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## MIGRATORY GAME BIRD REGULATIONS

### 1973 - 1974

In accordance with the Revised Statutes of 1964, Title 12, Chapter 319, Section 2352, the following regulations are hereby adopted and approved governing the lawful hunting and possession of migratory game birds. For the purpose of this regulation, migratory game birds include and are limited to the species limicolae, commonly known as shore birds, snipe or woodcock; rallidae, commonly known as rails, coots, or gallinules; anatidae, commonly known as ducks, geese, brants, or swan. Except as expressly provided in these regulations, it shall be unlawful to hunt, capture, kill, take, possess, transport, buy or sell any migratory game bird or part thereof.

#### 1. HUNTING METHODS —

It shall be lawful to hunt migratory game birds by the aid of dogs, artificial decoys, manually or mouth-operated bird calls, with longbow and arrow, or with shotgun (not larger than No. 10 gauge and incapable of holding more than three shells) fired from the shoulder. Every other method is unlawful.

It shall be lawful to hunt migratory game birds from floating craft (except a sinkbox), including those capable of being propelled by motor, sail and wind, or both, only when (i) the motor of such craft has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, as the case may be and (ii) the progress or motion of the craft in the water has ceased and the craft is drifting, beached, moored, resting at anchor, or is being propelled solely by paddle, oars, or pole.

It shall be lawful to use a motor or sail on a craft as a means of retrieving or picking up dead or injured birds.

All migratory game birds, including waterfowl, may be taken on or over standing crops (including aquatics), flooded standing crops, flooded harvested crop lands, grain crops properly shocked on the field where grown, or grains found scattered solely as a result of normal agricultural planting or harvesting and in addition, all migratory game birds, except waterfowl, may be taken on or over lands where shelled, shucked, or unshucked corn, wheat or other grain, salt or other feed has been distributed or scattered solely as a result of valid agricultural operations or procedures

#### 2. TRANSPORTATION —

Any person, without a permit, may transport lawfully killed and possessed migratory game birds into, within, or out of any State, or export such birds to a foreign country during and after the open seasons in the State where taken, subject to the conditions and restrictions specified in this part.

If such birds are dressed, one fully feathered wing must remain attached to each bird so as to permit species identification while being transported between the place where taken and the personal abode of the possessor or between the place where taken and a commercial preservation facility.

Any package or container in which such birds are transported shall have the name and address of the shipper and of the consignee and an accurate statement of the numbers and kinds of birds contained therein clearly and conspicuously marked on the outside thereof.

#### 3. POSSESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROCESSING, TRANSPORTATION, OR STORAGE —

No hunter who legally takes and possesses any migratory game birds shall place or leave any such birds in the custody of any other person for picking, cleaning, processing, shipping, transportation, or storage (including temporary storage) unless such birds have a tag attached signed by the hunter stating his address, the total number and kinds of birds, and the date such birds were killed.

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

No hunter who legally takes and possesses any migratory game birds shall place or leave such birds at any place for storage (including temporary storage) other than at his personal abode unless such birds are tagged as provided above. Legally possessed migratory game birds being transported in any vehicle as the personal baggage of the possessor shall not be deemed to be in storage or temporary storage.

Any commercial picking establishment or cold-storage or locker plant receiving, possessing, or having in custody any migratory game birds shall maintain accurate records showing the numbers and kinds of such birds, the dates received and disposed of, and the names and addresses of the persons from whom such birds were received and to whom such birds were delivered. Any person authorized to enforce this regulation may enter such establishments or plants at all reasonable hours and inspect the records and the premises where operations are being carried on. The records required to be maintained shall be retained by the person or persons responsible for their preparation and maintenance for a period of 1 year following the close of the open season on migratory game birds prescribed for the State in which such picking establishment or cold-storage or locker plant is located.

#### **4. TERMINATION OF POSSESSION —**

For the purposes of this part, the possession of birds legally taken by any hunter shall be deemed to have ceased when such birds have been delivered by him to another person as a gift; or have been delivered by him to a post office, a common carrier, or a commercial cold-storage or locker plant for transportation by the postal service or a common carrier to some person other than the hunter.

#### **5. WOUNDED LIVE MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS —**

Every migratory game bird wounded by hunting and reduced to possession by the hunter shall be immediately killed and become a part of the daily bag limit.

#### **6. POSSESSION OF PLUMAGE —**

Any person, without a permit, may possess and transport for his own use the plumage and skins of lawfully taken migratory game birds.

#### **7. WANTON WASTE OF MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS —**

No person shall kill or cripple any migratory game bird pursuant to this regulation without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the bird and include it in his daily bag limit. The shooting of crippled waterfowl from a motorboat under power will be permitted on those coastal waters and all waters of rivers and streams lying seaward from the first upstream bridge.

