

Washington State Migratory Waterfowl & Upland Game Seasons



2009-2010 Pamphlet Edition

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License Fees & Information

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License requirements and fees are set by the Washington State Legislature. Licenses are based on an April 1-March 31 license year. All license documents are subject to a dealer fee. There are no senior citizen discounts on hunting licenses, tags, or permits.

A small game license allows the holder to hunt for wild animals and wild birds, except big game (see the Big Game Hunting Seasons & Regulations pamphlet for big game hunting license information). Forest grouse and unclassified wildlife (including coyote) may be hunted with either a small or big game license. A small game license includes a prorated surcharge for Eastern Washington pheasant enhancement.

License Types	Resident	Non-Resident	Youth (under 16) & Disabled Residents*
Small Game License	\$36.00	\$180.00	\$18.00
With Purchase of Big Game License	\$19.20	\$96.00	\$9.60
3-day Small Game License	n/a	\$60.00	n/a
Primary Turkey Tag	\$16.80	\$48.00	Free
Additional Turkey Tags	\$16.80	\$72.00	\$10.80
Western WA Pheasant License (full season)**	\$90.00	\$180.00	\$42.00
Western WA Pheasant (3-days only)**	\$42.00	\$84.00	n/a
Migratory Bird Validation***	\$12.00	\$12.00	Free
Migratory Bird Stamp (state) w/ validation***	Free	Free	Free
Multiple-Season Tag (random drawing)	\$180.00	\$1,800.00	\$180.00
Trapping License (sold only by WDFW Licensing in Olympia)	\$36.00	\$180.00	\$15.00
Taxidermist License (sold only by WDFW Licensing in Olympia)	\$180.00	n/a	n/a

*To qualify for reduced license fees you must be a youth hunter or a resident: veteran with 30% service connected disability; veteran 65 or older with a service connected disability; that permanently uses a wheelchair; that is blind or visually impaired; or with a developmental disability as defined in RCW 77.32.480. Reduced fee applications are available online at https://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/wdfw/disability_apps.html or by calling (360) 902-2464. Allow two weeks for your application to be processed.

** A Small Game License is no longer required to hunt pheasants in western Washington. For 2009, if you have already purchased a Small Game License and a western Washington punch card, they will be treated the same as the Western WA Pheasant License and you may lawfully hunt pheasants in western Washington, but are not required to record the pheasants harvested.

***Washington Migratory Bird Stamps (Duck Stamps) are available for free by sending proof of validation purchase and self-addressed stamped envelope to the WDFW, Licensing Division, by March 31, 2010. Stamps may be purchased at license vendors, but will be mailed from the WDFW Licensing Division.

MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Species	Adult	Youth (under 16)
Duck, Goose	Small game license, federal stamp, state validation, *authorization	Small game license, free state validation, *authorization
Dove, band-tail, coot, snipe	Small game license, state validation, *authorization	Small game license, free state validation, *authorization

In addition to a small game license, all hunters of migratory game birds (ducks, geese, doves, coots, and snipe) are required to complete a Harvest Information Program (HIP) survey at a license dealer, and possess a state migratory bird validation as evidence of compliance with this requirement when hunting migratory game birds. All duck and goose hunters 16 and over must also possess a federal migratory bird stamp, signed in ink across the front. Federal stamps can be purchased at selected license dealers, all post offices, all National Wildlife Refuges, by calling 1-800-STAMP24, or ordered online at duckstamps.fws.gov. State migratory bird validations can be purchased at license dealers. Stamps can be purchased at license dealers, but will be mailed from the WDFW Licensing Division. *Authorizations required for some species/areas (see page 16-17).

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This pamphlet is a summary of the hunting seasons & regulations (chapters 232-12, 232-13, 232-16, & 232-28 of the Washington Administrative Code) adopted by the Fish and Wildlife Commission. This pamphlet does not contain nor is it intended to contain all department regulations. Regulations specific to the hunting seasons described in this pamphlet are found in sections 232-28-433 & 232-28-342 of the Washington Administrative Code.

CAUTION: Emergency regulation changes may occur while the seasons described in this pamphlet are in effect and will supersede information contained herein. Area news media will be informed of changes as they occur.

2009-2010 Migratory Game Bird Seasons

Species	Area	Season Dates (inclusive)/Restrictions	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
**Ducks	Statewide	Sept. 26-27 (Youth Hunting Only ^a)	7 ^b	14 ^b
		Oct. 17-21 & Oct. 24 - Jan. 31 except scaup closed Oct. 17-Nov. 6	7 ^b	14 ^b
Coots	Statewide	Sept. 26-27 (Youth Hunting Only ^a)	25	25
		Oct. 17-21 & Oct. 24 - Jan. 31	25	25
Snipe	Statewide	Oct. 17-21 & Oct. 24 - Jan. 31	8	16
Canada Geese	Goose Mgmt. Areas 1 & 3	Sept. 10-15	5	10
	Goose Mgmt. Area 2A	Sept. 10-15	3	6
	Goose Mgmt. Area 2B	Sept. 1-15	5	10
	Goose Mgmt. Areas 4 & 5	September season closed - see page 27 for more information		
	Statewide (except Goose Mgmt. Areas 2A & 2B)	Sept. 26-27 (Youth Hunting Only ^a)	4	8
Geese (except Brant) For Goose Mgmt. Areas 1, 2A, & 2B authorization requirements, see pages 16 & 17.	Goose Mgmt. Area 1	Snow, Ross', or Blue Geese: Oct. 17 - Jan. 31	4	8
		Other geese: Oct. 17-29 & Nov. 7 - Jan. 31		
	Goose Mgmt. Area 2A	All areas except Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge: 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturdays, Sundays, & Wednesdays only Nov. 14-29 & Dec. 9 - Jan. 31 except closed Dec. 25 & Jan. 1	4 ^c	8 ^c
		Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge: 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Saturdays only Nov. 19-28 & Dec. 10 - Jan. 31 except closed Nov. 26	4 ^c	8 ^c
	Goose Mgmt. Area 2B	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturdays, & Wednesdays only Oct. 17 - Jan. 16	4 ^c	8 ^c
	Goose Mgmt. Area 3	Oct. 17-29 & Nov. 7 - Jan. 31	4	8
	Goose Mgmt. Area 4	Saturdays, Sundays, & Wednesdays only: Oct. 17 - Jan. 24 Nov. 11, 26, 27; Dec. 25, 28, 29, 31; Jan. 1, 18, & every day Jan. 25-31	4	8
	Goose Mgmt. Area 5	Oct. 17-21 & Oct. 24 - Jan. 31	4	8
**Brant	Skagit County	Jan. 16, 17, 20, 23, 24, 27, 30, 31 Note: If the Skagit County 2009-10 pre-season brant population is below 6,000 (determined by early January survey), this season will be canceled.	2	4
	Pacific County	Jan. 9, 10, 12, 14, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23, 24	2	4
**Band-tailed Pigeon	Statewide	Sept. 15-23	2	4
Mourning Dove	Statewide	Sept. 1-30	10	20
Swans	Closed Statewide			

** See page 16-17 for hunting authorization requirements.

a Special youth hunting season open to hunters under 16 years of age (must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years old who is not hunting).

b **Daily bag limit:** to include not more than 2 hen mallard, 2 pintail, 3 scaup (see restricted dates above), 1 canvasback, 2 redhead, 1 harlequin, 4 scoter, & 4 long-tailed duck.

Possession limit: to include not more than 4 hen mallard, 4 pintail, 6 scaup (see restricted dates above), 2 canvasback, 4 redhead, 1 harlequin, 8 scoter, & 8 long-tailed duck.

Season limit: 1 harlequin.

c **Daily bag limit:** to include not more than 1 dusky Canada goose & 2 cackling geese, except not more than 1 Aleutian goose in Pacific County

Possession limit: to include not more than 1 dusky Canada goose & 4 cackling geese, except not more than 2 Aleutian geese in Pacific County

Season limit: 1 dusky Canada goose. A dusky Canada goose is defined as a dark breasted (Munsell 10 YR, 5 or less) Canada goose with a culmen (bill) length of 40-50 mm. A cackling goose is defined as a goose with a culmen (bill) length of 32 mm or less.

Migratory Game Bird Season Summary

	September 2009	October 2009	November 2009	December 2009	January 2010	License
Duck, coot, snipe (statewide)						
Youth hunt (except snipe)	26-27					s, sm
General Season (except Scaup)		17-21 24			31	s, fm, sm
Goose (except brant)						
September Canada goose Area 1, 2A, & 3	10-15					s, fm, sm
September Canada goose Area 2B	1-15					s, fm, sm
September Canada goose Areas 4 & 5	Closed see page 27					
Youth Canada goose (except closed in 2A & 2B)	26-27					s, sm
Mgmt. Area 1 Snow, Ross', Blue Geese		17			31	s, fm, sm, sn
Mgmt. Area 1 other geese		17-29	7		31	s, fm, sm
Mgmt. Area 2A			14	Selected Dates	31	s, fm, sm, ca
Mgmt. Area 2B		17		Selected Dates	16	s, fm, sm, ca
Mgmt. Area 3		17-29	7		31	s, fm, sm
Mgmt. Area 4		17		Selected Dates	31	s, fm, sm
Mgmt. Area 5		17-21 24			31	s, fm, sm
Brant						
Skagit County					Selected Dates 16-31	s, fm, sm, br
Pacific County					Selected Dates 9-24	s, fm, sm, br
Band-tailed Pigeon (statewide)	15-23					s, sm, bt
Mourning Dove (statewide)	1	30				s, sm
Key to license and other requirements:						
bt = band-tailed pigeon authorization; br = brant authorization; ca = Canada goose authorization; fm = federal migratory bird stamp (not required for youth hunters); s = small game license; sm = state migratory bird validation (free for youth hunters); sn = snow goose authorization (See page 16-17 for hunting authorization requirements.)						

2009 Migratory Bird Stamps and Prints

ORDER YOURS TODAY!

Proceeds from the sale of Washington migratory bird validation stamps, and limited edition artwork are used to improve habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds in Washington. Prints are available through Steiner Prints at (800) 225-3971 and stamps are sold through WDFW license vendors. For more information on the state migratory bird stamp program, see page 41 or wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/game/water/duckstmp.htm.

Duck Stamp Artwork by Robert Steiner



Washington Waterfowl Advisory Group

The Washington Waterfowl Advisory Group (WAG) was formed by WDFW in early 2003 to increase citizen involvement in the management of Washington's waterfowl resources. This group has 20 members from a broad representation of waterfowl hunters throughout the state. Semiannual meetings are scheduled to provide advice to the department on a variety of topics, including planned expenditures of state migratory bird stamp revenues, waterfowl seasons, public access, and other topics. To learn more about the WAG or to contact a representative in your area, please contact the WDFW Waterfowl Section at (360) 902-2515. If you have comments to pass on to a WAG representative in your area, please email them to wildthing@dfw.wa.gov. State that the comments are for WAG, and note your county of residence.

2009-2010 Upland Game Seasons

Species	Area	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Forest Grouse (Blue, Ruffed, and Spruce)	Statewide	Sept. 1-Dec. 31	4 of any species	12 of any species
Sage and Sharp-tailed grouse, Ptarmigan	Closed Statewide			
Pheasant ^a	Western Washington	Sept. 26 & 27 (youth only ^b)	2 either sex	4 either sex
		Sept. 28-Oct. 2 (hunters 65 years or older only)	2 either sex	10 either sex
	Western Washington Regular Season	8:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 3-Nov. 30 except Dungeness Recreation Area site starting Oct. 3 and ending Nov. 30	2 either sex	15 either sex
	Western Washington Extended Season (no pheasants released)	8:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 1-15 ONLY at Skookumchuck, Fort Lewis, Kosmos, Scatter Creek, Belfair, Whidbey Island (except Bayview), & Lincoln Creek release sites	2 either sex	15 either sex
	Eastern Washington	Sept. 26 & 27 (youth only ^b)	3 cocks only	6 cocks only
Oct. 24 - Jan. 18		3 cocks only	15 cocks only	
California (Valley) Quail and Northern Bobwhite	Western Washington	Oct. 3 - Nov. 30	10 mixed bag	30 mixed bag
	Eastern Washington	Sept. 26 & 27 (youth only ^b)	10 mixed bag	30 mixed bag
		Oct. 3 - Jan. 18	10 mixed bag	30 mixed bag
Quail (Mountain)	Western Washington	Oct. 3 - Nov. 30	2	4
	Eastern Washington	Closed throughout Eastern Washington		
Partridge (Chukar & Gray)	Eastern Washington	Sept. 26 & 27 (youth only ^b)	6 chukar & 6 gray	12 chukar & 12 gray
		Oct. 3 - Jan. 18	6 chukar & 6 gray	18 chukar & 18 gray
Cottontail and Snowshoe Hare	Statewide	Sept. 1 - Mar. 15	5 mixed bag	15 mixed bag
Jackrabbit and Pygmy Rabbit	Closed Statewide			
Crow	Statewide	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31	No limit	No limit
Turkey ^c See the Big Game Hunting Regulations & Spring Turkey Pamphlet for more information on turkey hunting.	GMUs 105-124	Sept. 26 - Oct. 9	2 beardless turkeys (in addition to other fall turkey harvest)	
	GMUs 101, 127-133	Sept. 26 - Oct. 9	1 turkey during the fall general & permit seasons combined.	
	GMUs 105-124	Nov. 20 - Dec. 15	1 either sex	
	Statewide	April 3-4 (youth only ^b)	See Spring Turkey Pamphlet	
April 15 - May 31		See Spring Turkey Pamphlet		

Beaver, badger, weasels, martin, mink, muskrat, and river otter cannot be hunted – See Trapping Regulations.

^aBeginning in 2009, pheasants will no longer be released for hunting at the Skagit and Leque Island release sites. The change is necessary because these lands are part of tidal wetland restoration projects and pheasant hunting on the sites is no longer possible. Refer to the WDFW website (wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/game_species/upland_birds/index.html) for more information.

^bSpecial youth hunting season open to hunters under 16 years of age (must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years old who is not hunting).

^cBeginning with the 2009 Fall turkey seasons, hunters must use #4 shot or smaller to hunt turkey. Anyone with a small game license and a valid turkey transport tag may participate. By January 31, 2010, hunters must report their hunting activity for each turkey tag acquired by calling toll free 1-877-945-3492 or online at www.fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov. See the Big Game Hunting Seasons & Rules pamphlet (page 15) for more information on mandatory harvest reporting requirements.

Wild Turkey - Fall Special Permit Hunts

Who May Participate: Anyone drawn in the June 2009 special permit drawing.

