



Migratory Birds Hunting Regulations, 2015–2016

Summary



The information presented here is a summary of the law. If there is a discrepancy between the law and this summary, the law prevails. 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 the *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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Canadian Wildlife Service
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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. Most provinces and territories 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.

If you need more information to determine in which hunting zone you are located, please visit:
www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/wildlife/hunting/index.html

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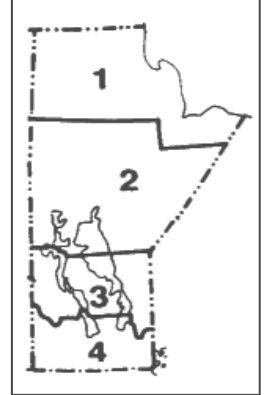
The hunting provisions of the *Migratory Birds Regulations* are reviewed by Environment Canada, with input from the provinces and territories, as well as a range of other interested stakeholders. Environment Canada has developed a consultation process for establishing hunting regulations for migratory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

Waterfowler Heritage Days provide young hunters under the age of majority (12 to 17 years) with the opportunity to practise 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.

In Manitoba, **non-toxic shot must be used** to hunt migratory game birds, except for woodcock. Within National Wildlife Areas, the possession of lead shot is prohibited for all hunting, including the hunting of migratory birds and upland game birds. Hunters should consult provincial or territorial regulations for additional restrictions. For those birds still hunted with lead shot, remove the lead shot before cooking in order to reduce your exposure to contaminants.

Game Bird Hunting Zones



OPEN SEASONS IN MANITOBA

Game Bird Hunting Zone	Ducks, geese, coots, snipe and Sandhill Cranes WATERFOWLER HERITAGE DAYS	Ducks, geese, coots and snipe RESIDENTS OF CANADA	Ducks, Canada Geese, Cackling Geese, White-fronted Geese, Brant, coots and snipe NON-RESIDENTS OF CANADA	Sandhill Cranes	Snow and Ross's Geese NON-RESIDENTS OF CANADA	American Woodcock
Zone 1	Sept. 1 to Sept. 7, 2015(a)	Sept. 1 to Oct. 31, 2015(a)	Sept. 1 to Oct. 31, 2015	Sept. 1 to Nov. 30, 2015	Sept. 1 to Oct. 31, 2015(a)	N/A
Zone 2	Sept. 1 to Sept. 7, 2015(a)	Sept. 1 to Nov. 30, 2015(a)	Sept. 8 to Nov. 30, 2015	Sept. 1 to Nov. 30, 2015	Sept. 8 to Nov. 30, 2015(a)	N/A
Zone 3	Sept. 1 to Sept. 7, 2015(a)	Sept. 1 to Nov. 30, 2015(a)	Sept. 24 to Nov. 30, 2015	Sept. 1 to Nov. 30, 2015	Sept. 17 to Nov. 30, 2015(a)	Sept. 8 to Nov. 30, 2015
Zone 4	Sept. 1 to Sept. 7, 2015(a)	Sept. 1 to Nov. 30, 2015(a)	Sept. 24 to Nov. 30, 2015	Sept. 1 to Nov. 30, 2015	Sept. 17 to Nov. 30, 2015(a)	Sept. 8 to Nov. 30, 2015

(a) Recorded Snow Goose and Ross's Goose calls may be used when hunting Snow Geese and Ross's Geese; any species of migratory bird for which it is open season may be taken while hunting Snow Geese and Ross's Geese with those calls.

BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS IN MANITOBA

Limits	Ducks RESIDENTS OF CANADA	Ducks NON-RESIDENTS OF CANADA	Snow Geese and Ross's Geese	Canada Geese, Cackling Geese, White-fronted Geese and Brant RESIDENTS OF CANADA	Canada Geese, Cackling Geese, White-fronted Geese and Brant NON-RESIDENTS OF CANADA	Sandhill Cranes	Coots	Snipe	Woodcock RESIDENTS OF CANADA	Woodcock NON-RESIDENTS OF CANADA
Daily bag	8	8(a)	50	8(c)	5(d)	5	8	10	8	4
Possession	24	24(b)	No limit	24	15(e)	15	24	30	24	12

(a) In Game Bird Hunting Zone 4, not more than 4 may be Redheads or Canvasbacks or any combination of them.

(b) In Game Bird Hunting Zone 4, not more than 12 may be Redheads or Canvasbacks or any combination of them.

(c) In provincial Game Hunting Area 38, as described in the *Hunting Areas and Zones Regulations* (220/86) of the Province of Manitoba, made under the *Wildlife Act* (C.C.S.M., c. W130), up to 4 additional Canada Geese, Cackling Geese, White-fronted Geese or Brant, or any combination of them, may be taken daily during the period beginning on September 1 and ending on September 23, 2015, inclusive.

(d) Except in Game Bird Hunting Zone 1, where the daily bag limit is 8.

(e) Except in Game Bird Hunting Zone 1, where the possession limit is 24.

NOTE

The open season for non-residents of Canada in Game Bird Hunting Zone 4 and in provincial Game Hunting Areas 13A, 14, 14A, that portion of Game Hunting Area 16 south of the north limit of Township 33 and Areas 18, 18A, 18B, 18C, 19, 19A, 19B, 20, 21A, 23A and 25 as described in Manitoba's *Hunting Areas and Zones Regulation* 220/86, of the Province of Manitoba, made under the *Wildlife Act* (C.C.S.M., c. W130), includes:

- in respect of Canada Geese, Cackling Geese, White-fronted Geese and Brant, only that part of each day from one half-hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon, local time, from the opening date (September 24, 2015) up to and including the second Sunday in October (October 11, 2015), and, after that period, from one half-hour before sunrise until one half-hour after sunset; and
- in respect of Snow Geese and Ross's Geese, only that part of each day from one half-hour before sunrise until one half-hour after sunset.

OVERABUNDANT SPECIES

The *Migratory Birds Regulations* also provide for special conservation periods when hunters may take overabundant species. Please note that additional hunting methods or equipment are permitted during the special conservation periods. See the table below for details.

MEASURES IN MANITOBA CONCERNING OVERABUNDANT SPECIES

Game Bird Hunting Zone	Period during which Snow Geese and Ross's Geese may be killed	Additional hunting method or equipment
Zone 1	Aug. 15 to Aug. 31, 2015, and Apr. 1 to June 15, 2016	Recorded bird calls(a)
Zones 2, 3 and 4	Mar. 15 to May 31, 2016	Recorded bird calls(a)

(a) "Recorded bird calls" refers to bird calls of a species referred to in the heading of column 2.

NOTE

Hunters interested in participating in the spring conservation harvest of Snow and Ross's Geese should keep their 2015–2016 federal permits.