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SPECIES AND AREA		SEASONS		LIMITS	
		FIRST DAY	FINAL DAY	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION
Crows* Wildlife Management Districts's 1 - 6		August 1, 2016	September 23, 2016	NO LIMITS Closed season on Ravens in all WMDs	
		February 4, 2017	April 15, 2017		
		August 1, 2017	September 22, 2017		
Crows* Wildlife Management Districts's 7 - 29		August 1, 2016	September 23, 2016		
		January 20, 2017	March 31, 2017		
		August 1, 2017	September 22, 2017		
Common (Wilson's) Snipe**		September 1, 2016	December 16, 2016	8	24
Woodcock**		October 1, 2016	October 29, 2016	3	9
		October 31, 2016	November 15, 2016		
Rails (Sora And Virginia)***		September 1, 2016	November 9, 2016	25 <i>Singly or in aggregate</i> 25	
Canada Goose (Early)	North Zone	September 1, 2016	September 24, 2016	6	18
	South Zone	September 1, 2016	September 24, 2016	10	30
	Coastal Zone	September 1, 2016	September 24, 2016	10	30
Canada Goose Regular <i>Including Greater White-Fronted Geese</i>	North Zone	October 1, 2016	December 21, 2016	3	9
	South Zone	October 1, 2016	October 27, 2016		
		November 1, 2016	December 24, 2016		
	Coastal Zone	October 1, 2016	October 27, 2016		
		November 11, 2016	January 4, 2017		
Snow Geese <i>Including Blue Geese</i>		October 1, 2016	January 31, 2017	25	No Limit
Sea Ducks <i>Scoter, Eider, and Long-Tailed Duck</i>		November 11, 2016	January 19, 2017	5 <i>Shall not include more than 4 scoters or 4 eiders or 4 long-tailed ducks</i>	15 <i>Shall not include more than 12 scoters or 12 eiders or 12 long-tailed ducks</i>
Regular Ducks <i>Including Mergansers and American Coots</i>	North Zone	September 26, 2016	December 3, 2016	6* No more than 4 of any one species <i>Singly or in aggregate Exceptions to these limits listed below</i>	18* No more than 12 of any one species
	South Zone	October 1, 2016	October 15, 2016		
		November 1, 2016	December 24, 2016		
	Coastal Zone	October 1, 2016	October 15, 2016		
		November 11, 2016	January 4, 2017		
Brant	North Zone	September 26, 2016	December 3, 2016	2	6
	South Zone	October 1, 2016	October 15, 2016		
		November 1, 2016	December 24, 2016		
	Coastal Zone	October 1, 2016	October 15, 2016		
		November 11, 2016	January 4, 2017		

All dates are inclusive except that hunting is prohibited on Sunday.

*Crows are neither migratory waterfowl or migratory game birds. The use of lead shot and the use of a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells is permitted. A migratory waterfowl stamp is not required.

**Woodcock & Snipe are considered migratory game birds, not migratory waterfowl. The use of lead shot is permitted. The use of a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells is prohibited. A migratory waterfowl stamp is not required.

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Special Falconry Season <i>In addition to the regular migratory bird season (on ducks, geese, mergansers, american coots.)</i>	North Zone	December 22, 2016	February 11, 2017	3	9
	Closed to Goose	February 1, 2017	February 11, 2017		
	South Zone	January 7, 2017	February 28, 2017		
	Closed to Goose	February 17, 2017	February 28, 2017		
	Coastal Zone	January 7, 2017	February 28, 2017		
Special Youth Waterfowl Hunts <i>All duck species except Harlequins, Barrow's Goldeneye, and Moorhens and Gallinules – may be hunted on these days, including geese. For the October 22, November 5, December 10 youth days, the goose limit is under the Regular Season limit. On September 17, September 24, October 22, November 5, December 10, scoters, eiders, and long-tailed ducks may be taken as part of the 6 bird daily limit on regular ducks. Also on these dates, 1 Black Duck may be taken.</i>	North Zone	September 17, 2016 & December 10, 2016		Special regulations apply to youth and accompanying adult. Please see Junior Hunters section.	
	South Zone	September 24, 2016 & October 22, 2016			
	Coastal Zone	September 24, 2016 & November 5, 2016			

EXCEPTIONS

HARLEQUIN DUCKS, BARROW'S GOLDENEYE, MOORHENS & GALLINULES	CLOSED SEASON
American Coots	It is unlawful to take more than 5 American Coots in any one day or possess more than 15 American Coots at any time
Black Ducks, Mottled Ducks, Fulvous Whistling Ducks	The daily limit on these species shall not include more than 1 bird; possession limit shall not include more than 3 of these species.
Hen Mallards, Redheads, Northern Pintails, Scaup, Canvasbacks	The daily limit on these species shall not include more than 2 birds; possession limit shall not include more than 6 of these species.
Mergansers	Hunters may take 5 mergansers in addition to the limits on other regular ducks, however only 2 may be a hooded merganser. It is unlawful to possess more than 15 mergansers at any time (only 6 of which may be hooded mergansers).
Sea Ducks	Within the Sea Duck Hunting Area defined below, hunters may take 5 sea ducks in addition to the limits on regular ducks (but not more than 4 scoters or 4 eiders or 4 long-tailed ducks).
Wood Ducks	It is unlawful to take more than 3 wood ducks in any one day or to possess more than 9 wood ducks at any time.