EARLY FALL PERMIT SEASON					
Hunt Choice	Hunt Name	Hunt Area	Season Dates	Bag Limit/Legal Bird	2009 Permits
3001	Blue Mountains East	GMUs 145, 172-186	Sept. 26 - Oct. 9	1 either sex turkey during the early fall general and permit seasons combined	300
3002	Blue Mountains West	GMUs 149-163			400
3003	Klickitat	GMUs 382, 388, 568-578			150
LATE FALL PERMIT SEASON					
3004	Methow	GMUs 218-231, 242	Nov. 15 - Dec. 15	1 either sex during late fall permit season	50

Upland Game Season Summary

	September 2009	October 2009	November 2009	December 2009	January 2010	License
Forest Grouse (statewide)	1			31		s or b
Pheasant (westside)						
Youth Hunters	26-27					s, p
Hunters 65 & older	28-2					s, p
General Season		3	30	1-15 <small>Selected Areas</small>		s, p
Pheasant (eastside)						
Youth Hunters	26-27					s
General Season		24			18	s
California Quail, Bobwhite (westside)		3	30			s
California Quail, Bobwhite, Chukar, & Gray Partridge (eastside)						
Youth Hunters	26-27					s
General Season		3			18	s
Key to license and other requirements: b = big game; p = western Washington pheasant license; s = small game license						

2009-2010 Falconry Seasons

Species	Area	Season Dates (inclusive)	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Upland Game Birds & Forest Grouse	Statewide	Aug. 1 - Mar. 15 (falconry)	2 pheasants (either sex), 6 partridge. 5 California (valley) quail or bobwhite, 2 mountain quail (W. WA only), & 3 forest grouse	Twice the daily bag
Mourning Dove	Statewide	Sept. 1 - Dec. 16 (falconry)	3 mourning doves, straight or mixed bag with snipe, coots, ducks, and geese during established seasons	Twice the daily bag
Cottontail and Snowshoe hare	Statewide	Aug. 1 - Mar. 15 (falconry)	5 cottontail or snowshoe hares, straight or mixed bag	15
Ducks, Coots, and Snipe	Statewide	Oct. 17-29 & Oct. 24 - Jan. 31 (falconry)	3, straight or mixed bag with geese and mourning doves during established seasons	Twice the daily bag
Geese	Goose Mgmt Area 1	Oct. 17 - Jan. 31 for Snow, Ross', or Blue Geese; Oct. 17-29 & Nov. 7 - Jan. 31 for other geese (falconry)	3, (except Brant) straight or mixed bag with ducks, coots, snipe, and mourning doves during established seasons	Twice the daily bag
	Goose Mgmt Area 2A	Wednesdays, Saturdays, & Sundays Nov. 14-29 & Dec. 9 - Jan. 31 (falconry)	3, (except Brant) straight or mixed bag with ducks, coots, snipe, and mourning doves during established seasons	Twice the daily bag
	Goose Mgmt Area 2B	Wednesdays & Saturdays Oct. 17 - Jan. 17 (falconry)	3, (except Brant) straight or mixed bag with ducks, coots, snipe, and mourning doves during established seasons	Twice the daily bag
	Goose Mgmt Areas 3, 4, & 5	Oct. 17-29 & Nov. 7 - Jan. 31 (falconry)	3, (except Brant) straight or mixed bag with ducks, coots, snipe, and mourning doves during established seasons	Twice the daily bag
Turkey	Eastern Washington	Sept. 1 - Feb. 15 (falconry)	2, one turkey, either sex, per turkey tag with a maximum of 2 turkeys per season	2 (turkey tag required)
Jackrabbit, pygmy rabbit, sage grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, ptarmigan - Closed statewide				

Additional Requirements

Sea Ducks (in western Washington), Snow Goose (in Goose Management Area 1), Brant, & Band-Tailed Pigeon

WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION IS REQUIRED TO HUNT FOR:

- Sea ducks (harlequin, scoter, long-tailed duck) in western Washington
- Snow goose in Goose Management Area 1
- Brant
- Band-tailed pigeon

To hunt during these seasons you must obtain written authorizations and harvest reports. If you did not have an authorization the previous year you can apply for one by contacting a WDFW office. You do not need to apply every year as long as you submitted your harvest report for each species the previous year.

REPORTING HARVEST IS MANDATORY:

Immediately after taking a sea duck, snow goose, brant, or band-tailed pigeon into possession, you must record the required harvest report information in ink.

You must submit your harvest reports using the online reporting system at: wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/wlm_survey or by mail to: WDFW, Waterfowl Section, 600 Capitol Way N, Olympia, WA 98501.

Reports are due by the reporting deadlines even if you did not harvest any birds.

You must comply with these reporting requirements or you will not be eligible to hunt in the season the following year.

Reporting Deadlines:

Band-tailed Pigeon
September 30, 2009

Sea Duck, Snow Goose, Brant
February 15, 2010

Goose Management Area 1

SNOW GOOSE QUALITY HUNTING AREAS

Hunters possessing a snow goose hunting authorization for Goose Management Area 1 can apply for a special Quality Hunt Authorization to access private lands around Fir Island.

Hunters must apply for these special authorizations by **September 25, 2009**, using the Department's internet application systems (wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/game/water/snow_goose_form.htm) or by mail. Private lands enrolled in the program are only open to hunters with Quality Hunt Authorizations. **Most program lands are open as Feel Free to Hunt or Register to Hunt.** All hunters must hunt over decoys and obey posted signs regarding access restrictions. Quality Hunt Authorizations are not for valid commercial uses.

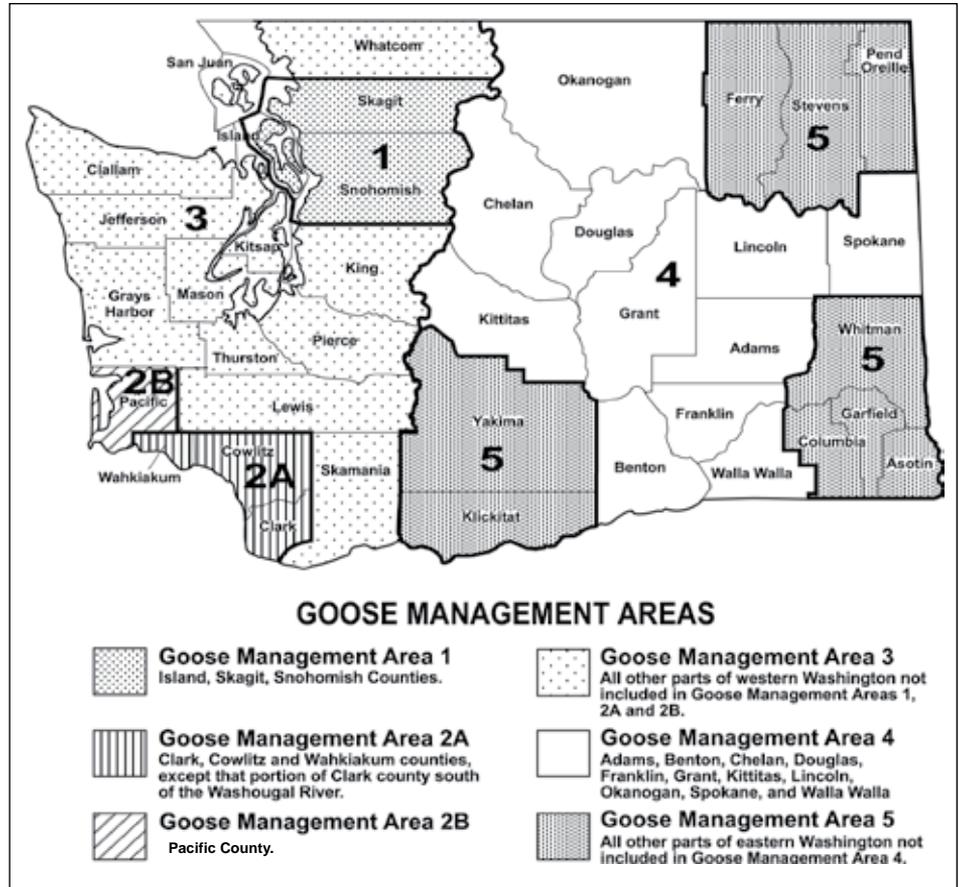
On every Saturday during the season, all units in the program will be open only to hunters selected in a random drawing prior to the season. Successful applicants will be notified of their hunt day and unit on their Quality Hunt Authorization.

On these hunt days, up to three individuals possessing snow goose authorizations can hunt with the successful applicant. Successful applicants must check in with the WDFW hunt coordinator at least one week prior to their scheduled hunting day to receive specific unit information.

FIR ISLAND SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS

It is unlawful to discharge a firearm for the purpose of hunting waterfowl within 100 feet of any paved public road on Fir Island in Skagit County. While hunting snow geese on Fir Island, if a hunter is convicted of 1) trespass, 2) shooting from, across, or along the

maintained part of any public highway, 3) discharging a firearm for the purpose of hunting waterfowl within 100 feet of any paved public road, or 4) exceeding the daily bag limit for snow geese, written authorization will be invalidated for the remainder of the snow goose season and an authorization will not be issued for the following snow goose season.



Additional Requirements

Goose Management Area 2

The goose season for Goose Management Areas 2A and 2B will close early if dusky Canada goose harvests exceed area quotas which collectively total 40 geese.

The Fish and Wildlife Commission has authorized the Director to implement emergency area closures in accordance with the following quotas: A total of 40 dusky, to be distributed 5 for Zone 1 (Ridgefield NWR); 5 for Zone 2 (Cowlitz County south of the Kalama River); 18 for Zone 3 (Clark County private lands); 7 for Zone 4 (Cowlitz County north of the Kalama River and Wahkiakum County); 5 for Zone 5 (Pacific County).

Quotas may be shifted to other zones during the season to optimize use of the statewide quota and minimize depredation.

You must have written authorization by WDFW to hunt geese, except during the September goose season. New hunters, and hunters who did not maintain a valid 2008-09 authorization must review goose identification training materials and demonstrate adequate performance on a goose identification test to receive written authorization. Information on training materials and testing is shown in the box below.

With written authorization, hunters will receive a harvest report. Hunters must carry the authorization card and harvest report while hunting.

Immediately after taking any geese (including Canadas, snows, white-fronts, and other geese) into possession, you must record the required harvest report information in ink on your harvest report. Hunters must go directly to the nearest check station and have geese tagged when leaving a hunt site, before 6:00 p.m.

If you take the season bag limit of one dusky Canada goose or do not comply with requirements listed above regarding checking of birds and recording harvest on the harvest report, your written authorization will be invalidated and you will not be able to hunt geese in Goose Management Areas 2A & 2B for the rest of the season and the Special Late Goose Season.

It is unlawful to fail to comply with all provisions listed above for Goose Management Areas 2A & 2B.

Special Late Goose Season in Goose Management Area 2A

Open to Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Master Hunters and youth hunters (under 16 years of age, who are accompanied by a Master Hunter) possessing a valid 2009-10 southwest Washington goose hunting authorization.

You will be placed on a list to participate in this hunt if you qualify. WDFW will assist landowners with contacting qualified hunters to participate in damage control hunts on specific lands incurring goose damage. Participation in this hunt will depend on the level of damage experienced by local landowners. It is possible that some hunters may not be called to participate.

Dusky Canada goose harvest quotas in Washington and Oregon have been reduced by about half this year. See page 27 for more information.

This season is open in goose damage areas in Goose Management Area 2A on selected dates within the following period from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.: Saturdays and Wednesdays, February 6 - March 10, 2010.

Daily bag limit: 4 geese, to include not more than 1 dusky Canada goose, and not more than 2 cackling geese.

Possession limit: 8 geese, to include not more than 1 dusky Canada goose, and not more than 4 cackling geese.

Season limit: 1 dusky Canada goose.

A dusky Canada goose is defined as a dark-breasted Canada goose (as shown in the Munsell color chart 10 YR, 5 or less) with a culmen (bill) length of 40-50 mm.

A cackling goose is defined as a goose with a culmen (bill) length of 32 mm or less.

The Special Late Goose Season will be closed by emergency action if the harvest of dusky Canada geese exceeds 45 for the regular and late seasons. All provisions listed for Goose Management Area 2A regarding authorization, harvest reporting, and checking requirements also apply to the special Late Goose Season, except hunters must confirm their participation at least 24 hours in advance, and hunters must check out by 5 p.m. each day, regardless of success.

Goose Identification Training Materials and Testing Schedule

Training materials necessary to pass the goose identification test required for Goose Management Area 2A and 2B consist of a home study booklet and a one hour video, both titled "Pacific Northwest Goose Management." The booklet is available at the Olympia and Regional Offices of WDFW, and the video is available through Videoland Productions, Inc., 805 College Street SE, Lacey, WA 98503. Videoland Productions, Inc. accepts major credit cards, checks, and money orders. Their number is 360-491-1332 and the fax is (360) 491-1333. The booklet and video can also be downloaded from the WDFW website at: wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/game/water/canada_goose.htm.

Goose identification testing will be conducted at WDFW offices (see page 11) by appointment only (call for schedule). New hunters and those who had 2007-08 hunting authorizations invalidated for Goose Management Area 2 will be expected to pass an exam with a minimum of 80% to receive their 2009-10 hunting authorization. Hunters who fail a test must wait 28 days before retesting, and will not be issued a reciprocal authorization until that time. Goose identification testing can also be completed online at: wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/game/water/canada_goose.htm.

See Page 44 for Information on HP Avian Influenza

Additional Requirements

Hunting with an Authorization Number

Under the automated licensing system, licenses may be purchased over the telephone at 1-866-246-9453 or online at fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov. At the end of a telephone or Internet sale, an authorization number will be issued. That authorization number may be used as your license if you are hunting for animals not requiring a transport tag.

Big Game Licenses - Forest grouse and unclassified wildlife are the only species that may be hunted with a big game authorization number until your appropriate tags and license have arrived.

Small Game Licenses - All animals hunted with a small game license, including unclassified wildlife, may be hunted with a small game authorization number until the valid license and tags have been received in the mail.

Migratory Bird Validation - All migratory birds may be hunted with a small game authorization number that includes a migratory bird validation until the valid license is received in the mail. A federal migratory bird stamp is required for hunters 16 years and older to hunt ducks and geese.

Decoy Restrictions

It is unlawful to hunt waterfowl with the use or aid of battery powered or other electronic devices as decoys.

Bird Band Reporting

You can now report federal migratory bird bands by calling toll-free: 1-800-327-BAND or online at reportband.gov. Calls can be made 24 hours a day. You will receive information on when & where the bird was banded. Please use this number to report federal migratory bird bands only (no upland birds or private bands).



Questions About Hunter Education?

Contact a member of the hunter education staff if you have questions about training requirements or class schedules.

WESTERN WASHINGTON:
Olympia office: (360) 902-8111

EASTERN WASHINGTON:
Ephrata office: (509) 754-4624

WEBSITE:
wdfw.wa.gov

Master Hunter Training

The Master Hunter Program today benefits both hunter access and landowner relations. Master Hunters are used as a management tool to remove damage causing game in sensitive situations. The Master Hunter enrollment period runs from January 1- March 31 annually. Applications will only be accepted during that period.

For the latest information about the Master Hunter Program, refer to our website at: wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/masterhunter.

Deferral Option for Hunter Education

Interested individuals ages 10 and older may apply for a once-in-a-lifetime, one license-year deferral of hunter education training. Individuals receiving a deferral may hunt in general seasons through March 31, 2010. For detailed information on the deferral requirements, visit our website at: wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/huntered/he_deferral.html. Individuals requesting a deferral may hunt only under the immediate supervision of an experienced hunter. The deferral requires a \$20, non-refundable application fee and a photocopy of valid identification that includes the applicant's birth date.

Additional Requirements

Ring-Necked Pheasant

A Western Washington Pheasant License is required to hunt pheasant in western Washington. Beginning in 2009, a Small Game License is no longer required. If you have already purchased a Small Game License and a western Washington punch card for the 2009 season, they can be used in place of the new Western Washington Pheasant License.

When purchasing your license you must choose either a full season or a three day season option.

Western Washington pheasant hunters must choose to hunt on either odd-numbered or even-numbered weekend days from 8:00-10:00 a.m. at all units of Lake Terrell, Tennant Lake, Snoqualmie, Skagit, Skookumchuck, Scatter Creek Wildlife Areas, and all areas on Whidbey Island and the Dungeness Recreation Area. You must indicate your choice when purchasing your Western Washington Pheasant License.

All hunters may hunt these sites between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., regardless of their choice. Hunters

who select the 3-day option, hunters 65 years of age or older, and youth hunters under 16 may hunt during either weekend day morning. Youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years old (if hunting, adults must have an appropriately marked pheasant permit).

Note: Contact the Adventure Center at Fort Lewis (253) 967-6263 and the Environmental Affairs Office at the Whidbey Island Naval Air Station (360) 257-1009 prior to hunting at these locations.

Hunter Orange

Anyone hunting upland birds (pheasant, quail, and partridge), rabbits, or hares with a modern firearm during any upland game bird season is required to wear hunter orange clothing. Those hunting forest grouse, rabbits, or hares during modern firearm deer or elk hunting seasons must also wear hunter orange clothing. A minimum of 400 square inches of fluorescent hunter orange exterior clothing, worn above the waist and visible from all sides, is required to comply with this regulation.

Bird Dog Training Season

Aug. 1, 2009-Mar. 31, 2010.

