the number of birds, by species, contained in the package.

Colored Leg Bands on Geese

Goose hunters may encounter Canada geese with orange or white leg bands. These leg bands do not have numbers on them. These are Indiana geese that have been relocated from urban areas to Fish and Wildlife areas. Please report any geese you harvest with colored leg bands to FWA staff or on your check card so that we can keep track of harvest of these relocated urban geese. Your assistance is important in managing Indiana's Canada geese.

Youth Free Hunting Weekends

Youth free hunting days will take place Sept. 7-8 and Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 2013. Any resident age 17 years or younger on the date of the hunt, and accompanied by an adult of at least 18 years of age, can take migratory birds and game animals in season, in compliance with all state and federal hunting regulations. The youth hunter does not have to possess a hunting license (or a hunter education certificate), HIP number or state waterfowl stamp, but must comply with all other hunting regulations. Youth 16-17 will still need the federal duck stamp.

The accompanying adult must be in close enough proximity in order to monitor and communicate with the youth hunter at all times and may assist the youth hunter, but may not carry a firearm or bow and arrow. The accompanying adult must possess a valid hunting license, unless exempt from needing a license.

Report Bird Bands

All migratory bird hunters are urged to report bird bands. During hunting seasons, operators are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Band information is critical to the management of bird populations, and assists biologists in providing optimum hunting opportunities.

24-hour toll-free hotline:
1-800-327-BAND
(1-800-327-2263)
or online at: www.reportband.gov

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