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(see hunting law booklet for all laws)

**Sec. 2352 (condensed).** No person shall hunt, molest, shoot, or kill any waterfowl on Haley Pond in Rangeley and Dallas Pits., Franklin County.

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**Sec. 2468 (cond.)** It is unlawful to hunt during the open firearm season on deer, except when hunting waterfowl from a boat or blind or in conjunction with waterfowl decoys, unless wearing an article of fluorescent orange clothing which is in good and serviceable condition and which is visible from all sides.

### WARNING: FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES USE OF STEEL SHOT ON MERRYMEETING BAY

A federal regulation requires that steel shot ammunition only is permitted for hunting ducks and geese on the waters of the Kennebec River known as Merrymeeting Bay (defined in Sec. 2461, above) and within a 150 yard zone of land adjacent to the margins of these waters. Shotguns smaller than 12 gauge are exempted from this requirement during the 1976 season only.



## MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTERS TIME AND TIDE TABLE -- 1976

DATE	LEGAL TIME*		TIDES*		DATE	LEGAL TIME*		TIDES*	
	OPEN	CLOSE	HI	LO		OPEN	CLOSE	HI	LO
Oct 1	5:07	5:20	5:05A	11:09A	Nov 27	6:20	4:03	3:32P	9:19A
Oct 2	5:08	5:19	6:14A	12:19P	Nov 29	6:22	4:02	5:15A	11:29A
Oct 4	5:10	5:15	8:14A	2:22P	Nov 30	6:24	4:02	6:15A	12:31P
Oct 5	5:11	5:13	9:01A	3:10P	Dec 1	6:25	4:01	7:08A	1:29P
**Oct 6	5:13	5:11	9:44A	3:55P	Dec 2	6:26	4:01	7:57A	2:19P
Oct 7	5:14	5:10	10:22A	4:33P	Dec 3	6:27	4:01	8:42A	3:05P
Oct 8	5:15	5:08	10:56A	4:47A	Dec 4	6:28	4:00	9:23A	3:47P
Oct 9	5:16	5:06	11:28A	5:19A	Dec 6	6:30	4:00	10:36A	4:59P
Oct 11	5:19	5:02	12:35P	6:26A	Dec 7	6:31	4:00	11:11A	5:01A
Oct 12	5:20	5:01	1:12P	7:02A	Dec 8	6:32	4:00	11:45A	5:35A
Oct 13	5:21	4:59	1:52P	7:41A	Dec 9	6:33	4:00	12:22P	6:11A
Oct 14	5:23	4:57	2:37P	8:24A	Dec 10	6:34	4:00	1:02P	6:51A
Oct 15	5:24	4:56	3:29P	9:12A	Dec 11	6:35	4:00	1:43P	7:33A
Oct 16	5:25	4:54	4:21P	10:07A	Dec 13	6:37	4:00	3:21P	9:12A
Oct 18	5:28	4:50	6:04A	12:11P	Dec 14	6:37	4:00	4:19P	10:10A
Oct 19	5:29	4:49	7:00A	1:11P	Dec 15	6:38	4:01	5:45A	11:12A
Oct 20	5:30	4:47	7:53A	2:07P	Dec 16	6:39	4:01	5:54A	12:17P
Oct 21	5:31	4:46	8:44A	2:59P	Dec 17	6:40	4:01	6:55A	1:21P
Oct 22	5:33	4:44	9:32A	3:52P	Dec 18	6:40	4:01	7:53A	2:20P
Oct 23	5:34	4:42	10:21A	4:43P	Dec 20	6:41	4:02	9:45A	4:14P
Oct 25	5:37	4:39	12:02P	5:48A	Dec 21	6:42	4:03	10:39A	5:06P
Oct 26	5:38	4:38	12:55P	6:41A	Dec 22	6:42	4:03	11:30A	5:16A
Oct 27	5:39	4:36	1:52P	7:36A	Dec 23	6:43	4:04	12:22P	6:09A
Oct 28	5:41	4:35	2:51P	8:37A	Dec 24	6:43	4:04	1:14P	7:02A
Oct 29	5:42	4:33	3:57P	9:41A	Dec 25	6:44	4:05	2:06P	7:54A
Oct 30	5:43	4:32	4:44A	10:51A	Dec 27	6:44	4:06	3:54P	9:45A
Nov 1	5:46	4:29	6:52A	1:03P	Dec 28	6:45	4:07	4:54P	10:47A
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Nov 3	5:49	4:26	8:33A	2:49P	Dec 30	6:45	4:09	6:22A	12:45P
Nov 4	5:50	4:25	9:15A	3:31P	Dec 31	6:45	4:09	7:16A	1:40P
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\* All times listed are Eastern Standard Time -- add one hour when Daylight Saving Time is in effect. Legal shooting hours on migratory game birds are from ½ hour before sunrise to sunset except as noted below. (Note: Federal court action is pending which could change shooting hours to sunrise to sunset.)

\*\* Duck, coot, and merganser hunting on Oct. 6 and Nov. 10 begins at noon, local time.

Sunday hunting is illegal in Maine.

TIDE CONVERSIONS: Tide information listed is for Portland.

For Merrymeeting Bay (Richmond), add 2 hrs. 48 min; Add 2 hrs. for Sturgeon Is.; deduct 2 min. for Bucksport; deduct 23 min. for Jonesport.

SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	DAILY LIMIT	POSSESSION AT ONE TIME
Ducks	Oct. 6 (noon)—Oct. 23	4	8
	Nov. 10 (noon)—Dec. 11	4	8

The daily limit of ducks shall not include more than two black ducks or two wood ducks. The possession limit shall not include more than four wood ducks or four black ducks. The daily and possession limits can include one canvasback or one redhead duck. See note below on bonus seasons on blue-winged teal and scaup.

Mergansers	Oct. 6 (noon)—Oct. 23	5	10
	Nov. 10 (noon)—Dec. 11	5	10

American coots (or mudhen)	Oct. 6 (noon)—Oct. 23	15	30
	Nov. 10 (noon)—Dec. 11	15	30

Scoters (or sea coots).	Oct. 1, 1976	7	14
Eider, Old Squaw	Jan. 15, 1977	(in aggregate)	

The special sea duck season is for all coastal waters and all waters of rivers and streams seaward from the first upstream bridge; in all other areas, sea ducks may be taken only during the regular open season on ducks.

Canada geese	Oct. 1—Dec. 9	3	6
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Snow geese (including blue geese)	Oct. 15—Nov. 13	2	4
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Brant	No open season		
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Rails (Sora and Virginia)	Sept. 1—Nov. 9	25	25
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Gallinules	Sept. 1—Nov. 9	15	30
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Crows	Sept. 1—Jan. 2	no limit	
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Wilson's snipe (northern zone) (southern zone)	Sept. 24—Nov. 27	8	16
	Oct. 1—Nov. 27	8	16

Woodcock (northern zone) (southern zone)	Sept. 24—Nov. 27	5	10
	Oct. 1—Nov. 27	4	8

The zones for woodcock and snipe are the same as for deer hunting: the northern zone is Wildlife Management Units 1 and 2, and the southern zone is Units 3-8. The southern zone is southerly of a line formed by and including the following townships: T.4, R.5; T.3, R.5; T.3, R.4; T.3, R.3; T.3, R.2; T.3, R.1; Rockwood Strip; T.A, R. 14; T.A, R.13; T.A, No. 2, R.13, & R.14; T.7, R.10; T.6, R.9; T.5, R.9; T.4, R.9; T.A, R.8, & R.9; Indian Purchase (T.4, & T.3); T.A, R.7; East Millinocket; Medway; Woodville; Mattawamkeag; Kingman Twp.; Drew Plt.; T.8, R.4; Danforth. The northern zone is the remainder of the State of Maine, being that portion which is northerly of the above line.

BONUS SEASONS: During the first nine days of the duck season, two blue-winged teal may be taken daily in addition to the regular daily limit on ducks. Also in addition to the daily bag limit on ducks, two scaup may be taken daily 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 scaup bonus also applies to all tidal waters bounded by state highways 182 and 200 north of U.S. Highway 1 in Hancock County.

LEGAL SHOOTING HOURS: On migratory game birds, legal shooting hours are from one-half-hour before sunrise to sunset, local time, except that on opening days of the regular waterfowl season (Oct. 6 and Nov. 10), ducks, coots, and mergansers may not be taken until noon, local time.

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SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	DAILY LIMIT	POSSESSION AT ONE TIME
DUCKS			
North Zone (defined below)	Oct. 1 -- Nov. 14	4	8
South Zone	Oct. 5 (noon) -- Oct. 22 Nov. 9 (noon) -- Dec. 10	4 4	8 8
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MERGANSERS	Zones and seasons same as ducks, above.	5	10
The daily limit of mergansers shall not include more than one hooded merganser. The possession limit shall not include more than two hooded mergansers.			
AMERICAN COOTS (or mudhen)	Zones and seasons same as ducks, above.	15	30
CANADA GEESE	Oct. 1 -- Dec. 9	3	6
SNOW GEESE (including blue geese)	Oct. 1 -- Nov. 29	2	4
BRANT	No open season		
SCOTER (or sea coot)	Sept. 26, 1977 -- Jan. 10, 1978	7 (in aggregate)	14
EIDER, OLD SQUAW			

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RAILS (Sora & Virginia)	Sept. 1 -- Nov. 9	25	25
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CROWS	Sept. 1 -- Dec. 31 In 1978: Mar. 15 -- Apr. 15 Aug. 16 -- Nov. 15	no limit	

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MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTERS TIME AND TIDE TABLE -- 1977

DATE	LEGAL TIME*		TIDES*		DATE	LEGAL TIME*		TIDES*		DATE	LEGAL TIME*		TIDES*	
	OPEN	CLOSE	HI	LO		OPEN	CLOSE	HI	LO		OPEN	CLOSE	HI	LO
Sept 24	4:58	5:33	8:27A	2:34P	Oct 29	5:42	4:33	12:26P	6:14A	Dec 3	6:27	4:01	4:27P	10:19A
Sept 26	5:01	5:30	10:09A	4:17P	Oct 31	5:43	4:32	1:48P	7:36A	Dec 5	6:29	4:00	5:53A	12:10P
Sept 27	5:02	5:28	10:55A	5:02P	Nov 1	5:46	4:29	2:33P	8:20A	Dec 6	6:30	4:00	6:47A	1:06P
Sept 28	5:03	5:26	11:35A	5:45P	Nov 2	5:47	4:28	3:21P	9:08A	Dec 7	6:31	4:00	7:39A	2:01P
Sept 29	5:04	5:24	12:16P	6:02A	Nov 3	5:49	4:26	4:12P	10:00A	Dec 8	6:32	4:00	8:31A	2:55P
Sept 30	5:05	5:22	12:57P	6:44A	Nov 4	5:50	4:25	5:04P	10:54A	Dec 9	6:33	4:00	9:24A	3:48P
Oct 1	5:07	5:20	1:38P	7:24A	Nov 5	5:51	4:24	5:41A	11:50A	Dec 10	6:34	4:00	10:16A	4:39P
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Oct 10	5:16	5:04	8:50A	3:02P	Nov 14	6:03	4:13	1:11P	6:56A	Dec 19	6:41	4:02	6:16A	12:34P
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\* All times listed are Eastern Standard Time -- add one hour when Daylight Saving Time is in effect (it usually ends the last Sunday of October, each year). Legal shooting hours on migratory game birds are from ½ hour before sunrise to sunset except as noted below.

\*\* Duck, coot, and merganser hunting begins at noon, local time, on Oct. 5 and Nov. 9 in the South Zone (Wildlife Management Units 4-8).

Sunday hunting is illegal in Maine.

TIDE CONVERSIONS: Tide information listed is for BOSTON. For Merrymeeting Bay (Richmond), add 2 hrs. 40 min; add 5 min. for Calais; add 52 min. for Bath; deduct 8 min. for Portland; deduct 25 min. for Rockland; deduct 25 min. for Waldoboro.



# Migratory Game Bird Hunting Schedule 1978



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## MIGRATORY GAME BIRD REGULATIONS

In accordance with the Revised Statutes of 1964, Title 12, Chapter 319, Section 2352, the following regulations have been adopted governing the lawful hunting and possession of migratory game birds. For the purpose of this regulation, migratory game birds include and are limited to species in the following families: (1) Anatidae (wild ducks, geese, and brant); (2) Rallidae (rails, coots, and gallinules); and Scolopaciidae (woodcock and snipe). 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 by the practice of falconry, 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 (1) the motor of such craft has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, as the case may be, and (2) 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. 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 any visible means to retrieve and 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.

### 8. OPEN SEASONS, 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 hours as stated herein.

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 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.

## SELECTED SECTIONS OF MAINE INLAND FISH AND WILDLIFE LAWS (see hunting law booklet for all laws)

**Sec. 2461 (cond.).** The provisions of this and the two following paragraphs apply to the waters of Kennebec River, known as Merrymeeting Bay, bounded as follows: From the high tension wires at Chop's Point to the first dam on the Androscoggin River, to the first road bridge on the Muddy, Cathance, Abbagadasset, and Eastern rivers and the Richmond-Dresden bridge on the Kennebec River, being in the counties of Cumberland, Sagadahoc, and Lincoln.

No duck decoys or artificial cover which is termed a stationary blind, or parts thereof, used for hunting purposes shall be left or allowed to remain in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay at any time between 1 hour after legal shooting time and 1 hour before legal shooting time.

No power boat may be operated in Merrymeeting Bay in excess of 10 miles an hour except within buoyed channels.

**Sec. 2466-A (cond.).** It is unlawful to shoot, or shoot at, or near, any wildfowl decoy of another person, with a rifle, pistol, or shotgun with a ball, slug, or buckshot. "Near" means the area encompassed by the set of decoys and including the area 50 yards away from the outer perimeter of the set of decoys.

**Sec. 2468 (cond.).** It is unlawful to hunt with firearms during the open season on deer (except when hunting waterfowl from a boat or blind or in conjunction with waterfowl decoys) unless wearing an article of hunter orange clothing which is in good and serviceable condition and which is visible from all sides.

## DUCK STAMP

Federal law provides that no person who has attained the age of 16 years shall take any migratory waterfowl (wild ducks, geese, or brant) unless he has on his person an unexpired federal migratory bird hunting stamp ("duck stamp"), validated by his signature written across the face of the stamp in ink.



SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	DAILY LIMIT	POSSESSION AT ONE TIME
DUCKS			
North Zone (defined below)	Oct. 2 (sunrise) -- Nov.20	4	8
South Zone	Oct. 2 (sunrise) -- Oct. 21 Nov. 10 ----- Dec. 9	4 4	8 8
The daily limit of ducks shall not include more than two black ducks or two wood ducks. The possession limit shall not include more than four black ducks or four wood ducks. The daily and possession limits can include one canvasback or one redhead. See note below on bonus seasons on blue-winged teal and scaup.			
MERGANSERS	Zones and seasons same as ducks, above.	5	10
The daily limit of mergansers shall not include more than one hooded merganser. The possession limit shall not include more than two hooded mergansers.			
AMERICAN COOTS (or mudhen)	Zones and seasons same as ducks, above.	15	30
CANADA GEESE	Oct. 2 (sunrise) -- Dec. 10	3	6
SNOW GEESE (including blue geese)	Oct. 2 (sunrise) -- Dec. 10	2	4
BRANT	No open season		
SCOTER (or sea coot)	Oct. 2, 1978 --	7	14
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GEESE ON CERTAIN AREAS: On Sep. 1, 1978, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife proposed to adopt the following regulation:

It shall be unlawful to hunt or to have in possession Canada geese within the boundaries of the following areas from sunrise on Oct. 2, 1978, to sunset on Oct. 7, 1978: Pond Farm Wildlife Management Area, Maxfield & Howland; Ruffingham Wildlife Management Area, Montville & Searsmont.

If adopted, public notice of the new regulation would be published before Oct. 2.

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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.

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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.

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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 any visible means to retrieve and 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.

### 8. OPEN SEASONS, 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 hours as stated herein.

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 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
<b>DUCKS</b>			
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MERGANSERS	Zones and seasons same as ducks, above.	5	10
The daily limit of mergansers shall not include more than one hooded merganser. The possession limit shall not include more than two hooded mergansers.			
AMERICAN COOTS (or mudhen)	Zones and seasons same as ducks, above.	15	30
<b>CANADA GEESE</b>			
North Zone	Oct. 1 -- Dec. 8	3	6
South Zone	Oct. 1 (noon) -- Dec. 8	3	6
SNOW GEESE (including blue geese)	Zones and seasons same as Canada geese, above.	4	8
BRANT	No open season		
SCOTER (sea coot), EIDER, OLD SQUAW	Oct. 1, 1979 Jan. 15, 1980	7 (in aggregate)	14

The special sea duck season is for all coastal waters and all waters of rivers and streams seaward from the first upstream bridge; in all other areas, sea ducks may be taken only during the regular open season on ducks.

WOODCOCK	Sept. 24 -- Nov. 15	5	10
WILSON'S SNIPES	Sept. 1 -- Dec. 15	8	16
RAILS (Sora & Virginia)	Sept. 1 -- Nov. 9	25	25
GALLINULES	Sept. 1 -- Nov. 9	15	30
CROWS	Mar. 14 -- Apr. 30 July 16 -- Sept. 29		no limit

**BONUS SEASONS:** During the first nine days of the regular duck season in both zones, two blue-winged teal or two green-winged teal or one of each (possession: four, singly or in the aggregate) may be taken daily in addition to the regular daily limit on ducks. Also in addition to the daily bag limit on ducks, two scaup (possession: four) may be taken daily 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. The scaup bonus also applies to all tidal waters bounded by state highways 182 and 200 north of U.S. Highway 1 in Hancock County.

**SHOOTING HOURS:** Shooting hours on migratory game birds are from ½ hour before sunrise to sunset except that duck, goose, coot, and merganser hunting begins at noon, local time, on Oct. 1 in the South Zone, defined below.

**NORTH AND SOUTH ZONES DEFINED:** The NORTH ZONE for waterfowl hunting is Wildlife Management Units 1,2, and 3, being that area of the State of Maine lying northerly of a line formed by and including the townships of Weston; Bancroft; Reed; Macwahoc; Molunkus; T.1,R.6: Grindstone; T.1,R.8; T.1,R.9; T.A,R.10; T.B,R.10; T.B,R.11; Bowdoin College Grant East; Bowdoin College Grant West; Greenville; Shirley; East Moxie; The Forks; Bowtown; Pierce Pond; T.3,R.4; Dead River; Carrabasset Valley; Kingfield; Freeman; New Vineyard; Strong; Temple; Washington; Carthage; Roxbury; Andover; Newry; Riley.

The SOUTH ZONE is Wildlife Management Units 4,5,6,7, and 8, being that area of the state lying southerly of the line described in the preceding paragraph.

**STEEL SHOT REQUIREMENTS:** A final decision on enforcement of steel shot regulations was pending when this publication went to press. If implemented, the regulation will read substantially as follows: On the waters of Merrymeeting Bay, as defined in the next paragraph, and within a 150 yard zone of land adjacent to the margins of these waters, no person shall hunt ducks, geese, or coots while possessing 12 gauge shotshells loaded with any metal other than steel shot or such material as may be approved by the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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#### DUCK STAMP

Federal law provides that no person who has attained the age of 16 years shall take any migratory waterfowl (wild ducks, geese, or brant) unless he has on his person an unexpired federal migratory bird hunting stamp ("duck stamp") validated by his signature written across the face of the stamp in ink.

MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTERS TIME AND TIDE TABLE -- 1979

DATE					DATE					DATE				
		LEGAL TIME*		TIDES*			LEGAL TIME*		TIDES*			LEGAL TIME*		TIDES*
DATE		OPEN	CLOSE	HI LO	DATE		OPEN	CLOSE	HI LO	DATE		OPEN	CLOSE	HI LO
Sep 24	5:58	6:33	1:55P	7:46A	Nov 1	5:46	4:29	8:10A	2:26P	Dec 10	6:34	4:00	3:57P	9:45A
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**Oct 1	6:07**	6:20	7:33A	1:44P	8	5:55	4:20	1:59P	7:43A	17	6:40	4:01	8:22A	3:45P
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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. 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 any visible means to retrieve and 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.

#### 8. OPEN SEASONS, 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 hours as stated herein.

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 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 AND AREA		S E A S O N S		L I M I T S	
		First day	Final day	Daily bag	Possession
SEA DUCKS (Scoter or sea coot, Eider, and Old Squaw)		1 Oct.	15 Jan.	7	14
		In the aggregate			
MERGANSERS		Same as "other ducks" below		5	10
AMERICAN COOTS (or Mudhens)				See LIMIT NOTES	15
		See LIMIT NOTES			
OTHER DUCKS	North Zone **	1 Oct.	19 Nov.	4	8
	South Zone	1 Oct. (noon)	18 Oct.		
		19 Nov.	20 Dec.		
See LIMIT NOTES					

LIMIT NOTES: Black ducks and wood ducks: Taking more than two of either of these species in any one day is unlawful. Having in possession more than four black ducks or four wood ducks is unlawful; you may have four of each, which would constitute the possession limit of eight. Redheads and canvasbacks: Taking more than two redheads, or one redhead and one canvasback, in any one day is unlawful. Possession of more than two redheads and one canvasback is unlawful. Mergansers: Taking more than 1 hooded merganser in any one day is unlawful. Possessing more than two hooded mergansers is unlawful. (Mergansers may be taken in addition to the limits listed above for "other ducks.") Teal and Scaup: Limits listed below are in addition to the limits for "other ducks" for the periods noted. Sea Ducks: Limits listed at the top of this column are in addition to the limits listed for "other ducks."

CANADA GEESE	North Zone **	1 Oct.	9 Dec.	3	6
	South Zone	1 Oct. (noon)	9 Dec.		
SNOW GEESE (including blue geese)		same as for Canada geese		4	8
BRANT		NO OPEN SEASON			
WOODCOCK**		24 Sep.	27 Nov.	5	10
WILSON'S SNIPES**		1 Sep.	15 Dec.	8	16
RAILS (Sora and Virginia)**		1 Sep.	8 Nov.	25	25
GALLINULES**		1 Sep.	8 Nov.	15	30
CROWS**(Statewide)		14 Mar. 16 Jul.	30 Apr. 29 Sep.	No Limits	
SCAUP BONUS See below for the area	North Zone **	1 Oct.	19 Nov.	2	4
	South Zone	1 Oct. (noon)	18 Oct.		
		19 Nov.	20 Dec.		
TEAL BONUS Blue wing and green wing. See below for the area	North Zone **	1 Oct.	9 Oct.	2	4
	South Zone	1 Oct. (noon)	9 Oct.		
		In the aggregate			

**BONUS SEASONS:** During the first nine days of the regular duck season in both zones, two blue-winged teal or two green-winged teal or one of each (possession: four, singly or in the aggregate) may be taken daily in addition to the regular daily limit on ducks. Also in addition to the daily bag limit on ducks, two scaup (possession: four) may be taken daily 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. The scaup bonus also applies to all tidal waters bounded by state highways 182 and 200 north of U.S. Highway 1 in Hancock County.

**SHOOTING HOURS:** Shooting hours on migratory game birds are from ½ hour before sunrise to sunset except that duck, goose, coot, and merganser hunting begins at noon, local time, on Oct. 1 in the South Zone, defined below.

**NORTH AND SOUTH ZONES DEFINED:** The NORTH ZONE for waterfowl hunting is Wildlife Management Units 1,2, and 3, being that area of the State of Maine lying northerly of a line formed by and including the townships of Weston; Bancroft; Reed; Macwahoc; Molunkus; T.1.,R.6: Grindstone; T.1,R.8; T.1,R.9; T.A.,R.10; T.B.,R.10; T.B.,R.11; Bowdoin College Grant East; Bowdoin College Grant West; Greenville; Shirley; East Moxie; The Forks; Bowtown; Pierce Pond; T.3,R.4; Dead River; Carrabasset Valley; Kingfield; Freeman; New Vineyard; Strong; Temple; Washington; Carthage; Roxbury; Andover; Newry; Riley.

The SOUTH ZONE is Wildlife Management Units 4,5,6,7, and 8, being that area of the state lying southerly of the line described in the preceding paragraph.

**STEEL SHOT REQUIREMENTS:** On the waters of Merrymeeting Bay, as defined in the next paragraph, and within a 110-yard zone of land adjacent to the margins of these waters, no person shall hunt waterfowl while possessing shotshells loaded with any metal other than steel shot, or such material as may be approved by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The waters of the Kennebec River known as Merrymeeting Bay are bounded as follows: from the high tension wires at Chop's Point to the first dam on the Androscoggin River, to the first road bridge on the Muddy, Cathance, Abbagadasset, and Eastern rivers and the Richmond-Dresden bridge on the Kennebec River, being in the counties of Cumberland, Sagadahoc, and Lincoln.

#### DUCK STAMP

Federal law provides that no person who has attained the age of 16 years shall take any migratory waterfowl (wild ducks, geese, or brant) unless he has on his person an unexpired federal migratory bird hunting stamp ("duck stamp") validated by his signature written across the face of the stamp in ink.

MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTERS TIME AND TIDE TABLE -- 1980

DATE	LEGAL TIME*		TIDES*		DATE	LEGAL TIME*		TIDES*		DATE	LEGAL TIME*		TIDES*	
	OPEN	CLOSE	HI	LO		OPEN	CLOSE	HI	LO		OPEN	CLOSE	HI	LO
Sep 22	5:56	6:37	8:44A	2:50P	30	5:43	4:32	3:21P	9:07A	8	6:32	4:00	10:16A	4:39P
23	5:57	6:35	9:34A	3:41P	31	5:45	4:30	4:11A	10:15A	9	6:33	4:00	10:50A	4:41A
24	5:58	6:33	10:22A	4:32P	Nov 1	5:46	4:29	5:15A	11:21A	10	6:34	4:00	11:29A	5:20A
25	5:59	6:32	11:09A	5:23P	2	5:49	4:26	7:03A	11:13P	11	6:35	4:00	12:11P	6:02A
26	6:01	6:30	11:59A	5:46A	4	5:50	4:25	7:50A	1:59P	12	6:36	4:00	12:57P	6:45A
27	6:02	6:28	12:49P	6:36A	5	5:51	4:24	8:26A	2:40P	13	6:37	4:00	1:48P	7:37A
29	6:04	6:24	2:40P	8:24A	6	5:53	4:22	9:03A	3:19P	15	6:38	4:00	3:48P	9:39A
30	6:05	6:22	3:41P	9:24A	7	5:54	4:21	9:36A	3:53P	16	6:39	4:00	4:27A	10:44A
**Oct 1	6:07	6:20	4:27P	10:31A	8	5:55	4:20	10:09A	4:00A	17	6:40	4:01	5:29A	11:50A
2	6:08	6:19	5:37A	11:40A	10	5:58	4:18	11:14A	5:05A	18	6:41	4:01	6:29A	12:53P
3	6:10	6:17	6:42A	12:46P	11	5:59	4:17	11:51A	5:41A	19	6:41	4:02	7:25A	1:52P
4	6:10	6:15	7:43A	1:50P	12	6:01	4:15	12:31P	6:22A	20	6:41	4:02	8:21A	2:47P
6	6:13	6:11	9:19A	3:26P	13	6:02	4:14	1:18P	7:05A	22	6:42	4:03	10:02A	4:30P
7	6:14	6:10	10:00A	4:05P	14	6:03	4:13	2:09P	7:59A	23	6:43	4:04	10:53A	4:39A
8	6:15	6:08	10:33A	4:41P	15	6:05	4:12	3:07P	8:55A	24	6:43	4:04	11:40A	5:28A
9	6:17	6:06	11:05A	4:59A	17	6:07	4:11	4:55A	11:04A	25	6:44	4:05	12:30P	6:18A
10	6:18	6:04	11:37A	5:30A	18	6:09	4:10	5:55A	12:09P	26	6:44	4:06	1:19P	7:07A
11	6:19	6:02	12:09P	6:01A	19	6:10	4:09	6:51A	1:09P	27	6:44	4:06	2:12P	8:01A
13	6:21	5:59	1:20P	7:10A	20	6:11	4:08	7:44A	2:05P	29	6:45	4:08	4:03P	9:57A
14	6:23	5:57	2:01P	7:50A	21	6:13	4:07	8:37A	3:00P	30	6:45	4:09	4:39A	10:56A
15	6:24	5:56	2:47P	8:33A	22	6:14	4:06	9:27A	3:51P	Jan 1	6:45	4:09	5:31A	11:53A
16	6:25	5:54	3:38P	9:24A	24	6:16	4:05	11:09A	4:55A	5	6:45	4:11		
17	6:26	5:52	4:36P	10:18A	25	6:18	4:04	12:00M	5:46A	6	6:45	4:14		
18	6:28	5:50	5:21A	11:25A	26	6:19	4:04	12:54P	6:41A	10	6:44	4:20		
20	6:30	5:47	7:22A	1:30P	27	6:20	4:03	1:50P	7:37A	15	6:42	4:26		
21	6:31	5:46	8:16A	2:28P	28	6:21	4:03	2:49P	8:36A					
22	6:33	5:44	9:07A	3:21P	29	6:22	4:02	3:51P	9:42A					
23	6:34	5:42	9:58A	4:14P	Dec 1	6:25	4:01	5:29A	11:43A					
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25	6:35	5:39	11:37A	5:23A	3	6:27	4:01	7:09A	1:26P					
27	5:39	4:36	12:20P	6:06A	4	6:28	4:01	7:52A	2:10P					
28	5:41	4:35	1:16P	7:02A	5	6:29	4:01	8:29A	2:50P					
29	5:42	4:33	2:16P	8:02A	6	6:30	4:00	9:06A	3:28P					

\*All times listed through October 25 are Eastern Daylight Time; after that date, they are Eastern Standard Time. Times listed are legal shooting hours for migratory game birds -- ½ hour before sunrise to sunset except as noted below.

\*\*Duck, goose, and merganser hunting begins at noon, local time, on Oct. 1 in the South Zone (Wildlife Management Units 4-8). CLOSED TIME on hunting in the northern DEER HUNTING ZONE: No hunting for any species of bird or animal from Sept. 22-27 except, with permit, for moose. Sunday hunting is unlawful in Maine.

**TIDE CONVERSIONS:** Tide information listed is for PORTLAND. For Merrymeeting Bay, (Richmond), add 2 hrs. 48 minutes for high tide; for Jonesport, subtract 23 minutes; for Bath, add 1 hr. 1 minute; for Rockland, subtract 16 minutes; for Waldoboro, subtract 16 minutes.



# Migratory Game Bird Hunting Schedule

## 1981



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Ashland . . . . .	435-3231	Strong . . . . .	778-3323
Greenville . . . . .	695-2810	Augusta . . . . .	289-2175
Enfield . . . . .	732-4500	Scarboro . . . . .	883-5108
Machias . . . . .	255-3266		

If you are unable to locate a warden at one of the above headquarters, contact either the Fisheries and Wildlife Department headquarters in Augusta (289-2766) or the nearest State Police Barracks.

### REGIONAL WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST

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Greenville . . . . .	695-2810	Augusta . . . . .	289-2536
Enfield . . . . .	732-4500	Scarboro . . . . .	883-5107
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### U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT (MAINE)

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## SELECTED SECTIONS OF MAINE INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE LAWS

The provisions of the following three paragraphs apply to the waters of the Kennebec River, known as Merrymeeting Bay, bounded as follows: From the high tension wires at Chop's Point to the first dam on the Androscoggin River, to the first road bridge on the Muddy, Cathance, Abbagadasset, and Eastern rivers and the Richmond-Dresden bridge on the Kennebec River, being in the counties of Cumberland, Sagadahoc, and Lincoln.

No artificial cover which is termed stationary blind, or parts thereof, used for hunting purposes shall be left or allowed to remain in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay between one hour after legal shooting time and one hour before legal shooting time.

No duck decoys shall be allowed to remain in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay at any time during the period from one hour after legal shooting time until one hour before legal shooting time.

No power boat may be operated in Merrymeeting Bay at a speed in excess of 10 miles per hour except within the confines of the buoyed channels.

It is unlawful to shoot, or shoot at, or near, any wildfowl decoy of another person, with a rifle, pistol, or shotgun with a ball, slug, or buckshot. "Near" means the area encompassed by the set of decoys and including the area 50 yards away from the outer perimeter of the set of decoys.

It is unlawful to hunt with firearms during the open season on deer (except when hunting waterfowl from a boat or blind or in conjunction with waterfowl decoys) unless wearing an article of hunter orange clothing which is good and serviceable condition and which is visible from all sides.

## MIGRATORY GAME BIRD REGULATIONS

In accordance with the Revised Statutes of 1964, Title 12, Sections 7001 and 7456, the following regulations have been adopted, governing the lawful hunting and possession of migratory game birds. For the purpose of this section, migratory game birds include and are limited to species in the following families: 1. Anatidae (wild ducks, geese, and brant); 2. Rallidae (rails, coots, and gallinules); and 3. Scolopacidae (woodcock and snipe). 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 by the practice of falconry, 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 (1) the motor of such craft has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, as the case may be, and (2) 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. 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.

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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.

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

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No person shall kill or cripple any migratory game bird pursuant to this regulation without any visible means to retrieve and 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.

### 8. OPEN SEASONS, 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 hours as stated herein.

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 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 AND AREA	SEASONS		LIMITS	
	FIRST DAY	FINAL DAY	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION
SEA DUCKS (Scoter or sea coot, Eider, and Old Squaw)	1 Oct.	15 Jan.	7 In the Aggregate	14
MERGANSERS	SAME AS "OTHER DUCKS" BELOW		5 See LIMIT NOTES	10
AMERICAN COOTS (or Mudhens)			15	30
OTHER DUCKS				
NORTH ZONE	1 Oct.	19 Nov.	4 See LIMIT NOTES	8
SOUTH ZONE	1 Oct.	17 Oct.		
	17 Nov.	19 Dec.		

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**REDHEADS AND CANVASBACKS:** Taking more than two redheads, or one redhead and one canvasback, in any one day is unlawful. Possession of more than two redheads and one canvasback is unlawful.

**MERGANSERS:** Taking more than 1 hooded merganser in any one day is unlawful. Possessing more than two hooded mergansers is unlawful. (Mergansers may be taken in addition to the limits listed above for "other ducks.")

**SEA DUCKS:** Limits listed at the top of this column are in addition to the limits listed for "other ducks."

CANADA GEESE	1 Oct.	9 Dec.	3	6
SNOW GEESE (including Blue Geese)	1 Oct.	29 Dec.	4	8
BRANT	1 Oct.	30 Oct.	2	4
WOODCOCK	25 Sep.	28 Nov.	5	10
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RAILS (Sora and Virginia)	1 Sep.	7 Nov.	25	25
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CROWS	14 Mar. 16 Jul.	30 Apr. 29 Sep.	NO LIMITS	

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**SHOOTING HOURS:** Shooting hours on migratory game birds are from ½ hour before sunrise to sunset.

**NORTH AND SOUTH ZONES DEFINED:** The NORTH ZONE for waterfowl hunting is Wildlife Management Units 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, being that area of the State of Maine lying northerly of a line formed by and including the townships of Parsonsfield, Cornish, Hiram, Denmark, Bridgton, Harrison, Otisfield, Oxford, Hebron, Buckfield, Hartford, Canton, Jay, Chesterville, New Sharon, Mercer, Smithfield, Fairfield, Clinton, Burnham, Troy, Dixmont, Newburgh, Hampden, Orrington, Holden, Clifton, Amherst, Aurora, T28MD, Devereaux, T30MD, T31MD, T26ED, Crawford, Alexander, and Baileyville.

The SOUTH ZONE is Wildlife Management Units 6, 7 and 8, being that area lying southerly of the line described above.

**STEEL SHOT:** Maine's *state* regulation on steel shot has been repealed this year, but hunters are advised to check for the possibility of a similar regulation which may be imposed by the federal government.

**DUCK STAMP**

Federal law provides that no person who has attained the age of 16 years shall take any migratory waterfowl (wild ducks, geese, or brant) unless he has on his person an unexpired federal migratory bird hunting stamp ("duck stamp") validated by his signature written across the face of the stamp in ink.

**MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTER'S TIME AND TIDE TABLE — 1981**

LEGAL TIMES*					LEGAL TIMES*					LEGAL TIMES*				
		TIDES					TIDES					TIDES		
		Open	Close	High Low			Open	Close	High Low			Open	Close	High Low
Sep	21	6:01	6:42	5:58P 11:36A	Nov	2	5:47	4:38	2:13P 8:05A	Dec	1	6:24	4:12	1:45P 7:34A
	22	6:02	6:39	6:46A 12:49P		3	5:40	4:46	10:28A 4:53P		2	6:24	4:12	2:30P 8:20A
	23	6:02	6:39	7:55A 2:00P		28	5:41	4:44	11:12A 5:28P		3	6:25	4:12	3:20P 9:11A
	24	6:04	6:37	8:59A 3:01P		29	5:42	4:43	11:44A 5:37A		4	6:26	4:12	4:16P 10:07A
	25	6:04	6:36	9:54A 3:59P		30	5:43	4:42	6:09A 12:17P		5	6:26	4:12	5:16P 11:07A
	26	6:06	6:34	10:42A 4:47P		31	5:44	4:41	12:54P 6:44A		6	6:28	4:12	6:50A 1:08P
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## (Migratory Game Bird Regulations, Continued)

### 2. TRANSPORTATION

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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.

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- 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 a car or other motor-driven land conveyance, or any aircraft, except that paraplegics and single or double amputees of the legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance. "Paraplegic" means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body with involvement of both legs, usually due to disease or injury to the spinal cord.
- 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.
- Using records or tapes of migratory bird calls or sounds, or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls.
- By driving, rallying or chasing birds with any motorized conveyance or any sail boat to put them in the range of the hunters.
- By the aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt, or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement), or on or over any baited area. Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait, and it is not necessary for the hunter to know an area is baited to be in violation.

**CLOSED SEASON.** No person shall take migratory game birds during the closed season.

**DAILY BAG LIMIT.** No person shall take in any one day more than one daily bag limit.

**FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT.** No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to one's car, hunting camp, home, etc.

**IMPORTATION.** For information regarding the importation of migratory birds killed in another country hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66. One fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between the port of entry and one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import migratory game birds killed in any foreign country, except Canada, unless such birds are dressed (except as required in 20.63), drawn, and the head and feet are removed. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

**DUAL VIOLATION.** Violation of State migratory bird regulations is also a violation of Federal regulations.

**REFERENCE.** Federal regulations related to migratory game birds are located in Title 50, **Code of Federal Regulations**, Part 20.

**CAUTION:** More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on Federal regulations, contact Special Agent-in-Charge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 7342, Downtown Station, Portland, ME 04112. Telephone (207) 780-3235.

## PHONE NUMBERS YOU MIGHT NEED GAME WARDEN HEADQUARTERS

Ashland -----435-3231 or (toll free) 1-800-322-4011  
Augusta -----289-2175 or (toll free) 1-800-322-3606  
Bangor -----947-5211 or (toll free) 1-800-332-2033  
Gray -----657-2345 or (toll free) 1-800-322-1333  
Greenville -----695-2810 or (toll free) 1-800-322-9844

If you are unable to locate a warden at one of the above headquarters, contact either the Fisheries and Wildlife Department headquarters in Augusta (289-2766) or the nearest State Police Barracks.

**U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE**  
Portland ----- 780-3235

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SPECIES AND AREA	SEASONS		LIMITS	
	FIRST DAY	FINAL DAY	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION
SEA DUCKS (Scoter or sea coot, Eider, and Old Squaw)	1 Oct.	15 Jan.	7 In the Aggregate	14
MERGANSERS	SAME AS "OTHER DUCKS" BELOW		5 See LIMIT NOTES	10
AMERICAN COOTS (or Mudhens)			15	30
OTHER DUCKS	1 Oct.	19 Nov.	4 See LIMIT NOTES	
NORTH ZONE	1 Oct.	16 Oct.		
SOUTH ZONE	15 Nov.	18 Dec.		

#### LIMIT NOTES:

**SEA DUCKS.** Limits listed are in addition to limits on "other ducks".

**MERGANSERS.** Limits listed are in addition to limits on "other ducks". It is unlawful to take more than 1 hooded merganser in any one day or to possess more than 2 hooded mergansers at any time.

#### OTHER DUCKS.

##### Black ducks:

North Zone - It is unlawful to take more than one black duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 black ducks at any time.

South Zone - During the first season (Oct. 1 - Oct. 16), it is unlawful to hunt, take or possess any black duck.

During the second season (Nov. 15 - Dec. 18), it is unlawful to take more than 2 black ducks in any one day or to possess more than 4 black ducks at any time.

**Wood ducks:** It is unlawful to take more than 2 wood ducks in any one day or to possess more than 4 wood ducks at any time.

**Redheads and canvasbacks:** It is unlawful to take more than 2 redheads, or 1 redhead and 1 canvasback, in any one day or to possess more than 2 redheads and 1 canvasback at any time.

CANADA GEESE	1 Oct.	9 Dec.	3	6
SNOW GEESE (including Blue Geese)	1 Oct.	29 Dec.	4	8
BRANT	1 Oct.	30 Oct.	2	4
WOODCOCK	5 Oct.	8 Dec.	5	10
WILSON'S SNIBE	1 Sep.	15 Dec.	8	16
RAILS (Sora and Virginia)	1 Sep.	7 Nov.	25	25
GALLINULES	1 Sep.	7 Nov.	15	30
CROWS	14 Mar. 16 Jul.	30 Apr. 29 Sep.	NO LIMITS	

**BONUS SEASONS:** During the first nine days of the regular duck season in both zones, two blue-winged teal or two green-winged teal or one of each (possession: four, singly or in the aggregate) may be taken daily in addition to the regular daily limit on ducks. Also in addition to the daily bag limit on ducks, two scaup (possession: four) may be taken daily 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. The scaup bonus also applies to all tidal waters bounded by state highways 182 and 200 north of U.S. Highway 1 in Hancock County.

**SHOOTING HOURS:** Shooting hours on migratory game birds are from ½ hour before sunrise to sunset.

**NORTH AND SOUTH ZONES DEFINED:** The NORTH ZONE for waterfowl hunting is Wildlife Management Units 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, being that area of the State of Maine lying northerly of a line formed by and including the townships of Parsonsfield, Cornish, Hiram, Denmark, Bridgton, Harrison, Otisfield, Oxford, Hebron, Buckfield, Hartford, Canton, Jay, Chesterville, New Sharon, Mercer, Smithfield, Fairfield, Clinton, Burnham, Troy, Dixmont, Newburgh, Hampden, Orrington, Holden, Clifton, Amherst, Aurora, T28MD, Devereaux, T30MD, T31MD, T26ED, Crawford, Alexander, and Baileyville.

The SOUTH ZONE is Wildlife Management Units 6, 7 and 8, being that area lying southerly of the line described above.

### DUCK STAMP

Federal law provides that no person who has attained the age of 16 years shall take any migratory waterfowl (wild ducks, geese, or brant) unless he has on his person an unexpired federal migratory bird hunting stamp ("duck stamp") validated by his signature written across the face of the stamp in ink.

### MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTER'S TIME TABLE — 1982

LEGAL TIMES*		LEGAL TIMES*		LEGAL TIMES*		LEGAL TIMES*	
Open	Close	Open	Close	Open	Close	Open	Close
SEP 24 5:58	6:33	OCT 19 6:29	5:49	NOV 12 6:01	4:15	DEC 7 6:31	4:00
25 5:59	6:32	20 6:30	5:47	13 6:02	4:14	8 6:32	4:00
27 6:02	6:28	21 6:31	5:46	15 6:05	4:12	9 6:33	4:00
28 6:03	6:26	22 6:33	5:44	16 6:06	4:11	10 6:34	4:00
29 6:04	6:24	23 6:34	5:42	17 6:07	4:11	11 6:35	4:00
30 6:05	6:22	25 6:37	5:39	18 6:09	4:10	13 6:37	4:00
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4 6:10	6:15	28 6:41	5:35	22 6:14	4:06	16 6:39	4:01
5 6:11	6:13	29 6:42	5:33	23 6:15	4:06	17 6:40	4:01
6 6:13	6:11	30 6:43	5:32	24 6:16	4:05	18 6:40	4:01
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### SELECTED SECTIONS OF MAINE INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE LAWS

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No power boat may be operated in Merrymeeting Bay at a speed in excess of 10 miles per hour except within the confines of the buoyed channels.

It is unlawful to shoot, or shoot at, or near, any wildfowl decoy of another person, with a rifle, pistol, or shotgun with a ball, slug, or buckshot. "Near" means the area encompassed by the set of decoys and including the area 50 yards away from the outer perimeter of the set of decoys.

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### MIGRATORY GAME BIRD REGULATIONS

In accordance with the Revised Statutes of 1964, Title 12, Sections 7001 and 7456, the following regulations have been adopted, governing the lawful hunting and possession of migratory game birds. For the purpose of this section, migratory game birds include and are limited to species in the following families: 1. Anatidae (wild ducks, geese, and brant); 2. Rallidae (rails, coots, and gallinules); and 3. Scolopacidae (woodcock and snipe). 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.

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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 (1) the motor of such craft has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, as the case may be, and (2) 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.

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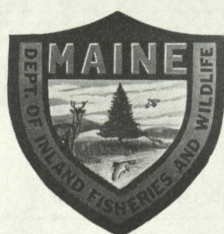
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## HUNTERS — KNOW THE BLACK DUCK

Black duck populations are in a long-term population decline. New harvest restrictions are in effect. Hunters can help by obeying the law and being certain of black duck identification. For more information and a free black duck identification leaflet, contact any office of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

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Federal law provides that no person who has attained the age of 16 years shall take any migratory waterfowl (wild ducks, geese, or brant) unless he has on his person an unexpired federal migratory bird hunting stamp ("duck stamp") validated by his signature written across the face of the stamp in ink.

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\*All times listed through October 29 are Eastern Daylight Time; after that date, they are Eastern Standard Time. Times listed are legal shooting hours for migratory game birds — ½ hour before sunrise to sunset daily.

### SELECTED SECTIONS OF MAINE INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE LAWS

The provisions of the following three paragraphs apply to the waters of the Kennebec River, known as Merrymeeting Bay, bounded as follows: From the high tension wires at Chop's Point to the first dam on the Androscoggin River, to the first road bridge on the Muddy, Cathance, Abbagadasset, and Eastern rivers and the Richmond-Dresden bridge on the Kennebec River, being in the counties of Cumberland, Sagadahoc, and Lincoln:

**No artificial cover which is termed stationary blind, or parts thereof, used for hunting purposes shall be left or allowed to remain in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay between one hour after legal shooting time and one hour before legal shooting time.**

**No ducks decoys shall be allowed to remain in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay at any time during the period from one hour after legal shooting time until one hour before legal shooting time.**

**No power boat may be operated in Merrymeeting Bay at a speed in excess of 10 miles per hour except within the confines of the buoyed channels.**

**It is unlawful to shoot, or shoot at, or near, any wildfowl decoy of another person, with a rifle, pistol, or shotgun with a ball, slug, or buckshot. "Near" means the area encompassed by the set of decoys and including the area 50 yards away from the outer perimeter of the set of decoys.**

**It is unlawful to hunt with firearms during the open season on deer (except when hunting waterfowl from a boat or blind or in conjunction with waterfowl decoys) unless wearing an article of hunter orange clothing which is good and serviceable condition and which is visible from all sides.**

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### MIGRATORY GAME BIRD REGULATIONS

In accordance with the Revised Statutes of 1964, Title 12, Sections 7001 and 7456, the following regulations have been adopted, governing the lawful hunting and possession of migratory game birds. For the purpose of this section, migratory game birds include and are limited to species in the following families: 1. Anatidae (wild ducks, geese, and brant); 2. Rallidae (rails, coots, and gallinules); and 3. Scolopacidae (woodcock and snipe). 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 by the practice of falconry, 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.

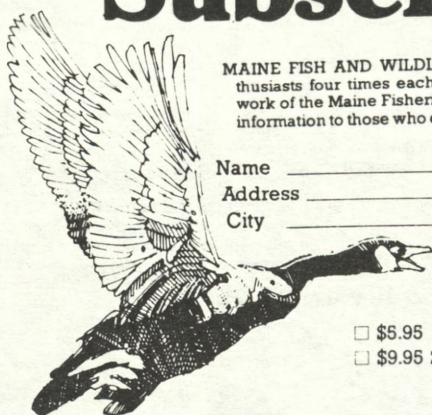
It shall be lawful to hunt migratory game birds from floating craft (except a sinkbox), including those capable of being propelled by motor, sail and wind, or both, only when (1) the motor of such craft has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, as the case may be, and (2) the progress or 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.



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### (Migratory Game Bird Regulations, Continued)

#### 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

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

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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.

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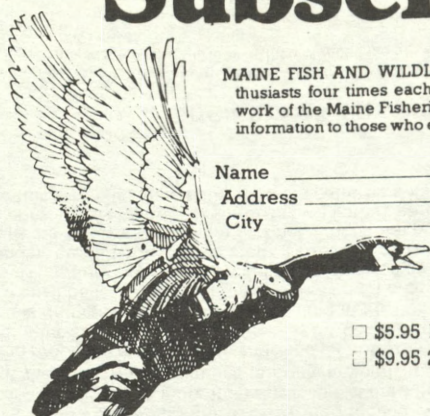
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#### (Migratory Game Bird Regulations, Continued)

##### 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.

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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.

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##### 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 any visible means to retrieve and 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.

##### 8. OPEN SEASONS, 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 hours as stated herein.

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 daily bag limit, whichever applies. No person on the opening day of the season may possess any 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.

#### SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

In addition to State regulations, the following Federal rules apply to the taking, possession, shipping, transporting, and storing of migratory game birds. NOTICE - The material below is only a summary. Each hunter should also consult the actual Federal regulations, which may be found in Title 50, code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

##### RESTRICTION. No person shall take migratory game birds:

- With a trap, snare, net, crossbow, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10-gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, 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 removal 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 a car or other motor-driven land conveyance, or any aircraft, except that paraplegics and single or double amputees of the legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance. "Paraplegic" means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body with involvement of both legs, usually due to disease of or injury to the spinal cord.
- 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.
- Using records or tapes of migratory bird calls or sounds, or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls.
- By driving, rallying or chasing birds with any motorized conveyance or any sail boat to put them in the range of the hunters.
- By the aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt, or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement), or on or over any baited area. Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait, and it is not necessary for the hunter to know an area is baited to be in violation.

**FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT.** No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to one's car, hunting camp, home, etc.

**IMPORTATION.** For information regarding the importation of migratory birds killed in another country hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66. One fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between the port of entry and one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import migratory game birds killed in any foreign country, except Canada, unless such birds are dressed (except as required in 20.63), drawn, and the head and feet are removed. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

**DUAL VIOLATION.** Violation of State migratory bird regulations is also a violation of Federal regulations.

**CAUTION:** More restrictive regulations, contact Special Agent-in-Charge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 7342, Downtown Station, Portland, ME 04112. Telephone (207) 780-3235.

#### PHONE NUMBERS YOU MIGHT NEED GAME WARDEN HEADQUARTERS

Ashland-----435-3231 or (toll free) 1-800-322-4011  
Augusta-----289-2175 or (toll free) 1-800-322-3033  
Bangor-----941-4440 or (toll free) 1-800-322-2606  
Gray-----657-2345 or (toll free) 1-800-322-1333  
Greenville-----695-3756 or (toll free) 1-800-322-9844

If you are unable to locate a warden at one of the above headquarters, contact either the Fisheries and Wildlife Department headquarters in Augusta (289-2766) or the nearest State Police Barracks.

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	SEASONS		LIMITS		
SPECIES AND AREA	FIRST DAY	FINAL DAY	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION	
SEA DUCKS (Scooter or sea coot, Eider, and Old Squaw)	1 Oct.	15 Jan.	7 In the Aggregate	14	
MERGANSERS	SAME AS "OTHER DUCKS" BELOW		5 See LIMIT NOTES	10	
AMERICAN COOTS (or Mudhens)			15	30	
OTHER DUCKS	NORTH ZONE	5 Oct.	13 Nov.	5 See LIMIT NOTES	10
	SOUTH ZONE	5 Oct.	19 Oct.		
		20 Nov.	14 Dec.		
SPECIAL SCAUP SEASON:	28 Oct.	12 Nov.	5	10	

SPECIAL FALCONRY SEASON (In addition to the regular migratory bird season) (On ducks, mergansers, American coots)	NORTH ZONE	14 Nov.	13 Jan.	3 (1 black duck)	6 (2 black ducks)
	SOUTH ZONE	20 Oct.	19 Nov.		
		15 Dec.	13 Jan.		

**LIMIT NOTES:**

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**MERGANSERS.** Limits listed are in addition to limits on "other ducks". It is unlawful to take more than 1 hooded merganser in any one day or to possess more than 2 hooded mergansers at any time.

**OTHER DUCKS**

**Black ducks:** North Zone: Wildlife Management Units 1, 2 and 3: From October 5 through October 19 — It is unlawful to take more than 1 black duck in any one day or possess more than 2 black ducks at any time; from Oct. 20 through November 13, it is unlawful to hunt, take or possess any black duck.  
Wildlife Management Units 4 and 5: From October 5 through October 14, it is unlawful to hunt, take or possess any black duck; From October 15 through November 13, it is unlawful to take more than 1 black duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 black ducks at any one time.  
South Zone: Wildlife Management Units 6, 7 and 8: During the first season (Oct. 5 - Oct. 19), it is unlawful to hunt, take or possess any black duck. During the second season (Nov. 20 - Dec. 14), it is unlawful to take more than 1 black duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 black ducks at any one time.

**Wood ducks:** It is unlawful to take more than 2 wood ducks in any one day or to possess more than 4 wood ducks at any time.

**Redheads and canvasbacks:** It is unlawful to take more than 2 redheads, or 1 redhead and 1 canvasback, in any one day or to possess more than 2 redheads and 1 canvasback at any time.

CANADA GEESE	5 Oct.	13 Dec.	3	6
SNOW GEESE (including Blue Geese)	5 Oct.	2 Jan.	4	8
BRANT	5 Oct.	23 Nov.	4	8
WOODCOCK	1 Oct.	14 Nov.	3	6
WILSON'S SNIFE	1 Sep.	16 Dec.	8	16
RAILS (Sora and Virginia)	1 Sep.	9 Nov.	25	25
GALLINULES	1 Sep.	9 Nov.	15	30
CROWS	14 Mar. 16 Jul.	30 Apr. 29 Sep.	NO LIMITS	

**BONUS SEASONS:** During the first nine days of the regular duck season in both zones, two blue-winged teal or two green-winged teal or one of each (possession: four, singly or in the aggregate) may be taken daily in addition to the regular daily limit on ducks.

**SHOOTING HOURS:** Shooting hours on migratory game birds are from ½ hour before sunrise to sunset.

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DUCK STAMPS

STATE LAW as well as Federal law provides that no person who has attained the age of 16 years shall take any migratory waterfowl (wild ducks, geese or brant) unless he/she has on his/her person an unexpired Federal migratory bird hunting stamp AND an unexpired STATE MIGRATORY WATERFOWL STAMP, both validated by his/her signature written across the face of each stamp in ink. The STATE STAMP may be purchased for \$2.50 from local license agents or directly from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, 284 State St., Sta., #41, Augusta, Me, 04333.

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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.

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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.

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

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#### 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 any visible means to retrieve and 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.

#### 8. OPEN SEASONS, 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 hours as stated herein.

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 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.

### SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

In addition to State regulations, the following Federal rules apply to the taking, possession, shipping, transporting, and storing of migratory game birds. NOTICE - The material below is only a summary. Each hunter should also consult the actual Federal regulations, which may be found in Title 50, code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

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- With a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler which is incapable of removal 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 a car or other motor-driven land conveyance, or any aircraft, except that paraplegics and single or double amputees of the legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance. "Paraplegic" means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body with involvement of both legs, usually due to disease of or injury to the spinal cord.
- 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.
- Using records or tapes of migratory bird calls or sounds, or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls.
- By driving, rallying or chasing birds with any motorized conveyance or any sail boat to put them in the range of the hunters.
- By the aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt, or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement), or on or over any baited area. Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait, and it is not necessary for the hunter to know an area is baited to be in violation.

**FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT.** No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to one's car, hunting camp, home, etc.

**IMPORTATION.** For information regarding the importation of migratory birds killed in another country hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66. One fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between the port of entry and one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import migratory game birds killed in any foreign country, except Canada, unless such birds are dressed (except as required in 20.63), drawn, and the head and feet are removed. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

**DUAL VIOLATION.** Violation of State migratory bird regulations is also a violation of Federal regulations.

**CAUTION:** More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on Federal regulations, contact Special Agent-in-Charge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 7342, Downtown Station, Portland, ME 04112. Telephone (207) 780-3235.

### PHONE NUMBERS YOU MIGHT NEED GAME WARDEN HEADQUARTERS

Ashland-----435-3231 or (toll free) 1-800-322-4011  
Augusta-----289-2175 or (toll free) 1-800-322-3606  
Bangor-----941-4440 or (toll free) 1-800-322-2033  
Gray-----657-2345 or (toll free) 1-800-322-1333  
Greenville-----695-3756 or (toll free) 1-800-322-9844

If you are unable to locate a warden at one of the above headquarters, contact either the Fisheries and Wildlife Department headquarters in Augusta (289-2766) or the nearest State Police Barracks.

U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
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		SEASONS		LIMITS	
SPECIES AND AREA		FIRST DAY	FINAL DAY	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION
SEA DUCKS (Scooter or sea coot, Eider, and Old Squaw)		1 Oct.	15 Jan.	7	14 In the Aggregate
MERGANSERS		SAME AS "OTHER DUCKS" BELOW		5	10 See LIMIT NOTES
AMERICAN COOTS (or Mudhens)				15	30
OTHER DUCKS	NORTH ZONE	6 Oct.	14 Nov.	4	8 See LIMIT NOTES
	SOUTH ZONE	6 Oct.	18 Oct.		
		17 Nov.	13 Dec.		
SPECIAL SCAUP SEASON:		31 Oct.	15 Nov.	4	8

(In addition to the daily bag limit on sea ducks, 5 scaup — possession: 10 — may be taken daily during the special scaup season in coastal waters and the waters of rivers and streams seaward from the first upstream bridge. This also applies to all tidal waters bounded by state highways 182 and 200 north of U.S. Highway 1 in Hancock County.)

SPECIAL FALCONRY SEASON (In addition to the regular migratory bird season) (on ducks, mergansers, American coots)	NORTH/SOUTH	4 Oct. only		3 (1 black duck)	6 (2 black ducks)
	NORTH ZONE	15 Nov.	15 Jan.		
	SOUTH ZONE	20 Oct.	15 Nov.		
		15 Dec.	15 Jan.		

#### LIMIT NOTES:

**SEA DUCKS.** Limits listed are in addition to limits on "other ducks".

**MERGANSERS.** Limits listed are in addition to limits on "other ducks". It is unlawful to take more than 1 hooded merganser in any one day or to possess more than 2 hooded mergansers at any time.

#### OTHER DUCKS

##### Black ducks:

North Zone: Wildlife Management Units 1, 2, and 3: From October 6 through October 20 — It is unlawful to take more than 1 black duck in any one day or possess more than 2 black ducks at any time; from Oct. 21 through November 14, it is unlawful to hunt, take or possess any black duck.

Wildlife Management Units 4 and 5: From October 6 through October 15, it is unlawful to hunt, take or possess any black duck; From October 16 through November 14, it is unlawful to take more than 1 black duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 black ducks at any one time.

South Zone: Wild Management Units 6, 7 and 8: During the first season (Oct. 6 - Oct. 18), it is unlawful to hunt, take or possess any black duck. During the second season (Nov. 17 - Dec. 13), it is unlawful to take more than 1 black duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 black ducks at any one time.

**Mallards:** It is unlawful to take more than 3 mallards (only 1 may be a hen) in any one day or to possess more than 6 mallards (only 2 may be hens) at any time.

**Wood ducks:** It is unlawful to take more than 2 wood ducks in any one day or to possess more than 4 wood ducks at any time.

**Pintail ducks:** It is unlawful to take more than 2 pintail ducks in any one day or to possess more than 4 pintail ducks at any time.

**Canvasbacks:** There shall be no open season on canvasback ducks.

**Redheads:** It is unlawful to take more than 2 redheads in any one day or to possess more than 4 redheads at any time.

CANADA GEESE	6 Oct.	13 Dec.	3	6
SNOW GEESE (including Blue Geese)	6 Oct.	3 Jan.	4	8
BRANT	6 Oct.	4 Nov.	2	4
WOODCOCK	1 Oct.	14 Nov.	3	6
WILSON'S SNIBE	1 Sep.	16 Dec.	8	16
RAILS (Sora and Virginia)	1 Sep.	8 Nov.	25	25
GALLINULES	1 Sep.	8 Nov.	15	30
CROWS	14 Mar. 16 Jul.	30 Apr. 29 Sep.	NO LIMITS	

**BONUS SEASONS:** During the first nine days of the regular duck season in both zones, two blue-winged teal or two green-winged teal or one of each (possession: four, singly or in the aggregate) may be taken daily in addition to the regular daily limit on ducks.

**SHOOTING HOURS:** Shooting hours on migratory game birds are from ½ hour before sunrise to sunset.

**NORTH AND SOUTH ZONES DEFINED:** The NORTH ZONE for waterfowl hunting is Wildlife Management Units 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 — Wildlife Management Units 1, 2 and 3 being that area of the State of Maine lying northerly of a line formed by and including the townships of Weston, Bancroft; Reed; Macwahoc; Molunkus, T1R6WELS; Grindstone, T1R8WELS, T1R9WELS; TAR10, TBR10, TBR11, Bowdoin College Grant East; Bowdoin College Grant West; Greenville; Shirley; East Moxie; The Forks; Bowtown; Pierce Pond; T3, R4; Dead River; Carrabasset Valley; Kingfield; Freeman; New Vineyard; Strong; Temple; Washington; Carthage; Roxbury; Andover; Newry; Riley. Wildlife Management Units 4 and 5 being that area of the State lying southerly of the line described above and northerly of a line formed by and including the townships of Parsonsfield, Cornish, Hiram, Denmark, Bridgton, Harrison, Otisfield, Oxford, Hebron, Buckfield, Hartford, Canton, Jay, Chesterville, New Sharon, Mercer, Smithfield, Fairfield, Clinton, Burnham, Troy, Dixmont, Newburgh, Hampden, Orrington, Holden, Clifton, Amherst, Aurora, T28MD, Devereaux, T30MD, T31MD, T26ED, Crawford, Alexander, and Baileyville.

The SOUTH ZONE is Wildlife Management Units 6, 7 and 8, being that area lying southerly of the line described above for Wildlife Management Units 4 and 5.

**STEEL SHOT** All waterfowl hunting is restricted to STEEL SHOT in Wildlife Management Unit 6 (southern portions of Hancock and Washington counties) and in the southeast portion of Washington County in Wildlife Management Unit 5 (bounded by the Canadian border, State Highway #6 from Vanceboro to U.S. Highway #1, Topsfield, U.S. Highway #1 to Baileyville-Baring town lines).

### DUCK STAMPS

STATE LAW as well as Federal law provides that no person who has attained the age of 16 years shall take any migratory waterfowl (wild ducks, geese or brant) unless he/she has on his/her person an unexpired Federal migratory bird hunting stamp AND an unexpired STATE MIGRATORY WATERFOWL STAMP both validated by his/her signature written across the face of each stamp in ink. The STATE STAMP may be purchased for \$2.50 from local license agents or directly from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, 284 State St., Sta., #41, Augusta, Me, 04333.

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LEGAL TIMES* TIDES*					LEGAL TIMES* TIDES*					LEGAL TIMES* TIDES*						
Open Close High Low					Open Close High Low					Open Close High Low						
Sep	22	5:56	6:36	2:40P	8:31A	25	6:37	5:39	5:13P	10:58A	28	6:21	4:03	7:34A	1:54P	
	23	5:57	6:35	3:22P	9:11A	27	5:39	4:36	5:59A	11:56A	29	6:22	4:02	8:21A	2:44P	
	24	5:58	6:33	4:09P	9:57A	28	5:41	4:35	6:50A	12:51P	DEC	1	6:25	4:01	9:57A	3:43A
	25	5:59	6:32	5:02P	10:46A	29	5:42	4:33	7:36A	1:41P		2	6:26	4:01	10:46A	4:31A
	26	6:01	6:30	6:50A	11:43A	30	5:43	4:32	8:18A	2:29P		3	6:27	4:01	11:39A	5:23A
	27	6:02	6:28	6:53A	12:43P	31	5:45	4:30	9:00A	3:14P		4	6:28	4:01	12:33P	6:17A
	29	6:04	6:24	8:41A	2:33P	NOV 1	5:46	4:29	9:41A	3:59P		5	6:29	4:00	1:29P	7:13A
30	6:05	6:22	9:23A	3:21P	3		5:49	4:26	11:08A	4:56A	6	6:30	4:00	2:32P	8:14A	
OCT	1	6:07	6:20	10:03A	4:04P	4	5:50	4:25	11:55A	5:41A	8	6:32	4:00	4:28A	10:32A	
	2	6:08	6:19	10:40A	4:47P	5	5:51	4:24	12:36P	6:31A	9	6:33	4:00	5:33A	11:42A	
	3	6:09	6:17	11:17A	5:29P	6	5:53	4:22	1:42P	7:25A	10	6:34	4:00	6:34A	12:48P	
	4	6:10	6:15	11:56A	6:10P	7	5:54	4:21	2:43P	8:25A	11	6:35	4:00	7:30A	1:47P	
	6	6:13	6:11	1:19P	7:07A	8	5:55	4:20	3:52P	9:33A	12	6:36	4:00	8:20A	2:39P	
	7	6:14	6:10	2:05P	7:52A	10	5:58	4:18	5:58A	12:00P	13	6:37	4:00	9:06A	3:27P	
	8	6:15	6:08	2:57P	8:42A	11	5:59	4:17	7:01A	1:09P	15	6:38	4:01	10:27A	4:15A	
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**No** power boat may be operated in Merrymeeting Bay at a speed in excess of 10 miles per hour except within the confines of the buoyed channels.

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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.

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

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No person shall kill or cripple any migratory game bird pursuant to this regulation without any visible means to retrieve and 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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## SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

In addition to State regulations, the following Federal rules apply to the taking, possession, shipping, transporting, and storing of migratory game birds. NOTICE - The material below is only a summary. Each hunter should also consult the actual Federal regulations, which may be found in Title 50, code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

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- With a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler which is incapable of removal 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).
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- 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.
- Using records or tapes of migratory bird calls or sounds, or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls.
- By driving, rallying or chasing birds with any motorized conveyance or any sail boat to put them in the range of the hunters.
- By the aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt, or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement), or on or over any baited area. Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait, and it is not necessary for the hunter to know an area is baited to be violation.

**FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT.** No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to one's car, hunting camp, home, etc.

**IMPORTATION.** For information regarding the importation of migratory birds killed in another country hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66. One fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between the port of entry and one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import migratory game birds killed in any foreign country, except Canada, unless such birds are dressed (except as required in 20.63), drawn, and the head and feet are removed. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

**DUAL VIOLATION.** Violation of State migratory bird regulations is also a violation of Federal regulations.

**CAUTION:** More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on Federal regulations, contact Special Agent-in-Charge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 7342, Downtown Station, Portland, ME 04112. Telephone (207) 780-3235.

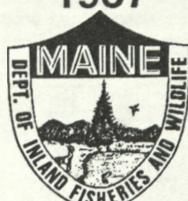
## PHONE NUMBERS YOU MIGHT NEED GAME WARDEN HEADQUARTERS

Ashland 435-3231 or (toll free) 1-800-322-4011  
Augusta 289-2175 or (toll free) 1-800-322-3606  
Bangor 941-4440 or (toll free) 1-800-322-2033  
Gray 657-2345 or (toll free) 1-800-322-1333  
Greenville 695-3756 or (toll free) 1-800-322-9844

If you are unable to locate a warden at one of the above headquarters, contact either the Fisheries and Wildlife Department headquarters in Augusta (289-2766) or the nearest State Police Barracks.

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**  
Portland 780-3235

# Migratory Game Bird Hunting Schedule 1987



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SPECIES AND AREA	SEASONS		LIMITS	
	FIRST DAY	FINAL DAY	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION
SEA DUCKS (Scoter or sea coot, Eider, and Old Squaw)	1 Oct	15 Jan.	7 in the aggregate	14
MERGANSERS	SAME AS "OTHER DUCKS" BELOW		5 See LIMIT NOTES	10
AMERICAN COOTS (or Mudhens)			15	30
OTHER DUCKS	NORTH ZONE	1 Oct. 9 Nov.	4 See LIMIT NOTES	8
	SOUTH ZONE	1 Oct. 14 Oct.		
		12 Nov. 7 Dec.		
SPECIAL SCAUP SEASON:	27 Oct.	11 Nov.	5	10

(In addition to the daily bag limit on sea ducks, 5 scaup—possession: 10—may be taken during the special scaup season in coastal waters and the waters of rivers and streams seaward from the first upstream bridge. This also applies to all tidal waters bounded by state highways 182 and 200 north of U.S. Highway 1 in Hancock County.)

SPECIAL FALCONRY NORTH ZONE SEASON	10 Nov.	15 Jan.	3 (1 black duck)	6 (2 black ducks)
	SOUTH ZONE	15 Oct. 11 Nov.		
In addition to the regular migratory bird season (on ducks, mergansers, American coots)		8 Dec. 15 Jan.		

#### LIMIT NOTES:

**SEA DUCKS.** Limits listed are in addition to limits on "other ducks".

**MERGANSERS.** Limits listed are in addition to limits on "other ducks". It is unlawful to take more than 1 hooded merganser in any one day or to possess more than 2 hooded mergansers at any time.

#### OTHER DUCKS

**Black ducks:** North Zone. Wildlife Management Units 1, 2 and 3: From October 1 through October 3 — it is unlawful to hunt, take or possess any black duck; from October 5 through November 9, it is unlawful to take more than 1 black duck in any one day or possess more than 2 black ducks at any time.

Wildlife Management Units 4 and 5: From October 1 through October 15, it is unlawful to hunt, take or possess any black duck; From October 16 through November 9, it is unlawful to take more than 1 black duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 black ducks at any one time.

South Zone: Wildlife Management Units 6, 7 and 8: During the first season (Oct. 1-Oct 14), it is unlawful to hunt, take or possess any black duck. During the second season (Nov. 12-Dec. 7), it is unlawful to take more than 1 black duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 black ducks at any one time.

**Mallards:** It is unlawful to take more than 3 mallards (only 1 may be a hen) in any one day or to possess more than 6 mallards (only 2 may be hens) at any time.

**Wood ducks:** It is unlawful to take more than 2 wood ducks in any one day or to possess more than 4 wood ducks at any time.

**Pintail ducks:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 pintail duck in any one day or to possess more than 1 pintail duck at any time.

**Canvasbacks:** There shall be no open season on canvasback ducks.

**Redheads:** It is unlawful to take more than 2 redheads in any one day or to possess more than 4 redheads at any time.

CANADA GEESE	1 Oct.	9 Dec.	3	6
SNOW GEESE(including Blue Geese)	1 Oct.	29 Dec.	4	8
BRANT	1 Oct.	30 Oct.	2	4
WOODCOCK	1 Oct.	14 Nov.	3	6
WILSON 'S SNIPE	1 Sept.	16 Dec.	8	16
RAILS (Sora and Virginia)	1 Sept.	8 Nov.	25	25
GALLINULES	1Sept.	8 Nov.	15	30
CROWS	14 Mar. 16 Jul.	30 Apr. 29 Sep.	NO LIMITS	

**BONUS SEASONS:** During the first nine days of the regular duck season in both zones, two blue-winged teal or two green-winged teal or one of each (possession: four, singly or in the aggregate) may be taken daily in addition to the regular daily limit on ducks.

**SHOOTING HOURS:** Shooting hours on migratory game birds are from 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.

**EXCEPTION: 7:00 A.M. opening on October 1.**

**NORTH AND SOUTH ZONES DEFINED:** The NORTH ZONE for waterfowl hunting is Wildlife Management Units 1,2,3,4 and 5 - Wildlife Management Units 1,2 and 3 being that area of the State of Maine lying northerly of a line formed by and including the townships of Weston, Bancroft; Reed; Macwahoc; Molunkus, T1R6WELS; Grindstone, T1R8WELS, T1R9WELS; TAR10, TBR10, TBR11, Bowdoin College Grant East; Bowdoin College Grant West; Greenville; Shirley; East Moxie; The Forks; Bowtown; Pierce Pond; T3R4; Dead River; Carrabasset Valley; Kingfield; Freeman; New Vineyard; Strong; Temple; Washington; Carthage; Roxbury; Andover; Newry; Rileys. Wildlife Management Units 4 and 5 being that area of the State lying southerly of the line described above and northerly of a line formed by and including the townships of Parsonsfield, Cornish, Hiram, Denmark, Bridgton, Harrison, Otisfield, Oxford, Hebron, Buckfield, Hartford, Canton, Jay, Chesterville, New Sharon, Mercer, Smithfield, Fairfield, Clinton, Burnham, Troy, Dixmont, Newburgh, Hampden, Orrington, Holden, Clifton, Amherst, Aurora, T28MD, Devereaux, T30MD, T31MD, T26ED, Crawford, Alexander, and Baileyville.

The SOUTH ZONE is Wildlife Management Units 6,7 and 8, being that area lying southerly of the line described above for Wildlife Management Units 4 and 5.

**STEEL SHOT:** All waterfowl hunting is restricted to STEEL SHOT in Wildlife Management Unit 6, 7 & 8 (South Zone); in the southeast portion of Washington County in Wildlife Management Unit 5 (bounded by the Canadian border, State Highway #6 from Vanceboro to U.S. Highway #1, Topsfield, U.S. Highway #1 to Baileyville-Baring town lines); and in that portion of Brownfield Bog located in Wildlife Management Unit 4 (bounded by State Highway #113, & #5 beginning at the junction of State Highway #160 in East Brownfield; thence to U.S.Highway #302; thence to the Stanley Hill Road, Fryeburg; thence to the Harnden Road, thence to the Smith Road, Denmark; thence to the West Denmark Road; thence to the Lord Hill Road; thence to State Highway #160; thence to State Highway #113 & #5)

#### DUCK STAMPS

STATE LAW as well as Federal law provides that no person who has attained the age of 16 years shall take any migratory waterfowl (wild ducks, geese or brant) unless he/she has on his/her person an unexpired Federal migratory bird hunting stamp AND an unexpired STATE MIGRATORY WATERFOWL STAMP, both validated by his/her signature written across the face of each stamp in ink. The STATE STAMP may be purchased for \$2.50 from local license agents or directly from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, 284 State St., Sta.#41, Augusta, ME, 04333.

**NOTE:** All revenue from the sale of state waterfowl stamps and related artwork must be used exclusively for acquisition of waterfowl habitat and waterfowl management activities.

#### MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTER'S TIME AND TIDE TABLE — 1987

LEGAL TIMES					TIDE*					LEGAL TIMES					TIDE*				
		Open	Close	High	Low			Open	Close	High	Low			Open	Close	High	Low		
Sep	21	5:55	6:36	10:53A	4:50P		11	5:59	4:17	2:46P	8:33A								
	22	5:56	6:36	11:28A	5:30P		12	6:01	4:15	3:39P	9:24A								
	23	5:57	6:35	12:04P	6:09P		13	6:02	4:14	4:35P	10:21A								
	24	5:58	6:33	12:36P	6:48P		14	6:03	4:13	5:34P	11:19A								
	25	5:59	6:32	1:13P	7:03A		16	6:06	4:11	7:01A	1:09P								
	26	6:01	6:30	1:49P	7:42A		17	6:07	4:11	7:46A	1:56P								
	28	6:03	6:26	3:17P	9:09A		18	6:09	4:10	8:27A	2:43P								
	29	6:04	6:24	4:10P	10:00A		19	6:10	4:09	9:06A	3:27P								
	30	6:05	6:22	5:10P	10:59A		20	6:11	4:08	9:48A	4:12P								
							21	6:13	4:07	10:30A	4:56P								
Oct	1	6:07	6:20	6:17P	12:03P		23	6:15	4:06	11:59A	5:51A								
	2	6:08	6:19	7:10A	1:09P		24	6:16	4:05	12:49P	6:41A								
	3	6:09	6:17	8:14A	2:14P		25	6:18	4:04	1:45P	7:34A								
	5	6:11	6:13	10:06A	4:13P		26	6:19	4:04	2:43P	8:30A								
	6	6:13	6:11	10:54A	5:04P		27	6:20	4:03	3:47P	9:33A								
	7	6:14	6:10	11:41A	5:55P		28	6:21	4:03	4:53P	10:37A								
	8	6:15	6:08	12:26P	6:42P		30	6:24	4:02	6:37A	12:50P								
	9	6:16	6:06	1:09P	6:57A														
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Dec	1	6:25	4:01	7:32A	1:49P														
	2	6:26	4:01	8:23A	2:45P														
	3	6:27	4:01	9:11A	3:35P														
	4	6:28	4:01	9:56A	4:22P														
	5	6:29	4:00	10:39A	5:05P														
	7	6:31	4:00	12:02P	5:51A														
	8	6:32	4:00	12:45P	6:33A														
	9	6:33	4:00	1:21P	7:18A														
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Times conversions are legal shooting hours for migratory game birds - 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset daily. TIDE

CONVERSIONS: Tide information listed is for PORTLAND. For Merrymeeting Bay (Richmond), add 2 hrs. 48 minutes; for high tide; for Jonesport, subtract 23 minutes; for Bath, add 1 hr. 1 minute; for Rockland, subtract 16 minutes; for Waldoboro, subtract 16 minutes.

#### SELECTED SECTIONS OF MAINE INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE LAWS

The provisions of the following three paragraphs apply to the waters of the Kennebec River, known as Merrymeeting Bay, bounded as follows: From the high tension wires at Chop's Point to the first dam on the Androscoggin River, to the first road bridge on the Muddy, Cathance, Abbagadasset, and Eastern rivers and the Richmond-Dresden bridge on the Kennebec River, being in the counties of Cumberland, Sagadahoc, and Lincoln:

No artificial cover which is termed stationary blind, or parts thereof, used for hunting purposes shall be left or allowed to remain in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay between one hour after legal shooting time and one hour before legal shooting time.

No duck decoys shall be allowed to remain in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay at any time during the period from one hour after legal shooting time until one hour before legal shooting time.

No power boat may be operated in Merrymeeting Bay at a speed in excess of 10 miles per hour except within the confines of the buoyed channels.

It is unlawful to shoot, or shoot at, or near, any wildfowl decoy of another person, with a rifle, pistol, or shotgun with a ball, slug, or buckshot. "Near" means the area encompassed by the set of decoys and including the area 50 yards away from the outer perimeter of the set of decoys.

It is unlawful to hunt with firearms during the open season on deer (except when hunting waterfowl from a boat or blind or in conjunction with waterfowl decoys) unless wearing an article of solid colored hunter orange clothing which is in good and serviceable condition and which is visible from all sides.

It is unlawful for any person to willfully interfere with the lawful hunting or trapping of any wild animal or wild bird, including the willful disturbance of wild animals or wild birds with intent to interfere with their lawful taking.

It is unlawful to hunt on Sunday.



## DUCK STAMP ART PRINTS

Your 1988 Maine duck stamp, featuring green-wing teal, was designed by Rick Alley of Islesford. A panel of judges selected it from among 84 paintings by Maine resident artists in the first duck stamp art contest conducted by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Limited-edition collectors' prints of the 1988 stamp art, numbered and signed by the artist, may be ordered through leading sporting good stores, art galleries and frameshops (call 289-2871 for details).

Collecting and displaying duck stamp prints is an interesting and attractive hobby. The limited-edition prints also represent a potentially rewarding investment.

Proceeds from the sale of the annual duck stamps and prints are used to finance waterfowl management programs or to acquire waterfowl habitat.

## MIGRATORY GAME BIRD REGULATIONS

In accordance with the Revised Statutes of 1964, Title 12, Sections 7001 and 7456, the following regulations have been adopted, governing the lawful hunting and possession of migratory game birds. For the purpose of this section, migratory game birds include and are limited to species in the following families: 1. Anatidae (wild ducks, geese, and brant); 2. Rallidae (rails, coots, and gallinules); and 3. Scolopacidae (woodcock and snipe). Except as expressly provided in the 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 by the practice of falconry, 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 (1) the motor of such craft has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, as the case may be, and (2) 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.

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			See LIMIT NOTES	
AMERICAN COOTS (or Mudhens)			15	30
OTHER DUCKS				
NORTH ZONE	10 Oct. 10 Nov.	29 Oct. 19 Nov.	3	See LIMIT NOTES 6
SOUTH ZONE	10 Oct. 1 Dec.	22 Oct. 17 Dec.		
SPECIAL SCAUP SEASON:	NONE			
SPECIAL FALCONRY SEASON	6 Oct. 30 Oct. 20 Nov.	9 Oct. 9 Nov. 20 Jan.	3	6
In addition to the regular migratory bird season (on ducks, mergansers, American coots)				
NORTH ZONE				
SOUTH ZONE	6 Oct. 23 Oct. 18 Dec	9 Oct. 30 Nov. 20 Jan.	(1 black duck)	(2 black ducks)

#### LIMIT NOTES:

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**Canvasbacks:** There shall be no open season on canvasback ducks.

**Redheads:** It is unlawful to take more than 2 redhead in any one day or to possess more than 4 redheads at any time.

CANADA GEESE	1 Oct.	9 Dec.	3	6
SNOW GEESE(including Blue Geese)	1 Oct.	29 Dec.	4	8
BRANT	1 Oct.	19 Nov.	2	4
WOODCOCK	1 Oct.	14 Nov.	3	6
WILSON 'S SNIPE	1 Sept.	16 Dec.	8	16
RAILS (Sora and Virginia)	1 Sept.	9 Nov.	25	25
GALLINULES	1 Sept.	9 Nov.	15	30
CROWS	14 Mar. 16 Jul.	30 Apr. 29 Sep.	NO LIMITS	

**SHOOTING HOURS:** Shooting hours on migratory game birds are from sunrise to sunset daily.

(The traditional 1/2 hr. before sunrise beginning shooting time has been changed to sunrise by Federal Regulation.)

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The SOUTH ZONE is Wildlife Management Units 6,7 and 8, being that area lying southerly of the line described above for Wildlife Management Units 4 and 5.

**STEEL SHOT: STATEWIDE:** The use or possession of ammunition loaded with other than non-toxic shot while hunting wild ducks, geese, brant, rails, coots or gallinules is prohibited.

#### DUCK STAMPS

STATE LAW as well as Federal law provides that no person who has attained the age of 16 years shall take any migratory waterfowl (wild ducks, geese or brant) unless he/she has on his/her person an unexpired Federal migratory bird hunting stamp AND an unexpired STATE MIGRATORY WATERFOWL STAMP, both validated by his/her signature written across the face of each stamp in ink. The STATE STAMP may be purchased for \$2.50 from local license agents or directly from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, 284 State St., Sta.#41, Augusta, ME, 04333.

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#### MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTER'S TIME AND TIDE TABLE — 1988

		LEGAL TIMES		TIDE*				LEGAL TIMES		TIDE*	
		Open	Close	High	Low			Open	Close	High	Low
Sep	19	6:22	6:43	5:23P	11:07A						
	20	6:24	6:41	6:14A	12:10P	10	6:28	4:18	11:01A	5:25P	
	21	6:25	6:39	7:21A	1:19P	11	6:29	4:17	11:37A	5:28A	
	22	6:26	6:37	8:24A	2:24P	12	6:31	4:15	12:15P	6:06A	
	23	6:27	6:35	9:23A	3:26P	14	6:33	4:13	1:48P	7:37A	
	24	6:28	6:33	10:15A	4:22P	15	6:35	4:12	2:45P	8:33A	
	26	6:31	6:30	11:53A	6:08P	16	6:36	4:11	3:48P	9:36A	
	27	6:32	6:28	12:42P	6:28A	17	6:37	4:11	4:54P	10:43A	
	28	6:33	6:26	1:30P	7:16A	18	6:39	4:10	5:43A	11:53A	
	29	6:34	6:24	2:19P	8:05A	19	6:40	4:09	6:43A	12:59P	
	30	6:35	6:22	3:14P	8:58A	21	6:43	4:07	8:31A	2:55P	
Oct	1	6:37	6:20	4:13P	9:52A	22	6:44	4:06	9:24A	3:48P	
	3	6:39	6:17	6:08A	12:01P	23	6:45	4:06	10:12A	4:40P	
	4	6:40	6:15	7:16A	1:11P	24	6:46	4:05	11:01A	4:46A	
	5	6:41	6:13	8:15A	2:11P	25	6:48	4:04	11:49A	5:34A	
	6	6:43	6:11	9:07A	3:05P	26	6:49	4:04	12:37P	6:22A	
	7	6:44	6:10	9:50A	3:51P	28	6:51	4:03	2:17P	8:01A	
	8	6:45	6:08	10:29A	4:32P	29	6:52	4:02	3:10P	8:54A	
	10	6:48	6:04	11:34A	5:45P	30	6:54	4:02	4:05P	9:51A	
	11	6:49	6:02	12:03P	5:57A	Dec	1	6:55	4:01	5:02P	10:50A
	12	6:50	6:01	12:33P	6:28A		2	6:56	4:01	5:41A	11:48A
	13	6:51	5:59	1:04P	6:58A		3	6:57	4:01	6:29A	12:43P
	14	6:53	5:57	1:39P	7:32A		5	6:59	4:00	7:59A	2:19P
	15	6:54	5:56	2:21P	8:11A		6	7:00	4:00	8:36A	3:01P
	17	6:56	5:52	4:22P	10:11A		7	7:01	4:00	9:16A	3:43P
	18	6:58	5:50	5:22P	11:11A		8	7:02	4:00	9:54A	4:22P
	19	6:59	5:49	6:13A	12:14P		9	7:03	4:00	10:33A	5:03P
	20	7:00	5:47	7:15A	1:18P		10	7:04	4:00	11:15A	5:03A
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No artificial cover which is termed stationary blind, or parts thereof, used for hunting purposes shall be left or allowed to remain in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay between one hour after legal shooting time and one hour before legal shooting time.

No duck decoys shall be allowed to remain in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay at any time during the period from one hour after legal shooting time until one hour before legal shooting time.

No power boat may be operated in Merrymeeting Bay at a speed in excess of 10 miles per hour except within the confines of the buoyed channels.

It is unlawful to shoot, or shoot at, or near, any wildfowl decoy of another person, with a rifle, pistol, or shotgun with a ball, slug, or buckshot. "Near" means the area encompassed by the set of decoys and including the area 50 yards away from the outer perimeter of the set of decoys.

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It is unlawful for any person to willfully interfere with the lawful hunting or trapping of any wild animal or wild bird, including the willfull disturbance of wild animals or wild birds with intent to interfere with their lawful taking.

It is unlawful to hunt on Sunday.

#### HUNTERS - KNOW THE BLACK DUCK

Black duck populations have been in a long-term population decline and special hunting restrictions are in effect to encourage the expansion of the native Maine black duck population to more desirable levels. Hunters can help by obeying the law and being certain of black duck identification. Black ducks and mallards, especially mallard hens, look alike and are often found together. The mallard hen has a lighter-colored belly and light tail feathers, and distinct white borders along its blue wing patch. The black duck is uniformly dark except for the sharply contrasting light underwings. For more information and a free black duck identification leaflet, contact any office of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.



## DUCK STAMP ART PRINTS

Your 1989 Maine duck stamp, featuring common goldeneye ducks, was designed by Jeannine Staples of Topsham. A panel of judges selected it from among 52 paintings by Maine resident artists in the second duck stamp art contest conducted by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Limited-edition collectors' prints of the 1988 stamp art, numbered and signed by the artist, may be ordered through leading sporting good stores, art galleries and frame shops (call 289-2871 for details).

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## MIGRATORY GAME BIRD REGULATIONS

In accordance with the Revised Statutes of 1964, Title 12, Sections 7001 and 7456, the following regulations have been adopted, governing the lawful hunting and possession of migratory game birds. For the purpose of this section, migratory game birds include and are limited to species in the following families: 1. Anatidae (wild ducks, geese, and brant); 2. Rallidae (rails, coots, and gallinules); and 3. Scolopacidae (woodcock and snipe). Except as expressly provided in the regulations, it shall be unlawful to hunt, capture, kill, take, possess, transport, buy or sell any migratory game bird or part thereof.

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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 by the practice of falconry, 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 (1) the motor of such craft has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, as the case may be, and (2) 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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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

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No person shall kill or cripple any migratory game bird pursuant to this regulation without any visible means to retrieve and 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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## SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

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SPECIAL FALCONRY SEASON				
NORTH ZONE	6 Oct. 30 Oct. 20 Nov.	7 Oct. 8 Nov. 20 Jan.	3 (1 black duck)	6 (2 black ducks)
SOUTH ZONE	6 Oct. 23 Oct. 11 Dec	7 Oct. 22 Nov. 20 Jan.		

#### LIMIT NOTES:

**SEA DUCKS.** Limits listed are in addition to limits on "other ducks".

**MERGANSERS.** Limits listed are in addition to limits on "other ducks". It is unlawful to take more than 1 hooded merganser in any one day or to possess more than 2 hooded mergansers at any time.

#### OTHER DUCKS

**Black ducks:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 black duck in any one day or possess more than 2 black ducks at any time.

**Mallards:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 hen mallard in any one day or to possess more than 2 hen mallards at any time.

**Wood ducks:** It is unlawful to take more than 2 wood ducks in any one day or to possess more than 4 wood ducks at any time.

**Pintail ducks:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 pintail duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 pintail ducks at any time.

**Canvasbacks and Harlequin:** There shall be no open season on canvasback ducks and Harlequin ducks.

**Redheads:** It is unlawful to take more than 2 redhead in any one day or to possess more than 4 redheads at any time.

CANADA GEESE	9 Oct.	16 Dec.	3	6
SNOW GEESE(including Blue Geese	9 Oct.	6 Jan.	5	10
BRANT	9 Oct.	27 Nov.	2	4
WOODCOCK	2 Oct.	15 Nov.	3	6
WILSON 'S SNIPPE	1 Sept.	16 Dec.	8	16
RAILS (Sora and Virginia)	1 Sept.	9 Nov.	25	25
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**SHOOTING HOURS:** Shooting hours on migratory game birds are from 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset daily.

**NORTH AND SOUTH ZONES DEFINED:** The NORTH ZONE for waterfowl hunting is Wildlife Management Units 1,2,3,4 and 5 - Wildlife Management Units 1,2 and 3, 4 and 5 being that area of the State lying northerly of a line formed by and including the townships of Parsonsfield, Cornish, Hiram, Denmark, Bridgton, Harrison, Otisfield, Oxford, Hebron, Buckfield, Hartford, Canton, Jay, Chesterville, New Sharon, Mercer, Smithfield, Fairfield, Clinton, Burnham, Troy, Dixmont, Newburgh, Hampden, Orrington, Holden, Clifton, Amherst, Aurora, T28MD, Devereaux, T30MD, T31MD, T26ED, Crawford, Alexander, and Baileyville.

The SOUTH ZONE is Wildlife Management Units 6,7 and 8, being that area lying southerly of the line described above for Wildlife Management Units 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

**STEEL SHOT: STATEWIDE:** The use or possession of ammunition loaded with other than non-toxic shot while hunting wild ducks, geese, brant, rails, coots or gallinules is prohibited.

#### DUCK STAMPS

STATE LAW as well as Federal law provides that no person who has attained the age of 16 years shall take any migratory waterfowl (wild ducks, geese or brant) unless he/she has on his/her person an unexpired Federal migratory bird hunting stamp AND an unexpired STATE MIGRATORY WATERFOWL STAMP, both validated by his/her signature written across the face of each stamp in ink. The STATE STAMP may be purchased for \$2.50 from local license agents or directly from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, 284 State St., Sta.#41, Augusta, ME, 04333.

**NOTE:** All revenue from the sale of state waterfowl stamps and related artwork must be used exclusively for acquisition of waterfowl habitat and waterfowl management activities.

#### MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTER'S TIME AND TIDE TABLE — 1989

LEGAL TIMES					TIDE*		LEGAL TIMES					TIDE*									
Open					Close		High		Low		Open					Close		High		Low	
Sep	18	5:51	6:45	1:41P	7:26A	9	5:57	4:19	6:50A	1:03P											
	19	5:52	6:43	2:32P	8:16A	10	5:58	4:18	7:44A	2:02P											
	20	5:54	6:41	3:28P	9:11A	11	5:59	4:17	8:34A	2:57P											
	21	5:55	6:39	4:15P	10:10A	13	6:02	4:14	10:15A	4:42P											
	22	5:56	6:37	5:22A	11:16A	14	6:03	4:13	11:06A	4:52A											
	23	5:57	6:35	6:32A	12:27P	15	6:05	4:12	11:58A	5:43A											
	25	5:59	6:32	8:44A	2:41P	16	6:06	4:11	12:52P	6:36A											
	26	6:01	6:30	9:39A	3:37P	17	6:07	4:11	1:48P	7:33A											
	27	6:02	6:28	10:24A	4:25P	18	6:09	4:10	2:48P	8:33A											
	28	6:03	6:26	11:03A	5:07P	20	6:11	4:08	4:46P	10:43A											
	29	6:04	6:24	11:38A	5:46P	21	6:13	4:07	5:43A	11:49A											
	30	6:05	6:22	12:10P	6:02A	22	6:14	4:06	6:38A	12:49P											
Oct	2	6:08	6:19	1:10P	7:03A	23	6:15	4:06	7:28A	1:44P											
	3	6:09	6:17	1:44P	7:35A	24	6:16	4:05	8:12A	2:31P											
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	6	6:13	6:11	3:46P	9:33A	28	6:21	4:03	10:41A	5:06P											
	7	6:14	6:10	4:40P	10:23A	29	6:22	4:02	11:15A	5:05A											
	9	6:16	6:06	6:31A	12:24P	30	6:24	4:02	11:51A	5:39A											
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	11	6:19	6:02	8:25A	2:28P		2	6:26	4:01	1:11P	6:59A										
	12	6:20	6:01	9:15A	3:23P		4	6:28	4:01	2:46P	8:36A										
	13	6:21	5:59	10:04A	4:16P		5	6:29	4:00	3:44P	9:32A										
	14	6:23	5:57	10:51A	5:07P		6	6:30	4:00	4:45P	10:34A										
16	6:25	5:54	12:26P	6:13A	7		6:31	4:00	5:24A	11:37A											
17	6:26	5:52	1:17P	7:03A	8		6:32	4:00	6:20A	12:40P											
18	6:28	5:50	2:10P	7:55A	9		6:33	4:00	7:16A	1:42P											
19	6:29	5:49	3:08P	8:51A	11		6:35	4:00	8:06A	3:37P											
20	6:30	5:47	4:10P	9:52A	12		6:36	4:00	10:01A	4:30P											
21	6:31	5:46	5:18P	11:00A	13		6:37	4:00	10:52A	5:23P											
23	6:34	5:42	7:19A	1:19P	14		6:37	4:00	11:45A	5:29A											
Nov	24	6:35	5:41	8:17A	2:20P	15	6:38	4:01	12:37P	6:21A											
	25	6:37	5:39	9:08A	3:14P	16	6:39	4:01	1:29P	7:14A											
	26	6:38	5:38	9:51A	4:01P	18	6:40	4:01	3:18P	9:05A											
	27	6:39	5:36	10:30A	4:24P	19	6:41	4:02	4:17P	10:05A											
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	1	5:46	4:29	12:13P	6:03A	23	6:43	4:04	7:28A	1:56P											
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8	5:55	4:20	5:55A	12:02P	30	7:15	4:09	12:09P	5:57A												

\*All times listed through October 28 are Eastern Daylight Time; after that date, they are Eastern Standard Time. Times listed are legal shooting hours for migratory game birds - 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset daily.

**TIDE CONVERSIONS:** Tide information listed is for PORTLAND. For Merrymeeting Bay (Richmond), add 2 hrs. 48 minutes. for high tide; for Jonesport, subtract 23 minutes; for Bath, add 1 hr. 1 minute; for Rockland, subtract 16 minutes; for Wadoboro, subtract 16 minutes.

#### SELECTED SECTIONS OF MAINE INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE LAWS

The provisions of the following three paragraphs apply to the waters of the Kennebec River, known as Merrymeeting Bay, bounded as follows: From the high tension wires at Chop's Point to the first dam on the Androscoggin River, to the first road bridge on the Muddy, Cathance, Abbagadasset, and Eastern rivers and the Richmond-Dresden bridge on the Kennebec River, being in the counties of Cumberland, Sagadahoc, and Lincoln:

No artificial cover which is termed stationary blind, or parts thereof, used for hunting purposes shall be left or allowed to remain in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay between one hour after legal shooting time and one hour before legal shooting time.

No duck decoys shall be allowed to remain in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay at any time during the period from one hour after legal shooting time until one hour before legal shooting time.

No power boat may be operated in Merrymeeting Bay at a speed in excess of 10 miles per hour except within the confines of the buoyed channels.

It is unlawful to shoot, or shoot at, or near, any wildfowl decoy of another person, with a rifle, pistol, or shotgun with a ball, slug, or buckshot. "Near" means the area encompassed by the set of decoys and including the area 50 yards away from the outer perimeter of the set of decoys.

It is unlawful to hunt with firearms during the open season on deer (except when hunting waterfowl from a boat or blind or in conjunction with waterfowl decoys) unless wearing an article of solid colored hunter orange clothing which is in good and serviceable condition and which is visible from all sides.

It is unlawful for any person to willfully interfere with the lawful hunting or trapping of any wild animal or wild bird, including the willful disturbance of wild animals or wild birds with intent to interfere with their lawful taking. It is unlawful to hunt on Sunday.

#### HUNTERS - KNOW THE BLACK DUCK

Black duck populations have been in a long-term population decline and special hunting restrictions are in effect to encourage the expansion of the native Maine black duck population to more desirable levels. Hunters can help by obeying the law and being certain of black duck identification. Black ducks and mallards, especially mallard hens, look alike and are often found together. The mallard hen has a lighter-colored belly and light tail feathers, and distinct white borders along its blue wing patch. The black duck is uniformly dark except for the sharply contrasting light underwings. For more information and a free black duck identification leaflet, contact any office of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.



## DUCK STAMP ART PRINTS

Your 1990 Maine duck stamp, featuring Canada geese, was designed by Thea Flanagan of East Holden. A panel of judges selected it from among 60 paintings by Maine resident artists in the third duck stamp art contest conducted by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Limited-edition collectors' prints of the 1990 stamp art, numbered and signed by the artist, may be ordered through leading sporting good stores, art galleries and frameshops (call 289-2871 for details).

Collecting and displaying duck stamp prints is an interesting and attractive hobby. The limited-edition prints also represent a potentially rewarding investment.

Proceeds from the sale of the annual duck stamps and prints are used to finance waterfowl management programs or to acquire waterfowl habitat.

## MIGRATORY GAME BIRD REGULATIONS

In accordance with the Revised Statutes of 1964, Title 12, Sections 7001 and 7456, the following regulations have been adopted, governing the lawful hunting and possession of migratory game birds. For the purpose of this section, migratory game birds include and are limited to species in the following families: 1. Anatidae (wild ducks, geese, and brant); 2. Rallidae (rails, coots, and gallinules); and 3. Scolopacidae (woodcock and snipe). Except as expressly provided in the 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 by the practice of falconry, 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 (1) the motor of such craft has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, as the case may be, and (2) 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. 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 any visible means to retrieve and 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.

### 8. OPEN SEASONS, 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 hours as stated herein.

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 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.

## SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

In addition to State regulations, the following Federal rules apply to the taking, possession, shipping, transporting, and storing of migratory game birds. NOTICE - The material below is only a summary. Each hunter should also consult the actual Federal regulations, which may be found in Title 50, code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

**RESTRICTION.** No person shall take migratory game birds:

- While possessing shot (either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading) other than steel shot or such shot approved as nontoxic while taking Anatidae (ducks, geese (including brant), coots and any species that make up aggregate bag limits during concurrent seasons.
- With a trap, snare, net, crossbow, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10-gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, 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 removal 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 a car or other motor-driven land conveyance, or any aircraft, except that paraplegics and single or double amputees of the legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance. "Paraplegic" means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body with involvement of both legs, usually due to disease or injury to the spinal cord.
- 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.
- Using records or tapes of migratory bird calls or sounds, or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls.
- By driving, rallying or chasing birds with any motorized conveyance or any sail boat to put them in the range of the hunters.
- By the aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt, or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement), or on or over any baited area. Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait, and it is not necessary for the hunter to know an area is baited to be violation.

**FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT.** No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to one's car, hunting camp, home, etc.

**IMPORTATION.** For information regarding the importation of migratory birds killed in another country hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66. One fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between the port of entry and one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import migratory game birds killed in any foreign country, except Canada, unless such birds are dressed (except as required in 20.63), drawn, and the head and feet are removed. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

**DUAL VIOLATION.** Violation of State migratory bird regulations is also a violation of Federal regulations.

**CAUTION:** More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on Federal refuge regulations, contact Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge (includes Petit Manan National Wildlife Refuge), P.O. Box 1077, Calais, Maine, 04619 - telephone (207)454-3521 or Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge, R.R. 2, Box 751, Wells, Maine 04090, telephone (207)646-9226.

## PHONE NUMBERS YOU MIGHT NEED GAME WARDEN HEADQUARTERS

Ashland 435-3231 or (toll free) 1-800-322-4011  
Augusta 289-2175 or (toll free) 1-800-322-3606  
Bangor 941-4440 or (toll free) 1-800-322-2033  
Gray 657-2345 or (toll free) 1-800-322-1333  
Greenville 695-3756 or (toll free) 1-800-322-9844

If you are unable to locate a warden at one of the above headquarters, contact either the Fisheries and Wildlife Department headquarters in Augusta (289-2766) or the nearest State Police Barracks.

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Portland 780-3235**

Help stop wildlife violations - **POACHERS ARE THIEVES** - They are stealing your game

**DIAL OPERATION GAME THIEF**

**1-800-ALERT US  
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## Migratory Game Bird Hunting Schedule 1990



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SPECIES AND AREA	SEASONS		LIMITS	
	FIRST DAY	FINAL DAY	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION
SEA DUCKS (Scooter or sea coot, Eider, and Old Squaw )	8 Oct	19 Jan.	7	14
MERGANSERS	SAME AS "OTHER DUCKS" BELOW		5	10
AMERICAN COOTS (or Mudhens)			15	30
OTHER DUCKS				
NORTH ZONE	8 Oct. 8 Nov.	27 Oct. 17 Nov.	3	See LIMIT NOTES 6
SOUTH ZONE	8 Oct. 22 Nov.	20 Oct. 8 Dec.		
SPECIAL SCAUP SEASON:	NONE			
SPECIAL FALCONRY SEASON				
NORTH ZONE	5 Oct. 19 Nov.	6 Oct. 7 Nov. 15 Jan.	3	6
In addition to the regular migratory bird season (on ducks, mergansers, American coots)	SOUTH ZONE	5 Oct. 22 Oct. 10 Dec	(1 black duck)	(2 black ducks)

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	18	5:51	6:45	10:23A	4:28P	9	5:57	4:19	4:19P	10:01A	
	19	5:52	6:43	11:03A	5:11P	10	5:58	4:18	5:29P	11:12A	
	20	5:54	6:41	11:42A	5:53P	12	6:01	4:15	7:12A	1:23P	
	21	5:55	6:39	12:16P	6:31P	13	6:02	4:14	8:03A	2:17P	
	22	5:56	6:37	12:53P	6:43A	14	6:03	4:13	8:49A	3:08P	
	24	5:58	6:33	2:11P	7:59A	15	6:05	4:12	9:31A	3:51P	
	25	5:59	6:32	2:57P	8:43A	16	6:06	4:11	10:08A	4:33P	
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	29	6:04	6:24	6:35A	12:27P	21	6:13	4:07	1:08P	6:57A	
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	13	6:21	5:59	6:54P	12:36P		5	6:29	4:00	12:52P	6:36A
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\*All times listed through October 27 are Eastern Daylight Time; after that date, they are Eastern Standard Time. Times listed are legal shooting hours for migratory game birds - 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset daily.

**TIDE CONVERSIONS:** Tide information listed is for **PORTLAND**. For **Merrymeeting Bay (Richmond)**, add 2 hrs. 48 minutes for high tide; for **Jonesport**, subtract 23 minutes; for **Bath**, add 1 hr. 1 minute; for **Rockland**, subtract 16 minutes; for **Waldoboro**, subtract 16 minutes.

#### SELECTED SECTIONS OF MAINE INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE LAWS

The provisions of the following three paragraphs apply to the waters of the Kennebec River, known as **Merrymeeting Bay**, bounded as follows: From the high tension wires at **Chop's Point** to the first dam on the **Androscoggin River**, to the first road bridge on the **Muddy**, **Cathance**, **Abbagadasset**, and **Eastern** rivers and the **Richmond-Dresden** bridge on the **Kennebec River**, being in the counties of **Cumberland**, **Sagadahoc**, and **Lincoln**:

No artificial cover which is termed **stationary blind**, or parts thereof, used for hunting purposes shall be left or allowed to remain in the waters of **Merrymeeting Bay** between one hour after legal shooting time and one hour before legal shooting time.

No duck decoys shall be allowed to remain in the waters of **Merrymeeting Bay** at any time during the period from one hour after legal shooting time until one hour before legal shooting time.

No power boat may be operated in **Merrymeeting Bay** at a speed in excess of 10 miles per hour except within the confines of the buoyed channels.

It is unlawful to shoot, or shoot at, or near, any wildfowl decoy of another person, with a rifle, pistol, or shotgun with a ball, slug, or buckshot. "Near" means the area encompassed by the set of decoys and including the area 50 yards away from the outer perimeter of the set of decoys.

It is unlawful to hunt with firearms during the open season on deer (except when hunting waterfowl from a boat or blind or in conjunction with waterfowl decoys) unless wearing an article of solid colored hunter orange clothing which is in good and serviceable condition and which is visible from all sides.

It is unlawful for any person to willfully interfere with the lawful hunting or trapping of any wild animal or wild bird, including the willfull disturbance of wild animals or wild birds with intent to interfere with their lawful taking. It is unlawful to hunt on Sunday.

#### HUNTERS - KNOW THE BLACK DUCK

Black duck populations have been in a long-term population decline and special hunting restrictions are in effect to encourage the expansion of the native Maine black duck population to more desirable levels. Hunters can help by obeying the law and being certain of black duck identification. Black ducks and mallards, especially mallard hens, look alike and are often found together. The mallard hen has a lighter-colored belly and light tail feathers, and distinct white borders along its blue wing patch. The black duck is uniformly dark except for the sharply contrasting light underwings. For more information and a free black duck identification leaflet, contact any office of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.



## DUCK STAMP ART PRINTS

Your 1991 Maine duck stamp, featuring a single ring-necked duck, was designed by Patti Carter of Brunswick. A panel of judges selected it from among 33 paintings by Maine resident artists in the fourth duck stamp art contest conducted by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Limited-edition collectors' prints of the 1991 stamp art, numbered and signed by the artist, may be ordered through leading sporting good stores, art galleries and frameshops (call 289-2871 for details).

Collecting and displaying duck stamp prints is an interesting and attractive hobby. The limited-edition prints also represent a potentially rewarding investment.

Proceeds from the sale of the annual duck stamps and prints are used to finance waterfowl management programs or to acquire waterfowl habitat.

## MIGRATORY GAME BIRD REGULATIONS

In accordance with the Revised Statutes of 1964, Title 12, Sections 7001 and 7456, the following regulations have been adopted, governing the lawful hunting and possession of migratory game birds. For the purpose of this section, migratory game birds include and are limited to species in the following families: 1. Anatidae (wild ducks, geese, and brant); 2. Rallidae (rails, coots, and gallinules); and 3. Scolopacidae (woodcock and snipe). Except as expressly provided in the 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 by the practice of falconry, 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 (1) the motor of such craft has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, as the case may be, and (2) 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. 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 any visible means to retrieve and 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.

### 8. OPEN SEASONS, 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 hours as stated herein.

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 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.

## SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

In addition to State regulations, the following Federal rules apply to the taking, possession, shipping, transporting, and storing of migratory game birds. NOTICE - The material below is only a summary. Each hunter should also consult the actual Federal regulations, which may be found in Title 50, code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

**RESTRICTION.** No person shall take migratory game birds:

- While possessing shot (either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading) other than steel shot or such shot approved as nontoxic while taking Anatidae (ducks, geese (including brant), coots and any species that make up aggregate bag limits during concurrent seasons.

- With a trap, snare, net, crossbow, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10-gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, 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 removal 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 a car or other motor-driven land conveyance, or any aircraft, except that paraplegics and single or double amputees of the legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance. "Paraplegic" means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body with involvement of both legs, usually due to disease of or injury to the spinal cord.

- 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.

- Using records or tapes of migratory bird calls or sounds, or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls.
- By driving, rallying or chasing birds with any motorized conveyance or any sail boat to put them in the range of the hunters.
- By the aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt, or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement), or on or over any baited area. Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait, and it is not necessary for the hunter to know an area is baited to be violation.

**FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT.** No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to one's car, hunting camp, home, etc.

**IMPORTATION.** For information regarding the importation of migratory birds killed in another country hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66. One fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between the port of entry and one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import migratory game birds killed in any foreign country, except Canada, unless such birds are dressed (except as required in 20.63), drawn, and the head and feet are removed. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

**DUAL VIOLATION.** Violation of State migratory bird regulations is also a violation of Federal regulations.

**CAUTION:** More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on Federal refuge regulations, contact Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge (includes Petit Manan National Wildlife Refuge), P.O. Box 1077, Calais, Maine, 04619 - telephone (207) 454-3521 or Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge, R.R. 2, Box 751, Wells, Maine 04090, telephone (207) 646-9226.

## PHONE NUMBERS YOU MIGHT NEED GAME WARDEN HEADQUARTERS

Ashland 435-3231 or (toll free) 1-800-322-4011  
Sidney 547-4145 or (toll free) 1-800-322-3606  
Bangor 941-4440 or (toll free) 1-800-322-2033  
Gray 657-2345 or (toll free) 1-800-322-1333  
Greenville 695-3756 or (toll free) 1-800-322-9844

If you are unable to locate a warden at one of the above headquarters, contact either the Fisheries and Wildlife Department headquarters in Augusta (289-2766) or the nearest State Police Barracks.

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Portland 780-3235**

Help stop wildlife violations - **POACHERS ARE THIEVES** - They are stealing your game

**DIAL OPERATION GAME THIEF**

**1-800-ALERT US  
(253-7887)**

## Migratory Game Bird Hunting Schedule 1991



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SPECIES AND AREA	SEASONS		LIMITS			
	FIRST DAY	FINAL DAY	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION		
Crows	14 Mar. 16 Jul.	30 Apr. 29 Sept.	NO LIMITS			
COMMON SNIPE	1 Sept.	16 Dec.	8	16		
RAILS (Sora and Virginia)	1 Sept.	9 Nov.	25	25		
GALLINULES	1 Sept.	9 Nov.	15	30		
WOODCOCK	1 Oct.	14 Nov.	3	6		
CANADA GEESE	1 Oct.	9 Dec.	3	6		
SNOW GEESE(including Blue Geese)	1 Oct.	15 Jan.	5	10		
BRANT	1 Oct.	19 Nov.	2	4		
SEA DUCKS (Sooter or sea coot, Eider, and Old Squaw )	7 Oct	20 Jan.	7	14		
REGULAR DUCK SEASON (including mergansers and american coots)	NORTH ZONE	7 Oct.	26 Oct.	3	6	
		7 Nov.	16 Nov.			
	SOUTH ZONE	7 Oct.	19 Oct.			SEE LIMIT NOTES
		28 Nov.	14 Dec.			

**Canvasbacks and Harlequin:** There shall be no open season on Canvasback ducks and Harlequin ducks

### LIMIT NOTES

**Black ducks:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 black duck in any one day or possess more than 2 black ducks at any time.

**Mallards:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 hen mallard in any one day or to possess more than 2 hen mallards at any time.

**Wood ducks:** It is unlawful to take more than 2 wood ducks in any one day or to possess more than 4 wood ducks at any time.

**Pintail ducks:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 pintail duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 pintail ducks at any time.

**Redheads:** It is unlawful to take more than 2 redhead in any one day or to possess more than 4 redheads at any time.

**Mottled ducks:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 mottled duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 mottled ducks at any time.

**Fulvous Whistling ducks:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 fulvous tree duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 fulvous tree ducks at any time.

**SEA DUCKS.** Hunters may take 7 sea ducks in addition to the limits on regular ducks.

**MERGANSERS.** Hunters may take 5 mergansers in addition to the limits on regular ducks, however only 1 may be a hooded merganser. It is unlawful to possess more than 2 hooded mergansers at any time.

SPECIAL FALCONRY SEASON	NORTH ZONE	28 Oct. 18 Nov.	6 Nov. 23 Jan.	3	6
	SOUTH ZONE	21 Oct. 16 Dec	27 Nov. 23 Jan.		
In addition to the regular migratory bird season (on ducks, mergansers, American coots)				(1 black duck)	(2 black ducks)

**SHOOTING HOURS:** Shooting hours on migratory game birds are from 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset daily.

**SEA DUCK HUNTING AREA DEFINED:** All coastal waters and all waters of rivers and streams seaward from the first upstream bridge.

**NORTH AND SOUTH ZONES DEFINED:**

The NORTH ZONE for waterfowl hunting is Wildlife Management Units (WMU) 1,2,3,4 and 5 - WMU's 1,2 and 3, 4 and 5 being that area of the State lying northerly of a line formed by and including the townships of Parsonsfield, Cornish, Hiram, Denmark, Bridgton, Harrison, Otisfield, Oxford, Hebron, Buckfield, Hartford, Canton, Jay, Chesterville, New Sharon, Mercer, Smithfield, Fairfield, Clinton, Burnham, Troy, Dixmont, Newburgh, Hampden, Orrington, Holden, Clifton, Amherst, Aurora, T28MD, Devereaux, T30MD, T31MD, T26ED, Crawford, Alexander, and Baileyville.

The SOUTH ZONE is Wildlife Management Units 6,7 and 8, being that area lying southerly of the line described above for Wildlife Management Units 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

**STEEL SHOT - STATEWIDE:** The use or possession of ammunition loaded with other than non-toxic shot while hunting wild ducks, geese, brant, rails, coots or gallinules is prohibited.

### DUCK STAMPS

STATE LAW as well as Federal law provides that no person who has attained the age of 16 years shall take any migratory waterfowl (wild ducks, geese or brant) unless he/she has on his/her person an unexpired Federal migratory bird hunting stamp AND an unexpired STATE MIGRATORY WATERFOWL STAMP, both validated by his/her signature written across the face of each stamp in ink. The STATE STAMP may be purchased for \$2.50 from local license agents or directly from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, 284 State St., Sta.#41, Augusta, ME, 04333.

**NOTE:** All revenue from the sale of state waterfowl stamps and related artwork must be used exclusively for acquisition of waterfowl habitat and waterfowl management activities.

### MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTER'S TIME AND TIDE TABLE — 1991

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15	6:24	5:56	5:10A	11:03A	9		6:33	4:00	12:46P	6:34A	
16	6:25	5:54	6:08A	12:46P	10		6:34	4:00	1:24P	7:14A	
17	6:26	5:52	7:04A	1:01P	11		6:35	4:00	2:07P	7:56A	
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The provisions of the following three paragraphs apply to the waters of the Kennebec River, known as Merrymeeting Bay, bounded as follows: From the high tension wires at Chop's Point to the first dam on the Androscoggin River, to the first road bridge on the Muddy, Cathance, Abbagadasset, and Eastern rivers and the Richmond-Dresden bridge on the Kennebec River, being in the counties of Cumberland, Sagadahoc, and Lincoln:

No artificial cover which is termed stationary blind, or parts thereof, used for hunting purposes shall be left or allowed to remain in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay between one hour after legal shooting time and one hour before legal shooting time.

No duck decoys shall be allowed to remain in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay at any time during the period from one hour after legal shooting time until one hour before legal shooting time.

No power boat may be operated in Merrymeeting Bay at a speed in excess of 10 miles per hour except within the confines of the buoyed channels.

It is unlawful to shoot, or shoot at, or near, any wildfowl decoy of another person, with a rifle, pistol, or shotgun with a ball, slug, or buckshot. "Near" means the area encompassed by the set of decoys and including the area 50 yards away from the outer perimeter of the set of decoys.

It is unlawful to hunt with firearms during the open season on deer (except when hunting waterfowl from a boat or blind or in conjunction with waterfowl decoys) unless wearing an article of solid colored hunter orange clothing which is in good and serviceable condition and which is visible from all sides.

It is unlawful for any person to willfully interfere with the lawful hunting or trapping of any wild animal or wild bird, including the willfull disturbance of wild animals or wild birds with intent to interfere with their lawful taking.

It is unlawful to hunt on Sunday.

### HUNTERS - KNOW THE BLACK DUCK

Black duck populations have been in a long-term population decline and special hunting restrictions are in effect to encourage the expansion of the native Maine black duck population to more desirable levels. Hunters can help by obeying the law and being certain of black duck identification. Black ducks and mallards, especially mallard hens, look alike and are often found together. The mallard hen has a lighter-colored belly and light tail feathers, and distinct white borders along its blue wing patch. The black duck is uniformly dark except for the sharply contrasting light underwings. For more information and a free black duck identification leaflet, contact any office of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.



## DUCK STAMP ART PRINTS

Your 1992 Maine duck stamp, featuring a pair of old squaw ducks, was designed by Persis Clayton Weirs of Deer Isle. A panel of judges selected it from among 43 paintings by Maine resident artists in the fifth duck stamp art contest conducted by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Limited-edition collectors' print of the 1992 stamp art, numbered and signed by the artist, may be ordered through leading sporting good stores, art galleries and frameshops (call 287-2871 for details).

Collecting and displaying duck stamp prints is an interesting and attractive hobby. The limited-edition prints also represent a potentially rewarding investment.

Proceeds from the sale of the annual duck stamps and prints are used to finance waterfowl management programs or to acquire waterfowl habitat.

## MIGRATORY GAME BIRD REGULATIONS

In accordance with the Revised Statutes of 1964, Title 12, Sections 7001 and 7456, the following regulations have been adopted, governing the lawful hunting and possession of migratory game birds. For the purpose of this section, migratory game birds include and are limited to species in the following families: 1. Anatidae (wild ducks, geese, and brant); 2. Rallidae (rails, coots, and gallinules); and 3. Scolopacidae (woodcock and snipe). Except as expressly provided in the 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 by the practice of falconry, 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 (1) the motor of such craft has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, as the case may be, and (2) 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. 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 any visible means to retrieve and 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.

### 8. OPEN SEASONS, 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 hours as stated herein.

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 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.

## SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

In addition to State regulations, the following Federal rules apply to the taking, possession, shipping, transporting, and storing of migratory game birds. NOTICE - The material below is only a summary. Each hunter should also consult the actual Federal regulations, which may be found in Title 50, code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

**RESTRICTION.** No person shall take migratory game birds:

- While possessing shot (either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading) other than steel shot or such shot approved as nontoxic while taking Anatidae (ducks, geese (including brant), coots and any species that make up aggregate bag limits during concurrent seasons.

- With a trap, snare, net, crossbow, rifle, pistol, shotgun larger than 10-gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, poison, drug, explosive, or swifely substance.

- With a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler which is incapable of removal 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 a car or other motor-driven land conveyance, or any aircraft, except that paraplegics and single or double amputees of the legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance. "Paraplegic" means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body with involvement of both legs, usually due to disease or injury to the spinal cord.

- 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.

- Using records or tapes of migratory bird calls or sounds, or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls.

- By driving, rallying or chasing birds with any motorized conveyance or any sail boat to put them in the range of the hunters.

- By the aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt, or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement), or on or over any baited area. Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait, and it is not necessary for the hunter to know an area is baited to be violation.

**FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT.** No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to one's car, hunting camp, home, etc.

**IMPORTATION.** For information regarding the importation of migratory birds killed in another country hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66. One fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between the port of entry and one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import migratory game birds killed in any foreign country, except Canada, unless such birds are dressed (except as required in 20.63), drawn, and the head and feet are removed. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

**DUAL VIOLATION.** Violation of State migratory bird regulations is also a violation of Federal regulations.

**CAUTION:** More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on Federal refuge regulations, contact Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge (includes Petit Manan National Wildlife Refuge), P.O. Box 1077, Calais, Maine, 04619 - telephone (207)454-3521 or Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge, R.R. 2, Box 751, Wells, Maine 04090, telephone (207)646-9226.

## PHONE NUMBERS YOU MIGHT NEED GAME WARDEN HEADQUARTERS

Ashland 435-3231 or (toll free) 1-800-322-4011  
Sidney 547-4145 or (toll free) 1-800-322-3606  
Bangor 941-4440 or (toll free) 1-800-322-2033  
Gray 657-2345 or (toll free) 1-800-322-1333  
Greenville 695-3756 or (toll free) 1-800-322-9844

If you are unable to locate a warden at one of the above headquarters, contact either the Fisheries and Wildlife Department headquarters in Augusta (287-2766) or the nearest State Police Barracks.

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Portland 780-3235**

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## Migratory Game Bird Hunting Schedule 1992



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SPECIES AND AREA	SEASONS		LIMITS	
	FIRST DAY	FINAL DAY	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION
Crows	14 Mar. 16 Jul.	30 Apr. 29 Sept.	NO LIMITS	
COMMON SNIFE	1 Sept.	16 Dec.	8	16
RAILS (Sora and Virginia)	1 Sept.	9 Nov.	25	25
GALLINULES	1 Sept.	9 Nov.	15	30
WOODCOCK	1 Oct.	14 Nov.	3	6
CANADA GEESE	1 Oct. 16 Oct. 25 Nov. (3-DAY CLOSURE: NOV. 22-NOV. 24)	15 Oct. 21 Nov. 12 Dec.	1 2 2	2 4 4
SNOW GEESE (including Blue Geese)	1 Oct.	15 Jan.	5	10
BRANT	1 Oct.	19 Nov.	2	4
SEA DUCKS (Scoter or sea coot, Eider, and Old Squaw)	5 Oct	19 Jan.	7	14
REGULAR DUCK SEASON (including mergansers and american coots)				
NORTH ZONE	5 Oct. 11 Nov.	23 Oct. 21 Nov.	3	6
SOUTH ZONE	5 Oct. 26 Nov.	17 Oct. 12 Dec.		

**Canvasbacks and Harlequin:** There shall be no open season on Canvasback ducks and Harlequin ducks

#### LIMIT NOTES

**American Coots:** It is unlawful to take more than 15 American coots in any one day or possess more than 30 American coots at any time.

**Black ducks:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 black duck in any one day or possess more than 2 black ducks at any time.

**Mallards:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 hen mallard in any one day or to possess more than 2 hen mallards at any time.

**Wood ducks:** It is unlawful to take more than 2 wood ducks in any one day or to possess more than 4 wood ducks at any time.

**Pintail ducks:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 pintail duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 pintail ducks at any time.

**Redheads:** It is unlawful to take more than 2 redhead in any one day or to possess more than 4 redheads at any time.

**Mottled ducks:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 mottled duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 mottled ducks at any time.

**Fulvous Whistling ducks:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 fulvous tree duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 fulvous tree ducks at any time.

**SEA DUCKS.** Hunters may take 7 sea ducks in addition to the limits on regular ducks.

**MERGANSERS.** Hunters may take 5 mergansers in addition to the limits on regular ducks, however only 1 may be a hooded merganser. It is unlawful to possess more than 2 hooded mergansers at any time.

SPECIAL FALCONRY SEASON	NORTH ZONE	24 Oct. 23 Nov.	10 Nov. 20 Jan.		
In addition to the regular migratory bird season (on ducks, mergansers, American coots)	SOUTH ZONE	19 Oct. 14 Dec	25 Nov. 21 Jan.	3  (1 black duck)	6  (2 black ducks)

**SHOOTING HOURS:** Shooting hours on migratory game birds are from 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset daily.

**SEA DUCK HUNTING AREA DEFINED:** All coastal waters and all waters of rivers and streams seaward from the first upstream bridge.

**NORTH AND SOUTH ZONES DEFINED:**

The NORTH ZONE for waterfowl hunting is Wildlife Management Units (WMU) 1,2,3,4 and 5 - WMU's 1,2 and 3, 4 and 5 being that area of the State lying northerly of a line formed by and including the townships of Parsonsfield, Cornish, Hiram, Denmark, Bridgton, Harrison, Otisfield, Oxford, Hebron, Buckfield, Hartford, Canton, Jay, Chesterville, New Sharon, Mercer, Smithfield, Fairfield, Clinton, Burnham, Troy, Dixmont, Newburgh, Hampden, Orrington, Holden, Clifton, Amherst, Aurora, T28MD, Devereaux, T30MD, T31MD, T26ED, Crawford, Alexander, and Baileyville.