Dog training may be conducted year-around on posted portions of:

Region One

Espanola (T 24 N, R 40 E, E 1/2 of Sec. 16)

Region Three

South L.T. Murray Wildlife Area

Region Four

Skagit Wildlife Area

Whatcom Wildlife Area - Lake Terrell

Snoqualmie Wildlife Area

Region Five

Shillapoo/ Vancouver Lake Wildlife Area

Region Six

Scatter Creek Wildlife Area

Fort Lewis Military Base

A valid small game license is required to train dogs on wild birds at any time, **except** only a Western Washington Pheasant License is required to train dogs on wild pheasants in western Washington.

Only youth and seniors may train dogs during their respective seasons on designated western Washington pheasant release sites.

Forest Grouse

Forest grouse may not be killed with any rifle or handgun 24 caliber or larger, or shotgun containing slugs or buckshot, during modern firearm deer or elk seasons unless appropriate deer or elk tags are in the hunter's possession.

Forest grouse may be taken with shotguns as well as firearms smaller than 24 caliber during the entire grouse hunting season.

Falconry

A falconry license and a current small game hunting license are required for hunting with a raptor. In addition, a Western Washington Pheasant License is required to hunt pheasant in western Washington; and federal and state migratory bird stamps or authorizations are required to hunt migratory birds.

If a raptor captures any species of wildlife (quarry) in a closed season, the falconer must release the quarry if it is not seriously injured. If the quarry is seriously injured or killed, the quarry must be left at the site, but the raptor may feed on the kill.

If the accidentally killed wildlife is a Washington State Candidate species (including jackrabbit), the falconer must immediately record on a WDFW form or facsimile: the falconer's name, falconry permit number, date, species and sex (if known) of the quarry, and the location of the kill (as accurately as possible).

Total accidental take of Candidate species cannot exceed 5/season; falconers must cease hunting for the day if a candidate species is taken.

All reports of accidental take must be submitted to the WDFW falconry permit coordinator by April 1 each year.

Released quarry are not considered "take." Take of species protected under federal or state endangered or threatened species laws is not permitted.

Nontoxic Shot Requirements

RCW 77.15.400: There is a mandatory \$1,000 fine and loss of small game hunting privileges for 2 years if you are convicted of violating the following requirements:

Nontoxic Shot Zones

It is unlawful to possess shot (either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading) other than nontoxic shot for any purpose in the following areas:

- Bridgeport Bar segment of Well's Wildlife Area
- Cowlitz Wildlife Area
- Whatcom Wildlife Area (including Lake Terrell, Tennant Lake, and other segments)
- Shillapoo Wildlife Area
- Skagit Wildlife Area (all segments)
- Snoqualmie Wildlife Area (all segments)
- Sunnyside Wildlife Area (Headquarters; Byron; Windmill Ranch Units)
- The Driscoll Island, Hegdahl, and Kline Parcel segments of the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area
- Vancouver Lake Wildlife Area
- Johns River Wildlife Area (Chinook Unit)

It is unlawful to possess shot (either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading) other than nontoxic shot when hunting for game birds or game animals in the following areas:

- Chehalis River pheasant release site
- Dungeness Recreation Area
- Hunter Farms pheasant release site
- Raymond Airport pheasant release site
- All Whidbey Island pheasant release sites

Many U.S. Fish and Wildlife refuges require the use of non-toxic shot (refer to specific refuge rules).

Approved Nontoxic Shot Types

It is unlawful to possess shot (either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading) other than nontoxic shot when hunting for waterfowl, coot, or snipe.

Approved Nontoxic Shot Type* - Percent Composition by Weight

- **bismuth-tin:** 97 bismuth, 3 tin
- **iron (steel):** iron and carbon
- **iron-tungsten:** any proportion of tungsten, ≥ 1 iron
- **iron-tungsten-nickel:** ≥ 1 iron, any proportion of tungsten, up to 40 nickel
- **tungsten-bronze:** 51.1 tungsten, 44.4 copper, 3.9 tin, 0.6 iron; & 60 tungsten, 35.1 copper, 3.9 tin, 1 iron
- **tungsten-iron-copper-nickel:** 40-76 tungsten, 37 iron, 9-16 copper, 5-7 nickel
- **tungsten-matrix:** 95.9 tungsten, 4.1 polymer
- **tungsten-polymer:** 95.5 tungsten, 4.5 Nylon 6 or 11
- **tungsten-tin-iron:** any proportions of tungsten and tin, ≥ 1 iron
- **tungsten-tin-bismuth:** any proportions of tungsten, tin, & bismuth
- **tungsten-tin-iron-nickel:** 65 tungsten, 21.8 tin, 10.4 iron, 2.8 nickel

*Coatings of copper, nickel, tin, zinc, zinc chloride, & zinc chrome on approved nontoxic shot types are also approved.

Beginning in 2011 Nontoxic Shot Rules Will Change

In addition to current nontoxic shot zones, it will be unlawful to possess shot (either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading), other than nontoxic shot, when hunting for upland game birds (pheasant, quail, chukar, and gray partridge), mourning doves, band-tailed pigeons, on areas where pheasants are released, to include:

- Asotin Wildlife Area (Hartsock Unit)
- Chelan Wildlife Area (Chelan Butte and Swakane units)
- Columbia Basin Wildlife Area (Banks Lake, Gloyd Seeps, Lower Crab Creek, Quincy Lakes, Warden units)
- Sinlahekin Wildlife Area (Chiliwist Unit)
- Colockum Wildlife Area (Headquarters Unit)
- Wenas Wildlife Area (Wenas Unit)
- Klickitat Wildlife Area (Hill Road Unit)
- Scatter Creek Wildlife Area
- Sherman Creek Wildlife Area
- Skookumchuck Wildlife Area
- Steamboat Rock, Fishtrap, John Henley, Willow Bar, Rice Bar, Hartsock, Mill Creek, Wallula, Peninsula, Hollebeke/Lost Island, Buckshot, Big Flat, and Ringold Pheasant Release sites
- Fort Lewis, Belfair, Woodland Creek, and Lincoln Creek Pheasant Release sites

**SHOOT CLEAN
GET THE LEAD OUT**

- Lead shot can kill wildlife that ingests it.
- It only takes a few lead pellets to be toxic to wildlife.
- Lead shot has resulted in extensive swan mortality in northwestern Washington.
- Target shooting can be a significant source of lead shot in the environment.
- Consider switching to nontoxic shot for all shotgun ammunition.

Summary of State Regulations

Firearm Regulations

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO HUNT:

- Game birds with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells.
- Game birds or game animals in a manner other than with a firearm, a bow and arrow, or by falconry. Bullfrogs in a manner other than by angling, hand dip netting, gigging, or bow and arrow.
- Game birds or game animals with a shotgun larger than 10 gauge.
- Wildlife with a crossbow, except for firearm restriction areas. However, disabled hunter permittees in possession of a crossbow special use permit may hunt with a crossbow in any season that allows archery equipment.
- Game birds with a rifle or pistol, except forest grouse (see page 19 for restrictions).
- Wildlife with a fully automatic firearm.

Hunting Restrictions

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO:

- Place waterfowl decoys prior to 4:00 a.m.; allow or permit waterfowl decoys to be unattended or not in your immediate control for a period greater than one hour; or fail to remove waterfowl decoys within two hours after the close of established daily hunting hours on days open to waterfowl hunting on department owned or controlled lands, waters, or access areas.
- Place waterfowl decoys on lands or waters controlled by WDFW except as authorized by permit of the director, on days closed to waterfowl hunting on department owned or controlled lands, waters, or access areas.
- Hunt waterfowl or wild turkeys using live birds as decoys.
- Hunt waterfowl, turkey, or deer with the use or aid of battery-powered or other electronic devices as decoys.
- Hunt waterfowl, turkey, or deer with the use or aid of electronic calls.
- Hunt game birds over bait or baited areas, or areas posted as upland bird feeding sites. A baited area is where corn, wheat, or other grain or feed have been placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered to attract game birds for hunting. This does not prohibit the hunting of game birds on or over standing crops flooded croplands, or grain crops properly harvested on the field where grown, or grains scattered as the result of normal agricultural planting or harvesting. Areas are considered baited for ten days following the complete removal of all grain or other feed.
- Destroy or possess the nests or eggs of game birds or protected wildlife.
- Allow game animals or game birds you have taken to recklessly be wasted.
- Hunt wildlife from a vehicle (except authorized disabled hunters) or from a boat propelled by

a motor, unless the boat's motor is shut off and progress due to the motor has stopped.

- Use a vehicle (including ATVs), aircraft, or boat to pursue, concentrate or harass wild animals or wild birds.
- Possess wildlife taken by another person unless you have in possession a written statement showing name, address, license and/or tag number, date, county and area it was taken in, and the signature of the hunter who killed it.
- Possess in the field or transport game birds unless a feathered head is left attached to each carcass, except falconry-caught birds.
- Avoid or fail to stop and report at a WDFW established check station, and produce hunting equipment, wildlife in your possession, and licenses, permits, tags, or stamps required.

Property Laws

Hunters are welcome on most state-owned lands, although some lands leased to private owners may be posted closed to protect livestock, equipment, or crops. Courtesy shown while hunting and respect for property rights will prevent the closing of more of these lands to hunting.

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO:

- Remove, possess, or damage printed material or signs placed by authority of the Fish and Wildlife Commission.
- Place or leave litter on any land, either public or private, which is not your own.
- Post signs against trespass or otherwise prevent hunting on lands not owned or leased by that person.
- Operate a motor vehicle on lands owned, controlled, or managed by the WDFW, except as authorized. (Off-road travel on Department lands is usually prohibited.)
- Take a wild animal from another person's trap without permission or to damage or destroy a trap, except a trap may be removed by the property owner.
- Hunt or trap on state park lands.

Safety Violations

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO:

- Carry, transport, convey, possess, or control in or on any motor vehicle, a rifle or shotgun containing shells or cartridges in either the chamber or magazine, or a muzzleloading firearm that is loaded and capped or primed.
- Negligently shoot a firearm from, across, or along the maintained part of any public highway.
- Hunt while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs.
- Shoot at wild animals or wild birds while they are on any utility line, pole, its crossarm, or insulator.
- Hunt upland birds with a modern firearm unless you are wearing hunter orange.

License and Tag Violations

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO:

- Buy, possess, or attempt to obtain any license, tag, or permit by using false information, or to buy, possess or attempt to obtain a license, tag, or permit when such license privilege has been revoked.
- Purchase or possess more than one of each license, tag, permit, or stamp during the same year, unless it is a legally obtained duplicate or authorized by the Fish and Wildlife Commission.
- Transfer, loan to, or borrow from another person any license, tag, permit, or stamp.
- Refuse to show a license, tag, or permit, or to refuse to display wildlife taken when asked to do so by a fish and wildlife officer or other law officer.
- Purchase a hunting license for the first time if you were born after Jan. 1, 1972, unless you have successfully completed Hunter Education training. A Washington hunting license from the preceding year is considered legal proof of successful completion if a previous year license has the hunter ed certificate number or previous year license number entered.

Import and Retention of Dead Wildlife

It is unlawful to possess or import into Washington wildlife taken in another state or country, unless the wildlife was acquired lawfully. Proof of legal acquisition must be retained during the period of retention of the edible parts.

Age Requirements And Restrictions

Anyone, regardless of age, must have in their possession a valid hunting license and any required tags, permits, or stamps to hunt wildlife.

Mount St. Helens

Game Management Unit 522 (Loo-wit) is designated as a "CLOSED AREA" to the hunting of all wild animals and wild birds except by special permit. In addition, U.S. Forest Service maintains a firearm restriction on portions of the Mt. St. Helens National Monument.

For more complete information on regulations affecting wildlife, hunting and firearm safety, see the Big Game Hunting Seasons and Regulations pamphlet, available from license dealers throughout the state and online at wdfw.wa.gov.

Eastern & Western Washington Defined

EASTERN Washington includes all areas lying east of the Pacific Crest Trail and east of the Big White Salmon River in Klickitat and Skamania Counties, while WESTERN Washington refers to all areas west of the Pacific Crest Trail and west of (and including) the Big White Salmon River in Klickitat and Skamania Counties.

Summary of Federal Regulations

Below is a summary of the most commonly violated federal regulations. Federal regulations related to migratory bird hunting are located in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

For a complete list of federal regulations pertaining to migratory bird hunting, prior to going afield hunters should visit the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service website at www.fws.gov/hunting.

No persons shall take migratory game birds:

- a) With a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10 gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fish hook, poison, drug, explosive, or stupefying substance.
- b) With a shotgun of any description capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun, so its total capacity does not exceed three shells.
- c) From or by means, aid, or use of a sinkbox or any other type of low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water.
- d) From or by means, aid, or use of any motor vehicle, motor-driven land conveyance, or aircraft of any kind, except that paraplegics and persons missing one or both legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance.
- e) From or by means of any motorboat or other craft having a motor attached, or any sailboat, unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, and its progress therefrom has ceased: Provided, that a craft under power may be used to retrieve dead or crippled birds; however, crippled birds may not be shot from such craft under power.
- f) By the use or aid of live birds as decoys; although not limited to, it shall be a violation of this paragraph for any person to take migratory waterfowl on an area where tame or captive live ducks or geese are present unless such birds are and have been for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to such taking, confined within an

enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such birds from the sight of wild migratory waterfowl.

- g) By the use or aid of recorded or electrically amplified bird calls or sounds, or recorded or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds.
- h) By means or aid of any motor driven land, water, or air conveyance, or any sailboat used for the purpose of or resulting in the concentrating, driving, rallying, or stirring up of any migratory bird.
- i) By the aid of baiting, or on or over any baited area, where a person knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited.

However, nothing in this paragraph prohibits:

- 1) The taking of any migratory game bird, including waterfowl, coots, and cranes, on or over the following lands or areas that are not otherwise baited areas:
 - Standing crops or flooded standing crops (including aquatics); standing, flooded, or manipulated natural vegetation; flooded harvested croplands; or lands or areas where seeds or grains have been scattered solely as the result of a normal agricultural planting, harvesting, post-harvest manipulation or normal soil stabilization practice.
 - From a blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with natural vegetation.
 - From a blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with vegetation from agricultural crops, as long as such camouflaging does not result in the exposing, depositing, distributing or scattering of grain or other feed.
 - Standing or flooded standing agricultural crops where grain is inadvertently scattered solely as a result of a hunter entering or exiting a hunting area, placing decoys, or retrieving downed birds.
- 2) The taking of any migratory game bird, except waterfowl, coots and cranes, on or over lands or areas that are not otherwise baited areas, and

where grain or other feed has been distributed or scattered solely as the result of manipulation of an agricultural crop or other feed on the land where grown, or solely as the result of a normal agricultural operation.

Wanton waste of migratory game birds:

No person shall kill or cripple any migratory game bird without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the bird, and retain it in his actual custody, at the place where taken or between that place and either:

- a) His automobile or principal means of land transportation; or
- b) His personal abode or temporary or transient place of lodging; or
- c) A migratory bird preservation facility; or
- d) A post office; or
- e) A common carrier facility.

Field possession limit:

No person shall possess, have in custody, or transport more than the daily bag limit or aggregate daily bag limit, whichever applies, of migratory game birds, tagged or not tagged, at or between the place where taken and either:

- a) His automobile or principal means of land transportation; or
- b) His personal abode or temporary or transient place of lodging; or
- c) A migratory bird preservation facility; or
- d) A post office; or
- e) A common carrier facility.

Tagging requirement:

No person shall put or leave any migratory game birds at any place (other than at his personal abode), or in the custody of another person for picking, cleaning, processing, shipping, transportation, or storage (including temporary storage), or for the purpose of having taxidermy services performed, unless such birds have a tag attached, signed by the hunter, stating his address, the total number and species of birds, and the date such birds were killed.

Migratory game birds being transported in any vehicle as the personal baggage of the possessor shall not be considered as being in storage or temporary storage.

Summary of Federal Regulations

Custody of birds of another:

No person shall receive or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are tagged as required above.

Transportation of birds for another:

No person shall transport migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are tagged as required above.

