

Iowa 2005-2006



Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations



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NEW FOR 2005

Based on actions taken in July by the Mississippi Flyway Council and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Regulations Committee, Iowa waterfowlers will see a few changes in the 2005-06 season.

DUCKS

- ◆ The pintail season will run the entire 60-day duck season, with a limit of one pintail per day. (The canvasback season will remain 30 days with a limit of one per day.)
- ◆ The limit on scaup has been reduced to two per day.

GEESE

- ◆ The special two-day Canada goose season in September will be open statewide, as opposed to only in the north zone as it was last year. Daily bag limit is two Canada geese, except in the Des Moines and Cedar Rapids/Iowa City zones where the daily limit is three.
- ◆ The regular Canada goose season will be 70 days (60 days in 2004-05) with a limit of two Canada geese per day. The regular season will be split into three segments. The addition of the special two-day September season, coupled with the split regular season, means there will be four opening weekends for Canada goose hunting in each zone.
- ◆ The white-fronted goose season has been reduced from 86 days to 72 days in 2005-06. Daily limit is two white-fronted geese.

This publication is a supplement to the *2005-06 Iowa Hunting and Trapping Regulations* booklet, which contains general hunting and trapping information. Migratory game bird season dates, bag limits and related regulations were set after the general hunting and trapping regulations booklet went to press. Migratory game bird hunters must follow other state regulations outlined in the *2005-06 Iowa Hunting and Trapping Regulations* booklet. Additional migratory bird information, including Canada goose closed hunting zone maps, are available on the DNR's web site at

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LICENSE INFORMATION

Hunting Licenses and Fees

RESIDENTS

Hunting	\$17.50
Habitat Fee (Ages 16 to 65).....	\$8.50
Migratory Game Bird Fee	\$8.50
Hunting Preserve	\$6.00
Lifetime Hunting (Age 65 and older)	\$51.00
Federal Duck Stamp*	\$15.00

NONRESIDENTS

Hunting (18 years and older)	\$80.50
Hunting (Under 18 years)	\$30.50
Habitat Fee	\$8.50
Migratory Game Bird Fee	\$8.50
Hunting Preserve	\$6.00
Falconry	\$26.50
Federal Duck Stamp*	\$15.00

*Available at U.S. post offices and some license agents.

ADDITIONAL RESIDENT LICENSES

Annual Free Combination Hunting and Fishing — Available to Iowa residents 65 years of age or older who are low income or permanently disabled and low income.

Lifetime Combination Hunting and Fishing License for Disabled Veterans — Available to an Iowa resident who served for a minimum aggregate of 90 days of active federal service, plus who was disabled, or who was a prisoner of war during their military service. Disabled means entitled to compensation under United States Code, title 38, chapter 11.

Applications for these special licenses and assistance may be obtained at DNR district offices that sell hunting and fishing licenses, at the DNR central office by calling 515-281-5918, or on-line at www.iowadnr.com

License and Fee Requirements

Hunting License - Iowa residents 16 years and older, and nonresidents regardless of age, are required to have a valid hunting license on their person, pay the habitat fee and Iowa migratory game bird fee, and have a valid federal migratory waterfowl stamp (duck stamp). Military personnel stationed in Iowa may purchase resident hunting licenses regardless of their official state of residency.

Wildlife Habitat Fee - Iowa residents who are 16 to 65 years old and nonresidents regardless of age who are required to have a hunting license must pay the wildlife habitat fee to hunt waterfowl. Residents that have special licenses for the disabled are exempt.

Iowa Migratory Game Bird Fee - All residents and nonresidents 16 years and older must pay the Iowa migratory game bird fee to hunt wild geese, brant, ducks, snipe, rail, woodcock, gallinule or coot. The fee must be paid even if a hunting license and habitat fee are not required.

Federal Migratory Waterfowl Stamp - All residents and nonresidents 16 years old and older must have a valid federal migratory waterfowl stamp (duck stamp) on their person while hunting geese and ducks. The hunter must sign the stamp across the face. The stamp is required even if a hunting license and habitat fee are not required. Federal migratory waterfowl stamps are available at most post offices, national wildlife refuges and at some license retailers.

All Participants Must be Licensed - All participants in a hunt must be properly licensed and have paid the appropriate fees. It is up to the discretion of the conservation officer to determine whether a person is “participating.” Participation includes, but is not limited to, handling weapons or ammunition during the hunt, making animal calls to attract game, driving, flushing, or locating game, and working dogs.