The SOUTH ZONE is Wildlife Management Units 6,7 and 8, being that area lying southerly of the line described above for Wildlife Management Units 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

**STEEL SHOT - STATEWIDE:** The use or possession of ammunition loaded with other than non-toxic shot while hunting wild ducks, geese, brant, rails, coots or gallinules is prohibited.

#### DUCK STAMPS

STATE LAW as well as Federal law provides that no person who has attained the age of 16 years shall take any migratory waterfowl (wild ducks, geese or brant) unless he/she has on his/her person an unexpired Federal migratory bird hunting stamp AND an unexpired STATE MIGRATORY WATERFOWL STAMP, both validated by his/her signature written across the face of each stamp in ink. The STATE STAMP may be purchased for \$2.50 from local license agents or directly from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, 284 State St., Sta.#41, Augusta, ME, 04333.

NOTE: All revenue from the sale of state waterfowl stamps and related artwork must be used exclusively for acquisition of waterfowl habitat and waterfowl management activities.

#### MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTER'S TIME AND TIDE TABLE — 1992

		LEGAL TIMES		TIDE*				LEGAL TIMES		TIDE*	
		Open	Close	High	Low			Open	Close	High	Low
Sep	17	5:50	6:47	1:59P	7:45A	Dec	7	5:54	4:21	7:37A	1:53P
	18	5:51	6:45	2:45P	8:31A		9	5:57	4:19	8:48A	3:09P
	19	5:52	6:43	3:25A	9:21A		10	5:58	4:18	9:25A	3:47P
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	22	5:56	6:37	6:36A	12:38P		12	6:01	4:15	10:42A	4:32A
	23	5:57	6:35	7:38A	1:42P		13	6:02	4:14	11:26A	5:14A
	24	5:58	6:33	8:34A	2:42P		14	6:03	4:13	12:16P	6:02A
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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.

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## SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

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- 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.

- Using records or tapes of migratory bird calls or sounds, or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls.
- By driving, rallying or chasing birds with any motorized conveyance or any sail boat to put them in the range of the hunters.
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**FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT.** No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to one's car, hunting camp, home, etc.

**IMPORTATION.** For information regarding the importation of migratory birds killed in another country hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66. One fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between the port of entry and one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import migratory game birds killed in any foreign country, except Canada, unless such birds are dressed (except as required in 20.63), drawn, and the head and feet are removed. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

**DUAL VIOLATION.** Violation of State migratory bird regulations is also a violation of Federal regulations.

**CAUTION:** More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on Federal refuge regulations, contact Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge (Baring & Edmunds Units) P.O. Box 1077, Calais, Maine, 04619 - telephone (207)454-7161; Petit Manan National Wildlife Refuge P.O. Box 279, Millbridge, Maine 04658 - telephone (207)546-2124; Sunkhaze Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, 1033 S. Main Str., Old Town, ME 04468 - telephone (207)827-6138; Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge, R.R. 2, Box 751, Wells, Maine 04090, telephone (207)646-9226 or Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 280, Errol, N.H. 03579 - telephone (603)482-3415.

## PHONE NUMBERS YOU MIGHT NEED GAME WARDEN HEADQUARTERS

Ashland 435-3231 or (toll free) 1-800-624-2512  
Sidney 547-4145 or (toll free) 1-800-292-7436  
Bangor 941-4440 or (toll free) 1-800-624-2498  
Gray 657-2345 or (toll free) 1-800-295-2435  
Greenville 695-3756 or (toll free) 1-800-624-2538

If you are unable to locate a warden at one of the above headquarters, contact either the Fisheries and Wildlife Department headquarters in Augusta (287-2766) or the nearest State Police Barracks.

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Portland 780-3235**

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**(253-7887)**

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SPECIES AND AREA	SEASONS		LIMITS	
	FIRST DAY	FINAL DAY	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION
Crows	14 Mar. 16 Jul.	30 Apr. 29 Sept.	NO LIMITS	
COMMON SNIBE	1 Sept.	16 Dec.	8	16
RAILS (Sora and Virginia)	1 Sept.	9 Nov.	25	25
GALLINULES	1 Sept.	9 Nov.	15	30
WOODCOCK	1 Oct.	13 Nov.	3	6
CANADA GEESE	1 Oct. 16 Oct.	15 Oct. 9 Dec.	1 2	2 4
SNOW GEESE (including Blue Geese)	1 Oct.	15 Jan.	5	10
BRANT	4 Oct.	2 Nov.	2	4
SEA DUCKS (Scaup or sea coot, Eider, and Old Squaw)	4 Oct	18 Jan.	7* (shall not include more than 4 scaupers)	14* (shall not include more than 8 scaupers)
REGULAR DUCK SEASON (including mergansers and american coots)				
NORTH ZONE	4 Oct. 8 Nov.	23 Oct. 17 Nov.	3 SEE LIMIT NOTES	6
SOUTH ZONE	4 Oct. 22 Nov.	16 Oct. 8 Dec.		

**Canvasbacks and Harlequin:** There shall be no open season on Canvasback ducks and Harlequin ducks

#### LIMIT NOTES

**American Coots:** It is unlawful to take more than 15 American coots in any one day or possess more than 30 American coots at any time.

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**Wood ducks:** It is unlawful to take more than 2 wood ducks in any one day or to possess more than 4 wood ducks at any time.

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**Fulvous Whistling ducks:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 fulvous tree duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 fulvous tree ducks at any time.

**SEA DUCKS.** Hunters may take 7 sea ducks in addition to the limits on regular ducks.

(But not more than 4 scaupers)

**MERGANSERS.** Hunters may take 5 mergansers in addition to the limits on regular ducks, however only 1 may be a hooded merganser. It is unlawful to possess more than 2 hooded mergansers at any time.

SPECIAL FALCONRY SEASON	NORTH ZONE	25 Oct. 18 Nov.	6 Nov. 20 Jan.	3 (1 black duck)	6 (2 black ducks)
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STATE LAW as well as Federal law provides that no person who has attained the age of 16 years shall take any migratory waterfowl (wild ducks, geese or brant) unless he/she has on his/her person an unexpired Federal migratory bird hunting stamp AND an unexpired STATE MIGRATORY WATERFOWL STAMP, both validated by his/her signature written across the face of each stamp in ink. The STATE STAMP may be purchased for \$2.50 from local license agents or directly from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, 284 State St., Sta.#41, Augusta, ME, 04333.

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		LEGAL TIMES		TIDE*				LEGAL TIMES		TIDE*	
		Open	Close	High	Low			Open	Close	High	Low
Sep	17	5:50	6:47	11:19A	5:34P	Dec	8	5:55	4:20	5:07A	11:14A
	18	5:51	6:45	12:09P	5:54A		9	5:57	4:19	6:06A	12:19P
	20	5:54	6:41	1:55P	7:38A		10	5:58	4:18	7:04A	1:21P
	21	5:55	6:39	2:53P	8:35A		11	5:59	4:17	8:00A	2:20P
	22	5:56	6:37	3:57P	9:37A		12	6:01	4:15	8:53A	3:16P
	23	5:57	6:35	5:04P	10:43A		13	6:02	4:14	9:45A	4:10P
	24	5:58	6:33	6:12P	11:52A		15	6:05	4:12	11:27A	5:12A
	25	5:59	6:32	6:58A	12:58P		16	6:06	4:11	12:19P	6:04A
	27	6:02	6:28	8:44A	2:47P		17	6:07	4:11	1:12P	6:57A
	28	6:03	6:26	9:27A	3:32P		18	6:09	4:10	2:07P	7:52A
	29	6:04	6:24	10:04A	4:11P		19	6:10	4:09	3:04PA	8:49A
	30	6:05	6:22	10:38A	4:48P		20	6:11	4:08	4:03P	9:50A
							22	6:14	4:06	5:45A	11:54A
							23	6:15	4:06	6:38A	12:52A
Oct	1	6:07	6:20	11:10A	5:22P	Dec	24	6:16	4:05	7:27A	1:45P
	2	6:08	6:19	11:41A	5:56P		25	6:18	4:04	8:11A	2:32P
	4	6:10	6:15	12:47P	6:37AA		26	6:19	4:04	8:52A	3:14P
	5	6:11	6:13	1:25P	7:13A		27	6:20	4:03	9:30A	3:53P
	6	6:13	6:11	2:07P	7:54A		29	6:22	4:02	10:41A	4:29A
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	8	6:15	6:08	3:49P	9:33A		1	6:25	4:01	11:55A	5:43A
	9	6:16	6:06	4:49P	10:32A		2	6:26	4:01	12:36P	6:24A
	11	6:19	6:02	6:34A	12:39P		3	6:27	4:01	1:20P	7:09A
	12	6:20	6:01	7:31A	1:40P		4	6:28	4:01	2:09P	7:58A
	13	6:21	5:59	8:24A	2:37P		6	6:30	4:00	4:02A	8:51A
	14	6:23	5:57	9:46A	3:32P		7	6:31	4:00	4:42A	10:55A
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	22	6:33	5:44	4:39P	10:21A		15	6:38	4:01	12:03P	5:48A
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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 (1) the motor of such craft has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, as the case may be, and (2) 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 standing 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.

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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. 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.

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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 any visible means to retrieve and 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.

### 8. OPEN SEASONS, 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 hours as stated herein.

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 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.

## SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

In addition to State regulations, the following Federal rules apply to the taking, possession, shipping, transporting, and storing of migratory game birds. NOTICE - The material below is only a summary. Each hunter should also consult the actual Federal regulations, which may be found in Title 50, code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

### RESTRICTION. No person shall take migratory game birds:

- While possessing shot (either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading) other than steel shot or such shot approved as nontoxic while taking Anatidae (ducks, geese (including brant), coots and any species that make up aggregate bag limits during concurrent seasons.

- With a trap, snare, net, crossbow, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10-gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, 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 removal 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 a car or other motor-driven land conveyance, or any aircraft, except that paraplegics and single or double amputees of the legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance. "Paraplegic" means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body with involvement of both legs, usually due to disease of or injury to the spinal cord.

- 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.

- Using records or tapes of migratory bird calls or sounds, or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls.

- By driving, rallying or chasing birds with any motorized conveyance or any sail boat to put them in the range of the hunters.

- By the aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt, or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement), or on or over any baited area. Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait, and it is not necessary for the hunter to know an area is baited to be violation.

**FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT.** No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to one's car, hunting camp, home, etc.

**IMPORTATION.** For information regarding the importation of migratory birds killed in another country hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66. One fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between the port of entry and one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import migratory game birds killed in any foreign country, except Canada, unless such birds are dressed (except as required in 20.63), drawn, and the head and feet are removed. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

**DUAL VIOLATION.** Violation of State migratory bird regulations is also a violation of Federal regulations.

**CAUTION:** More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on Federal refuge regulations, contact Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge (Baring & Edmunds Units) P.O. Box 1077, Calais, Maine, 04619 - telephone (207)454-7161; Petit Manan National Wildlife Refuge P.O. Box 279, Millbridge, Maine 04658 - telephone (207)546-2124; Sunkhaze Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, 1033 S. Main Str., Old Town, ME 04468 - telephone (207)827-6138; Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge, R.R. 2, Box 751, Wells, Maine 04090, telephone (207)646-9226 or Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 280, Errol, N.H. 03579 - telephone (603)482-3415.

## PHONE NUMBERS YOU MIGHT NEED

### GAME WARDEN HEADQUARTERS

Ashland 435-3231 or (toll free) 1-800-624-2512

Sidney, 547-4145 or (toll free) 1-800-292-7436

Bangor 941-4440 or (toll free) 1-800-624-2498

Gray 657-2345 or (toll free) 1-800-295-2435

Greenville 695-3756 or (toll free) 1-800-624-2538

If you are unable to locate a warden at one of the above headquarters, contact either the Fisheries and Wildlife Department headquarters in Augusta (287-2766) or the nearest State Police Barracks.

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Portland 780-3235**

Help stop wildlife violations - **POACHERS ARE THIEVES** - They are stealing your game

## DIAL OPERATION GAME THIEF

**1-800-ALERT US**

**(253-7887)**

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SPECIES AND AREA	SEASONS		LIMITS	
	FIRST DAY	FINAL DAY	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION
Crows	14 Mar. 16 Jul.	30 Apr. 29 Sept.	NO LIMITS	
COMMON SNIFE	1 Sept.	16 Dec.	8	16
RAILS (Sora and Virginia)	1 Sept.	9 Nov.	25	25
GALLINULES	1 Sept.	9 Nov.	15	30
WOODCOCK	1 Oct.	14 Nov.	3	6
CANADA GEESE	North Zone	1 Oct.	1	2
		17 Oct.	2	4
	South Zone	1 Oct.	1	2
		17 Oct.	2	4
		21 Nov.	2	4
SNOW GEESE(including Blue Geese)	1 Oct.	14 Jan.	5	10
BRANT	1 Oct.	19 Nov.	2	4
SEA DUCKS (Scoter or sea coot, Eider, and Old Squaw )	3 Oct.	17 Jan.	7* (shall not include more than 4 scoters)	14* (shall not include more than 8 scoters)
REGULAR DUCK SEASON (including mergansers and american coots)				
NORTH ZONE	3 Oct. 4 Nov.	26 Oct. 19 Nov.	3 SEE LIMIT NOTES	6
	SOUTH ZONE	3 Oct. 21 Nov.		

**Harlequin Ducks:** There shall be no open season on Harlequin ducks

#### LIMIT NOTES

**American Coots:** It is unlawful to take more than 15 American coots in any one day or possess more than 30 American coots at any time.

**Black ducks:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 black duck in any one day or possess more than 2 black ducks at any time.

**Mallards:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 hen mallard in any one day or to possess more than 2 hen mallards at any time.

**Wood ducks:** It is unlawful to take more than 2 wood ducks in any one day or to possess more than 4 wood ducks at any time.

**Pintail ducks:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 pintail duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 pintail ducks at any time.

**Redheads:** It is unlawful to take more than 2 redhead in any one day or to possess more than 4 redheads at any time.

**Mottled ducks:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 mottled duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 mottled ducks at any time.

**Fulvous Whistling ducks:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 fulvous tree duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 fulvous tree ducks at any time.

**SEA DUCKS.** Hunters may take 7 sea ducks in addition to the limits on regular ducks.  
(But not more than 4 scoters)

**MERGANSERS.** Hunters may take 5 mergansers in addition to the limits on regular ducks, however only 1 may be a hooded merganser. It is unlawful to possess more than 2 hooded mergansers at any time.

**Canvasbacks:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 Canvasback duck in any one day or possess more than 2 canvasback s at any one time.

SPECIAL FALCONRY SEASON  In addition to the regular migratory bird season (on ducks, mergansers, American coots)	NORTH ZONE	27 Oct. 21 Nov.	3 Nov. 18 Jan.	3  (1 black duck)	6  (2 black ducks)
	SOUTH ZONE	22 Dec. 2 Jan. 30 Jan.	31 Dec. 28 Jan. 28 Feb.		

**SHOOTING HOURS:** Shooting hours on migratory game birds are from 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset daily.

**SEA DUCK HUNTING AREA DEFINED:** All coastal waters and all waters of rivers and streams seaward from the first upstream bridge.

**NORTH AND SOUTH ZONES DEFINED:**

The NORTH ZONE for waterfowl hunting is Wildlife Management Units (WMU) 1,2,3,4 and 5 - WMU's 1,2 and 3, 4 and 5 being that area of the State lying northerly of a line formed by and including the townships of Parsonsfield, Cornish, Hiram, Denmark, Bridgton, Harrison, Otisfield, Oxford, Hebron, Buckfield, Hartford, Canton, Jay, Chesterville, New Sharon, Mercer, Smithfield, Fairfield, Clinton, Burnham, Troy, Dixmont, Newburgh, Hampden, Orrington, Holden, Clifton, Amherst, Aurora, T28MD, Devereaux, T30MD, T31MD, T26ED, Crawford, Alexander, and Baileyville.

The SOUTH ZONE is Wildlife Management Units 6,7 and 8, being that area lying southerly of the line described above for Wildlife Management Units 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

**NON-TOXIC SHOT - STATEWIDE:** The use or possession of ammunition loaded with other than non-toxic shot while hunting wild ducks, geese, brant, rails, coots or gallinules is prohibited. Non-toxic shot means any shot type that does not cause sickness and death when ingested by these birds and is approved for use by the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

#### DUCK STAMPS

STATE LAW as well as Federal law provides that no person who has attained the age of 16 years shall take any migratory waterfowl (wild ducks, geese or brant) unless he/she has on his/her person an unexpired Federal migratory bird hunting stamp AND an unexpired STATE MIGRATORY WATERFOWL STAMP, both validated by his/her signature written across the face of each stamp in ink. The STATE STAMP may be purchased for \$2.50 from local license agents or directly from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, 284 State St., Sta.#41, Augusta, ME, 04333.

NOTE: All revenue from the sale of state waterfowl stamps and related artwork must be used exclusively for acquisition of waterfowl habitat and waterfowl management activities.

#### MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTER'S TIME AND TIDE TABLE — 1994

LEGAL TIMES				TIDE*		LEGAL TIMES				TIDE*	
		Open	Close	High	Low			Open	Close	High	Low
Oct	1	6:07	6:20	8:19A	2:21P	Dec	1	6:25	4:01	8:45A	3:11P
	3	6:09	6:17	9:54A	4:04P		2	6:26	4:01	9:39A	4:05P
	4	6:10	6:15	10:40A	4:26A		3	6:27	4:01	10:32A	4:16A
	5	6:11	6:13	11:25A	5:12A		5	6:29	4:00	12:19P	6:03A
	6	6:13	6:11	12:12P	5:58A		6	6:30	4:00	1:15P	6:59A
	7	6:14	6:10	1:01P	6:47A		7	6:31	4:00	2:12P	7:57A
	8	6:15	6:08	1:52P	7:37A		8	6:32	4:00	3:12P	8:58A
	10	6:18	6:04	3:48P	9:30A		9	6:33	4:00	4:14P	10:01A
	11	6:19	6:02	4:36A	10:35A		10	6:34	4:00	4:55A	11:06A
	12	6:20	6:01	5:45A	12:31P		12	6:36	4:00	6:49A	1:09P
	13	6:21	5:59	6:53A	12:55P		13	6:36	4:00	7:40A	2:02P
	14	6:23	5:57	7:57A	2:02P		14	6:37	4:00	8:27A	2:51P
	15	6:24	5:56	8:54A	3:01P		15	6:38	4:01	9:10A	3:34P
	17	6:26	5:52	10:29A	4:39P		16	6:39	4:01	9:49A	4:13P
	18	6:28	5:50	11:08A	5:21P		17	6:40	4:01	10:25A	4:50P
	19	6:29	5:49	11:43A	5:33A		19	6:41	4:02	11:35A	5:23A
	20	6:30	5:47	12:17P	6:07A		20	6:41	4:02	12:10P	5:59A
	21	6:31	5:46	12:50P	6:41A		21	6:42	4:03	12:48P	6:37A
	22	6:33	5:44	1:24P	7:15A		22	6:42	4:03	1:29P	7:18A
	24	6:35	5:41	2:41P	8:29A		23	6:43	4:04	2:13P	8:03A
	25	6:37	5:41	7:21A	1:29P		24	6:43	4:04	3:03P	8:53A
	26	6:38	5:38	3:24P	9:12A		26	6:44	4:06	4:31A	10:47A
	27	6:39	5:36	5:06P	10:52A		27	6:44	4:06	5:28A	11:50A
	28	6:39	5:36	5:49A	11:49A		28	6:45	4:07	12:55P	6:28A
	29	6:42	5:33	6:44A	12:49P		29	6:45	4:08	7:28A	1:57P
	31	6:45	5:30	8:30A	2:44P		30	6:45	4:09	8:27A	2:57P
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	4	5:50	4:25	10:49A	4:35A		5	6:45A	4:14P	1:52P	7:39A
	5	5:51	4:24	11:40A	5:26A		6	6:45A	4:15P	2:46P	8:34A
	7	5:54	4:21	1:31P	7:15A		7	6:45A	4:16P	3:41P	9:30A
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	26	6:19	4:04	4:11A	10:16A						
	28	6:21	4:03	6:00A	12:17P						
	29	6:22	4:02	6:56A	1:17P						
	30	6:24	4:02	7:51A	2:15P						

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\*All times listed through October 31 are Eastern Daylight Time; after that date, they are Eastern Standard Time (for Augusta).

Times listed are legal shooting hours for migratory game birds - 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset daily.

TIDE CONVERSIONS: Tide information listed is for PORTLAND. For Merrymeeting Bay (Richmond), add 2 hrs. 48 minutes for high tide; for Jonesport, subtract 23 minutes; for Bath, add 1 hr. 1 minute; for Rockland, subtract 16 minutes; for Waldoboro,

#### SELECTED SECTIONS OF MAINE INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE LAWS

The provisions of the following three paragraphs apply to the waters of the Kennebec River, known as Merrymeeting Bay, bounded as follows: From the high tension wires at Chop's Point to the first dam on the Androscoggin River, to the first road bridge on the Muddy, Cathance, Abbagadasset, and Eastern rivers and the Richmond-Dresden bridge on the Kennebec River, being in the counties of Cumberland, Sagadahoc, and Lincoln:

No artificial cover which is termed stationary blind, or parts thereof, used for hunting purposes shall be left or allowed to remain in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay between one hour after legal shooting time and one hour before legal shooting time.

No duck decoys shall be allowed to remain in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay at any time during the period from one hour after legal shooting time until one hour before legal shooting time.

No power boat may be operated in Merrymeeting Bay at a speed in excess of 10 miles per hour except within the confines of the buoyed channels.

It is unlawful to shoot, or shoot at, near, any wildfowl decoy of another person, with a rifle, pistol, or shotgun with a ball, slug, or buckshot. "Near" means the area encompassed by the set of decoys and including the area 50 yards away from the outer perimeter of the set of decoys.

It is unlawful to hunt with firearms during the open season on deer (except when hunting waterfowl from a boat or blind or in conjunction with waterfowl decoys) unless wearing 2 articles of solid colored hunter orange clothing which is in good and serviceable condition and which is visible from all sides.

It is unlawful for any person to willfully interfere with the lawful hunting or trapping of any wild animal or wild bird, including the willful disturbance of wild animals or wild birds with intent to interfere with their lawful taking.

It is unlawful to hunt on Sunday.

#### HUNTERS - KNOW THE BLACK DUCK

Black duck populations have been in a long-term population decline and special hunting restrictions are in effect to encourage the expansion of the native Maine black duck population to more desirable levels. Hunters can help by obeying the law and being certain of black duck identification. Black ducks and mallards, especially mallard hens, look alike and are often found together. The mallard hen has a lighter-colored belly and light tail feathers, and distinct white borders along its blue wing patch. The black duck is uniformly dark except for the sharply contrasting light underwings.



## DUCK STAMP ART CONTEST

Your 1995 Maine duck stamp, featuring two white-winged scoters, was designed by Richard Alley, Jr., of Isleford. A panel of judges selected it from among 18 paintings by Maine resident artists in the eighth duck stamp art contest conducted by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

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## MIGRATORY GAME BIRD REGULATIONS

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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. 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 any visible means to retrieve and 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.

### 8. OPEN SEASONS, 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 hours as stated herein.

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 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.

## SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

In addition to State regulations, the following Federal rules apply to the taking, possession, shipping, transporting, and storing of migratory game birds. NOTICE - The material below is only a summary. Each hunter should also consult the actual Federal regulations, which may be found in Title 50, code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

**RESTRICTION.** No person shall take migratory game birds:

- While possessing shot (either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading) other than steel shot or such shot approved as nontoxic while taking Anatidae (ducks, geese (including brant), coots and any species that make up aggregate bag limits during concurrent seasons.

- With a trap, snare, net, crossbow, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10-gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, 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 removal 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 a car or other motor-driven land conveyance, or any aircraft, except that paraplegics and single or double amputees of the legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance. "Paraplegic" means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body with involvement of both legs, usually due to disease of or injury to the spinal cord.

- 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.

- Using records or tapes of migratory bird calls or sounds, or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls.
- By driving, rallying or chasing birds with any motorized conveyance or any sail boat to put them in the range of the hunters.

- By the aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt, or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement), or on or over any baited area. Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait, and it is not necessary for the hunter to know an area is baited to be violation.

**FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT.** No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to one's car, hunting camp, home, etc.

**IMPORTATION.** For information regarding the importation of migratory birds killed in another country hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66. One fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between the port of entry and one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import migratory game birds killed in any foreign country, except Canada, unless such birds are dressed (except as required in 20.63), drawn, and the head and feet are removed. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

**DUAL VIOLATION.** Violation of State migratory bird regulations is also a violation of Federal regulations.

**CAUTION:** More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on Federal refuge regulations, contact Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge (Baring & Edmunds Units) P.O. Box 1077, Calais, Maine, 04619 - telephone (207)454-7161; Petit Manan National Wildlife Refuge P.O. Box 279, Millbridge, Maine 04658 - telephone (207)546-2124; Sunkhaze Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, 1033 S. Main Str., Old Town, ME 04468 - telephone (207)827-6138; Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge, R.R. 2, Box 751, Wells, Maine 04090, telephone (207)646-9226 or Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 280, Errol, N.H. 03579 - telephone (603)482-3415.

