

Early Canada Goose Hunting Season

These regulations apply only to hunting Canada geese during the September 1-15 time period.

Purpose. This special season is designed to increase the harvest of local Canada geese in and around urban centers to decrease conflicts between geese and people. Geese that reside in urban areas are generally exposed to less hunting pressure during regular goose seasons than geese in rural areas. Consequently urban goose populations often grow at faster rates than rural populations. Federal regulations require that additional hunting opportunities can only be offered when migrant Canada geese are not in Iowa. The geese harvested during early September will predominantly be local Canada geese from the immediate area in and around the hunting zone - the same geese that are causing problems on golf courses, parks, housing and business complexes and airports.

Zones, Dates and Bag limits for 2005: Three early season Canada goose hunting zones have been established for 2005. Only Canada geese may be hunted during the September 1-15 time period.

Zone	Open Dates	Daily Bag limit* (Canada geese only)
Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Zone	Sept. 1 – 15	3
Des Moines Zone	Sept. 1 – 15	3
Statewide (remainder of state outside of the above urban zones)	Sept. 10 & 11	2
<i>*The possession limit during the special early season is twice the daily bag.</i>		

Zone boundaries: Maps and textual descriptions of zones are available at www.iowadnr.com/wildlife/.

Permission to Hunt Required: Establishing this zone does not constitute permission to hunt. Hunters must obtain permission from the person or entity in lawful control of the land to hunt geese. Shaded areas on the map denote approximate city boundaries. Permission to hunt within city limits must be granted by the city. Permission from the landowner, tenant or other person in lawful control of the land must always be obtained to hunt private land within or outside of city limits. Public areas outside of city limits may or may not be open to hunting. Check with the local land manager before attempting to hunt. The City of Ankeny prohibits the discharge of firearms within City limits. Please check City ordinances in all special goose hunting zones for limitations and prohibitions prior to hunting within any city limit.

ATTENTION HUNTERS: The upper end of Saylorville Lake from the Mile-Long bridge (112th Avenue) north to the Highway 17 bridge will be CLOSED TO CANADA GOOSE HUNTING for the last 6 days (September 10 – 15) of the Early Canada Goose Season.

License Requirements to Hunt Geese:

- Residents age 16 to 65 and all nonresidents regardless of age must have a Small Game Hunting License and pay the Habitat Fee.
- Residents born after January 1, 1972, and nonresidents born after January 1, 1967, must show proof of having completed a state-sponsored hunter safety and ethics course before purchasing a Small Game Hunting license.
- Residents and nonresidents age 16 or older must pay the Iowa Migratory Game Bird Fee and purchase a Federal Waterfowl Stamp (Duck Stamp).
- Residents under age 16 hunting without adult supervision must have a Small Game Hunting License but do not need to pay the other fees.
- Residents under age 16 hunting under the direct supervision of a properly licensed adult do not need a license or to pay any of the fees. The youth hunter may have his or her own bag and possession limit. There may be no more than one unlicensed youth with each adult hunter.

This is not a complete set of regulations. All other state and Federal waterfowl hunting regulations apply. See the 2005 Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Regulations and the 2005 Upland Game, Waterfowl and Trapping Regulations booklets for more information - available at license agents in late August and also available electronically in PDF format at <http://www.iowadnr.com/wildlife/>.