Falconers - Special licenses, regulations, and season dates apply to residents and nonresidents hunting with birds of prey. Information may be found at www.iowadnr.com/law/files/falconbag.pdf

The following persons do not need a hunting license or need to pay certain fees:

1) Resident and nonresident owners and tenants of land in Iowa and their juvenile children may hunt waterfowl and other migratory game birds on such lands without a hunting license or paying the wildlife habitat fee. Persons exempted under this provision must still possess a valid federal migratory waterfowl stamp and have paid the Iowa migratory game bird fee to hunt migratory game birds if they are 16 years old or older.

2a) Residents under 16 years old that hunt under the direct supervision of a properly licensed parent, guardian or other competent adult, with the consent of the parent or guardian, do not need a hunting license, federal waterfowl stamp or have to pay the Iowa habitat and migratory game bird fees. One properly licensed adult must accompany each unlicensed hunter under 16 years old. The youth hunter may shoot and possess his/her own limit.

2b) Residents 12 to 16 years old may hunt without adult supervision, but must have a hunting license and must have passed a hunter education course (see “Hunter Education Requirements” at right). The federal migratory waterfowl stamp and Iowa habitat and migratory game bird fees are not required.

3) Military personnel that qualify as a resident of Iowa, that are on active duty with the armed forces of the United States, and are on authorized leave from a duty station outside of Iowa, do not need a hunting license or pay the habitat fee. They must possess a federal migratory waterfowl stamp and pay the Iowa migratory game bird fee to hunt migratory game

You need the resident or nonresident licenses and stamps listed in this table to hunt migratory game birds in Iowa. All licenses, fees and stamps must be carried on your person while hunting or trapping.

R = Resident NR = Nonresident X = License or fee required Blank = Not required NA = Not available	Under 16		16 - 64		65 and Older		Disabled Veteran		Landowner or Tenant		Military Stationed in Iowa ⁶		Military Resident on Leave ⁶	
	R	NR	R	NR	R	NR	R	NR	R	NR	R	NR	R	NR
Hunting License	1	X	X	X	X	X	X ²	NA	3	3	X			
Iowa Habitat Fee ⁴		X	X	X		X		NA	3	3	X			
Federal Waterfowl Stamp ⁵			X	X	X	X	X	NA	X ⁵	X ⁵	X		X	
Iowa Migratory Bird Fee ⁵			X	X	X	X	X	NA	X ⁵	X ⁵	X		X	

¹Not required for residents under 16 if accompanied by a licensed adult (18 years or older). See page 4. ²Lifetime hunting license available to residents who qualify.

³Not required for resident and nonresident landowners or tenants or their juvenile children when hunting on their own land. See page 4. ⁴Required unless under 16 years old, 65 years old or older or disabled. ⁵Required unless under age 16.

⁶See explanation page 4.

birds. They must carry their leave papers on their person while hunting and a copy of their current earnings statement showing a tax deduction for Iowa income taxes for the previous year. They may claim residency in lieu of their earnings statement by being legally registered to vote in Iowa.

4) Persons with a dog entered in a licensed field trial may participate in the event and train their dog on the same area where the field trial will be held during the 24-hour period immediately preceding the trial without purchasing a hunting license or paying the habitat fee.

Hunter Education Requirements

Residents born after Jan. 1, 1972, and nonresidents born after Jan. 1, 1967, must satisfactorily complete a hunter education course in order to obtain a hunting license. A person who is 11 years old or older may enroll in a course, but those who are 11 and successfully complete the course shall be issued a certificate of completion which becomes valid on that person’s 12th birthday. Residents under the age of 12 can be issued deer and turkey licenses, but the youth hunter must be accompanied by a licensed adult hunter.

Call 515-281-5918 or go to

www.iowadnr.com/law/recedu.html for class dates and locations.

Alternative. A hunter education certificate issued by another state or a foreign nation will meet the above requirement. Proof of completion is required when purchasing your first Iowa hunting license.

Mandatory Harvest Information Program (HIP)

Federal regulations require all hunters to register with the Harvest Information Program (HIP) before hunting migratory game birds in the United States. Hunters must register in each state in which they hunt migratory game birds. In Iowa, hunters are automatically registered when they pay the Iowa migratory game bird fee. It is important that the license vendor ask the HIP questions and that the buyer answers the questions accurately. Please remind the license seller to do this.