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### **SPECIAL BONUS SEASON — TAKING OF SCAUP**

In addition to the daily bag limit on ducks, a bonus of 2 scaup may be taken daily (4 in possession) during the regular duck season in coastal waters and the waters of rivers and streams seaward from the first upstream bridge — except on the Androscoggin River, where the boundary is the Topsham-Brunswick bridge; on the Kennebec, the Randolph-Gardiner bridge; and on the Penobscot, the Bangor-Brewer bridge. The bonus bag will also apply to all tidal waters bounded by state highways 182 and 200 north of U.S. Highway 1 in Hancock County.

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#### **8. OPEN SEASON, LIMITS, AND OTHER PROVISIONS —**

Migratory game birds may be taken only in accordance with the open seasons, the daily bag limits, possession limits, and within the shooting hour as stated below.

No person may take in any one day more than the daily bag limit or aggregate daily bag limit, whichever applies. No person may possess more birds lawfully taken than the possession limit or the aggregate possession limit, whichever applies. No person on the opening day of the season may possess any freshly killed migratory game birds in excess of the daily bag limit or aggregate daily bag limit, whichever applies, and no person may possess any freshly killed migratory game birds during the closed season.



Species	Open Season	Daily Limit	Possession At One Time	Daily Shooting Hours
Ducks	Oct. 1-Oct. 13 Nov. 7-Dec. 8	4	8	½ hour before sunrise to sunset.
Ducks- Daily shooting hours on October 1 only shall be from noon to sunset.				
Ducks- The daily bag limit shall not include more than two wood ducks or two black ducks. The possession limit shall not include more than four black ducks or four wood ducks.				
Mergansers	Oct. 1-Oct. 13 Nov. 7-Dec. 8	5	10	½ hour before sunrise to sunset.
Mergansers- The daily bag limit shall not include more than one hooded merganser. The possession limit shall not include more than two hooded mergansers.				
American- Coots (or Mudhen)	Oct. 1-Oct. 13 Nov. 7-Dec. 8	15	30	½ hour before sunrise to sunset.
Scoters (or Sea Coots)	Sept. 29-Jan. 12	7	14	½ hour before sunrise to sunset.
Eider, Old Squaw		in aggregate	in aggregate	

Scoters, etc.- A special open season for the taking of scoters, eider, and old squaw ducks, is prescribed during the period of Sept. 29 through January 12 in all coastal waters and waters and streams lying seaward from the first upstream bridge. Daily shooting hours are from ½ hour before sunrise until sunset.

Canvasback and Redhead Ducks	No open season	None	None	None
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Geese (except Snow Geese and Blue Geese)	Oct. 3-Dec. 11	3	6	½ hour before sunrise to sunset.
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Brant	No open season	None	None	None
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#### **SPECIAL BONUS SEASON —**

During the first 9 days of the regular duck season, 2 blue-winged teal may be taken in addition to the regular daily bag limit on ducks.

#### **Wilson's**

Snipe (Northern Zone)	Sept. 24-Nov. 15	8	16	½ hour before sunrise to sunset.
(Southern Zone)	Oct. 1-Nov. 15			

#### **Woodcock**

(Northern Zone)	Sept. 24-Nov. 15	5	10	½ hour before sunrise to sunset.
(Southern Zone)	Oct. 1-Nov. 15			

For the purpose of regulating the season on woodcock and snipe, the State shall be divided into the following 2 zones:

**Northern Zone:** North and west of a line starting where the Appalachian Trail enters Maine from the New Hampshire border to where the trail intersects the Canadian Pacific Railway in Ellitsville; The Canadian Pacific Railway from Ellitsville to where the tracks intersect Interstate 95 at T.2,R.8, then following Interstate 95 north to the New Brunswick border at Houlton.

**Southern Zone.** The rest of the State south and east of above stated line.

Rails (Sora, and Virginia)	Sept.1-Nov. 9	25	25	½ hour before sunrise to sunset.
Gallinules	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15	30	½ hour before sunrise to sunset.

These regulations shall become effective on September 1, 1973, and shall remain in effect until amended or revoked.

# MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTERS TIME AND TIDE TABLE - 1973

Legal shooting hours on migratory and upland game birds are from 1/2-hour before sunrise to sunset.+ Hunting on Sunday is illegal in Maine. Sunset is indicated throughout as the closing time.