Species identification requirement:

No person shall transport within the United States any migratory game birds, except doves and band-tailed pigeons (*Columba fasciata*), unless the head or one fully feathered wing remains attached to each such bird at all times while being transported from the place where taken until they have arrived at the personal abode of the possessor or a migratory bird preservation facility.

Marking package or container:

No person shall transport by the Postal Service or a common carrier migratory game birds unless the package or container in which such birds are transported has the name and address of the shipper and the consignee and an accurate statement of the numbers of each species of birds therein contained clearly and conspicuously marked on the outside thereof.

Waterfowl Baiting: Additional Information About Federal Regulations

Waterfowl baiting regulations apply to ducks, geese, swans, coots, and cranes and are more restrictive than for hunting doves and other migratory game birds. You should carefully review the Federal regulations. More detailed information is available at www.fws.gov/le/HuntFish/waterfowl_baiting.htm or by calling the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Portland, OR at 503-521-5300.

What is baiting?

Baiting is the direct or indirect placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of salt, grain, or other feed that could lure or attract waterfowl to, on, or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take them. A baited area is any area on which salt, grain, or other feed has been placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered, if that salt, grain, or feed could serve as a lure or attraction for waterfowl.

How long is an area baited?

A baited area remains off limits to hunting for 10 days after all salt, grain, or other feed has been completely removed.

How close to bait can you hunt without breaking the law?

There is no set distance. The law prohibits hunting if bait is present that could lure or attract birds to, on, or over areas where hunters are attempting to take them. Distance will vary depending on the circumstances and such factors as topography, weather, and waterfowl flight patterns. Therefore, this question can only be answered on a case-by-case basis.

What is illegal?

Examples of areas where you cannot hunt waterfowl include:

- Unharvested crops that have been trampled by livestock or subjected to manipulations that distribute, scatter, or expose grain (see exception for hunting activities in Federal regulations above).
- Areas where grain or seed has been top-sown and the Cooperative Extension Service does not recommend the practice of top sowing, including freshly planted wildlife food plots that contain exposed grain.
- Croplands where a crop has been harvested and the removed grain is redistributed or "added back" onto the area where grown.
- Areas where grain is present and stored, such as grain elevators, grain bins, and livestock feeding areas. Hunters are cautioned that hunting within the vicinity (zone of influence) of a grain elevator or other places where grain is stored or fed to livestock may subject them to federal prosecution for hunting with the aid of bait. For example, the grain elevators near the mouth of the Walla Walla River, mouth of the Snake River, Clarkston, Lyons Ferry and Kalama, to name a few, have received heavy hunting pressure in past years. These areas are considered baited areas because they have exposed grain not related to a normal agricultural planting, harvest or post-harvest manipulation and are highly attractive to migratory waterfowl.

These examples do not represent an all-inclusive list of waterfowl baiting violations.

The Hunter's Responsibility:

As a waterfowl hunter, you are responsible for determining whether your hunting area is baited.

Before hunting, you should:

- Familiarize yourself with Federal and State waterfowl hunting regulations.
- Ask the landowner, your host or guide, and your hunting partners if the area has been baited and inspect the area for the presence of bait.
- Look for grain or other feed in the water, along the shore, and on the field. Pay particular attention to the presence of spilled grain on harvested fields and seeds planted by means of top sowing.
- Confirm that scattered seeds or grains on agricultural lands are present solely as the result of a normal agricultural planting, normal agricultural harvesting, normal agricultural post-harvest manipulation, or normal soil stabilization practice by consulting the Cooperative Extension Service.
- Abandon the hunting site if you find grain or feed in an area and are uncertain about why it is there.

Partial Listing of Current Game Reserves

Game Reserves are closed areas where hunting for all wild animals and wild birds is prohibited.

WAC 232-16-050 Byron Game Reserve.

That part of the Byron Ponds segment of the Sunnyside Wildlife Area (department of fish & wildlife lands) east of the Mabton Pressure Pipeline, legally described as the W. 1/2 of Section 12 that is north of Highway No. 22, except for the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4; the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 12; that part of Section 11 east of the Mabton pressure pipeline and north of Highway No. 22; and that part of Section 2 that is east of said pipeline; all of the above sections being in Twp. 8N., R.23E.W.M.

WAC 232-16-140 Banks Lake Game Reserve.

In Township 25N, Range 28E, those parts of Sections 9, 10, and 11 and the north ° of sections 14, 15, and 16, lying between State Highway 155 and the west wall of Grand Coulee.

WAC 232-16-200 Grimes Lake Game Reserve.

Grimes Lake and all lands within one quarter mile of Grimes Lake.

WAC 232-16-295 Rock Lake Game Reserve.

Whitman County: It shall be unlawful to hunt, take or pursue migratory waterfowl, coot and jacksnipe on or within 1/4 mile of Rock Lake, Whitman County, except on the lower one mile and the upper one half mile, which shall be open to such hunting.

WAC 232-16-340 Skagit Delta Game Reserve.

Beginning at a point on the west bank of Albert Slough at the confluence of said slough and Boom Slough; thence southwesterly along the west bank of Boom Slough to the confluence of said slough and Boom-Crooked Cutoff Slough; thence westerly along the north bank of Boom-Crooked Cutoff Slough to the confluence of said slough and Crooked Slough; thence southwesterly along the north bank of Crooked Slough to the confluence of said slough and Deepwater Slough and east Branch Freshwater-Deepwater Cutoff Slough; thence northwesterly along the north bank of east Branch Freshwater-Deepwater Cutoff Slough to the confluence of said slough and the east Branch Freshwater Slough; thence northerly along the east bank of east Branch Freshwater Slough to the confluence of said slough and Gilbert Hansen Slough; thence northeasterly along the south bank of Gilbert Hansen Slough to the confluence of said slough and Deepwater Slough; thence northeasterly along the south bank of Deepwater Slough to the confluence of said slough and Albert Slough; thence southeasterly along the west bank of Albert Slough to the point of beginning.

WAC 232-16-380 Sprague Lake Game Reserve.

Beginning at the point where the easterly right of way line of Interstate Highway No. 90 crosses the Lincoln-Adams County line; [then] southwesterly along the easterly right of way line 24

of the freeway to the easterly boundary of Section 11 (T20N, R37E); thence southerly along the section line to Cow Creek; thence southerly along Cow Creek to Danekas Road; thence easterly and northerly along [Danekas Road] to the point where it crosses the Adams-Lincoln County line; thence westerly along said county line across Sprague Lake to the easterly right of way line of the freeway and point of beginning.

WAC 232-16-400 Stratford Game Reserve.

Stratford Game Reserve shall include the following described lands in Grant County: In Twp. 22N, R 28 EWM; Sec. 1 north of the Great Northern Railroad right of way; Sec. 2 north of the Great Northern Railroad right of way and State Highway No. 28; and that part of Section 3 lying north of the main canal and east of a line running north and south located 100 yards west of the Washington water power transmission line[.] In Twp. 23N, R. 28 EWM; all of Sections 11, 13, 14[,] 24, and 25[.] the south half of Sections 12, 10 and 9 except the north 300 feet of the S.1/2 of 9 and 10; Section 35 except that part east of north-south lying gravel road and south of cultivated lands; Sec. 36 except the east 500 feet; and those parts of Section 15, lying east of a line running north and south located 100 yards west of the Washington water power transmission line and also those portions of the north half of Sections 15 and 16 lying north of the cultivated lands; and in addition the north 500 feet of the NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Sec. 19, Twp. 23N, R. 29 EWM.

WAC 232-16-420 Lake Terrell Game Reserve.

All of Lake Terrell in Sections 15 and 16, Twp. 39 north, Range 1 east except that portion of the lake within 350 feet of the south line of said sections and, in addition, those uplands owned by the fish and wildlife department in the W1/2 of the SW1/4 of said Section 15, and in the SE 1/4 of NE 1/4; the NW1/4 of NE1/4; the E1/2 of E1/2 of NE1/4; and the E1/2 of the SW1/4 SW1/4 except the south 350 feet in Section 16, Twp. 39 north, Range 1 east.

WAC 232-16-440 (1) Toppenish Creek Game Reserve, (Cort Meyer.)

Commencing at the NE corner of the SE1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 26, Township 10, Range 20E.W.M.; thence west one and three quarters mile to the NW corner of the SE1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 28, Township 10, Range 20; thence south one quarter mile; thence east one quarter mile; thence south three quarters mile to the SW corner of the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 34; thence east three quarters mile; thence south one quarter mile; thence east three quarters mile to center of Section 35; thence north one and one quarter miles to place of beginning. All in Township 10 north, Range 20E.W.M.

(2) Toppenish Creek Game Reserve No. 2, (Upper Toppenish Creek) Yakima County.

All of Section 21; the west half of the northwest quarter of Section 22; the southeast

quarter of southwest quarter of Section 22; the south half of the northeast quarter of southwest quarter of Section 22; the north half of north half of Section 28; north half of northwest quarter of Section 27; north half of the southeast quarter of northwest quarter of Section 27; all being in Township 10 north, Range 18E.W.M.

WAC 232-16-450 Walla Walla River Game Reserve.

A tract of land and water lying within sections 23, 24, 25, and 26 of Township 7, Range 31 E.W.M. in Walla Walla County, Washington, being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point where the Bonneville Power Administration power line between John Day and Lower Monumental Dams crosses the center of the main channel of the Walla Walla River, thence westerly along said center of the main channel to the easterly line of the right of way of US #12-395 Highway, thence northerly along said east line of said right of way to the southerly line of the right of way of the Union Pacific Railroad-Burlington Northern Railway joint Pendleton-Walla Walla track, thence easterly along said south line of said right of way to the center line of said Bonneville Power Administration power line, thence southerly along said center line to the center of the main channel of the Walla Walla River and the point of beginning.

WAC 232-16-540 Yakima River Game Reserve.

Beginning in Prosser at the intersection of Tenth Street and Grant Avenue; then west to the Yakima River and Prosser Dam; then west across Prosser Dam and the Yakima River to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Maintenance Road; then north to Old Inland Empire Highway; then north-easterly on Old Inland Empire Highway to Interstate I-82; then east on the south side of I-82 to the Chandler Canal; then east along the north side of the Chandler Canal to the powerline going across the Yakima River (approximately .4 Miles east of Bunn Road); then south along the powerlines and across the Yakima River to Wine Country Road; then west on Wine Country Road to Tenth Street and the point of beginning.

WAC 232-16-560 Badger Island Game Reserve.

That portion of area on or within one quarter mile of Badger Island lying in Sections 4 and 9, Township 7 north, Range 31E.W.M.

WAC 232-16-570 Foundation Island Game Reserve.

That portion of area on or within one quarter mile of Foundation Island lying in Section 24, Township 8 north, Range 30E.W.M.

WAC 232-16-590 Carnation Farms Game Reserve.

Twp. 25N., Rge. 7E.W.M.; that part of Section 5 lying west of the Snoqualmie River; the northeast quarter and that portion of the southeast quarter of Section 6 that lies north and east of the Carnation Farm Road; the north half and the north half of the south half of Section 8; and those portions of government lots 1, 2, and 4 of Section 9 that lie south and west of the Snoqualmie River.Twp. 26N., Rge. 7E.W.M.; those

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lands lying south of the Snoqualmie River in the east half of Section 31 and the southeast quarter of Section 32.

WAC 232-16-600 North Potholes

Game Reserve. Those lands in Grant County within the following described boundary: In T19N, R27E WM; the N.E. 1/4 of Section 32, and the N.E. 1/4 S.E. 1/4 of Section 32, all of Section 33, except the S.W. 1/4 S.W. 1/4, and all of Section 34. In T18N, R27E WM, all of Section 4, except the N.W. 1/4 N.E. 1/4; all of Section 3; that part of Section 10 north of the Job Corps Dike Rd; that part of Section 9 east of the fence-line, beginning at the N.W. corner of Section 9, and then following said fence-line southeasterly to the fence on the northern section line of Section 16 near Job Corps Dike Road; those portions of sections 15 and 16 north of the above mentioned fence to the west end of the Job Corps Dike; and that part of Section 15 north of the Job Corps Dike Road. All areas of North Potholes Game Reserve located in sections 9, 10, and 15 are closed to all public access from March 15 through May 30 and for October 1 through February 1.

WAC 232-16-610 Snipes Game

Reserve. WDFW lands within the following boundary of the Sunnyside Wildlife Area: that portion of T9N, R22E, Section 21 lying north and east of the Yakima River; the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 and the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of T9N, R22E, Section 22; and that portion of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of T9N, R22E, Section 22 lying north and east of the Yakima River.

WAC 232-16-620 Lake Tennant Game

Reserve. That portion of Tennant Lake in T 39N, R 2 E, Section 29, and that portion north of an east to west line which lies 800 feet south of and parallel to the north line of Section 32 in the N1/2 NE1/4 in T 39N, R 2E.

WAC 232-16-640 Winchester

Wasteway Game Reserve. T18N, R25E, Section 12, T18N, R26E and south 1/2 Section 7. 960 acres.

WAC 232-16-660 Frenchmen Hills

Wasteway Game Reserve. T17N, R27E, the north 1/2 and the north 1/2 of south 1/2 of Section 17. 480 acres.

WAC 232-16-690 Bayview Game

Reserve. It shall be unlawful to hunt wild animals and wild birds within the following described boundary November 16 through March 31, and it shall be unlawful to hunt brant at any time within the following described boundary: Beginning at a point on the Bayview-Edison Road 240 feet north of the intersection of the Bayview Cemetery entrance road; thence 4,000 feet WNW (west-northwest); thence 5,750 feet NNW (north-northwest); thence 3,750 feet ENE (east-northeast) to the northwest corner of Padilla Bay tract no. 532;

thence east to the northeast corner of Padilla Bay tract no. 532; thence SSE (south-southeast) to the Bayview-Edison Road; thence southerly along said road to the point of beginning.

WAC 232-16-700 Swinomish Spit

Game Reserve. It shall be unlawful to hunt wild animals and wild birds within the following described boundary November 15 through March 31, and it shall be unlawful to hunt brant at any time within the following described boundary: Beginning at the Burlington Northern railroad tracks on the west shoreline of the Swinomish Channel; thence in a northwesterly direction along the west side of the Swinomish Channel to the red channel mark buoy N "20" (as indicated on Navigation Map #18427, 13th Ed., July 16, 1983); thence 6,000 feet ENE (east-northeast); thence 3,300 feet SSE (south-southeast); thence 4,200 feet SW (southwest) to the dike at the south end of Padilla Bay; thence continue westerly along said dike to the intersection of the Burlington Northern railroad tracks and the east shoreline of the Swinomish Channel; thence continue along said railroad tracks (across swing bridge) to the west shoreline of the Swinomish Channel and the point of beginning (Public/private land).

WAC 232-16-720 Duck Lake

(Cormana Lake) Game Reserve. Section 19, T23N, R35E.

WAC 232-16-730 Coffeepot Lake

Game Reserve. In Lincoln County, all portions of Coffeepot Lake and those lands within one quarter mile of Coffeepot Lake, within the following boundary: T. 23 N., R. 34 E., Section 8, S 1/2; Section 18, north of the centerline of Coffeepot Lake and Lake Creek; and Section 9, NW 1/4; except those portions described as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of Section 9; N 85°29' E a distance of 1,979.01 feet to the true point of beginning, being the northwest property corner; thence S 14°05' W a distance of 462.39 feet; thence S 05°45' E a distance of 240.35 feet; thence S 64°31' E a distance of 129.31 feet; thence N 72°39' E a distance of 234.96; thence N 87°16' E a distance of 375.86 feet; thence N 32°03' E a distance of 83.27 feet; thence N 63°45' E a distance of 99.49 feet; thence N 33°31' E a distance of 131.75 feet; thence N 15°38' E a distance of 340.15 feet; thence N 83°41' W a distance of 925.64 feet, returning to the northwest property corner which is the true point of beginning. Also, that portion of Lincoln County described in instrument dated January 29, 1980, recorded February 1, 1980, under Auditor's file No. 354421.