Answers to the HIP questions are not used to directly estimate the numbers of migratory game birds harvested by hunters. They are used to place hunters with similar hunting success into groups. This allows biologists to more accurately estimate the harvest. A sample of hunters from each group are mailed a diary and asked to record the number of migratory birds they harvest each day they hunted. The information from these diaries is used to estimate the number of migratory game birds harvested in each state, which is one of the most important factors in setting the following year's seasons. By cooperating, hunters will be protecting migratory game birds for the future.

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SPECIAL HUNTS

Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days

Hunters ages 15 or younger may hunt waterfowl during Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days without purchasing a hunting license or federal duck stamp or paying the Iowa habitat or migratory game bird fees. The youth hunter must be accompanied by an adult 18 years old or older. The adult must have a hunting license and have paid the Iowa wildlife habitat and migratory game bird fees, if normally required to do so to hunt waterfowl. Only the youth may hunt ducks, geese and coots, except that the adult may hunt any other game that is in season, including other migratory game birds that may be in season, provided the adult possess a federal duck stamp. The daily bag and possession limit for ducks, geese, mergansers and coots for the youth hunter are the same as for the regular season. Bag and possession limits conform to the regular season. All other regulations in effect for the regular waterfowl seasons apply during the youth hunt.

Special September Canada Goose Seasons

Special September Canada goose seasons are open September 1-15 in the Des Moines and Cedar Rapids-Iowa City Zones. The daily bag limit in these zones is 3 Canada geese. The zone boundary maps are available on the DNR's web site at www.iowadnr.com/wildlife/files/earlycago.html

Light Goose Conservation Order

Only light geese (white- and blue-phase snow geese and Ross' geese) can legally be taken during the Light Goose Conservation Order. Hunters must have a valid resident or nonresident hunting license and have paid the current Iowa wildlife habitat and migratory game bird fees. A federal duck stamp is not required.

Shooting hours are 1/2-hour before sunrise until 1/2-hour after sunset each day. The daily limit is 20 light geese. There is no possession limit. Hunters may use electronic callers and unplugged shotguns only during the Light Goose Conservation Order.

2005-06 Migratory Game Bird Seasons and Bag Limits

	NORTH DUCK ZONE*	SOUTH DUCK ZONE*
Ducks, Mergansers and Coots (excluding canvasbacks)	Sept. 17-21 Oct. 15 - Dec. 8	Sept. 24-28 Oct. 22 - Dec. 15
Canvasbacks	Oct. 22 - Nov. 20	Oct. 29 - Nov. 27
Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days	Oct. 8-9	Oct. 8-9
	NORTH GOOSE ZONE*	SOUTH GOOSE ZONE*
Canada geese and brant	Oct. 1-9 Oct. 15 - Dec. 4 Dec. 24 - Jan. 2, 2006	Oct. 1-9 Oct. 22 - Dec. 4 Dec. 24 - Jan. 9, 2006
SPECIAL SEPTEMBER CANADA GOOSE SEASONS		
Canada geese	Sept. 1-15 (Only in designated zones around Des Moines and Cedar Rapids/Iowa City. Special regulations apply. See Special September Canada Goose Season flyer at select license agents in hunt zones)	
Canada geese	Sept. 10-11 (statewide)	
STATEWIDE		
White-fronted geese	Oct. 1 - Dec. 11	
Light Geese (white and blue phase snow geese and Ross' geese)	Oct. 1, 2005 - Jan. 15, 2006	
Light Geese Conservation Order (white and blue phase snow geese and Ross' geese)	Jan. 16 - April 15, 2006 (Additional Regulations May Apply)	
Woodcock	Oct. 1 - Nov. 14	
Snipe	Sept. 3 - Nov. 27	
Rail (Sora and Virginia)	Sept. 3 - Nov. 11	

Shooting Hours: 1/2-hour before sunrise to sunset for all migratory game bird species except woodcock, which is sunrise to sunset.

Bag Limits:

Ducks: Daily limit is 6, including no more than 4 mallards (of which no more than 2 may be female), 2 wood ducks, 2 red-heads, 1 pintail, 1 canvasback, 1 black duck, and 2 scaup.

Mergansers: Daily limit is 5, including no more than 1 hooded merganser. **Coots:** Daily limit is 15.

Geese: Daily limit is 2 Canada, 2 white-fronted geese, 2 brant and 20 aggregate light geese (both white and blue phase snow geese and Ross' geese), **EXCEPT** during the Special September Canada goose season in the Des Moines and Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Zones when the daily bag limit is 3 Canada geese.