## PHONE NUMBERS YOU MIGHT NEED

### GAME WARDEN HEADQUARTERS

Ashland 435-3231 or (toll free) 1-800-624-2512  
Sidney 547-4145 or (toll free) 1-800-292-7436  
Bangor 941-4440 or (toll free) 1-800-624-2498  
Gray 657-2345 or (toll free) 1-800-295-2435  
Greenville 695-3756 or (toll free) 1-800-624-2538

If you are unable to locate a warden at one of the above headquarters, contact either the Fisheries and Wildlife Department headquarters in Augusta (287-2766) or the nearest State Police Barracks.

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Portland 780-3235**

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## DIAL OPERATION GAME THIEF

**1-800-ALERT US**

**(253-7887)**

# Migratory Game Bird Hunting Schedule 1995



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SPECIES AND AREA	SEASONS		LIMITS	
	FIRST DAY	FINAL DAY	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION
Crows	14 Mar. 16 Jul.	30 Apr. 29 Sept.	NO LIMITS	
COMMON SNIFE	1 Sept.	16 Dec.	8	16
RAILS (Sora and Virginia)	1 Sept.	9 Nov.	25	25
GALLINULES	1 Sept.	9 Nov.	15	30
WOODCOCK	2 Oct.	15 Nov.	3	6
CANADA GEESE	NOT OFFERED UNDER		FEDERAL FRAMEWORK	
SNOW GEESE(including Blue Geese)	2 Oct.	16 Jan.	5	10
BRANT	2 Oct.	20 Nov.	2	4
SEA DUCKS (Scooter or sea coot, Eider, and Old Squaw )	6 Oct.	20 Jan.	7* (shall not include more than 4 scoters)	14* (shall not include more than 8 scoters)
REGULAR DUCK SEASON (including mergansers and american coots)	NORTH ZONE	2 Oct. 3 Nov.	25 Oct. 18 Nov.	
	SOUTH ZONE	2 Oct. 15 Nov.	14 Oct. 21 Dec.	4 SEE LIMIT NOTES

**Harlequin Ducks:** There shall be no open season on Harlequin ducks

### LIMIT NOTES

**American Coots:** It is unlawful to take more than 15 American coots in any one day or possess more than 30 American coots at any time.

**Black ducks:** **NORTH ZONE:** From Oct. 2 - Oct. 25, and Nov. 3 - Nov. 18, it is unlawful to take more than 1 black duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 black ducks at any one time. **SOUTH ZONE:** From Oct. 2 - Oct. 7 it is unlawful to hunt, take or possess any black duck. From Oct. 9 - Oct. 14 and from Nov. 15 - Dec. 21, it is unlawful to take more than 1 black duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 black ducks at any one time.

**Mallards:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 hen mallard in any one day or to possess more than 2 hen mallards at any time.

**Wood ducks:** It is unlawful to take more than 2 wood ducks in any one day or to possess more than 4 wood ducks at any time.

**Pintail ducks:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 pintail duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 pintail ducks at any time.

**Redheads:** It is unlawful to take more than 2 redhead in any one day or to possess more than 4 redheads at any time.

**Mottled ducks:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 mottled duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 mottled ducks at any time.

**Fulvous Whistling ducks:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 fulvous tree duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 fulvous tree ducks at any time.

**SEA DUCKS.** Hunters may take 7 sea ducks in addition to the limits on regular ducks. (But not more than 4 scoters)

**MERGANSERS.** Hunters may take 5 mergansers in addition to the limits on regular ducks, however only 1 may be a hooded merganser. It is unlawful to possess more than 2 hooded mergansers at any time.

**Canvasbacks:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 Canvasback duck in any one day or possess more than 2 canvasbacks at any one time.

SPECIAL FALCONRY SEASON	NORTH ZONE	26 Oct. 20 Nov.	2 Nov. 17 Jan.		
In addition to the regular migratory bird season (on ducks, mergansers, American coots)	SOUTH ZONE	5 Jan. 29 Jan.	27 Jan. 2 Mar.	3 (1 black duck)	6 (2 black ducks)

**SHOOTING HOURS:** Shooting hours on migratory game birds are from 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset daily.

**SEA DUCK HUNTING AREA DEFINED:** All coastal waters and all waters of rivers and streams seaward from the first upstream bridge.

### NORTH AND SOUTH ZONES DEFINED:

The NORTH ZONE for waterfowl hunting is Wildlife Management Units (WMU) 1,2,3,4 and 5 - WMU's 1,2 and 3, 4 and 5 being that area of the State lying northerly of a line formed by and including the townships of Parsonsfield, Cornish, Hiram, Denmark, Bridgton, Harrison, Otisfield, Oxford, Hebron, Buckfield, Hartford, Canton, Jay, Chesterville, New Sharon, Mercer, Smithfield, Fairfield, Clinton, Burnham, Troy, Dixmont, Newburgh, Hampden, Orrington, Holden, Clifton, Amherst, Aurora, T28MD, Devereaux, T30MD, T31MD, T26ED, Crawford, Alexander, and Baileyville.

The SOUTH ZONE is Wildlife Management Units 6,7 and 8, being that area lying southerly of the line described above for Wildlife Management Units 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

**NON-TOXIC SHOT - STATEWIDE:** The use or possession of ammunition loaded with other than non-toxic shot while hunting wild ducks, geese, brant, rails, coots or gallinules is prohibited. Non-toxic shot means any shot type that does not cause sickness and death when ingested by these birds and is approved for use by the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

### DUCK STAMPS

STATE LAW as well as Federal law provides that no person who has attained the age of 16 years shall take any migratory waterfowl (wild ducks, geese or brant) unless he/she has on his/her person an unexpired Federal migratory bird hunting stamp AND an unexpired STATE MIGRATORY WATERFOWL STAMP, both validated by his/her signature written across the face of each stamp in ink. The STATE STAMP may be purchased for \$2.50 from local license agents or directly from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, 284 State St., Sta.#41, Augusta, ME, 04333.

NOTE: All revenue from the sale of state waterfowl stamps and related artwork must be used exclusively for acquisition of waterfowl habitat and waterfowl management activities.

### MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTER'S TIME AND TIDE TABLE — 1995

		LEGAL TIMES		TIDE*				LEGAL TIMES		TIDE*		
		Open	Close	High	Low			Open	Close	High	Low	
Oct	2	6:08	6:19	6:07p	11:47A	Dec	1	6:25	4:01	5:49P	11:35A	
	3	6:09	6:17	6:57A	12:58P		2	6:26	4:01	6:26A	12:41P	
	4	6:10	6:15	8:03A	2:07P		4	6:28	4:01	9:04A	3:25P	
	5	6:11	6:13	9:03A	3:09P		5	6:29	4:00	9:47A	4:08P	
	6	6:13	6:11	9:57A	4:05P		6	6:30	4:00	10:26A	4:48P	
	7	6:14	6:10	10:45A	4:55P		7	6:31	4:00	11:02A	5:26P	
	9	6:16	6:06	12:11P	6:25P		8	6:32	4:00	11:38A	6:01P	
	10	6:18	6:04	12:51P	6:39A		9	6:33	4:00	12:13P	6:37P	
	11	6:19	6:02	1:29P	7:19A		11	6:35	4:00	1:29P	7:18A	
	12	6:20	6:01	2:09P	7:58A		12	6:36	4:00	2:10P	8:00A	
	13	6:21	5:59	2:51P	8:39A		13	6:36	4:00	2:55P	8:45A	
	14	6:23	5:57	3:36P	9:24A		14	6:37	4:00	3:44P	9:34A	
	16	6:25	5:54	5:19P	11:05A		15	6:38	4:01	4:37P	10:27A	
	17	6:26	5:52	6:16P	12:02P		16	6:39	4:01	5:34P	11:24A	
	18	6:28	5:50	7:00A	1:00P		18	6:40	4:01	6:57A	1:21P	
	19	6:29	5:49	7:51A	1:54P		19	6:41	4:02	7:51A	2:17P	
	20	6:30	5:47	8:38A	2:45P		20	6:41	4:02	8:45A	3:12P	
21	6:31	5:46	9:22A	3:31P	21	6:42	4:03	9:38A	4:05P			
23	6:33	5:44	10:44A	5:00P	22	6:42	4:03	10:31A	4:57P			
24	6:35	5:41	11:26A	5:44P	23	6:43	4:04	11:24A	5:50P			
25	6:37	5:41	12:10P	6:31P	25	6:44	4:05	1:15P	6:59A			
26	6:38	5:38	12:57P	6:44A	26	6:44	4:06	2:13P	7:58A			
27	6:39	5:36	1:47P	7:33A	27	6:44	4:06	3:14P	9:00A			
28	6:39	5:36	2:42P	8:27A	28	6:45	4:07	4:18P	10:04A			
30	5:43	4:32	3:47P	9:30A	29	6:45	4:08	5:23P	11:10A			
31	5:45	4:30	4:57P	10:40A	30	6:45	4:09	6:28P	12:16P			
Nov	1	5:46	4:29	6:07P	11:51A	Jan '96	1	6:45	4:11	7:51A	2:14P	
	2	5:47	4:28	6:48A	12:58P		2	6:45	4:11	8:40A	3:04P	
	3	5:49	4:26	7:46A	1:58P		3	6:45	4:12	9:24A	3:48P	
	4	5:50	4:25	8:39A	2:53P		4	6:45	4:13	10:04A	4:28P	
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	8	5:55	4:20	11:25A	5:46P		8	6:45	4:16	12:26P	6:44P	
	9	5:57	4:19	12:01P	6:24P		9	6:44	4:19	1:02P	6:51A	
	10	5:58	4:18	12:38P	6:28A		10	6:44	4:20	1:40P	7:30A	
	11	5:59	4:17	1:17P	7:07A		11	6:44	4:21	2:22P	8:12A	
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	14	6:03	4:13	3:34P	9:23A		13	6:43	4:25	4:00P	9:51A	
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\*All times listed through October 31 are Eastern Daylight Time; after that date, they are Eastern Standard Time (for Augusta).

Times listed are legal shooting hours for migratory game birds - 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset daily.

TIDE CONVERSIONS: Tide information listed is for PORTLAND. For Merrymeeting Bay (Richmond), add 2 hrs. 48 minutes for high tide; for Jonesport, subtract 23 minutes; for Bath, add 1 hr. 1 minute; for Rockland, subtract 16 minutes; for Waldoboro,

### SELECTED SECTIONS OF MAINE INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE LAWS

The provisions of the following three paragraphs apply to the waters of the Kennebec River, known as Merrymeeting Bay, bounded as follows: From the high tension wires at Chop's Point to the first dam on the Androscoggin River, to the first road bridge on the Muddy, Cathance, Abbagadasset, and Eastern rivers and the Richmond-Dresden bridge on the Kennebec River, being in the counties of Cumberland, Sagadahoc, and Lincoln:

No artificial cover which is termed stationary blind, or parts thereof, used for hunting purposes shall be left or allowed to remain in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay between one hour after legal shooting time and one hour before legal shooting time.

No duck decoys shall be allowed to remain in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay at any time during the period from one hour after legal shooting time until one hour before legal shooting time.

No power boat may be operated in Merrymeeting Bay at a speed in excess of 10 miles per hour except within the confines of the buoyed channels.

It is unlawful to shoot, or shoot at, or near, any wildfowl decoy of another person, with a rifle, pistol, or shotgun with a ball, slug, or buckshot. "Near" means the area encompassed by the set of decoys and including the area 50 yards away from the outer perimeter of the set of decoys.

It is unlawful to hunt with firearms during the open season on deer (except when hunting waterfowl from a boat or blind or in conjunction with waterfowl decoys) unless wearing 2 articles of solid colored hunter orange clothing which is in good and serviceable condition and which is visible from all sides.

It is unlawful for any person to willfully interfere with the lawful hunting or trapping of any wild animal or wild bird, including the willfull disturbance of wild animals or wild birds with intent to interfere with their lawful taking.

It is unlawful to hunt on Sunday.

### HUNTERS - KNOW THE BLACK DUCK

Black duck populations have been in a long-term population decline and special hunting restrictions are in effect to encourage the expansion of the native Maine black duck population to more desirable levels.

Hunters can help by obeying the law and being certain of black duck identification. Black ducks and mallards, especially mallard hens, look alike and are often found together. The mallard hen has a lighter-colored belly and light tail feathers, and distinct white borders along its blue wing patch. The black duck is uniformly dark except for the sharply contrasting light underwings.



## DUCK STAMP ART CONTEST

Your 1996 Maine duck stamp, featuring two blue-winged teal, was designed by Paul Fillion of Durham. A panel of judges selected it from among dozens of paintings by Maine resident artists in the 13th duck stamp art contest conducted by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Proceeds from the sale of the annual duck stamps are used to finance waterfowl management programs or to acquire waterfowl habitat.

## MIGRATORY GAME BIRD REGULATIONS

In accordance with the Revised Statutes of 1964, Title 12, Sections 7001 and 7456, the following regulations have been adopted, governing the lawful hunting and possession of migratory game birds. For the purpose of this section, migratory game birds include and are limited to species in the following families: 1. Anatidae (wild ducks, geese, and brant); 2. Rallidae (rails, coots, and gallinules); and 3. Scolopacidae (woodcock and snipe). Except as expressly provided in the 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 by the practice of falconry, 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 (1) the motor of such craft has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, as the case may be, and (2) 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.

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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.

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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 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.

## SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

In addition to State regulations, the following Federal rules apply to the taking, possession, shipping, transporting, and storing of migratory game birds. NOTICE - The material below is only a summary. Each hunter should also consult the actual Federal regulations, which may be found in Title 50, code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

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- While possessing shot (either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading) other than steel shot or such shot approved as nontoxic while taking Anatidae (ducks, geese (including brant), coots and any species that make up aggregate bag limits during concurrent seasons.

- With a trap, snare, net, crossbow, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10-gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, 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 removal 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 a car or other motor-driven land conveyance, or any aircraft, except that paraplegics and single or double amputees of the legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance. "Paraplegic" means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body with involvement of both legs, usually due to disease or injury to the spinal cord.

- 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.

- Using records or tapes of migratory bird calls or sounds, or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls.
- 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.
- By the aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt, or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement), or on or over any baited area. Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait, and it is not necessary for the hunter to know an area is baited to be violation.

**FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT.** No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to one's car, hunting camp, home, etc.

**IMPORTATION.** For information regarding the importation of migratory birds killed in another country hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66. One fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between the port of entry and one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import migratory game birds killed in any foreign country, except Canada, unless such birds are dressed (except as required in 20.63), drawn, and the head and feet are removed. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

**DUAL VIOLATION.** Violation of State migratory bird regulations is also a violation of Federal regulations.

**CAUTION:** More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on Federal refuge regulations, contact Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge (Baring & Edmunds Units) RR #1, Box 202, Baring, Maine, 04694 - telephone (207)454-7161; Petit Manan National Wildlife Refuge P.O. Box 279, Millbridge, Maine 04658 - telephone (207)546-2124; Sunkhaze Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, 1033 S. Main Str., Old Town, ME 04468 - telephone (207)827-6138; Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge, R.R. 2, Box 751, Wells, Maine 04090, telephone (207)646-9226 or Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 280, Errol, N.H. 03579 - telephone (603)482-3415.

## PHONE NUMBERS YOU MIGHT NEED GAME WARDEN HEADQUARTERS

Ashland 435-3231 or (toll free) 1-800-624-2512  
Sidney, 547-4145 or (toll free) 1-800-292-7436  
Bangor 941-4440 or (toll free) 1-800-624-2498  
Gray 657-2345 or (toll free) 1-800-295-2435  
Greenville 695-3756 or (toll free) 1-800-624-2538

If you are unable to locate a warden at one of the above headquarters, contact either the Fisheries and Wildlife Department headquarters in Augusta (287-2766) or the nearest State Police Barracks.

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Portland 780-3235**

## \*\*NOTICE\*\*

### NEW LINE ESTABLISHED DIVIDING NORTH AND SOUTH ZONES

A new dividing line between the north and south zones has been established that follows Route 9 from eastern Washington County (Baileyville) to Bangor, south along I-95 to Augusta and then along Route 202 to Auburn. From there the line extends west along Route 11 to Route 110 in Newfield and then along Route 110 to the Maine-New Hampshire border (See back for more detailed line).

## Migratory Game Bird Hunting Schedule 1996



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SPECIES AND AREA	SEASONS		LIMITS	
	FIRST DAY	FINAL DAY	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION
Crows	14 Mar. 16 Jul.	30 Apr. 28 Sept.	NO LIMITS	
COMMON SNIFE	1 Sept.	16 Dec.	8	16
RAILS (Sora and Virginia)	1 Sept.	9 Nov.	25	25
GALLINULES	1 Sept.	9 Nov.	15	30
WOODCOCK	1 Oct.	14 Nov.	3	6
CANADA GEESE	9 Sept.	25 Sept.	3	6
SNOW GEESE(including Blue Geese)	1 Oct.	15 Jan.	5	10
BRANT	1 Oct.	30 Oct.	2	4
SEA DUCKS (Scooter or sea coot, Eider, and Old Squaw )	4 Oct.	18 Jan.	7* (shall not include more than 4 scoters)	14* (shall not include more than 8 scoters)
REGULAR DUCK SEASON (including mergansers and american coots) NORTH ZONE	1 Oct. Oct. 31	Oct. 26 Nov. 23	5 SEE LIMIT NOTES	10
	SOUTH ZONE	1 Oct. 14 Nov.		

**Harlequin Ducks:** There shall be no open season on Harlequin ducks

#### LIMIT NOTES

**American Coots:** It is unlawful to take more than 15 American coots in any one day or possess more than 30 American coots at any time.

**Black ducks:** **NORTH ZONE:** From Oct. 11 - Oct. 26 and from Oct. 31 - Nov. 23, it is unlawful to take more than 1 black duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 black ducks at any one time. **SOUTH ZONE:** From Oct.11 - Oct. 19 and from Nov. 14 - Dec. 14, it is unlawful to take more than 1 black duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 black ducks at any one time.

**Mallards:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 hen mallard in any one day or to possess more than 2 hen mallards at any time.

**Wood ducks:** It is unlawful to take more than 2 wood ducks in any one day or to possess more than 4 wood ducks at any time.

**Pintail ducks:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 pintail duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 pintail ducks at any time.

**Redheads:** It is unlawful to take more than 2 redhead in any one day or to possess more than 4 redheads at any time.

**Mottled ducks:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 mottled duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 mottled ducks at any time.

**Fulvous Whistling ducks:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 fulvous tree duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 fulvous tree ducks at any time.

**SEA DUCKS.** Hunters may take 7 sea ducks in addition to the limits on regular ducks. (But not more than 4 scoters)

**MERGANSERS.** Hunters may take 5 mergansers in addition to the limits on regular ducks, however only 1 may be a hooded merganser. It is unlawful to possess more than 2 hooded mergansers at any time.

**Canvasbacks:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 Canvasback in any one day or possess more than 2 Canvasbacks at any one time.

SPECIAL FALCONRY SEASON		NORTH ZONE	29 Nov.	15 Jan.	3 (1 black duck)	6 (2 black ducks)
In addition to the regular migratory bird season (on ducks, mergansers, American coots)		SOUTH ZONE	2 Jan. 20 Jan. 17 Feb.	18 Jan. 15 Feb. 1 Mar.		

**SHOOTING HOURS:** Shooting hours on migratory game birds are from 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset daily.

**SEA DUCK HUNTING AREA DEFINED:** All coastal waters and all waters of rivers and streams seaward from the first upstream bridge.

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**NON-TOXIC SHOT - STATEWIDE:** The use or possession of ammunition loaded with other than non-toxic shot while hunting wild ducks, geese, brant, rails, coots or gallinules is prohibited. Non-toxic shot means any shot type that does not cause sickness and death when ingested by these birds and is approved for use by the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

**NEW----**Beginning in 1996 on National Wildlife Refuges which permit hunting of upland game, persons hunting upland species other than deer and turkey with a shotgun shall possess and use only nontoxic shot while in the field.

#### DUCK STAMPS

State and Federal law requires that persons 16 years of age or older shall have on his/her person an unexpired Federal migratory bird hunting stamp AND an unexpired State Migratory Waterfowl Stamp to hunt any migratory waterfowl (wild ducks, geese or brant); both validated by his/her signature written across the face of each stamp in ink. The STATE STAMP may be purchased for \$2.50 from local license agents or from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, 284 State St., Sta.#41, Augusta, ME, 04333. Starting in 1996, if you plan to hunt woodcock, ducks, geese, snipe, rails, coots, or gallinules you will be required to indicate on your license your intention of doing so. At the time you purchase your license, there will be a special place on your license for you to indicate whether or not you plan to hunt any migratory game birds. The information will be used by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (H.I.P.). For more details, contact the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife at 287-8002.

**NOTE:** All revenue from the sale of state waterfowl stamps and related artwork must be used exclusively for acquisition of waterfowl habitat and waterfowl management activities.

#### MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTER'S TIME AND TIDE TABLE — 1996

		LEGAL TIMES		TIDE*				LEGAL TIMES		TIDE*	
		Open	Close	High	Low			Open	Close	High	Low
Oct	1	6:09	6:20	2:53P	8:38A	Dec	2	6:26	4:01	3:58P	9:49A
	2	6:08	6:19	3:44P	9:29A		3	6:27	4:01	4:52P	10:43A
	3	6:09	6:17	4:38P	10:23A		4	6:28	4:01	5:48P	11:39A
	4	6:10	6:15	5:36P	11:20A		5	6:29	4:00	6:42P	12:34P
	5	6:11	6:13	6:22A	12:21P		6	6:30	4:00	7:07A	1:25P
	7	6:14	6:10	8:14A	2:16P		7	6:31	4:00	7:53A	2:14P
	8	6:15	6:08	9:02A	3:06P		9	6:33	4:00	9:22A	3:45P
	9	6:16	6:06	9:45A	3:50P		10	6:34	4:00	10:06A	4:30P
	10	6:18	6:04	10:23A	4:30P		11	6:35	4:00	10:52A	5:17P
	11	6:19	6:02	10:58A	5:07P		12	6:36	4:00	11:40A	6:05P
	12	6:20	6:01	11:32A	5:43P		13	6:36	4:00	12:31P	6:56P
	14	6:23	5:57	12:42P	6:30A		14	6:37	4:00	1:25P	7:11A
	15	6:24	5:56	1:21P	7:10A		16	6:39	4:01	3:25P	9:11A
	16	6:25	5:54	2:05P	7:53A		17	6:40	4:01	4:31P	10:18A
	17	6:26	5:52	2:54P	8:41A		18	6:40	4:01	5:40P	11:26A
	18	6:28	5:50	3:49P	9:34A		19	6:41	4:02	6:47P	12:34P
	19	6:29	5:49	4:50P	10:34A		20	6:41	4:02	8:45A	3:12P
	21	6:31	5:46	5:45A	12:50P		21	6:42	4:03	7:15A	1:37P
	22	6:33	5:44	6:50A	1:58P		23	6:43	4:04	9:50A	4:13P
	23	6:34	5:42	8:50A	3:00P		24	6:43	4:04	10:33A	4:56P
	24	6:35	5:41	9:44A	3:58P		25	6:44	4:05	11:13A	5:36P
	25	6:37	5:39	10:35A	4:50P		26	6:44	4:06	11:51A	6:14P
	26	6:38	5:38	11:23A	5:40P		27	6:44	4:06	12:28P	6:50P
	28	6:41	5:35	11:52A	6:13P		28	6:45	4:07	1:06P	6:56A
	29	5:42	4:33	12:36P	6:24A		30	6:45	4:09	2:28P	8:18A
	30	5:43	4:32	1:21P	7:09A		31	6:45	4:09	3:13P	9:04A
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	28	6:21	4:03	12:53P	6:42A		30	6:30	4:46	3:22P	9:12A
	29	6:22	4:02	1:35P	7:25A		31	6:29	4:47	4:13P	10:02A
	30	6:24	4:02	2:19P	8:09A	Tide information listed for January, 1997 is estimated by the Nat'l Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Although these are estimates, they are expected to be useful for planning purposes.					

\*All times listed through October 26 are Eastern Daylight Time; after that date, they are Eastern Standard Time (for Augusta). Times listed are legal shooting hours for migratory game birds - 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset daily.

**TIDE CONVERSIONS:** Tide information listed is for PORTLAND. For Merrymeeting Bay (Richmond), add 2 hrs. 48 minutes for high tide; for Jonesport, subtract 23 minutes; for Bath, add 1 hr. 1 minute; for Rockland, subtract 16 minutes; for Waldoboro, subtract 16 minutes.

#### SELECTED SECTIONS OF MAINE INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE LAWS

The provisions of the following three paragraphs apply to the waters of the Kennebec River, known as Merrymeeting Bay, bounded as follows: From the high tension wires at Chop's Point to the first dam on the Androscoggin River, to the first road bridge on the Muddy, Cathance, Abbagadasset, and Eastern rivers and the Richmond-Dresden bridge on the Kennebec River, being in the counties of Cumberland, Sagadahoc, and Lincoln:

No artificial cover which is termed stationary blind, or parts thereof, used for hunting purposes shall be left or allowed to remain in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay between one hour after legal shooting time and one hour before legal shooting time.