WAC 232-16-780 Fir Island Farm

Game Reserve. In Skagit County beginning at the intersection of Fir Island Road and the west bank of Brown's Slough (inside base of

dike); then east along Fir Island Road (96 feet) to the Brown's Slough dike; then southerly and easterly along the Brown's Slough dike to the Fir Island Farm access road; then north along the Fir Island Farm access road to Fir Island Road; then east along Fir Island Road to the northeast corner of Section 22 (T33N, R3E); then south along the east line of Section 22 (T33N, R3E) to Dry Slough; then westerly and south along the west bank of Dry Slough to the intersection with Dike District #22 dike; then westerly along the south side (Skagit Bay side) of the Dike District #22 dike to the intersection of the Dike District #22 dike and the south line of Government Lot #5 (Section 22, T33N, R3E), then west approximately 1900 feet to the west bank of Brown's Slough (inside base of dike), then north along the west bank of Brown's Slough to the intersection with the Fir Island Road and the point of beginning.

WAC 232-16-790 Hayton Game

Reserve. Beginning at the intersection of the west bank of Dry Slough and the Dike District #22 Skagit Bay dike, then east approximately 1330 feet along the south side of the District #22 dike to the intersection of the District #22 dike and the west bank of McDonald's Slough, then north along the west bank of McDonald's Slough to the point where the adjacent farmed field boundary extends west, then west along the north edge of the farmed field boundary to the point where the farmed field boundary intersects Dry Slough, then across Dry Slough to the west bank of Dry Slough, then south along the west bank of Dry Slough to the point of beginning.

WAC 232-16-800 Johnson/Debay's Slough Game Reserve.

In Skagit County, beginning at the intersection of Francis Road and Debay's Slough Road; then south and west along Francis Road (3090 feet) to white corner marker; then north (1265 feet) to the middle of Debay's Slough (white corner marker); then westerly (2087 feet) along the channel of Debay's Slough to the western tip of the farmed portion of Debay's Island; then northerly (1485 feet) to the south bank of the Skagit River (white corner marker); then easterly (2200 feet) along the south bank of the Skagit River to fence line (white corner marker); then south along fence line (150 feet) to corner post; then southeast 1050 feet to fence line; then east 1090 feet along fence line to fence intersection; then south (300 feet) along fence line to existing tree line (white corner marker); then continue south (835 feet) to south shoreline of Debay's Slough (white corner marker); then easterly and southerly along the west shoreline of Debay's Slough (1770 feet) to the south side of Debay's Slough Road (white corner marker); then east along the south side of Debay's Slough Road to the intersection of Francis Road and the point of beginning.

Special Closures and Area Restrictions

WAC 232-16-740 Columbia, Snake, and Yakima River Waterfowl, Coot, and Snipe Closures.

Section 1. Waters and land below the mean high water mark of Bachelor Island Slough of the Columbia River in Clark County. Bachelor Island Slough is further defined as those waters starting at the south end of the slough at its confluence with the Columbia River, running north along the eastern shore of Bachelor Island to the confluence with Lake River.

Section 2. Klickitat County-the Columbia River and those lands lying within one-quarter mile of the Columbia River upstream from the railroad bridge at Wish-ram to the grain elevator at Roosevelt.

Section 3. The Columbia River and its islands between the mouth of Glade Creek (river channel marker 57) and the old town site of Paterson (river channel marker 67), except the hunting of waterfowl, coot and snipe is permitted from the main shoreline of the Columbia River in this area.

Section 4. The Columbia River and those lands lying within one-quarter mile of the Columbia River between the old Hanford townsite (Wooden Tower) powerline crossing in Section 24, T13N, R27E, to Vernita Bridge (Highway 24).

Section 5. The Columbia River between the public boat launch at Sunland Estates (Wanapum Pool) and a point perpendicular in Kittitas County; upstream to the posted marker 200 yards north of Quilomene Bay and a point perpendicular in Grant County, including islands.

Section 6. The Snake River and those lands within one-quarter mile of the Snake River, between the U.S. Highway 12 bridge near Burbank, upstream to a line running between shoreline navigation marker 4 at Levy Park Recreation Area and the Corps of Engineers windmill at Charbonneau Habitat Management Unit.

Section 7. The Yakima River and those lands lying within one-fourth mile of the Yakima River from the Sunnyside-Mabton Road bridge downstream to the Euclid Road bridge (4 miles).

Section 8. The Yakima River and those lands lying within one-fourth mile of the Yakima River from the Grant Avenue bridge (steel bridge) north of Prosser downstream 2-1/2 miles, to the powerline.

WAC 232-16-750 Belfair, Hood Canal Hunting Area Restriction. It is unlawful to hunt waterfowl, coot, or snipe in Lynch Cove and the Union River except in designated blinds. The western and southern boundaries of this closure are posted with red steel markers. (This includes all of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and Thelar Wetlands lands.)

WAC 232-16-760 Northern Puget Sound Hunting Method Restriction. It is unlawful to hunt waterfowl, coot, or snipe from a moving boat or any free-floating device that is not in a fixed position which is either anchored or secured to shore in Port Susan Bay, Skagit Bay, Padilla Bay, and Samish Bay.

WAC 232-16-770 Shotgun Shell Restriction Areas. It is unlawful to have in possession more than 15 shotgun shells or to fire (shoot) more than 15 shells in one day on the following areas:

Section 1. The farmed island segment of the Skagit Wildlife Area, between the south fork of the Skagit River and Fresh Water Slough in Skagit County. Section 2. The Spencer Island Unit of the Snoqualmie Wildlife Area in Snohomish County. Section 3. The Welts (West 90) Unit of the Skagit Wildlife Area in Skagit County.

WAC 232-16-810 Port Susan Bay Canada Goose Closure. It shall be unlawful to hunt Canada geese from November 1 through March 31 within the following boundary in Snohomish County: Beginning at the intersection of SR 532 and Marine Drive in Stanwood; then south along Marine Drive to Warm Beach Road; then west along Warm Beach Road to Port Susan Bay; then west to the Island/ Snohomish County line; then north along the Island/ Snohomish County line to SR 532; then east along SR 532 to the point of beginning. Hunting of coot, snipe, and waterfowl other than Canada geese is allowed in this area.

Voice of America Dungeness Recreation Area County Park closed to all hunting except Wednesdays, weekends, and holidays, from the first full weekend in October to the close of pheasant and waterfowl seasons.

Drawing for Lifetime License

The drawing for lifetime privileges offers an opportunity to receive complimentary recreational licenses for the rest of your life. You will never have to buy another base license for as long as you hunt or fish!



Here's what to do:

- 1. Purchase:** Applications are available for purchase over the Internet and at all dealerships that sell fishing/hunting licenses. The cost is \$6.55 for residents and \$13.09 for non-residents. Applications are good for a whole year and there is no limit to the amount of applications someone can purchase. For license year 2009 the drawings are scheduled for 6/5/09, 10/5/09, 1/4/10, and 4/5/10.
- 2. Wait to Hear:** A minimum of two winners are selected in each of the four drawings. Each application will be included in at least four drawings or until selected. That means that there are eight chances to win. WDFW will notify the winner by certified mail.
- 3. Claim your Prize:** The winner is responsible for claiming the prize within 15 days of receiving their certified letter. If the winner chooses to give their lifetime eligibility as a gift, they must notify WDFW who they are giving it to at the time it is claimed.

Base Licenses Include:

- Deer, Elk, Bear, Cougar
- Small Game License
- Vehicle Use Permit
- Puget Sound Crab
- Western WA Pheasant
- Migratory Bird Validation
- Annual Combination Fishing
- One Turkey Tag

Status of Geese in Washington - A Mixed Bag

Washington State provides diverse habitat for many types of geese using the Pacific Flyway portions of North America and Russia. Although our state is home to only one native breeding goose (the western Canada goose), over 15 types of geese use Washington habitats during fall and winter. While most geese in Washington have relatively stable populations, several are receiving additional management emphasis due to recent trends.

Wrangel Island snow goose numbers have increased dramatically over the past 20 years, contributing to record numbers in their primary wintering area, the Skagit-Fraser areas of Washington and British Columbia. The population is currently over its management objective, and this year is poised to increase again due to exceptionally high productivity. Seasons in Goose Management Area 1 have been liberalized over the past 2 years to address these increases and assist in maintaining the population at current levels.

At the other end of the spectrum, the dusky Canada goose population that

winters in southwest Washington and northwest Oregon declined significantly this year on its main breeding area, the Copper River Delta of Alaska. The 2009 survey index was a record low for the population. The main cause for this trend can be traced to the 1964 Alaska earthquake, which triggered significant, long-term changes to habitat that has favored avian and mammalian predators. Over the past 30 years, high predation rates on eggs, goslings, and adult geese have caused the declining trend.

Through the cooperation of hunters and restricted seasons, our program on the wintering areas has been successful in shifting harvest pressure away from duskys. However, because the breeding population declined below 10,000 this year, the Pacific Flyway Management Plan for Dusky Canada Geese prescribed a reduction and redistribution of dusky harvest quotas. Management agencies from Alaska to Oregon are initiating many new efforts to reverse this decline

The Canada goose breeding index in eastern Washington has declined over the

past 10 years, which led to cancellation of the two-day 2009 eastside September season at the April 2009 Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting.

Closure criteria levels were established when the season was initiated in 1997, and these have been included in Pacific Flyway and WDFW Game Management Plans since 2001. This year, two days were added to the eastern Washington regular goose season, which will provide additional opportunity when other geese are present to buffer the harvest of local breeding western Canada geese. WDFW has increased efforts to monitor this population through an extensive marking program over the past 2 years.

Washington goose populations offer a diverse array of hunting opportunities, and several types of geese require increased management emphasis. Management of geese in Washington is guided by cooperative management plans. For additional information on management activities for geese in the Pacific Flyway, see pacificflyway.gov.

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HELP STOP POACHING



Turn In a Poacher
877-WDFW-TIP
(877-933-9847)

Every year poachers steal hunting opportunities and hundreds of animals from the citizens of Washington. You can help protect our resources by reporting violations.

The **Turn In a Poacher (TIP)** program provides the public the opportunity to confidentially report fish and wildlife violations.

A person who provides information that leads to an arrest may be eligible for a cash reward or bonus points.

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Enforcement Program

(360) 902-2936

[wdfw.wa.gov/enforcement/
reporting_violations.html](http://wdfw.wa.gov/enforcement/reporting_violations.html)

Hunting Area Information

Information on lands open to public hunting, including WDFW Wildlife Areas, is available from the WDFW offices for the geographical areas shown (WDFW Offices- page 11). Several National Wildlife Refuges operate regulated hunting programs (page 30), and thousands of acres of other federal and state lands are open to public hunting. WDFW Wildlife Areas are shown online at: wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife_areas.



Vehicle Use Permits

WDFW manages nearly one million acres of prime wildlife habitat and nearly 700 lake, river and salt water access sites across the state for your use and enjoyment. A Vehicle Use Permit from WDFW is required to park vehicles at all posted WDFW wildlife areas and water access sites. Find more information online at wdfw.wa.gov or call a Fish and Wildlife office.

Hunters with Disabilities

The Department has been associated with many volunteer groups and organizations over the years to promote and expand the opportunity for hunters with disabilities to hunt waterfowl and upland birds. Since 1990 there have been accessible waterfowl blinds installed in various locations around the state for hunting or wildlife viewing.

The Fish and Wildlife Commission appointed seven persons with disabilities representing the Department's six regions and one at large to an Advisory Committee that keeps the Commission up-to-date on disability related issues. The Department also has an internal ADA Committee, Chaired by the ADA Program Manager. This committee consists of staff from each WDFW Region and Program along with representation

from the Recreation & Conservation Office and the Department of Natural Resources. The two committees work together on accessibility related issues. They handle accessibility complaints and accept suggestions regarding Department lands, facilities, and programs. These two groups represent different perspectives with a common goal of making the department services, activities, and programs accessible and usable for all constituents.

Hunters with a disability should consult WAC 232-12-828 to see if they qualify for a Disabled Hunter Permit. Not every type of disability or limitation qualifies; however qualifying persons may receive certain types of assistance and access to certain programs and hunting opportunities.

If you have an old blue or green map brochure about accessible blinds, they are outdated. To obtain the most current information, check out: wdfw.wa.gov/outreach/access/accessibility/goose.

New blinds and their locations change each year depending on success and other factors so check the web site for changes and remember conditions in the outdoors rapidly change so these sites may not be as accessible and usable as when they were installed.

To track other hunting information or details on accessible hunting opportunities go to wdfw.wa.gov/outreach/access/accessibility/goose.htm To volunteer to help maintain one of these blinds or for more details contact the ADA Program Manager at (360) 902-2349.

Regulated Access Programs for Waterfowl Hunting on WDFW Lands

Several opportunities exist to experience waterfowl hunting through WDFW's Regulated Access Programs that focus on improving hunting conditions on WDFW lands and minimizing disturbance to waterfowl. These areas are designed to provide low density hunter access and are closed to commercial guiding uses.

Baillie Memorial Youth Ranch is located in Franklin County north of Basin City. Hunting is allowed Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays during the youth hunt and regular hunting seasons. Hunters must park and register in designated parking lots located at either Baillie Lake or Hendricks Road. Parking is limited to 5 vehicles per lot. Additional restrictions are posted at the parking lots. Contact WDFW's Region 3 Office for more information.

Frenchman Ponds is located on the Desert Wildlife Area southwest of Moses Lake at T17, R27E, sections 8 and 9. Access is allowed on Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday, and Management

Area 4 goose hunting days during the youth hunt and regular waterfowl season. All visitors using the area must park in the designated parking lot. Parking is limited to 5 vehicles. Vehicles are not allowed into the parking lot before 4:00 a.m. Hunting hours end at noon and vehicles must depart the parking lot by 2:00 p.m. No access of any kind is allowed between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. Additional restrictions are posted at the parking lot. Contact WDFW's Region 2 Office for more information.

Gloyd Seeps is located in Grant County off of Road 16 NE and and at T21N R28E S19, SE1/4 and S1/2 of NE ¼. Access is allowed on all days throughout the youth hunt and regular waterfowl and upland game bird seasons. Hunting hours end at noon and no access of any kind is allowed between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.

Winchester Ponds is located on the Desert Wildlife Area west of Moses Lake at T18N, R25E section 13 and T18N, R26E, section 18. Access

is allowed on Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday, and Management Area 4 goose hunting days during the youth hunt and regular waterfowl season. All visitors using the area must park in the designated parking lot located on the northwestern boundary of the property. Parking is limited to 5 vehicles. Vehicles are not allowed in the parking lot before 4:00 a.m. Hunting hours end at noon and vehicles must depart the parking lot by 2:00 p.m. No access of any kind is allowed between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. Additional restrictions are posted at the parking lot. Contact WDFW's Region 2 Office for more information.

Windmill Ranch is located in Franklin County northeast of Basin City. Access is allowed year-round seven days a week. All visitors using the area must park in designated parking lots on either Marion or Colonial Roads. Parking is limited to five vehicles per lot during October 1 to January 30. All hunters must register to hunt. Additional restrictions are posted at the parking lots. Contact WDFW's Region 3 Office for more information.

Hunting Area Information

Youth-Mentor Hunts

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is joining forces with Pheasants Forever, Washington Waterfowl Association, and other hunting organizations to offer Youth - Mentor Hunts. Often times it is difficult for kids to get into hunting because their parents or relatives don't hunt. This is an opportunity for any kids that are interested to have an adult with take them out and teach them how it's done. The hunt takes place during the special youth season on September 26 and 27.

To participate, hunters must be under 16 years old. Interested young hunters or their parents should contact WDFW's Wildlife Program in Olympia at (360) 902-2515. Young hunters will be matched with available mentors depending on which area of the state they would like to hunt.

WDFW would like to thank the following organizations for helping with this event and providing mentors:

Pheasants Forever

Skagit Valley Chapter
South Puget Sound Chapter
Southwest Chapter
Yakima Valley Chapter

Washington Waterfowl Association

Grays Harbor Chapter
Lower Columbia Chapter
Moses Lake Chapter
Northwest Chapter
Seattle Chapter
Southwest Chapter
Whatcom Chapter

Vancouver Wildlife League

U.S. Army (Fort Lewis)
Adventure Center
253-967-6263

Whidbey Island Naval Air Station
360-257-1009

Inland Northwest Wildlife Council
(509) 487-8552



Other organizations interested in providing mentors would be appreciated. Contact the Wildlife Program at (360) 902-2515 or via email: wildthing@dfw.wa.gov

WDFW Private Lands Program

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's Private Lands Program was developed to restore important habitats, and the wildlife that utilize those habitats, as well as increase public hunting access to private property.