DATE	LEGAL TIME		TIDES*			DATE	LEGAL TIME		TIDES*		
	OPEN	CLOSE	HI	Lo	Ht.		OPEN	CLOSE	HI	Lo	Ht.
(Daylight Savings Time)						(Eastern Standard Time)					
OPENING - SEA DUCK SEASON											
Sep 29 S	6:04A	6:24P	1:31P	7:21A	9.8	Nov 17 S	6:07A	4:11P	4:33P	10:19A	9.2
FIRST REGULAR DUCK SEASON OPENS AT NOON						Nov 19 M	6:10A	4:09P	6:22A	12:39P	9.0
Oct 1 M	NOON-	6:20P	2:54P	8:40A	9.0	Nov 20 T	6:11A	4:08P	7:21A	1:40P	9.2
Oct 2 T	6:08A	6:19P	3:40P	9:27A	8.6	Nov 21 W	6:13A	4:07P	8:13A	2:36P	9.4
GOOSE SEASON OPENS						Nov 22 Th	6:14A	4:06P	9:02A	3:23P	9.6
Oct 3 W	6:09A	6:17P	4:34P	10:18A	8.3	Nov 23 F	6:15A	4:06P	9:45A	4:12P	9.6
Oct 4 Th	6:10A	6:15P	5:32P	11:15A	8.0	Nov 24 S	6:16A	4:05P	10:26A	4:49P	9.6
Oct 5 F	6:11A	6:13P	6:21A	12:17P	7.1	Nov 26 M	6:19A	4:04P	11:38A	5:31A	9.4
Oct 6 S	6:13A	6:11P	7:20A	1:19P	7.3	Nov 27 T	6:20A	4:03P	12:18P	6:05A	9.2
Oct 8 M	6:15A	6:08P	9:01A	3:06P	8.0	Nov 28 W	6:21A	4:03P	12:53P	6:43A	9.0
Oct 9 T	6:16A	6:06P	9:42A	3:48P	8.5	Nov 29 Th	6:22A	4:02P	1:35P	7:24A	8.8
END OF BLUE WING TEAL BONUS						Nov 30 F	6:24A	4:02P	2:18P	8:07A	8.5
Oct 10 W	6:18A	6:04P	10:17A	4:29P	9.0	Dec 1 S	6:25A	4:01P	3:05P	8:52A	8.2
Oct 11 Th	6:19A	6:02P	10:56A	5:12P	9.5	Dec 3 M	6:27A	4:01P	4:51P	10:41A	7.8
Oct 12 F	6:20A	6:01P	11:34A	5:53P	10.0	Dec 4 T	6:28A	4:01P	5:25A	11:40A	8.1
Oct 13 S	6:21A	5:59P	12:15P	6:00A	10.3	Dec 5 W	6:29A	4:00P	6:14A	12:36P	8.5
END OF FIRST REGULAR DUCK SEASON						Dec 6 Th	6:30A	4:00P	7:05A	1:30P	9.0
Oct 15 M	6:24A	5:56P	1:44P	7:31A	10.5	Dec 7 F	6:31A	4:00P	7:57A	2:25P	9.5
Oct 16 T	6:25A	5:54P	2:35P	8:20A	10.3	Dec 8 S	6:32A	4:00P	8:48A	3:17P	10.1
Oct 17 W	6:26A	5:52P	3:30P	9:15A	9.9	END OF SECOND REGULAR DUCK SEASON					
Oct 18 Th	6:28A	5:50P	4:37P	10:18A	9.6	Dec 10 M	6:34A	4:00P	10:30A	4:59P	10.9
Oct 19 F	6:29A	5:49P	5:46P	11:27A	9.3	Dec 11 T	6:35A	4:00P	11:21A	5:50P	11.1
Oct 20 S	6:30A	5:47P	6:35A	12:42P	8.5	Dec 12 W	6:36A	4:00P	12:15P	6:00A	11.0
Oct 22 M	6:33A	5:44P	8:41A	2:53P	9.1	Dec 13 Th	6:37A	4:00P	1:10P	6:55A	10.7
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Oct 30 T	5:43A	4:32P	1:20P	7:09A	9.0	Dec 22 S	6:42A	4:03P	9:26A	3:53P	9.2
Oct 31 W	5:45A	4:30P	2:05P	7:52A	8.7	Dec 24 M	6:43A	4:04P	10:43A	5:10P	9.3
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Nov 8 Th	5:55A	4:20P	8:35A	2:57P	9.3	Jan 2 W	6:45A	4:11P			
Nov 9 F	5:57A	4:19P	9:20A	3:43P	9.9	Jan 3 Th	6:45A	4:12P			
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						Jan 12 S	6:43A	4:22P			
						END OF SEA DUCK SEASON					

\* At Portland. At Richmond in Merrymeeting Bay add 2 hrs. 48 min.; 2 hrs at Sturgeon Is.; Bucksport minus 2 min.; Jonesport minus 23 min.

+ Except Oct. 1, as indicated, for duck season opening.