

## Synopsis of federal regulations applicable to migratory bird hunting

**WEAPON** - Migratory game birds may be taken only with a 10 gauge or smaller shotgun capable of holding not more than three shells. Birds may also be taken by falconry or by bow and arrow, or crossbow.

**MOTOR-VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS** No person may take migratory game birds from any motor-driven vehicle, including aircraft. Special regulations govern handicapped hunters.

**WATERCRAFT RESTRICTIONS** Waterfowl may be hunted from a watercraft (except a sinkbox) including those propelled by motor, sail and wind, or both when the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled and its progress therefrom has ceased. The watercraft may be drifting as a result of current or wind action on the hull, beached or moored, resting at anchor, or may be propelled by paddle, oars or pole. A watercraft under power may be used to retrieve dead or crippled waterfowl but no shooting is permitted while the watercraft is underway. It is illegal to drive or rally game birds toward hunters by use of any motor-driven conveyance or sail boat.

**DECOYS, CALLS AND BAITING** Migratory birds may not be taken with the aid of live decoys, recorded bird calls or electronically amplified bird calls. It is illegal to take birds by the aid of baiting or 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 game birds to, on, or over areas where hunters are attempting to take them.

**RETRIEVAL AND TAGGING** All birds downed shall be retrieved if possible, and retained in the custody of the hunter in the field. Crippled birds must be killed immediately. Any birds given to or left with another person must be tagged by the hunter with a tag showing the hunter's name, address, the number and species of birds, and the dates they were killed. Packages in which migratory game birds are shipped must show the names of the sender and receiver, and the number and species of birds contained in the parcel.

**BAG LIMIT** No person may, during any one day take more than one daily bag limit or possess more than one daily bag limit in the field, or while returning to the car, hunting camp or home. One feathered wing must be left attached to all migratory game birds until they reach their final destination.

**IMPORTATION** For information regarding the importation of migratory game birds killed in another country, hunters should consult federal regulations (50CFR 20.61 through 20.66). One fully feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between the port of entry and the hunter's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import any migratory game birds from any country except Canada unless such birds are dressed (except as required above), drawn and the head and feet are removed. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

**SEASON AND HOURS** No person may take migratory game birds during closed season. Migratory game birds may be taken only during hours open to hunting.

## Changes from last year

The state is divided into two zones this year, a mountain zone and a desert zone. The general waterfowl and goose seasons start and end two weeks earlier in the mountain zone (Oct 8-Jan 16) than in the desert zone (Oct 22-Jan 30). The canvasback and pintail seasons likewise start and end differently in the two zones. The purpose of this change is to allow hunters to hunt when the birds are most available in their area of the state. This zone change affects the general waterfowl, canvasback and pintail, goose, and snipe seasons.

## Monuments and military areas

The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.

The Navajo Army Depot in Unit 6B is open to hunting only to properly licensed members of the Arizona National Guard and Navajo Army Depot civilian personnel holding a valid Navajo Army Depot hunting permit. Season dates and regulations must be obtained from the Arizona National Guard.

The Fort Huachuca Army Garrison in Unit 35A is open to hunting only to properly licensed military and Fort Huachuca civilian personnel holding a valid Fort Huachuca post hunting permit. Season dates and special regulations must be obtained from Fort Huachuca.

## One feathered wing

Sportsmen should note that one feathered wing (or head for sandhill crane only) must be left attached to all migratory game birds until they reach their final destination.

## Nontoxic shot

Possession of lead shot, including plated lead, is prohibited while hunting waterfowl (ducks, geese, coots, mergansers, and common moorhens). NONTOXIC shot is required for all waterfowl hunting in Arizona. NONTOXIC shot includes steel, bismuth, tungsten/iron, tungsten/polymer, tungsten-nickel-iron, tungsten matrix shot, tungsten/bronze, and tungsten/tin/bismuth.

## Banded birds

Hunters can report recovery of banded birds by calling 1-800-327-BAND (2263).

