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Indiana Migratory Bird Hunting Seasons Announced

IDNR report

Indiana's migratory bird hunting seasons for 2023-2024 have been submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The hunting seasons include those for mourning dove, waterfowl (i.e., ducks, coots, mergansers, and geese), woodcock, snipe, and sora rails.

Species	Area	Segment 1	Segment 2	Segment 3
Mourning dove	Statewide	Sept. 1 - Oct. 15	Nov. 1 – 26	Dec. 16 – Jan. 3
Woodcock	Statewide	Oct. 15 – Nov. 28		
Snipe	Statewide	Sept. 1 – Dec. 16		
Sora rail	Statewide	Sept. 1 – Nov. 9		
Early teal	Statewide	Sept. 9 – 24		
Ducks, coots, and mergansers	North Zone	Oct. 28 – Dec. 17	Dec. 26 – Jan. 3	
	Central Zone	Nov. 4 – 12	Nov. 24 – Jan. 13	
	South Zone	Nov. 11 – 12	Dec. 2 – Jan. 28	
Geese (Canada, brant, white-fronted, snow, and Ross's)	North Zone	Sept. 9 – 17	Oct. 28 - Nov. 5	Nov. 18 – Feb. 11
	Central Zone	Sept. 9 – 17	Nov. 4 – 18	Nov. 24 – Feb. 11
	South Zone	Sept. 9 – 17	Nov. 11 – Feb. 11	
Youth and veteran only hunting days	North Zone	Oct. 21 – 22		
	Central Zone	Oct. 28 – 29		
	South Zone	Nov. 4 – 5		

The bag limit for dark geese may include any combination of five per day. Dark geese are Canada geese, white-fronted geese, and brant geese, with no limitations by species. The daily bag limit for light geese (snow and Ross's geese) remains 20.

There are no changes in duck bag limits from 2022-23. This includes the scaup daily bag limit, which is one during the first 15 days of the season, and two for the remainder of the season.

Note that in the central zone this year, the second segment of the duck season and the third segment of the goose season opens on the Friday after Thanksgiving. The duck season closes on Saturday, Jan. 13. Past Indiana waterfowl hunter surveys indicated that Indiana duck hunters strongly preferred for the hunting season to open on the Friday after Thanksgiving rather than the Saturday.

Find more information about the migratory game bird hunting seasons and regulations at on.IN.gov/gamebird-seasons.