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Newfoundland and Labrador

Migratory Birds Hunting Regulations, 2013–2014

Summary



The information presented here is a summary of the law. For complete information on fines, general prohibitions, permitted hunting methods and equipment, the requirement to have adequate means to retrieve birds immediately, restrictions on the use of bait, the description of hunting zones and other restrictions on hunting, please refer to the *Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994* and *Migratory Birds Regulations*. These, along with other useful information for hunters, can be found on the Environment Canada website (www.ec.gc.ca), or you may contact:

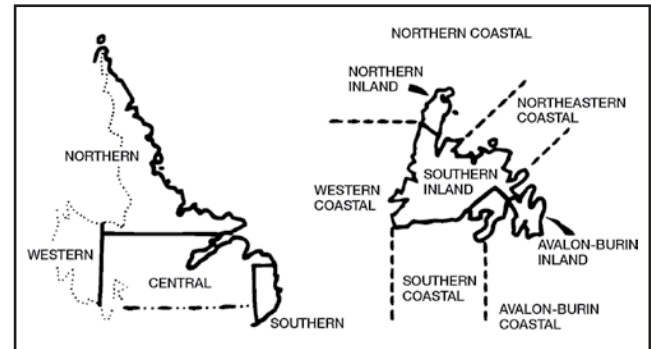
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You are required to possess a valid federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit with a Canadian Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp to hunt migratory birds in Canada. This permit and stamp are valid in all provinces and territories. The Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, and the Nunatsiavut Government, have additional licence requirements for hunting migratory birds and/or to carry firearms. To know what you require, and if there are further restrictions for hunting migratory birds, please verify the applicable regulations for the province/territory where you will be hunting. Note that all required permits and licences must be in your possession while you are hunting.

Consultation Process and Migratory Birds Regulatory Reports

The hunting provisions of the *Migratory Birds Regulations* are reviewed annually by Environment Canada, with input from the provinces and territories, as well as a range of other interested stakeholders. Environment Canada has developed a consultation process for establishing hunting regulations for migratory birds, and annually publishes the Migratory Birds Regulatory Report Series that can be found on the Environment Canada website (www.ec.gc.ca).

Waterfowl and Snipe Hunting Zones



“Coastal” refers to that portion of the coast lying within 100 metres of the mean ordinary high-water mark, including the coastal portions of offshore islands and the adjacent marine coastal waters.

IMPORTANT UPDATES TO THE HUNTING REGULATIONS FOR NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

Daily bag limits for American Black Ducks in Newfoundland – Increased daily bag limit for American Black Ducks in the early part of the hunting season.

Possession limit for ducks – The possession limit for most ducks increases from 2 to 3 times the daily bag. **Note** this increase **does not apply** to mergansers, Long-tailed Ducks, Harlequin Ducks, eiders and scoters **in Newfoundland, or** to mergansers, Harlequin Ducks, eiders and scoters **in Labrador** – The possession limits remain 2 times the daily bag for these species.

Introduction of Waterfowler Heritage Days across Labrador – Waterfowler Heritage Days are now in all zones across Labrador.

Increase in season length for ducks in Labrador – With the exception of mergansers, Harlequin Ducks, eiders and scoters.

Barrow’s Goldeneye is listed in the *Species at Risk Act* as a species of special concern, and the **bag and possession limit of 1** remains in place.

For complete details regarding the 2013–2014 hunting season, please refer to the Open Season and Bag and Possession Limit tables below.

Waterfowler Heritage Day provides young hunters under the age of majority with the opportunity to practice hunting and outdoor skills, learn about wildlife conservation, and reinforce safety training in a structured, supervised environment. Licensed adult hunters who serve as mentors have an opportunity to pass on their considerable skills and knowledge by offering guidance and advice to younger hunters. The following rules are in effect:

- to participate, young hunters under the age of majority do not require the federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit;
- young participants must comply with all existing safety and licensing requirements found in the *Firearms Act* and provincial hunting regulations;
- participants must be accompanied by a licensed mentor over the age of majority; and
- mentors may not hunt or carry a firearm, and may accompany no more than two young hunters.

Murre (turr) hunters: All hunters must purchase and be in possession of a Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit and a Habitat Conservation Stamp while hunting murre. This hunt is only open to **residents** of Newfoundland and Labrador. Murre are the only migratory bird that can be legally hunted from a power boat. Any occupant of a boat who shoots or retrieves murre, or anyone who operates a boat to pursue murre, is hunting as defined in the *Migratory Birds Regulations* and is **required** to hold a Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit.