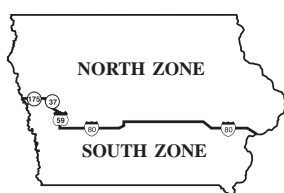
Woodcock: Daily limit is 3. **Snipe:** Daily limit is 8. **Rail (Sora and Virginia):** Daily limit is 12.

Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days: Shooting hours and daily bag limits will conform to those set for the regular waterfowl seasons.

Possession Limit: Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit, except for light geese for which there is no possession limit.

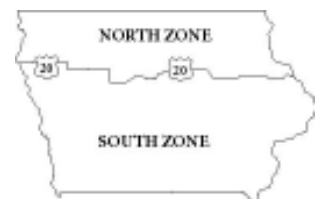
*Duck and Goose Hunting Zones

DUCK ZONES



For the purpose of duck hunting, the state is divided by a line beginning on the Nebraska-Iowa border at State Highway 175, east to State Highway 37, southeast to U.S. Highway 59, south to I-80 and along I-80 east to the Iowa-Illinois border. For the purpose of goose hunting, the state is divided by U.S. Highway 20.

GOOSE ZONES



2005-06 Iowa Sunrise/Sunset Table

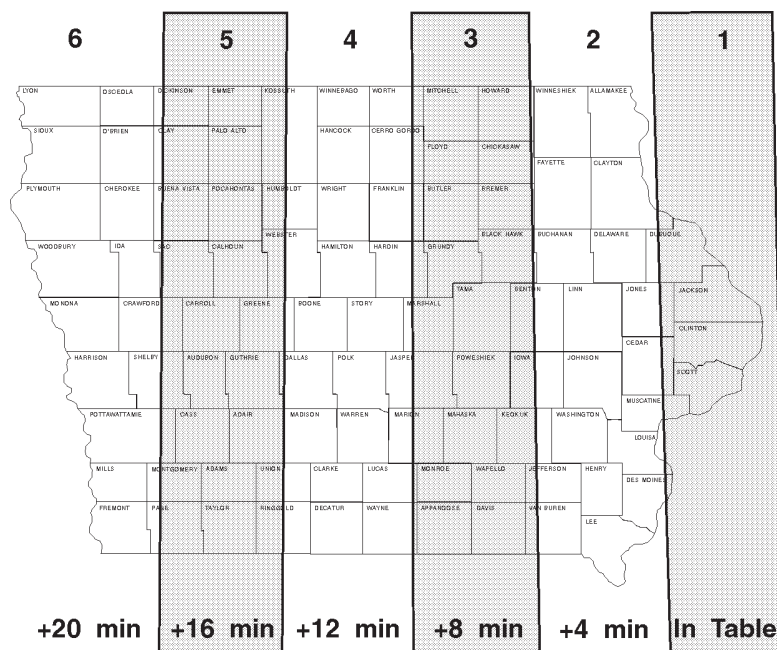
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02	5:29	6:34	6:01	5:42	6:37	4:55	7:13	4:32	7:31	4:43	7:15	5:19	6:36	5:54	5:44	6:29	02
03	5:30	6:33	6:02	5:40	6:38	4:54	7:14	4:31	7:31	4:44	7:14	5:20	6:35	5:55	5:42	6:31	03
04	5:31	6:31	6:03	5:39	6:39	4:53	7:15	4:31	7:31	4:45	7:12	5:21	6:33	5:56	5:40	6:32	04
05	5:33	6:29	6:04	5:37	6:41	4:51	7:16	4:31	7:31	4:46	7:11	5:23	6:31	5:58	5:39	6:33	05
06	5:34	6:27	6:05	5:35	6:42	4:50	7:17	4:31	7:31	4:46	7:10	5:24	6:30	5:59	5:37	6:34	06
07	5:35	6:26	6:06	5:34	6:43	4:49	7:18	4:31	7:31	4:47	7:09	5:25	6:28	6:00	5:35	6:35	07
08	5:36	6:24	6:08	5:32	6:44	4:48	7:18	4:31	7:31	4:49	7:08	5:26	6:26	6:01	5:34	6:36	08
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21	5:49	6:01	6:22	5:11	7:00	4:37	7:28	4:34	7:25	5:03	6:50	5:43	6:04	6:16			21
22	5:50	6:00	6:24	5:10	7:01	4:36	7:28	4:35	7:24	5:05	6:49	5:44	6:03	6:17			22
23	5:51	5:58	6:25	5:08	7:03	4:35	7:29	4:35	7:24	5:06	6:47	5:45	6:01	6:18			23
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31			6:35	4:58			7:31	4:41	7:17	5:16			5:47	6:27			31

■ The sunrise-sunset schedule above represents Zone 1 in eastern Iowa (See map at left).