To meet these goals, WDFW:

- 1) Provides incentives for habitat enhancement and public access on private lands.
- 2) Works cooperatively with federal and state agencies with compatible goals.

- 3) Provides information and technical assistance to landowners.
- 4) Provides educational information to the public about habitat and private lands access.

Benefits from the Private Lands Program help perpetuate Washington's wildlife, restore and enhance habitat, and increase recreational opportunities and public support for wildlife. Currently, there are approximately 800 private landowners and 1.2 million acres enrolled in public access and habitat development agreements through the program.

Several programs and funding sources were combined to create the program in 1991. In 2003, a major source of program funding was lost due to a reduction in federal support. Nevertheless, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is committed to working with landowners to improve habitat and public access on private lands.

For additional information please contact your local WDFW office or check out GoHunt at: wdfw.wa.gov/mapping/gohunt.

Tribal Lands

There are both state and tribal rules and license requirements pertaining to non-Indian hunting within Indian reservations.

State hunting requirements and rules are in this pamphlet. Please call the appropriate WDFW Regional office if you have any questions about complying with state rules and licensing requirements when hunting on Indian reservations.

For tribal rules and license requirements, check with appropriate tribal authorities. The 2009-10 upland bird seasons

established by the state within the Colville and Yakama Reservations are the same as the seasons that the tribes established for these reservations.

For information regarding hunting or fishing within the boundaries of the Colville Indian Reservation, hunters should contact the office of the Colville Confederated Tribes Fish and Wildlife Department, (509) 634-2110, to determine the tribal permits and regulations applicable to such activities.

For information regarding hunting migratory and upland birds on tribal-owned lands within the external boundaries of the Yakama Reservation, hunters should contact the Yakama Nation, (509) 865-5121, ext. 6309, to determine the applicable tribal permits and regulations.

For questions regarding differences in licensing, regulations, use of electronic decoys, or other information, please contact the WDFW Region 3 Yakima office at (509) 575-2740.

Hunting Area Information

Hunting is allowed on many National Wildlife Refuges. Please contact the refuge for specific information or visit www.fws.gov/refuges.

COLUMBIA

735 E. Main St.
P.O. Drawer "F"
Othello, WA 99344
(509) 488-2668
fws.gov/columbiarefuge

J.B. HANSEN

46 Steamboat Slough Rd.
Cathlamet, WA 98612
(360) 795-3915
fws.gov/willapa

NISQUALLY

100 Brown Farm Rd. NE
Olympia, WA 98516
(360) 753-9467
fws.gov/nisqually

RIDGEFIELD

28908 NW Main Ave.
Ridgefield, WA 98642
Hunter Hotline: (360) 571-2015
fws.gov/ridgefieldrefuges

UMATILLA, TOPPENISH, & MCNARY

Mid-Columbia NWR
64 Maple Street
Burbank, WA 99323-8521
(509) 371-1801
fws.gov/midcolumbiariver

WILLAPA

3888 SR 101
Ilwaco, WA 98624
(360) 484-3482
fws.gov/willapa

Public Conduct on WDFW Lands

The Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted new rules (Washington Administrative Code 232-13) in December 2007 after years of discussion and extensive public review. As the number of users and types of use continue to increase on WDFW lands, the new rules provide a fair and sensible approach to protecting both fish and wildlife habitats and recreational values consistent with healthy wildlife populations.

These rules, which only apply on WDFW lands, are now in effect. The complete public conduct rule package is available on WDFW's website at wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife_areas/public_conduct.html. Although some conduct rules remain in place and have not changed, the new WAC chapter compiles them in one location for easy reference.

The rules address behavior and conduct, parking, camping, campfires, dumping and littering, target shooting, fireworks, pets, building blinds and tree stands, access, commercial and noncommercial use, and enforcement.

Fire rules allow campfires up to a maximum of three feet in diameter and three feet high (unless otherwise posted). The new rules also include a 21-day camping limit within a 30-day period (unless otherwise posted). Vehicles should not be left unattended for more than 21 days. Unattended blinds are available to the public on a "first-come-first-serve" basis. These rules were designed to provide an equal opportunity for all users.

The firearms and target practicing rule prohibits the use of glass, signs, appliances, mattresses, televisions, furniture, and exploding items as targets. With the exception of clay pigeons, debris from target practice

should be removed. These rules, along with no-littering laws, address a growing concern for the amount of garbage left on public lands. The rules also prohibit the discharge of firearms within 500 feet of one of the 21 department-designated campgrounds. These very limited shooting restrictions were included to protect the recreating public.

Rules governing pets allow hunters to use hunting dogs under their control, but not to let them or other pets roam unattended. From April through July, all dogs and other pets must be leashed on WDFW lands to protect nesting wildlife.

To manage multiple user groups, a permit from the department is now required for any private or public event involving more than thirty people.

A commercial use permit from the department is required for any activity on department lands where a fee is charged or where the purpose is the sale or barter of a good or service regardless of whether the activity is intended to produce a profit. Hunting guides using WDFW lands are required to obtain a permit through one of WDFW's six regional offices. Permits will be issued on a limited basis to manage the number of hunters. Permit distribution may be used to address equity of hunter access and concerns for local wildlife populations.

All those who use WDFW lands are encouraged to take a look at the new rules. The department will be posting signs throughout the spring and spreading the word about the new rules at meetings and events.

With the new public conduct rules in place and followed; WDFW public lands will continue to provide safe, beautiful wildlands for all users to enjoy now and in the future.



Check out **GoHunt, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's (WDFW) most comprehensive mapping information site.**

wdfw.wa.gov/mapping/gohunt

Here, hunters will find multi-layered maps displaying game management unit (GMU) boundaries, deer and elk management areas, pheasant-release sites, and private land hunting opportunities, as well as roads, topographical features and county lines. In addition, harvest statistics and hunting regulations are available by specific locale and species.

GoHunt offers a wealth of information for other outdoor recreation enthusiasts, as well. This site includes maps of major public lands, including WDFW wildlife areas and water-access sites, topographic maps and aerial photos. The site's interactive query feature allows users to retrieve stream names and information on wildlife area amenities.



WASHINGTON WATERFOWL ASSOC.

HUNTERS FOR CONSERVATION

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WHO WE ARE?

Founded in 1945, Washington Waterfowl Assoc. is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization dedicated to the enhancement of waterfowl and habitat supporting other wildfowl while providing a unified voice for all other devoted wildlife enthusiasts. Tax-exempt donations are accepted.

WHAT DO WE DO?

Raise funds to build wetland areas with the Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, provide hands on labor to construct ponds, nesting platforms and nesting tunnels, install and maintain Wood Duck nesting boxes to assure the perpetuation of wildfowl populations and wildfowl habitat. All money, time and donations go to work in Washington State.

WE NEED YOU!

We hold monthly meetings with speakers on resource management topics and subjects of interest to waterfowl enhancement and hunting opportunities.

ACTIVE CHAPTERS:

Seattle (Kenmore Shotgun Range), NW Chapter (Twin Cities Gun Range Stanwood), SW Chapter (Tacoma Sportsmen's Club), Lower Columbia Chapter (WDFW Region 5 Office, Vancouver, WA), Eastern Washington Chapter (Moses Lake Gun Club), Whatcom Chapter (Tenant Lake Interpretive Center), Grays Harbor/Chehalis Valley Chapter (Evergreen Sportsmen's Club, Rochester).

For membership information contact Howard Hicks at hkhicks@yahoo.com, (253) 847-6274, or apply on our website with a secure PayPal connection.

THINK AHEAD

- Firearm safety is first and foremost...always.
- Know what to expect, (location, tides, weather, & conditions) have a plan and maintain an awareness of your surroundings to avoid hazardous or changing conditions.
- Scout the area ahead of time. Have a Plan "B" (and "C") should your "spot" already be occupied or conditions require it.
- Know your own ability and your firearms range. Use your knowledge to be safe and effective. You should, reasonably, expect to hit what you shoot at and be confident that you can recover what you hit. If either is in question, you should pass on the shot and wait for a better opportunity.

BE CONSIDERATE

- Treat others with respect and civility. "Public use area" implies interaction with others - we ask that you remember this and keep your expectations in perspective. Cooperation produces better results and quality experiences for everyone.

WASHINGTON WATERFOWL ASSOCIATION'S TOP TEN PUBLIC AREA: "DO'S" AND "DON'TS"

Do

- Treat others as you would wish to be treated.
- Arrive well before the opening time
- Know and follow ALL game laws
- Make every effort NOT to diminish or impact anyone else's efforts or use of the area.
- Be a steward. Act responsibly. Try to leave the area better than you found it. Pick up when you pack out.

Don't

- Set up within 200 yards (think in terms of two football fields) of another group. Relocate if they "got the spot" first.
- Shoot at birds actively working another set. (i.e. "on the swing" of a landing)
- Call birds actively working another set.
- Call excessively –or- if isn't working.
- Lose perspective or awareness of your surroundings.

The sport of Waterfowling demands as wide a variety of skills and knowledge (concealment, set-up, shooting, decoying, calling, dog handling...) as the terrain and conditions in which it is pursued. We encourage you to strive to continuously practice, improve, and promote these skills, as they will surely improve the quality of your experience and the experience of those around you.

– GOOD LUCK!!

Harvest Information

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AVERAGE GAME BIRD HARVEST (2004-2008 SEASONS)

REGION	COUNTY	CHUKAR	DOVE	DUCK	GOOSE	GROUSE	HUN	PHEASANT	QUAIL	SNIPE
One	ASOTIN	1,869	121	1,222	376	841	614	1,399	1,153	3
	COLUMBIA	173	233	1,485	242	1,471	168	3,157	3,111	10
	FERRY	-	74	636	304	8,503	-	334	625	-
	GARFIELD	252	379	1,465	395	111	202	3,505	2,242	2
	LINCOLN	79	1,845	3,746	2,216	943	575	2,276	4,014	22
	PEND OREILLE	-	48	4,447	898	7,341	-	49	2	21
	SPOKANE	139	1,243	4,068	2,435	3,561	385	3,598	5,441	15
	STEVENS	-	299	2,455	735	15,404	-	736	646	4
	WALLA WALLA	63	2,007	19,099	2,827	1,314	100	8,703	4,170	16
	WHITMAN	669	1,376	3,695	769	371	1,180	13,106	6,674	18
REGION ONE TOTAL		3,243	7,625	42,318	11,198	39,860	3,224	36,863	28,078	113
Two	ADAMS	160	1,727	9,648	2,161	-	133	3,270	3,633	13
	CHELAN	3,103	3,129	8,491	725	5,266	214	1,082	13,945	82
	DOUGLAS	2,682	3,854	7,725	1,224	389	445	1,183	13,070	19
	GRANT	1,541	19,869	73,846	16,586	6	449	14,363	14,021	344
	OKANOGAN	1,353	3,706	6,250	1,222	15,436	657	1,375	13,200	10
REGION TWO TOTAL		8,839	32,286	105,960	21,918	21,097	1,897	21,273	57,869	468
Three	BENTON	642	4,555	24,409	5,257	-	115	2,947	6,701	25
	FRANKLIN	93	6,758	23,763	6,588	-	23	5,858	7,920	34
	KITTITAS	2,170	680	5,991	697	3,835	196	1,385	4,790	11
	YAKIMA	1,992	14,362	29,704	3,029	4,537	226	7,863	29,297	196
REGION THREE TOTAL		4,897	26,355	83,867	15,572	8,371	559	18,053	48,708	265
Four	ISLAND	-	18	6,142	206	22	-	1,377	70	32
	KING	-	29	7,055	348	1,753	-	1,524	4	87
	SAN JUAN	-	-	2,074	144	-	-	47	21	18
	SKAGIT	-	18	46,290	4,335	3,306	-	1,627	69	224
	SNOHOMISH	-	127	21,616	2,032	1,925	-	1,696	120	56
	WHATCOM	-	39	25,560	865	1,463	-	3,412	49	39
REGION FOUR TOTAL		-	231	108,737	7,929	8,469	-	9,683	333	456
Five	CLARK	-	298	10,878	1,725	730	-	2,453	22	35
	COWLITZ	-	35	5,420	476	2,505	-	375	44	-
	KLICKITAT	375	383	1,674	469	1,187	147	513	1,157	7
	LEWIS	-	17	7,435	907	5,624	-	925	13	6
	SKAMANIA	-	-	1,928	288	2,177	-	9	27	-
	WAHKIAKUM	-	23	3,232	139	699	-	47	14	2
REGION FIVE TOTAL		375	757	30,568	4,005	12,922	147	4,321	1,278	50
Six	CLALLAM	-	70	6,358	229	4,973	-	537	258	-
	GRAYS HARBOR	-	170	14,199	1,202	6,011	-	252	28	101
	JEFFERSON	-	-	2,577	91	2,351	-	38	5	9
	KITSAP	-	-	1,109	80	168	-	287	74	-
	MASON	-	267	3,107	113	2,558	-	1,927	189	6
	PACIFIC	-	18	6,829	595	2,061	-	427	31	21
	PIERCE	-	-	8,462	442	2,144	-	2,791	116	19
	THURSTON	-	106	6,623	439	1,642	-	3,887	54	9
REGION SIX TOTAL		-	630	49,264	3,190	21,907	-	10,145	755	165
TOTAL		17,354	67,883	420,714	63,812	112,627	5,827	100,338	137,021	1,517

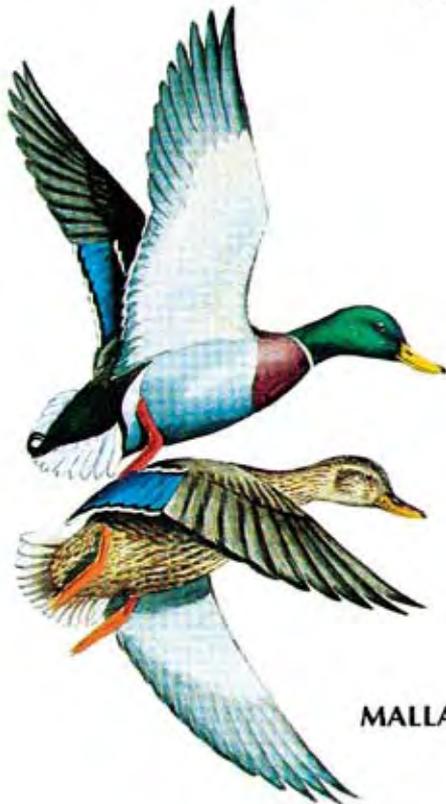
Game Bird Identification



NORTHERN SHOVELER



COMMON GOLDENEYE

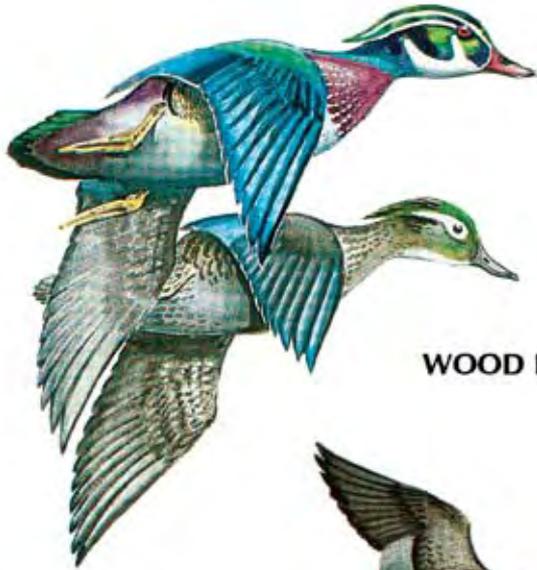


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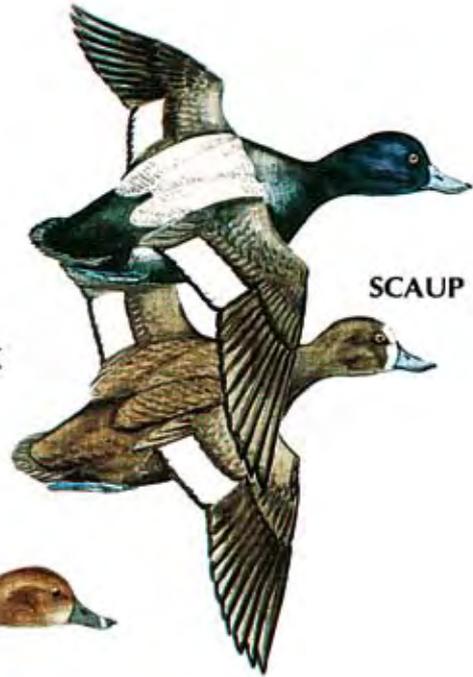