In Newfoundland and Labrador, **non-toxic shot must be used** to hunt migratory game birds, except for murre (turrs). For those birds still hunted with lead shot, remove the lead shot before cooking whenever possible in order to reduce your exposure to contaminants.

HELPFUL TIP

Canadians may be exposed to avian-borne viruses when hunting or handling migratory birds and other wild game. Environment Canada recommends the following website, maintained by the Public Health Agency of Canada, for information about minimizing the risk of exposure: www.phac-aspc.gc.ca

CRIME STOPPERS

Hunting violations may be reported to Environment Canada Wildlife Enforcement at 709-772-7040, your local RCMP detachment, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

OPEN SEASONS ON THE ISLAND OF NEWFOUNDLAND (No open season for Harlequin Ducks**)

Area	Ducks, including mergansers (other than Long-tailed Ducks,* Harlequin Ducks,** eiders and scoters), geese and snipe	Long-tailed Ducks,* eiders and scoters
All coastal zones	Sept. 21 to Dec. 28, 2013 WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAY: Sept. 14, 2013	Nov. 23, 2013, to Feb. 28, 2014
All inland zones	Sept. 21 to Dec. 28, 2013 WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAY: Sept. 14, 2013	No open season

* Long-tailed Duck is the current name for Oldsquaw.

** Harlequin Ducks are also known locally as Lords and Ladies, White-eyed Divers or Squeakers.

BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS ON THE ISLAND OF NEWFOUNDLAND

Limits	Ducks (other than mergansers, Long-tailed Ducks,* Harlequin Ducks,** eiders and scoters)	Mergansers	Long-tailed Ducks,* eiders and scoters	Geese	Snipe
Daily bag	6(a)	6	6	5	10
Possession	18(b)	12	12	10	20

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(a) Not more than 1 Barrow's Goldeneye and, during the period beginning on November 29 and ending on December 28, 2013, not more than 4 may be American Black Ducks.

(b) Not more than 1 may be Barrow's Goldeneye.

OPEN SEASONS IN LABRADOR (No open season for Harlequin Ducks**)

Area	Ducks (other than Harlequin Ducks** and eiders), geese and snipe	Eiders
Northern Labrador Zone	Sept. 7 to Dec. 21, 2013 WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAY: Sept. 7, 2013	Sept. 28, 2013, to Jan. 11, 2014
Western Labrador Zone	Sept. 7 to Dec. 21, 2013 WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAY: Sept. 7, 2013	No open season
Southern Labrador Zone	Sept. 7 to Dec. 21, 2013 WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAY: Sept. 7, 2013	Nov. 23, 2013, to Feb. 28, 2014
Central Labrador Zone	Sept. 7 to Dec. 21, 2013 WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAY: Sept. 7, 2013	Oct. 26 to Nov. 30, 2013, and Jan. 4 to Feb. 28, 2014

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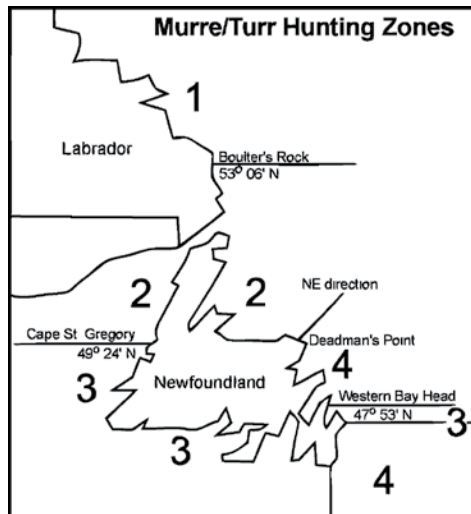
BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS IN LABRADOR

Limits	Ducks (other than mergansers, Harlequin Ducks, ** eiders and scoters)	Mergansers, scoters and eiders	Geese	Snipe
Daily bag	6(a)	6	5	10
Possession	18(b)	12	10	20

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(a) Not more than 1 may be Barrow's Goldeneye.

(b) Not more than 1 may be Barrow's Goldeneye.



OPEN SEASONS IN NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR (Murre/Turrs)

Area	Murres
Zone No. 1	Sept. 1 to Dec. 16, 2013
Zone No. 2	Oct. 6, 2013, to Jan. 20, 2014
Zone No. 3	Nov. 25, 2013, to Mar. 10, 2014
Zone No. 4	Nov. 3, 2013, to Jan. 10, 2014, and Feb. 2 to Mar. 10, 2014

BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS IN NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR (Murre/Turrs)

Limits	Murres
Daily bag	20
Possession	40

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