■ Add four minutes for each zone west of Zone 1 (see map).

■ Each schedule is based on Central Standard Time.

■ Add one hour for Daylight Savings Time when in effect, from the first Sunday in April to the last Sunday in October.



AREAS CLOSED TO HUNTING

Closed Waterfowl Hunting Areas

The entire state is open to waterfowl hunting except for the following areas:

- 1) The east-west road adjacent to Forney Lake in Fremont County;
- 2) U.S. Highway 30 adjacent to Desoto National Wildlife Refuge in Harrison County;
- 3) County roads adjacent to Union Slough National Wildlife Refuge in Kossuth County;
- 4) Marked county roads near the Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge in Louisa County;
- 5) Posted dikes at Green Island Wildlife Management Area in Jackson County;
- 6) Posted dikes at Otter Creek Wildlife Management Area in Tama County;
- 7) Posted lands adjacent to Rathbun Reservoir in Appanoose and Lucas counties;
- 8) Portions of Summit Lake in Union County;

9) Posted portions of Clear Lake and Ventura Marsh in Cerro Gordo County.

10) The Goose Island “No Hunting Zone” on the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge is closed to hunting at all times.

In “Closed Areas,” hunting for all legal species except migratory birds is permitted beginning the day after the final closing day of the state duck-hunting season.

National Wildlife Refuges

Some parts of the National Wildlife Refuges under the management of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Iowa are closed to hunting. In addition, there may be other regulations that limit the species that can be hunted on these national wildlife refuge properties, as well as when and how they can be hunted.

On the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge: In “Closed Areas,” hunting for all legal species except migratory birds is permitted beginning the day after the final closing day of the state duck hunting season. Shotgun hunters may

DNR Wildlife Refuges

The following areas under the jurisdiction of the Department of Natural Resources are established as game refuges where posted as such. It shall be unlawful to hunt, pursue, kill, trap or take any wild animal, bird or game on these areas at any time, and no one shall carry firearms thereon. It shall also be unlawful to trespass in any manner on the following areas, where posted as such, between the dates of Sept. 10 and Dec. 31 of each year, both dates inclusive, except that DNR personnel and law enforcement officials may enter the area at any time in performance of their duties.

AREA	COUNTY	AREA	COUNTY	AREA	COUNTY
Lake Icaria	Adams	Riverton Area	Fremont	Cottonwood Area	Polk
Pool Slough	Allamakee	Dunbar Slough	Greene	I-35 Area	Polk
Rathbun Area	Appanoose	Bays Branch	Guthrie	Smith Area	Pottawattamie
Wildlife Exhibit Area	Boone	Iowa River Corridor	Iowa	Lake View Area	Sac
Sweet Marsh	Bremer	Green Island Area	Jackson	McCausland	Scott
Storm Lake Islands	Buena Vista	Hawkeye WMA	Johnson	Princeton Area	Scott
Big Marsh	Butler	Muskrat Slough	Jones	Prairie Rose Lake	Shelby
South Twin Lake	Calhoun	Colyn Area	Lucas	Otter Creek Marsh	Tama
Round Lake	Clay	Red Rock Area	Marion , Polk, Warren	Green Valley Lake	Union
Little River Rec. Area	Decatur			Three Mile Lake	Union
Allen Green Refuge	Des Moines	Badger Lake	Monona	Lake Sugema	Van Buren
Kettleston Area	Dickinson	Tieville/Decatur Bend	Monona	Middle River Area	Warren
Henderson WMA	Dickinson	Five Island Lake	Palo Alto	Rice Lake Area	Winnebago
Spring Run WMA	Dickinson	Big Creek/Saylorville Complex	Polk	Snyder Lake	Woodbury
Ingham Lake	Emmet	Chichaqua Area	Polk	Elk Creek Marsh	Worth
Forney Lake	Fremont			Lake Cornelia	Wright

possess only approved nontoxic shot while hunting for all game except wild turkeys. In pools 4 through 11, you may not place or leave decoys during the time 1/2-hour after the close of legal shooting hours, until 1 hour before the start of legal shooting hours. In pools 4 through 11, construction of permanent hunting blinds using artificial materials is prohibited. At the end of each day's hunt, you must remove all artificial materials you brought onto the Refuge.