GADWALL

Game Bird Identification



WOOD DUCK



SCAUP



REDHEAD



**GREEN-WINGED
TEAL**



**BLUE-WINGED
TEAL**

Game Bird Identification



AMERICAN
WIGEON



BUFFLEHEAD



CANVASBACK

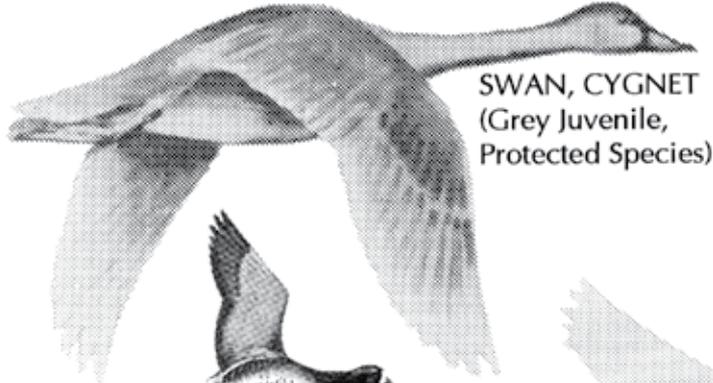


NORTHERN
PINTAIL

Waterfowl illustrations courtesy of Ducks Unlimited Canada

Game Bird Identification

Swans and Ravens Are Protected



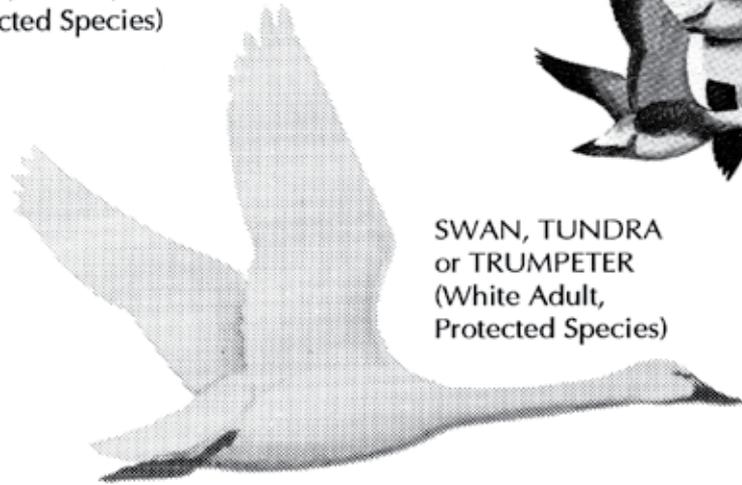
SWAN, CYGNET
(Grey Juvenile,
Protected Species)



SNOW
GOOSE



WHITE-
FRONTED
GOOSE



SWAN, TUNDRA
or TRUMPETER
(White Adult,
Protected Species)



CANADA
GOOSE

Ravens are protected by state and federal laws, and are often confused with crows.

Crows are smaller than ravens and measure between 17 and 20 inches long, while ravens measure between 24 and 27 inches long.

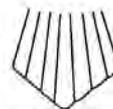
Ravens spend much time gliding when in flight, while crows seldom if ever glide and usually fly with a steady wing beat.

Crows tails are blocky and more squared off while in flight, while ravens have a diamond-shaped tail (see drawing).

Crows have a more nasal, higher pitched call, where a raven's call is lower, and hoarser.



Raven's
Tail



Crow's
Tail

Eurasian collared doves have recently spread across Washington, mainly in urban/sub-urban environments. Eurasian collared doves are much larger than mourning doves (see photo), and can be taken year-round with a Washington hunting license. Mourning doves can only be taken during September seasons.



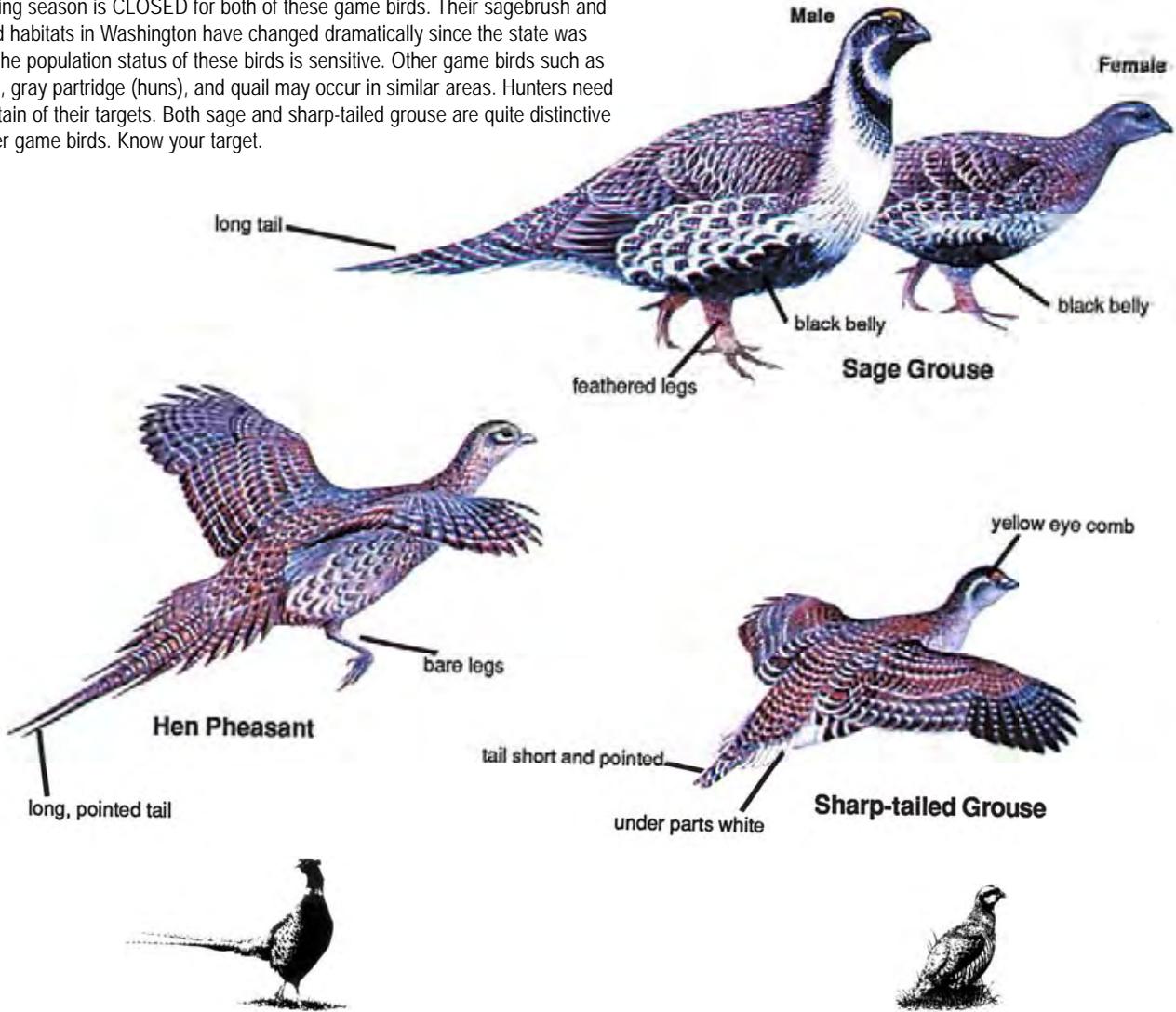
Eurasian Collared Dove

Mourning Dove

Game Bird Identification

Sharp-tailed and Sage Grouse Are Protected

The hunting season is CLOSED for both of these game birds. Their sagebrush and grassland habitats in Washington have changed dramatically since the state was settled. The population status of these birds is sensitive. Other game birds such as pheasant, gray partridge (huns), and quail may occur in similar areas. Hunters need to be certain of their targets. Both sage and sharp-tailed grouse are quite distinctive from other game birds. Know your target.



RING-NECKED PHEASANT PRIMARY MANAGEMENT ZONE

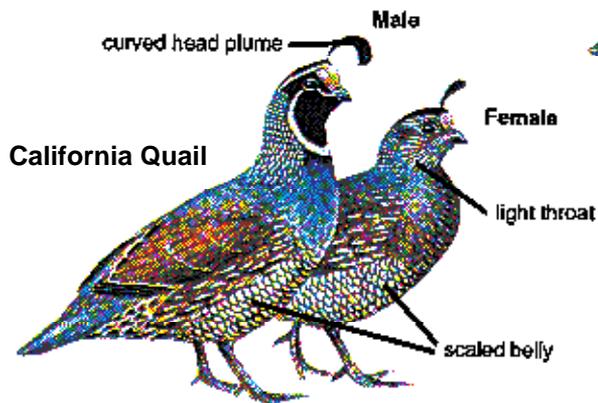
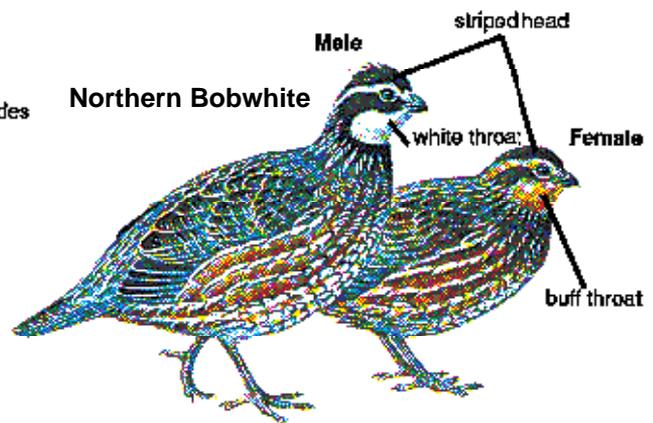
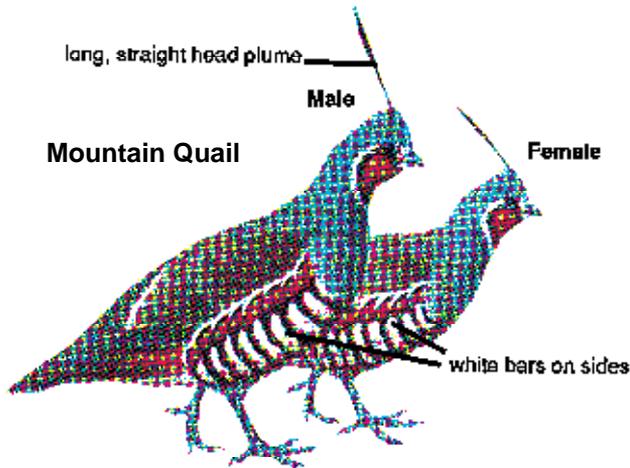
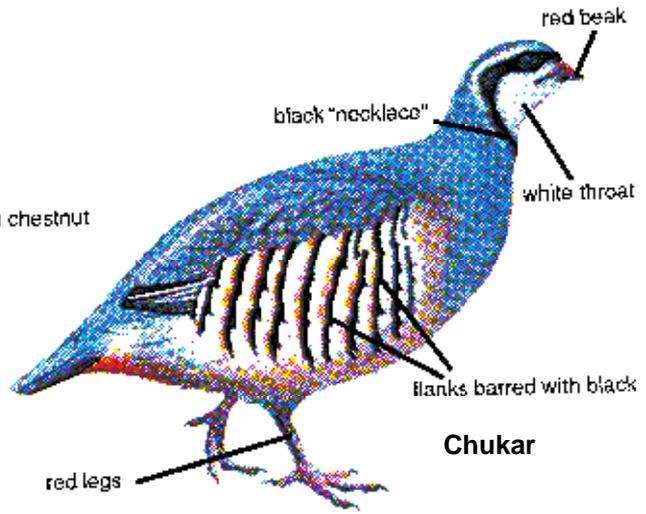
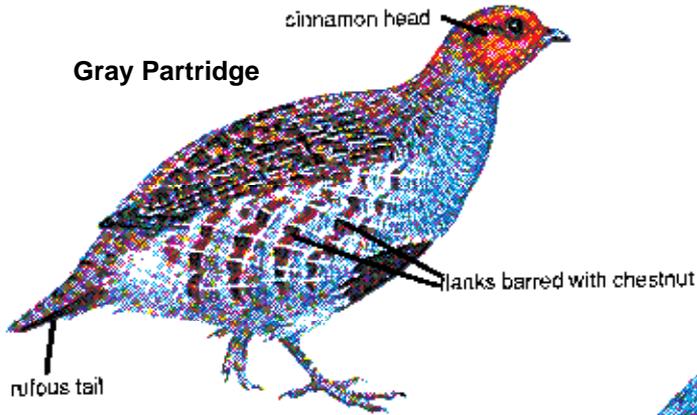


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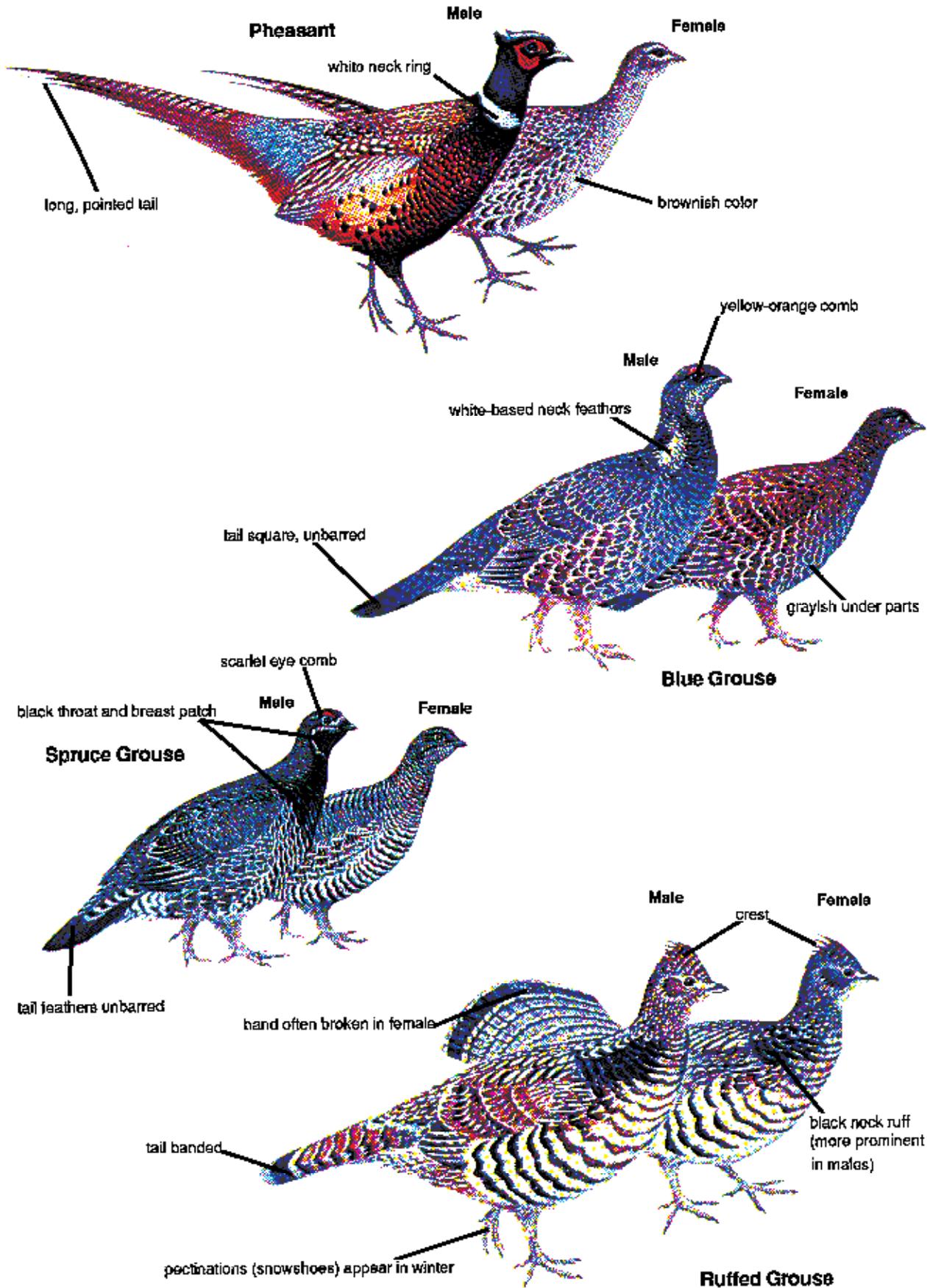