## Wildlife areas, county parks

For Restrictions for taking wildlife on Maricopa County Parks and Information on Status of Wildlife Areas (R12-4-802), see pages 60-61 and pages 65-66 of the Fall 2004-2005 Arizona Hunting Regulations.

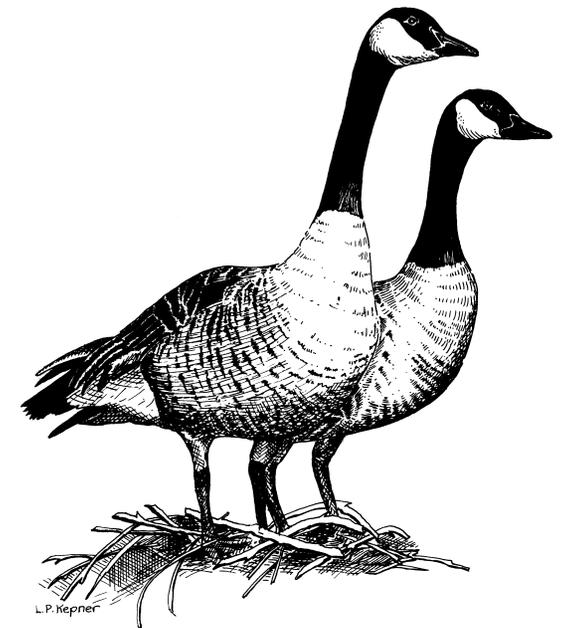
## Waterfowl hunting information

Detailed waterfowl hunting information is available by visiting the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Web site at [azgfd.com](http://azgfd.com) under the "Wildlife and Fish" link.

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# Arizona Waterfowl and Snipe Regulations

## 2004-2005



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# Commission Order 21: Waterfowl

## GENERAL WATERFOWL

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Mountain Zone			
Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Oct 8, 2004 - Jan 16, 2005	(1,2,3,4)	Game Management Units 1-5, 7, 9, 12A, and those portions of Game Management Units 6 and 8 within Coconino County	Ducks including mergansers, coots, and common moorhens (gallinules) excluding pintails and canvasbacks
Nov 18, 2004 - Jan 16, 2005	(1,2,3,4)	Game Management Units 1-5, 7, 9, 12A, and those portions of Game Management Units 6 and 8 within Coconino County	Pintails and canvasbacks
Oct 8, 2004 - Jan 16, 2005	(1,2,3,4)	Game Management Units 2-5, 7, 9, 12A, and those portions of Game Management Units 6 and 8 within Coconino County	White geese (snow, blue and Ross') and dark geese (Canada and white-fronted)
Desert Zone			
Oct 22, 2004 - Jan 30, 2005	(1,2,3,4,5)	Those portions of Game Management Units 6 and 8 within Yavapai County and Game Management Units 10 and 12B through 45	Ducks including mergansers, coots, and common moorhens (gallinules) excluding pintails and canvasbacks
Dec 2, 2004 - Jan 30, 2005	(1,2,3,4,5)	Those portions of Game Management Units 6 and 8 within Yavapai County and Game Management Units 10 and 12B through 45	Pintails and canvasbacks
Oct 22, 2004 - Jan 30, 2005	(1,2,3,4,5)	Those portions of Game Management Units 6 and 8 within Yavapai County and Game Management Units 10 and 12B through 45 EXCEPT Game Management Units 22, 23 and 27.	White geese (snow, blue and Ross') and dark geese (Canada and white-fronted)
Special Goose Seasons			
Dec 1, 2004 - Jan 16, 2005	(3,4)	Game Management Units 1 and 27	White geese (snow, blue and Ross') and dark geese (Canada and white-fronted)
Nov 15, 2004 - Jan 30, 2005	(3,4)	Game Management Units 22 and 23	White geese (snow, blue and Ross') and dark geese (Canada and white-fronted)

**LAWFUL TAKING DEVICE:** Shotgun, crossbow, bow and arrow or falconry as prescribed in R12-4-304.

**LICENSE REQUIRED:** Class F, G, or H license plus 2004-2005 Arizona Waterfowl Stamp. Falconers must be licensed pursuant to R12-4-422 or exempted pursuant to R12-4-407.