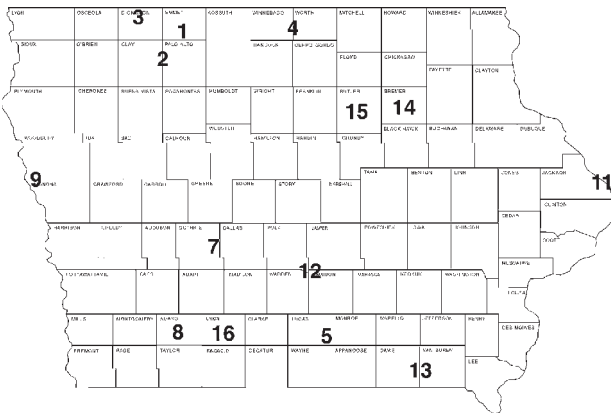
For more details on hunting on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wildlife Refuge lands go to: www.fws.gov/midwest/maps/iowa.htm and click on the refuge for which you want information. Or,

write to: Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, BH Whipple Federal Building, 1 Federal Drive, Twin Cities, Minn. 55111-4056.

For questions about interpretations of Federal regulations contact: Special Agent-in-Charge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 45, Twin Cities, MN 55111 or phone: (612) 713-5320.

Areas Closed to Canada Goose Hunting

Canada goose hunting is closed in posted portions of 21 counties. Maps of the closed areas may be obtained by going to www.iowadnr.com/wildlife/files/cagorefuge.html. Maps are also available from local conservation officers, at one of the DNR facilities contained in the Canada goose closed areas listed below, or by calling the DNR Central Office at 515/281-5918. Be prepared to tell the area name for the map you are ordering. Allow two weeks for delivery.



1. Emmet County; Northwest Regional Office in Spirit Lake and Ingham Wildlife Unit in Estherville.
2. Clay/Palo Alto counties; Northwest Regional Office in Spirit Lake and Ruthven Wildlife Unit in Spencer.
3. Dickinson County; Northwest Regional Office in Spirit Lake and Big Sioux Wildlife Unit in Spirit Lake.
4. Worth/Winnebago counties; Northeast Regional Office in Manchester and Rice Lake Unit in Lake Mills or Northwood.
5. Lucas County; Southeast Regional Office in Brighton and the Rathbun Wildlife Unit in Chariton and Russell.

6. No area assigned
7. Guthrie County, Southwest Regional Office in Lewis and the Bays Branch Unit in Panora or Adel.
8. Adams County, Southwest Regional Office in Lewis and the Mt. Ayr Wildlife Unit in Mt. Ayr.
9. Monona/Woodbury counties; Southwest Regional Office in Lewis or the Missouri River Unit in Onawa or Whiting.
10. No area assigned
11. Jackson County; Northeast Regional Office in Manchester and the Maquoketa Unit in Green Island and Maquoketa.
12. Red Rock Reservoir Area; Southwest Regional Office in Lewis and the Red Rock Wildlife Unit in Indianola.
13. Davis/Van Buren counties; Southeast Regional Office in Brighton and the Wapello Wildlife Unit in Ottumwa.
14. Bremer County; Northeast Regional Office in Manchester and the Sweet Marsh Unit in Tripoli.
15. Butler County; Northeast Regional Office in Manchester and the Big Marsh Unit in Parkersburg or Hampton.
16. Union County; Southwest Regional Office in Lewis and the Mt. Ayr Wildlife Unit in Mt. Ayr.

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GENERAL MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING REGULATIONS

Federal Regulations Summary

You cannot take migratory game birds:

- ◆ with a trap, net, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10 gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fish hook, poison, drug, explosive or stupefying substance.
- ◆ with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler which is incapable of being removed without disassembling the gun.
- ◆ from a sink box (a low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water).
- ◆ from or with the aid or use of any motor vehicle or other motor-driven land conveyance or any aircraft, except that paraplegics and single or double leg amputees may take from any stationary motor-driven land conveyance.
- ◆ by the use or aid of live decoys. All live, tame or captive ducks and geese shall be removed for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to hunting, and confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such tame birds from the sight of migratory waterfowl.
- ◆ by the aid of baiting or on or over a baited area where a person knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited. A baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after complete removal of any bait. Baiting includes placing, exposing, depositing or distributing salt, grain or other feed that could serve as a lure or attraction for migratory game birds to, on or over areas where hunters are attempting to take them. Agricultural areas must be prepared in accordance with official recommendations to be legally hunted. It is a separate offense to place, or direct placement of bait, on or adjacent to an area which causes, induces or allows another to hunt by the aid of bait or over a baited area. Hunters are responsible for ensuring that an area has not been baited and should verify its legality prior to hunting. The maximum federal penalties are: for hunting over bait, \$15,000/six months in jail; for placing bait, \$100,000/one year in jail.
- ◆ from a motorboat or sailboat under power. A craft under power may be used to retrieve dead or crippled birds, except crippled birds may not be shot from such craft under power.
- ◆ by the use or aid of recorded or electronically amplified bird calls or sounds or recordings or electroni-