GAME BIRD IDENTIFICATION

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Summary of 2009 Big Game Seasons

General Seasons		August	September	October	November	December
Black Bear						
Westside		1			15	
Eastside (Except Blue Mtns. & Northeast)		1			15	
Blue Mountains & Northeast			1		15	
Cougar			1			3/31/2010
Deer						
Westside Archery			1 20 or 25		25	8 or 15 or 31
Eastside Archery	White-tailed		1 20 or 25		10 or 20	8 or 15
	Mule Deer		1 20 or 25		25	8
Muzzleloader Deer				26 4	20/26	varies
Modern Firearm	Black-tailed			17 31	19 22	
	Mule Deer			17 25 or 30		
	White-tailed			17 25 or 30	7 19	
Elk						
Archery	Eastside		8 20		25	8
	Westside		8 20		25	7 or 15
Muzzleloader	Eastside			3 9	25	8
	Westside			3 9	25	8 or 15
Modern	Eastside				31 8	
	Westside				7 17	

PHEASANTS FOREVER



Pheasants Forever is a non-profit conservation organization founded in 1982 in response to the decline of the ringneck pheasant population. Pheasants Forever is dedicated to the protection and enhancement of pheasant and other wildlife populations in North America through habitat improvement, land management, public awareness, and education. Such efforts benefit landowners and wildlife alike.

Pheasants Forever's unique system of county chapters allows 93% of net funds raised by chapters to remain at the chapter level for local habitat projects. Our goal is to protect, restore, and enhance wildlife habitat by establishing and maintaining local and regional project open to the general public. Chapters also support the local youth and senior hunting activities sponsored through the Adventure Center at Ft Lewis.

For more information contact the Pheasants Forever Regional Biologist Kraig Paulson at kpaulson@pheasantsforever.org or 360-353-8200.

We have 10 chapters in Washington:

- Pierce/King County #257
- Skagit County # 402
- Yakima County # 311
- Adams County #634
- Blue Mountain Walla Walla #258
- Olympic Peninsula #605
- Ringold Franklin Co.# 658
- SW Washington, Vancouver #716
- Three Rivers Tri Cities #646
- Whatcom County #267

Future Food Plot



Plastic for Weed Control, and the Growing of Shrubs



Future Nesting Cover



Youth Hunts, Habitat Enhancement Projects, Fund Raising Events, Member Events
GET INVOLVED TODAY WITH YOUR LOCAL CHAPTER

Migratory Bird Stamp & Artwork

Washington State Migratory Bird Stamp and Artwork Program

You can invest in the future of Washington's diverse migratory bird and wetland habitat resources. Your purchase of one or more Washington State Migratory Bird Stamps or Migratory Bird Stamp artwork products represents not only a sound personal financial investment for you, but also an investment in Washington's wetlands, waterfowl, and other migratory bird resources.

Wetlands throughout Washington sustain not only our breeding population, but birds that breed in Alaska, western Canada, and even Russia. Over 35 species and subspecies of ducks, geese, and swans depend on Washington wetlands, which include coastal estuaries, beaver ponds, desert potholes, sloughs and lakes. Other migratory game birds benefitting from the program include mourning doves, band-tailed pigeons, and snipe.

Revenue from the sale of migratory bird validations and stamps to hunters and collectors is used to buy and develop migratory bird habitat in the state and to enhance, protect, and produce migratory birds in the state. Second, revenue from

the sale of artwork (limited edition prints, posters, pins, etc...) is used to contract with individuals or nonprofit organizations to develop waterfowl production projects in Washington.

The stamp and artwork program has been responsible for several significant improvements in the quality and quantity of habitat in Washington by:

- Acquiring migratory bird habitat jeopardized by loss or degradation.
- Enhancing WDFW Wildlife Area migratory bird habitat.
- Enhancement of migratory bird habitat on private lands.

Examples of many projects completed over the past 20 years include:

- Acquiring and enhancing 500 acres on the Samish Flats near Edison.
- Excavating hundreds of acres on the Columbia Basin Wildlife Area for breeding waterfowl.
- Creating wetlands and enhancing goose forage on the Vancouver and Shillapoo Lake Wildlife Areas.

WDFW has also used revenues from stamps and artwork to fund cooperative habitat projects with Ducks Unlimited, Washington Waterfowl Association, Inc., Audubon Society, and many local sports groups. Funding is available for projects to benefit waterfowl production (contact (360-902-2522). Development of projects to benefit other migratory birds is underway (e.g. dove projects).

Stamps are a double investment – investing in waterfowl habitat and also in collectible stamps which appreciate significantly in value over the years. Past duck stamps have appreciated from 65 to 175 percent. Even if you purchase a stamp for hunting or your limited-edition print, buying additional stamps is a good investment—both for you and for Washington waterfowl and wetlands. Stamps are available in 30-stamp plate blocks, “mini-sheets”, or in a variety of block configurations. You can buy current-year stamps through license dealers or order directly from WDFW at (360) 902-2464. Prints can be ordered through Steiner Prints at (800) 225-3971.



Many Happy Returns

Ducks Unlimited's Pacific Northwest Initiative is doing its part in Washington to ensure the millions of ducks, geese and other migratory birds find plenty of habitat. Throughout North America, Ducks Unlimited, since 1937, has restored or enhanced more than 10 million wetland and upland acres, aiding about 900 species.



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Get Your



New Wildlife

Special License Plate!!



There are five new license plate designs available from the Department of Licensing (DOL). These license plates are available for cars, trucks, motorcycles, and trailers. Each license plate(s) purchase will cost \$40 in addition to regular vehicle licensing fees, and \$30 in conjunction with your vehicle renewal fee. A total of \$28 from the sale of each plate purchase will be deposited into the State Wildlife Fund and will be spent on the following:

- DEER, ELK AND BEAR:** Habitat improvements, population enhancements, and improved population monitoring for game animals.
- EAGLE:** Working with communities and organizations to develop or improve watchable wildlife opportunities.
- ORCA:** Endangered species population and habitat restoration and recovery.

To find out information on how to order your plate(s), contact your local Vehicle Licensing Office. To locate your local licensing office please visit the following website:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/dol/dolprod/vehoffices/>

You can change your existing plate to one of the new special designs anytime, however, the DOL highly recommends that you renew your vehicle registration at the same time you purchase your new special license plate. When you renew your vehicle registration, you will be required to pay an additional \$30.00 for the special plate renewal every year with your vehicle renewal.



Hunter's Code of Conduct

Respect the Environment & Wildlife

- Show respect for the wildlife you hunt by taking only clean, killing shots, then retrieving and properly handling your game. Take only what you will use, even if it is under the legal limit.
- Learn to tread lightly while afield. Use vehicles only on established roads and trails, practice low-impact camping and travel, and pack out your trash, including cigarette butts and spent shell casings.
- Report illegal activities immediately.

Respect Property & Landowners

- Always get permission to hunt on private land.
- Close any gates you open, and never damage crops or property, including fences, outbuildings or livestock.
- Alert landowners or land managers about any problems you find on their property.
- Share your game with the landowner, or say thank you in some other way.

Show Consideration of Non-Hunters

- Remember that the future of hunting depends on hunters and non-hunters alike. Be considerate of non-hunters' sensibilities, and strive to leave them with positive images of hunting and hunters.
- Don't flaunt your kill. Treat game carcasses in an inoffensive manner particularly during transport.
- Be considerate of all outdoor users, including other hunters.

Hunt Safely

- Exercise caution at all times.
- Fire your gun or bow only when you are absolutely sure of your target and its background. Use binoculars, not your rifle scope, to identify your target.
- Wear hunter orange whenever appropriate or required while afield.

Remember that hunting and alcohol don't mix.

Know and Obey the Law

- Obtain proper tags and licenses.
- Hunt only in allowed areas and during designated times and seasons.
- Obey bag and possession limits.
- Use only legal hunting methods and equipment.

Support Wildlife & Habitat Conservation

- Provide hands-on and financial support for conservation of game and non-game species and their habitats.
- Learn more about wildlife and habitat issues, and urge policy makers to support strong conservation initiatives.
- Become involved in wildlife conservation organizations and their programs.
- Purchase state and federal wildlife conservation stamps, even if such stamps are not required for hunting.

Pass on an Ethical Hunting Tradition

- Invite a young person or a non-hunter next time you go afield to scout or hunt.
- Attend a hunter education course, and urge others to do the same.
- Set high ethical standards for future generations of hunters to help ensure hunting will continue.

Strive to Improve Outdoor Skills & Understanding of Wildlife

- Know the limitations of your skills and equipment, and hunt within those limits.
- Improve your outdoor skills to become more observant, a better hunter, and a better teacher. Sight-in your firearm and bow, and practice shooting to ensure a clean kill in the field.
- Learn more about the habits and habitats of game and non-game wildlife and their management needs.

Hunt Only with Ethical Hunters

- Take pride in being an ethical hunter.
- Insist that your hunting partners behave in a responsible, ethical manner. Compete only with yourself.

Avian Influenza FACTS



For Hunters

AVIAN INFLUENZA (BIRD FLU) is a viral illness commonly found in birds. Wild birds can carry a number of avian influenza viruses, and most strains of avian influenza virus do not seriously affect them.

However, recently one particularly virulent form of avian flu caused by a strain of virus known as Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza H5N1 (HPAI H5N1) has sickened and killed birds in Asia, Africa, and Europe. After close contact with infected domestic birds, more than 100 people in Asia and the Middle East also have died from HPAI H5N1 virus.

Avian flu viruses are transmitted among birds through respiratory secretions and fecal droppings. The HPAI H5N1 virus is not easily transmissible from birds to people, but health officials are concerned it could develop into another form that spreads readily from person to person, triggering a global health crisis known as a pandemic.

Although avian flu has made headlines, it is important to note that:

- As of August 2009, the HPAI H5N1 virus has not been found in North American wild or domestic birds.
- There have been no known cases of humans contracting the HPAI H5N1 virus from healthy, free-flying wild birds anywhere in the world.
- There is no evidence that properly cooked waterfowl (or domestic poultry) can sicken people.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is collaborating on a wild bird disease surveillance and response plan with the Washington Department of Agriculture, Washington Department of Health, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

WDFW is greatly expanding its investigations of wild bird die-offs this year. Citizens who observe die-offs of wild birds should report the location, date and other details of their observation to WDFW by calling 1-800-606-8768. If the deaths appear unusual, samples are sent to veterinary laboratories to test for diseases including avian flu.

Federal funding is also available this year for expanded avian flu monitoring in Washington and other states in the Pacific Flyway to test both live and hunter-harvested birds. Live bird trapping and testing began in July when the first migrating shorebirds moved south through the state. Live birds tests are focusing on certain waterfowl and shorebird species. Hunter harvested birds will be tested during fall hunting seasons. WDFW will test pheasants reared at its Lewis County Game Farm before releases this fall, and is developing testing procedures for private game farms that raise waterfowl and other birds.

While it is extremely unlikely that hunters or people feeding birds could contract HPAI H5N1 from wild birds here, the following common-sense precautions are always recommended to reduce the risk of contracting any wildlife disease:

- ✓ Do not harvest or handle wild birds that are obviously sick or found dead.
- ✓ Wear rubber gloves while cleaning game or cleaning bird feeders.
- ✓ Do not eat, drink or smoke while cleaning game.
- ✓ Wash hands with soap and water or alcohol wipes immediately after handling game or cleaning bird feeders.
- ✓ Wash tools and work surfaces used to clean game birds with soap and water, then disinfect with a 10 percent solution of chlorine bleach.
- ✓ Separate raw meat, and anything it touches, from cooked or ready-to-eat foods to avoid contamination.
- ✓ Cook game birds thoroughly—meat should reach an internal temperature of 155 to 165 degrees Fahrenheit to kill disease organisms and parasites.

Dogs used in wild bird hunting are not considered at risk of acquiring avian flu, since there have been no documented cases of the HPAI H5N1 virus infecting dogs.

More information on avian flu is available on the following link:
wdfw.wa.gov/factsheets/avian_flu.htm

2009-2010 Official Hunting Hours*

FOR MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS, UPLAND BIRDS, AND WILD TURKEYS

Dates (Inclusive)	Western Washington		Eastern Washington	
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Daylight Savings Time				
Tuesday September 1 - Sunday September 6	6:00	7:45	5:50	7:35
Monday September 7 - Sunday September 13	6:10	7:35	6:00	7:20
Monday September 14 - Sunday September 20	6:20	7:20	6:05	7:05
Monday September 21 - Sunday September 27	6:30	7:05	6:15	6:50
Monday September 28 - Sunday October 4	6:40	6:50	6:25	6:35
Monday October 5 - Sunday October 11	6:45	6:35	6:35	6:25
Monday October 12 - Sunday October 18	6:55	6:20	6:45	6:10
Monday October 19 - Sunday October 25	7:05	6:10	6:55	6:00
Monday October 26 - Saturday October 31	7:20	5:55	7:05	5:45
Pacific Standard Time				
Sunday November 1	6:20	4:55	6:05	4:45
Monday November 2 - Sunday November 8	6:30	4:45	6:15	4:35
Monday November 9 - Sunday November 15	6:40	4:35	6:30	4:25
Monday November 16 - Sunday November 22	6:50	4:30	6:40	4:15
Monday November 23 - Sunday November 29	7:00	4:25	6:45	4:10
Monday November 30 - Sunday December 6	7:10	4:20	6:55	4:10
Monday December 7 - Sunday December 13	7:15	4:20	7:05	4:05
Monday December 14 - Sunday December 20	7:20	4:20	7:10	4:10
Monday December 21 - Sunday December 27	7:25	4:20	7:15	4:10
Monday December 28 - Sunday January 3	7:30	4:30	7:15	4:15
Monday January 4 - Sunday January 10	7:25	4:35	7:15	4:25
Monday January 11 - Sunday January 17	7:25	4:45	7:10	4:30
Monday January 18 - Sunday January 24	7:20	4:55	7:05	4:40
Monday January 25 - Saturday January 31	7:10	5:00	7:00	4:50

*These are lawful hunting hours (one-half hour before sunrise to sunset) for migratory game birds (duck, goose, coot, snipe, mourning dove, & band-tailed pigeon); upland birds (pheasant, quail, partridge); & turkey during established seasons.

Exceptions:

- (a) Western Washington - Pheasant and quail hunting hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in all areas.
- (b) Clark (except areas south of the Washougal River), Cowlitz, Pacific, and Wahkiakum counties - Goose hunting hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., except one-half hour before sunrise to sunset during the September goose season and 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. during the late goose season.
- (c) Hunting hours for falconry seasons (except migratory game bird seasons) are exempt from these hunting hours, except on designated pheasant release sites.