**SHOOTING HOURS:** One-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

**BAG LIMIT:** The daily bag limit of ducks, including mergansers: Seven (7) per day not to include more than: two (2)

redheads; one (1) pintail (during the prescribed pintail and canvasback season); one (1) canvasback (during the prescribed pintail and canvasback season); seven (7) mallards, no more than two (2) of which may be female or Mexican-like ducks; and four (4) scaup.

Coots and common moorhens (gallinules): Twenty-five (25) per day, singly or in the aggregate. Geese: Three (3) white geese (snow, blue and Ross' geese) per day and three (3) dark geese (Canada and white-fronted) per day.

**FALCONRY BAG LIMIT:** See Falconry-Only section.

**POSSESSION LIMIT:** The possession limit of ducks including mergansers: Fourteen (14) after opening day, only seven (7) of which may be taken any one day, but no more than:

- a. four (4) redheads
- b. four (4) female mallards or Mexican-like ducks
- c. two (2) pintails
- d. eight (8) scaup
- e. two (2) canvasbacks.

Coots and common moorhens (gallinules): Twenty-five (25) singly or in the aggregate.

Geese: Three (3) white geese (snow, blue and Ross' geese) and three (3) dark geese (Canada and white-fronted). In Yuma and La Paz counties and Game Management Units 13B, 15 and that portion of 16 lying within Mohave County, six (6) white geese and six (6) dark geese.

**FALCONRY POSSESSION LIMIT:** See Falconry-Only section.

## JUNIORS-ONLY WATERFOWL

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Mountain Zone			
Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Oct 2, 2004	(2,3)	Game Management Units 1-5, 7, 9, 12A, and those portions of Game Management Units 6 and 8 within Coconino County	Ducks including mergansers, geese, coots, and common moorhens (gallinules), excluding pintails and canvasbacks, white geese (snow, blue, and Ross') and dark geese (Canada and white-fronted geese)
Desert Zone			
Feb 5, 2005	(1,3)	Those portions of Game Management Units 6 and 8 within Yavapai County and Game Management Units 10 and 12B through 45	Ducks including mergansers, geese, coots, and common moorhens(gallinules) excluding pintails and canvasbacks, white geese (snow, blue, and Ross') and dark geese (Canada and white-fronted geese)

**LAWFUL TAKING DEVICE:** Shotgun, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

**LICENSE REQUIRED:** Class F, G, or H license required for participants age 14 and 15; participants under 14 need not be licensed if accompanied by a licensed adult as prescribed in A.R.S. 17-335.

**ELIGIBLE HUNTERS:** Pursuant to R12-4-318 persons are eligible to participate throughout the calendar year of their 17th birthday.

**SHOOTING HOURS:** One-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

**BAG LIMIT:** See General Waterfowl section.

### General and Juniors-only Waterfowl Notes:

1. Open areas include the Imperial, Cibola, Buenos Aires and Havasu National Wildlife Refuges EXCEPT for posted portions which shall be closed to all hunting. A fee may be required for hunting on National Wildlife Refuges; see refuge regulations.
2. Ashurst Lake in Management Unit 5B is closed to all waterfowl hunting.

3. All areas within Arizona are designated nontoxic shot zones. The use or possession of lead shot while waterfowl hunting is prohibited. Waterfowl includes ducks, geese, brant, swans and coots. Lead shot includes plated lead shot. Steel, bismuth, tungsten/iron, tungsten/polymer, tungsten-nickel-iron, tungsten matrix shot, tungsten/bronze, and tungsten/tin/bismuth are approved as nontoxic shot.

4. Persons 16 years of age or older must have in their possession a valid Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp when taking ducks and geese, and a signed 2004-2005

Arizona Waterfowl Stamp attached to their hunting license when taking ducks and geese. This stamp will automatically register the holder for the federal Harvest Information Program for the taking of ducks and geese. Persons 16 years of age and older must have in their possession a 2004-2005 Arizona Migratory Bird Stamp when taking coots and common moorhens pursuant to A.R.S. 17-333.03 and R12-4-203.

5. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 42M in the following described area: Those private lands lying just north of the Town of Cave Creek in Sections 10, 11, 12, 14, and 15 of Township 6 North, Range 3 East.

## FALCONRY-ONLY WATERFOWL

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Mountain Zone			
Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Oct 3 - Oct 7, 2004	(1, 2)	Game Management Units 1-5, 7, 9, 12A, and those portions of Game Management Units 6 and 8 within Coconino County	Ducks including mergansers, coots, and common moorhens (gallinules)
Desert Zone			
Jan 31- Feb 4, 2005	(2)	Those portions of Game Management Units 6 and 8 within Yavapai County and Game Management Units 10 and 12B through 45	Ducks including mergansers, coots, and common moorhens (gallinules)

**LAWFUL TAKING DEVICE:** Falconry as prescribed in R12-4-318 and R12-4-101.

**LICENSE REQUIRED:** Class F, G, or H license plus 2004-2005 Arizona Waterfowl Stamp. Persons 16 years of age or older must have in their possession a valid Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp when taking ducks and geese, and a signed 2004-2005 Arizona Waterfowl Stamp attached to their hunting license when taking ducks and geese. This stamp will automatically register the holder for the federal

Harvest Information Program for the taking of ducks and geese. Persons 16 years of age and older must have in their possession a 2004-2005 Arizona Migratory Bird Stamp when taking coots and common moorhens pursuant to A.R.S. 17-333.03 and R12-4-203. Falconers must be licensed pursuant to R12-4-422 or exempted pursuant to R12-4-407.

**HAWKING HOURS:** One-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

**BAG LIMIT:** Three (3) per day. Note: The aggregate falconry bag limit of all migratory game birds is three (3), comprised of any combination of migratory game bird species for which a general season, that includes falconry as a legal method of take, or a falconry-only season is open. Falconers should consult Commission Orders 19, 20, 21, and 22 for season dates and open areas.

The falconry bag limit is not in addition to the firearms bag limit.

**POSSESSION LIMIT:** Six (6) in the aggregate of all migratory game birds in season (Commission Orders 19 through 22) after opening day, of which no more than three (3) may be taken in any one day.

### Falconry-Only Waterfowl Notes:

1. Ashurst Lake in Management Unit 5B is closed to all waterfowl hunting.
2. Falconry hunting will not be permitted on National Wildlife Refuges.

## Commission Order 22: Common Snipe

### GENERAL COMMON SNIPE

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Oct 8, 2004 - Jan 16, 2005	(1,2)	Game Management Units 1-5, 7, 9, 12A, and those portions of Game Management Units 6 and 8 within Coconino County	Common Snipe
Oct 22, 2004 – Jan 30, 2005	(1,2)	Those portions of Game Management Units 6 and 8 within Yavapai County and Game Management Units 10 and 12B through 45	Common Snipe

**LAWFUL TAKING DEVICE:** Shotgun, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and by falconry.

**LICENSE REQUIRED:** Class F, G, or H license. Falconers must be licensed pursuant to R12-4-422 or exempted pursuant to R12-4-407.

**SHOOTING HOURS:** One-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

**BAG LIMIT:** Eight (8) common snipe per day.

**POSSESSION LIMIT:** Sixteen (16) common snipe after opening day, no more than eight (8) of which may have

been taken in any one day.

**FALCONRY BAG LIMIT:** Three (3) per day. Note: The aggregate falconry bag limit of all migratory game birds is three (3), comprised of any combination of migratory game bird species for which a general season, that includes falconry as a legal method of take, or a falconry-only season is open. Falconers should consult Commission Orders 19, 20, 21, and 22 for season dates and open areas.

The falconry bag limit is not in addition to the firearms bag limit.

**FALCONRY POSSESSION LIMIT:** Six (6) in the aggregate

of all migratory game birds in season (Commission Orders 19 through 22) after opening day, of which no more than three (3) may be taken in any one day.

**HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM (HIP):** As required by A.R.S. 17-333.03 and R12-4-203, Snipe hunters age 16 and older shall have in their possession a 2004-2005 Arizona Migratory Bird Stamp which will validate their license for the federal Harvest Information Program. The Arizona Migratory Bird Stamp may be obtained, for a cost of \$3.00 on or after July 1 of each year, from any Arizona Game and Fish Department office or wherever hunting licenses are sold.

### Notes:

1. Open areas include the Imperial, Cibola, Buenos Aires and Havasu National Wildlife Refuges EXCEPT for posted portions which shall be closed to all hunting. A fee may be required for hunting on National Wildlife Refuges, see refuge regulations.
2. Ashurst Lake in Unit 5B is closed to common snipe hunting.

## 2004-2005 Arizona Waterfowl Stamp

Please print clearly. Cost for this stamp is \$7.50

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
MONTH/DAY/YEAR

Name: Mr/Ms/Mrs \_\_\_\_\_  
(CIRCLE ONE) FIRST SUFFIX LAST MI.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS OR BOX NUMBER  
\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
(REQUIRED) MONTH/DAY/YEAR

1. Do you intend to hunt ducks or geese this season? ( ) No ( ) Yes

2. If you hunted these birds last season, about how many did you bag?

	<small>DID NOT HUNT</small>	<small>NONE</small>	<small>1-10</small>	<small>11-30</small>	<small>31+</small>
Ducks	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )
Geese	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )

3. Which of the following species did you hunt last season?

( ) Coots ( ) Moorhens ( ) Snipe

**TO ORDER BY MAIL:** Mail this form to any Arizona Game and Fish Department office. Please allow 2-3 weeks for delivery. You must include a check or money order in the amount of \$7.50. This stamp will be available at all license dealers beginning July 1 each year.

## 2004-2005 Arizona Migratory Bird Stamp

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
MONTH/DAY/YEAR

Name: Mr/Ms/Mrs \_\_\_\_\_  
(CIRCLE ONE) FIRST SUFFIX LAST MI.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS OR BOX NUMBER  
\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
(REQUIRED) MONTH/DAY/YEAR

1. Do you intend to hunt doves, coots, moorhen, snipe or blue grouse this season?  
( ) No ( ) Yes

2. Will you hunt band-tailed pigeons this season? ( ) No ( ) Yes

3. If you hunted these birds last season, about how many did you bag?

	<small>DID NOT HUNT</small>	<small>NONE</small>	<small>1-10</small>	<small>11-30</small>	<small>31+</small>
Doves	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )
Band-tailed pigeon	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )

4. Which of the following species did you hunt last season?

( ) Coots ( ) Moorhens ( ) Snipe ( ) Blue Grouse

**TO ORDER BY MAIL:** Mail this form to any Arizona Game and Fish Department office. Please allow 2-3 weeks for delivery. You must include a check or money order in the amount of \$3.00. This stamp will be available at all license dealers beginning July 1 each year.

## Sunrise/Sunset for 2004/2005

(Times shown are for central Arizona. Figure up to nine minutes earlier for eastern areas, nine minutes later for western areas.)

DATE	RISE	SET
Oct. 1, 2004	6:23	6:12
Oct. 8, 2004	6:28	6:03
Oct. 15, 2004	6:33	5:54
Oct. 22, 2004	6:39	5:46
Oct. 29, 2004	6:45	5:39
Nov. 5, 2004	6:51	5:32
Nov. 12, 2004	6:58	5:27
Nov. 19, 2004	7:04	5:23
Nov. 26, 2004	7:10	5:21
Dec. 3, 2004	7:17	5:20
Dec. 10, 2004	7:22	5:21
Dec. 17, 2004	7:27	5:23
Dec. 24, 2004	7:30	5:26
Dec. 31, 2004	7:32	5:31
Jan. 7, 2005	7:33	5:37
Jan. 14, 2005	7:33	5:43
Jan. 21, 2005	7:30	5:49
Jan. 27, 2005	7:27	5:55
Feb. 3, 2005	7:23	6:02