cally amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds.

Closed Season

You cannot take migratory game birds during the closed season.

Shooting or Hawking Hours

You cannot take migratory game birds except during the hours open to shooting and hawking. For complete falconry information, visit the Iowa DNR's web site at www.iowadnr.com/law/files/falconbag.pdf

Daily Bag Limit

You cannot take in any one day more than one daily bag limit.

Field Possession Limit

You cannot possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to the vehicle, hunting camp, home, etc.

Wanton Waste

All migratory game birds killed or crippled must be retrieved, if possible, and retained in the custody of the hunter in the field.

Possession of Live Birds

Wounded birds reduced to possession must be immediately killed and included in the daily bag limit.

Tagging

You cannot give, put or leave any migratory game birds at any place or in the custody of another person unless you tag the birds with the following information: 1. your signature; 2. your address; 3. the total number of birds involved, by species; 4. the dates such birds were killed.

You cannot receive or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are properly tagged.

Shipment

You cannot ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside with: 1. the name and address of the person sending the birds; 2. the name and address of the person receiving the birds; and 3. the number of birds, by species, contained in the package.

Importation and Transportation Within the United States

For information regarding the importation of migratory birds killed in another country, hunters should consult the Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20. One fully feathered wing or head must remain attached to all migratory game birds, except doves and band-tailed pigeons, being transported between a port of entry and the hunter's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility. You cannot import migratory game birds killed in any foreign country, except Canada, unless such birds are dressed (except as required above), drawn and the head and feet removed.

Dual Violation

Violation of state migratory bird regulations is also a violation of federal regulations.

Nontoxic shot only

You cannot have in your possession any shotshell loaded with anything other than nontoxic shot approved by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) when hunting any migratory game birds, except woodcock, on any land or waters of the state of Iowa. Approved nontoxic shot must be used to hunt all game animals or furbearers, except deer and wild turkey, on selected public hunting areas in north-central and northwest Iowa. See the "2005 Iowa Hunting and Trapping Regulations" for details. Nontoxic shot currently approved by the USFWS includes: steel, bismuth-tin, tungsten-bronze, tungsten-iron (two types), tungsten-matrix, tungsten-nickel-iron, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-tin-bismuth and tungsten-tin-iron-nickel.

Blinds

A blind is a constructed place of concealment for hunting, observing or photographing wildlife. You may construct a blind on a game management area using only the natural vegetation found in the area, except that no trees or parts of trees other than willows can be cut for that purpose. The use of such blinds is on a first-come, first-served basis whether or not you constructed the blind.

You cannot drive or otherwise place any nail, spike, pin or any other object, metal or otherwise, into any tree on a game management area to construct a blind or to make access to a blind or to a hunting location above the ground.

Portable blinds are prohibited on game management areas from one hour after sunset until midnight of each day. Portable blinds which are built on, or are part of, a boat

shall be considered as removed from an area when the boat and blind are tied up or moored at an approved access site. No boat may be anchored away from shore and left unattended unless it is attached to a legal buoy.

Decoys

A "decoy" is a likeness of a bird or animal used to lure game within shooting range. Decoys are prohibited on all game management areas from one hour after sunset until midnight of each day. Decoys are considered removed from an area if they are in a boat or other container at an approved access site. Waterfowl decoys cannot be left unattended for over 30 minutes between midnight and one-half hour after sunset.

Did you shoot a banded duck or goose?

Bands can be reported at
www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbl
or by calling 1-800-327-BAND (2263)

Reporting the harvest of banded waterfowl provides valuable information which helps sustain populations and hunting for the future.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Equal opportunity to participate in, and benefit from, the programs and activities of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources is available to all individuals regardless of race, color, national origin, disability or age. If you believe you have been discriminated against in any program, activity or facility as described above, or if you desire additional information, write to: Director, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Wallace State Office Building, 502 E. 9th, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0034.

ALTERNATIVE FORMATS

This information is available in alternative formats upon request by contacting the DNR at (515) 281-5918 (TDD number - (515) 242-5967) or by writing DNR at the address listed above.

Iowa Wildlife Management Areas Requiring Nontoxic Shot for All Hunting

(excluding deer and wild turkey)

Benton County, Iowa River Corridor; **Boone County**, Harrier Marsh WMA; **Buena Vista County**, all state and federal areas except Bluebird Access; **Calhoun**, South Twin Lake; **Cerro Gordo County**, all state and federal areas; **Clay County**, all state and federal areas except Burr Access, Dry Mud Lake, Little Sioux, Highbridge and Fen Valley WMAs, and the Ocheyedan WMA target shooting range; **Dickinson County**, all state and federal areas except the Spring Run WMA target shooting area; **Emmet County**, all state and federal areas except Birge Lake, Grass Lake and Ryan Lake WMAs, and the East Des Moines River Access; **Franklin County**, all state and federal areas; **Greene County**, all state and federal areas except Rippey Access and McMahan Access; **Guthrie County**, McCord Pond, Lakin Slough and Bays Branch WMAs, excluding the target shooting range at Bays Branch WMA.

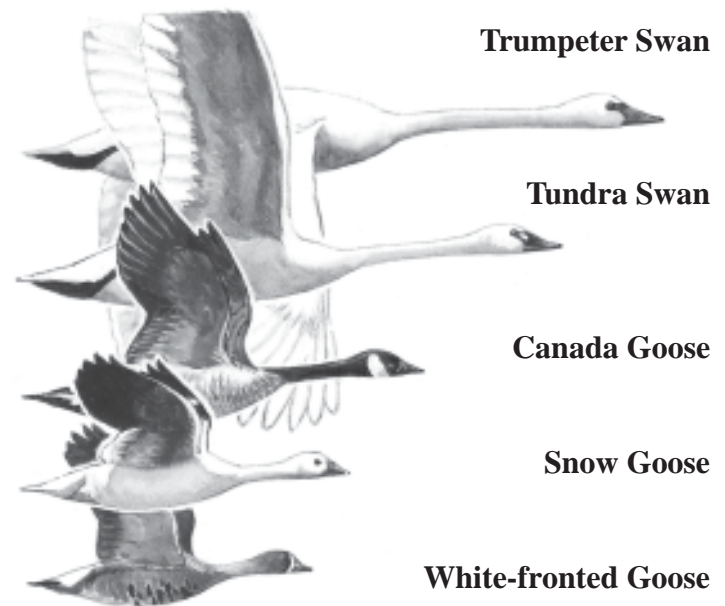
Also, **Hamilton County**, Little Wall Lake, Gordon Marsh and Bauer Slough WMAs; **Hancock County**, all state and federal areas; **Humboldt County**, all state and federal areas except Bradgate Access and Willows Access; **Iowa County**, Iowa River Corridor; **Jasper County**, Chichaqua Wildlife Management Area; **Kossuth County**, all state and federal areas except Seneca Access; **Osceola County**, all state and federal areas; **Palo Alto County**, all state and federal areas; **Pocahontas County**, all state and federal areas except Kalsow Prairie; **Polk County**, Paul Errington Marsh WMA and Chichaqua Wildlife Management Area; **Sac County**, all state and federal areas except White Horse Access and Sac City Access; **Tama County**, Iowa River Corridor; **Winnebago County**, all state and federal areas; **Worth County**, all state and federal areas; and **Wright County**, all state and federal areas .

Target shooting on these areas will also require the use of nontoxic shot.

Trumpeter Swan Identification

Be Sure of Your Target BEFORE You Shoot

The Iowa DNR is currently restoring trumpeter swans to its native nesting grounds in Iowa. The trumpeter and the arctic nesting tundra swan that migrate through the state are given complete protection in Iowa. Shooting a swan could result in a stiff fine and a \$1,500 liquidated damage fee. There is no reason to mistake a trumpeter swan for a snow or Canada goose. Trumpeter swans weigh up to 35 pounds, have up to an 8-foot wingspan and all primary wing feathers are white, or gray if they are immature. Snow geese weigh up to 6 pounds and have 2- or 3- foot wingspan and have black on their outer primary wing feathers.



Trumpeter Swan

Tundra Swan

Canada Goose

Snow Goose

White-fronted Goose