No duck decoys shall be allowed to remain in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay at any time during the period from one hour after legal shooting time until one hour before legal shooting time.

No power boat may be operated in Merrymeeting Bay at a speed in excess of 10 miles per hour except within the confines of the buoyed channels.

It is unlawful to shoot, or shoot at, or near, any wildfowl decoy of another person, with a rifle, pistol, or shotgun with a ball, slug, or buckshot. "Near" means the area encompassed by the set of decoys and including the area 50 yards away from the outer perimeter of the set of decoys.

It is unlawful to hunt with firearms during the open season on deer (except when hunting waterfowl from a boat or blind or in conjunction with waterfowl decoys) unless wearing 2 articles of solid colored hunter orange clothing which is in good and serviceable condition and which is visible from all sides.

It is unlawful for any person to willfully interfere with the lawful hunting or trapping of any wild animal or wild bird, including the willful disturbance of wild animals or wild birds with intent to interfere with their lawful taking. It is unlawful to hunt on Sunday.

#### HUNTERS - KNOW THE BLACK DUCK

Black duck populations have been in a long-term population decline and special hunting restrictions are in effect to encourage the expansion of the native Maine black duck population to more desirable levels. Hunters can help by obeying the law and being certain of black duck identification. Black ducks and mallards, especially mallard hens, look alike and are often found together. The mallard hen has a lighter-colored belly and light tail feathers, and distinct white borders along its blue wing patch. The black duck is uniformly dark except for the sharply contrasting light underwings.



## DUCK STAMP ART CONTEST

Your 1998 Maine duck stamp, featuring a Surf Scoter, was designed by Jeannine Staples of Topsham. A panel of judges selected it from among dozens of paintings by Maine resident artists in the 15th duck stamp art contest conducted by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Proceeds from the sale of the annual duck stamps are used to finance waterfowl management programs or to acquire waterfowl habitat.

## BAND RECOVERY REPORTS

Anyone finding a band or recovering one while hunting should call **1-800-327-BAND**. An operator will take the band report and the bird banding laboratory will respond with banding information much faster than previously. Results will provide better estimates of survival and harvest rates and will reduce high costs associated with banding studies.

## MIGRATORY GAME BIRD REGULATIONS

In accordance with the Revised Statutes of 1964, Title 12, Sections 7001 and 7456, the following regulations have been adopted, governing the lawful hunting and possession of migratory game birds. For the purpose of this section, migratory game birds include and are limited to species in the following families: 1. Anatidae (wild ducks, geese, and brant); 2. Rallidae (rails, coots, and gallinules); and 3. Scolopacidae (woodcock and snipe). Except as expressly provided in the 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 hand-held bow and arrow, or by the practice of falconry, 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 (1) the motor of such craft has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, as the case may be, and (2) 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. 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 any visible means to retrieve and 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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- With a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler which is incapable of removal 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 a car or other motor-driven land conveyance, or any aircraft, except that paraplegics and single or double amputees of the legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance. "Paraplegic" means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body with involvement of both legs, usually due to disease or injury to the spinal cord.
- 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.
- Using records or tapes of migratory bird calls or sounds, or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls.
- 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.
- By the aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt, or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement), or on or over any baited area. Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait, and it is not necessary for the hunter to know an area is baited to be in violation.

**FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT.** No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to one's car, hunting camp, home, etc.

**IMPORTATION.** For information regarding the importation of migratory birds killed in another country hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66. One fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between the port of entry and one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import migratory game birds killed in any foreign country, except Canada, unless such birds are dressed (except as required in 20.63), drawn, and the head and feet are removed. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

**DUAL VIOLATION.** Violation of State migratory bird regulations is also a violation of Federal regulations.

**CAUTION:** More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on Federal refuge regulations, contact Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge (Baring & Edmunds Units) RR #1, Box 202, Baring, Maine, 04694 - telephone (207)454-7161; Petit Manan National Wildlife Refuge P.O. Box 279, Millbridge, Maine 04658 - telephone (207)546-2124; Sunhaze Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, 1033 S. Main Str., Old Town, ME 04468 - telephone (207)827-6138; Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge, R.R. 2, Box 751, Wells, Maine 04090, telephone (207)646-9226 or Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 280, Errol, N.H. 03579 - telephone (603)482-3415.

## PHONE NUMBERS YOU MIGHT NEED

### GAME WARDEN HEADQUARTERS

Ashland 435-3231	Gray 657-2345
Sidney 547-5300	Greenville 695-3756
Bangor 941-4440	

If you are unable to locate a warden at one of the above headquarters, contact either the Fisheries and Wildlife Department headquarters in Augusta (287-2766) or the nearest State Police Barracks.

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service** - Portland 780-3235

## YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT

--September 19--

A special one-day hunt providing new opportunity for junior hunters has been established. The daily limits are as specified in this pamphlet for ducks (except no black ducks may be taken). Special regulations will apply to youth and accompanying adult as follows: 1) Youth must be 10-15 years of age, possess a junior hunting license (no stamps required) and be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years of age or older. 2) Only the youth may possess a shotgun and hunt. 3) Legal shooting hours will be from SUNRISE to sunset.

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## Migratory Game Bird Hunting Schedule 1998



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SPECIES AND AREA	SEASONS		LIMITS	
	FIRST DAY	FINAL DAY	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION
Crows	14 Mar. 16 Jul.	30 Apr. 28 Sept.	NO LIMITS	
COMMON SNIBE	1 Sept.	16 Dec.	8	16
RAILS (Sora and Virginia)	1 Sept.	9 Nov.	25	25
GALLINULES	1 Sept.	9 Nov.	15	30
WOODCOCK	6 Oct.	4 Nov.	3	6
CANADA GOOSE (EARLY)	8 Sept.	25 Sept.	3	6
CANADA GOOSE (REGULAR)	NORTH ZONE	1 Oct.	2	4
	SOUTH ZONE	10 Oct.	2	4
SNOW GEESE (including Blue Geese)	1 Oct.	31 Jan.	5	10
BRANT	1 Oct.	27 Nov.	2	4
SEA DUCKS (Scooter or sea coot, Eider, and Old Squaw )	1 Oct.	20 Jan.	7* *(shall not include more than 4 scoters)	14* *(shall not include more than 8 scoters)
REGULAR DUCK (Except Black Ducks and including mergansers and american coots)	NORTH ZONE	1 Oct.	4 (SEE LIMIT NOTES)	8
	SOUTH ZONE	1 Oct. 9 Nov.		
BLACK DUCKS	NORTH ZONE	10 Oct.	1 On Sept. 19 (Youth Waterfowl Hunt) * NO BLACK DUCKS MAY BE TAKEN.	2
	SOUTH ZONE	10 Oct. 9 Nov.		

\*SPECIAL ONE-DAY YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT: September 19 (ALL duck species may be hunted on this day EXCEPT BLACK DUCKS - Daily bag limits as specified apply - see other side for restrictions).

**Harlequin Ducks:** There shall be no open season on Harlequin ducks.

#### LIMIT NOTES

**AMERICAN COOTS:** It is unlawful to take more than 15 American coots in any one day or possess more than 30 American coots at any time.

**CANVASBACKS:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 Canvasback duck in any one day or possess more than 2 canvasbacks at any one time.

**FULVOUS WHISTLING DUCKS:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 fulvous tree duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 fulvous tree ducks at any time.

**MALLARDS:** It is unlawful to take more than 2 hen mallards in any one day or to possess more than 4 hen mallards at any time.

**MERGANSERS.** Hunters may take 5 mergansers in addition to the limits on regular ducks, however only 1 may be a hooded merganser. It is unlawful to possess more than 2 hooded mergansers at any time.

**MOTTLED DUCKS:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 mottled duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 mottled ducks at any time.

**PINTAIL DUCKS:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 pintail duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 pintail ducks at any time.

**REDHEADS:** It is unlawful to take more than 2 redheads in any one day or to possess more than 4 redheads at any time.

**SEA DUCKS.** Within the Sea Duck Hunting Area defined below, hunters may take 7 sea ducks in addition to the limits on regular ducks (but not more than 4 scoters)

**TEAL:** In addition to the daily limit of 4, two (2) additional teal may be taken per day (either blue-winged teal or green-winged teal). A possession limit of 12 ducks is permitted providing that it includes 4 or more teal.

**WOOD DUCKS:** It is unlawful to take more than 2 wood ducks in any one day or to possess more than 4 wood ducks at any time.

SPECIAL FALCONRY SEASON In addition to the regular migratory bird season (on ducks, mergansers, American coots)	NORTH ZONE	30 Nov.	2 Feb.	3 (1 black duck)	6 (2 black ducks)
	SOUTH ZONE	25 Dec.	27 Feb.		

**SHOOTING HOURS:** Shooting hours on migratory game birds are from 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset daily (except for September 19 Youth Hunt - hours are from SUNRISE to sunset).

**SEA DUCK HUNTING AREA DEFINED:** All coastal waters and all waters of rivers and streams seaward from the first upstream bridge.

**LINE DEFINITION FOR NORTH AND SOUTH ZONES:** The line dividing the North and South Zones is as follows: From the Maine-New Brunswick border in Baileyville, Maine west along Stony Brook to Route 9 in Baileyville. West along Route 9 to Route 15 in Bangor. West along Route 15 to I-95 in Bangor. Southwest along I-95 to Route 202 (Exit 30) in Augusta. Southwest along Route 202 to Route 11 in Auburn. Southwest along Route 11 to Route 110 in Newfield. West along Route 110 to Maine - New Hampshire border.

**NON-TOXIC SHOT - STATEWIDE:** The use or possession of ammunition loaded with other than non-toxic shot while hunting wild ducks, geese, brant, rails, coots or gallinules is prohibited. Non-toxic shot means any shot type that does not cause sickness and death when ingested by these birds and is approved for use by the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Steel and Bismuth-tin shot have been approved non-toxic by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. New: Conditional approval for Tungsten-iron and Tungsten-polymer have been granted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for 1998-99.

On National Wildlife Refuges which permit hunting of upland game, persons hunting upland species other than deer and turkey with a shotgun shall possess and use only nontoxic shot while in the field.

#### DUCK STAMPS

State and Federal law requires that persons 16 years of age or older shall have on his/her person an unexpired Federal migratory bird hunting stamp AND an unexpired State Migratory Waterfowl Stamp to hunt any migratory waterfowl (wild ducks, geese or brant); both validated by his/her signature written across the face of each stamp in ink. The STATE STAMP may be purchased for \$2.50 from local license agents or from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, 284 State St., SHS #41, Augusta, ME 04333. If you plan to hunt woodcock, ducks, geese, snipe, rails, coots, or gallinules you are required to indicate on your license your intention of doing so at the time you purchase your license. The information will be used by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (H.I.P.). For more details, contact the DIF&W at 287-8000.

NOTE: All revenue from the sale of state waterfowl stamps and related artwork must be used exclusively for acquisition of waterfowl habitat and waterfowl management activities.

#### MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTER'S TIME AND TIDE TABLE — 1998-99

DATE	LEGAL TIMES		TIDE*		DATE	LEGAL TIMES		TIDE*	
	Open	Close	High	Low		Open	Close	High	Low
10/01	6:07	6:20	7:36A	1:35P	11/28	6:21	4:03	5:51P	11:40A
10/02	6:08	6:19	8:31A	2:33P	11/30	6:24	4:02	7:26A	1:44P
10/03	6:09	6:17	9:23A	3:28P	12/01	6:25	4:01	8:21A	2:42P
10/05	6:11	6:13	11:00A	5:11P	12/02	6:26	4:01	9:14A	3:37P
10/06	6:13	6:11	11:48A	6:02P	12/03	6:27	4:01	10:06A	4:31P
10/07	6:14	6:10	12:37P	6:23A	12/04	6:28	4:01	10:58A	5:23P
10/08	6:15	6:08	1:28P	7:13A	12/05	6:29	4:00	11:50A	6:15P
10/09	6:16	6:06	2:21P	8:06A	12/07	6:31	4:00	1:37P	7:22A
10/10	6:18	6:04	3:18P	9:01A	12/08	6:32	4:00	2:33P	8:19A
10/12	6:20	6:01	5:26P	11:07A	12/09	6:33	4:00	3:31P	9:18A
10/13	6:21	5:59	6:34P	12:16P	12/10	6:34	4:00	4:32P	10:20A
10/14	6:23	5:57	7:22A	1:24P	12/11	6:35	4:00	5:33P	11:23A
10/15	6:24	5:56	8:23A	2:26P	12/12	6:36	4:00	6:33P	12:24P
10/16	6:25	5:54	9:16A	3:21P	12/14	6:37	4:00	7:52A	2:11P
10/17	6:26	5:52	10:03A	4:10P	12/15	6:38	4:01	8:36A	2:57P
10/19	6:29	5:49	11:21A	5:31P	12/16	6:39	4:01	9:16A	3:38P
10/20	6:30	5:47	11:55A	6:07P	12/17	6:40	4:01	9:54A	4:16P
10/21	6:31	5:46	12:26P	6:41P	12/18	6:40	4:01	10:29A	4:52P
10/22	6:33	5:44	12:58P	6:49A	12/19	6:41	4:02	11:04A	5:26P
10/23	6:34	5:42	1:31P	7:22A	12/21	6:42	4:03	12:17P	6:39P
10/24	6:35	5:41	2:07P	7:57A	12/22	6:42	4:03	12:57P	6:46A
10/26	5:38	4:38	2:31P	8:19A	12/23	6:43	4:04	1:42P	7:31A
10/27	5:39	4:36	3:21P	9:08A	12/24	6:43	4:04	2:31P	8:20A
10/28	5:41	4:35	4:17P	10:03A	12/25	6:44	4:05	3:25P	9:14A
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\*All times listed through October 25 are Eastern Daylight Time; after that date, they are Eastern Standard Time (for Augusta). Times listed are legal shooting hours for migratory game birds - 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset daily.

**TIDE CONVERSIONS:** Tide information listed is for **PORTLAND**. For Merrymeeting Bay (Richmond), add 2 hrs. 48 minutes for high tide; for Jonesport, subtract 23 minutes; for Bath, add 1 hr. 1 minute; for Rockland, subtract 16 minutes; for Waldoboro, subtract 16 minutes.

#### SELECTED SECTIONS OF MAINE INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE LAWS

The provisions of the following three paragraphs apply to the waters of the Kennebec River, known as Merrymeeting Bay, bounded as follows: From the high tension wires at Chop's Point to the first dam on the Androscoggin River, to the first road bridge on the Muddy, Cathance, Abbagadasset, and Eastern rivers and the Richmond-Dresden bridge on the Kennebec River, being in the counties of Cumberland, Sagadahoc, and Lincoln.

No artificial cover which is termed stationary blind, or parts thereof, used for hunting purposes shall be left or allowed to remain in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay between one hour after legal shooting time and one hour before legal shooting time.

No duck decoys shall be allowed to remain in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay at any time during the period from one hour after legal shooting time until one hour before legal shooting time.

It is unlawful to hunt waterfowl on Haley Pond in the Town of Rangeley and Dallas Plt. in Franklin County. No power boat may be operated in Merrymeeting Bay at a speed in excess of 10 miles per hour except within the confines of the buoyed channels.

It is unlawful to shoot, or shoot at, or near, any wildfowl decoy of another person, with a rifle, pistol, or shotgun with a ball, slug, or buckshot. "Shoot at" means the area encompassed by the set of decoys, including the area 50 yards away from the outer perimeter of the set of decoys.

It is unlawful to hunt with firearms during the open season on deer (except when hunting waterfowl from a boat or blind or in conjunction with waterfowl decoys) unless wearing a decoy of solid colored hunter orange clothing which is in good and serviceable condition and which is visible from all sides.

It is unlawful for any person to willfully interfere with the lawful hunting or trapping of any wild animal or wild bird, including the willful disturbance of wild animals or wild birds with intent to interfere with their lawful taking. It is unlawful to hunt on Sunday.

**HUNTERS - KNOW THE BLACK DUCK** — Black duck populations have been in a long-term population decline and special hunting restrictions are in effect to encourage the expansion of the native Maine black duck population to more desirable levels. Hunters can help by obeying the law and being certain of black duck identification. Black ducks and mallards, especially mallard hens, look alike and are often found together. The mallard hen has a lighter-colored belly and light tail feathers, and distinct white borders along its blue wing patch. The black duck is uniformly dark except for the sharply contrasting light underwings.



## DUCK STAMP ART CONTEST

Your 1999 Maine duck stamp, featuring a Black Duck, was designed by Richard Alley, Jr., of Islesford. A panel of judges selected it from among dozens of paintings by Maine resident artists in the 16th duck stamp art contest conducted by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Proceeds from the sale of the annual duck stamps are used to finance waterfowl management programs or to acquire waterfowl habitat.

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## MIGRATORY GAME BIRD REGULATIONS

In accordance with the Revised Statutes of 1964, Title 12, Sections 7001 and 7456, the following regulations have been adopted, governing the lawful hunting and possession of migratory game birds. For the purpose of this section, migratory game birds include and are limited to species in the following families: 1. Anatidae (wild ducks, geese, and brant); 2. Rallidae (rails, coots, and gallinules); and 3. Scolopacidae (woodcock and snipe). Except as expressly provided in the 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 hand-held bow and arrow, or by the practice of falconry, 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 (1) the motor of such craft has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, as the case may be, and (2) 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. 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 any visible means to retrieve and 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.

### 8. OPEN SEASONS, 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 hours as stated herein.

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 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.

## SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

In addition to State regulations, the following Federal rules apply to the taking, possession, shipping, transporting, and storing of migratory game birds. NOTICE - The material below is only a summary. Each hunter should also consult the actual Federal regulations, which may be found in Title 50, code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

### RESTRICTIONS. No person shall take migratory game birds:

- While possessing shot (either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading) other than steel shot or such shot approved as nontoxic while taking Anatidae (ducks, geese (including brant), coots and any species that make up aggregate bag limits) during concurrent seasons.

- With a trap, snare, net, crossbow, rifle, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10-gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, 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 removal 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 a car or other motor-driven land conveyance, or any aircraft, except that paraplegics and single or double amputees of the legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance. "Paraplegic" means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body with involvement of both legs, usually due to disease or injury to the spinal cord.

- 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.

- Using records or tapes of migratory bird calls or sounds, or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls.

- 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.

- By the aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt, or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement), or on or over any baited area. Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait, and it is not necessary for the hunter to know an area is baited to be in violation.

**FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT.** No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to one's car, hunting camp, home, etc.

**IMPORTATION.** For information regarding the importation of migratory birds killed in another country hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66. One fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between the port of entry and one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import migratory game birds killed in any foreign country, except Canada, unless such birds are dressed (except as required in 20.63), drawn, and the head and feet are removed. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

**DUAL VIOLATION.** Violation of State migratory bird regulations is also a violation of Federal regulations.

**CAUTION:** More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on Federal refuge regulations, contact Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge (Baring & Edmunds Units) RR #1, Box 202, Baring, Maine, 04694 - telephone (207)454-7161; Petit Manan National Wildlife Refuge P.O. Box 279, Millbridge, Maine 04658 - telephone (207)546-2124; Sunhaze Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, 1033 S. Main Str., Old Town, ME 04468 - telephone (207)827-6138; Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge, R.R. 2, Box 751, Wells, Maine 04090, telephone (207)646-9226 or Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 280, Errol, N.H. 03579 - telephone (603)482-3415.

## PHONE NUMBERS YOU MIGHT NEED

### GAME WARDEN HEADQUARTERS

Ashland 435-3231	Gray 657-2345
Sidney 547-5300	Greenville 695-3756
Bangor 941-4440	

If you are unable to locate a warden at one of the above headquarters, contact either the Fisheries and Wildlife Department headquarters in Augusta (287-2766) or the nearest State Police Barracks.

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Portland 780-3235**

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**1-800-ALERT US (253-7887)**

## YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT

**--September 18--**

A special one-day hunt providing new opportunity for junior hunters has been established. The daily limits are as specified in this pamphlet for ducks (except no black ducks may be taken). Special regulations will apply to youth and accompanying adult as follows: 1) Youth must be 10-15 years of age, possess a junior hunting license (no stamps required) and be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years of age or older. 2) Only the youth may possess a shotgun and hunt. 3) Legal shooting hours will be from SUNRISE to sunset.

## Migratory Game Bird Hunting Schedule 1999



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SPECIES AND AREA		SEASONS		LIMITS	
		FIRST DAY	FINAL DAY	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION
Crows		15 Mar. 16 Jul.	30 Apr. 29 Sept.	NO LIMITS	
COMMON SNIFE		1 Sept.	16 Dec.	8	16
RAILS (Sora and Virginia)		1 Sept.	9 Nov.	25	25
GALLINULES		1 Sept.	9 Nov.	15	30
WOODCOCK		6 Oct.	4 Nov.	3	6
CANADA GOOSE (EARLY)		7 Sept.	25 Sept.	3	6
CANADA GOOSE (REGULAR)	NORTH ZONE	1 Oct.	16 Nov.	2	4
	SOUTH ZONE	1 Oct. 8 Nov.	16 Oct. 7 Dec.	2 2	4 4
		1 Oct.	31 Jan.	15	None
SNOW GEESE (including Blue Geese)		1 Oct.	27 Nov.	2	4
BRANT		1 Oct.	20 Jan.	7* *(Shall not include more than 4 scoters or 5 eiders)	14* *(Shall not include more than 8 scoters or 10 eiders)
REGULAR DUCKS (Except Black Ducks and including mergansers and american coots)	NORTH ZONE	1 Oct.	Nov. 27	4* (SEE LIMIT NOTES)	8* (SEE LIMIT NOTES)
	SOUTH ZONE	1 Oct. 8 Nov.	16 Oct. 18 Dec.		
	BLACK DUCKS	NORTH ZONE	Nov. 27	*(Only 1 black duck may be taken as part of the daily limit)	*(Possession limit on black ducks: 2)
		SOUTH ZONE	9 Oct. 8 Nov.	16 Oct. 18 Dec.	On Sept. 18 (Youth Waterfowl Hunt) * NO BLACK DUCKS MAY BE TAKEN.

**\*SPECIAL ONE-DAY YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT: September 18** (ALL duck species may be hunted on this day EXCEPT BLACK DUCKS - Daily bag limits as specified apply - see other side for restrictions).

**Harlequin Ducks:** There shall be no open season on Harlequin ducks.

#### LIMIT NOTES

**AMERICAN COOTS:** It is unlawful to take more than 15 American coots in any one day or possess more than 30 American coots at any time.

**CANVASBACKS:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 Canvasback duck in any one day or possess more than 2 canvasbacks at any one time.

**FULVOUS WHISTLING DUCKS:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 fulvous tree duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 fulvous tree ducks at any time.

**MALLARDS:** It is unlawful to take more than 2 hen mallards in any one day or to possess more than 4 hen mallards at any time.

**MERGANSERS.** Hunters may take 5 mergansers in addition to the limits on regular ducks, however only 1 may be a hooded merganser. It is unlawful to possess more than 2 hooded mergansers at any time.

**MOTTLED DUCKS:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 mottled duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 mottled ducks at any time.

**PINTAIL DUCKS:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 pintail duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 pintail ducks at any time.

**REDHEADS:** It is unlawful to take more than 2 redheads in any one day or to possess more than 4 redheads at any time.

**SEA DUCKS.** Within the Sea Duck Hunting Area defined below, hunters may take 7 sea ducks in addition to the limits on regular ducks (but not more than 4 scoters or 5 eiders)

**TEAL:** In addition to the daily limit of 4, two (2) additional teal may be taken per day (either blue-winged teal or green-winged teal). A possession limit of 12 ducks is permitted providing that it includes 4 or more teal.

**WOOD DUCKS:** It is unlawful to take more than 2 wood ducks in any one day or to possess more than 4 wood ducks at any time.

**SCAUP:** It is unlawful to take more than 3 scaup in any one day or to possess more than 6 scaup at any time.

SPECIAL FALCONRY SEASON In addition to the regular migratory bird season (on ducks, mergansers, American coots)	NORTH ZONE	29 Nov.	1 Feb.	3	6
	SOUTH ZONE	27 Dec.	29 Feb.	(1 black duck)	(2 black ducks)

**SHOOTING HOURS:** Shooting hours on migratory game birds are from **1/2 hour before sunrise** to sunset daily (except for September 18 Youth Hunt - hours are from **SUNRISE** to sunset).

**SEA DUCK HUNTING AREA DEFINED:** All coastal waters and all waters of rivers and streams seaward from the first upstream bridge.

**LINE DEFINITION FOR NORTH AND SOUTH ZONES:** The line dividing the North and South Zones is as follows: From the Maine-New Brunswick border in Baileyville, Maine west along Stony Brook to Route 9 in Baileyville. West along Route 9 to Route 15 in Bangor. West along Route 15 to I-95 in Bangor. Southwest along I-95 to Route 202 (Exit 30) in Augusta. Southwest along Route 202 to Route 11 in Auburn. Southwest along Route 11 to Route 110 in Newfield. West along Route 110 to Maine - New Hampshire border.

**NON-TOXIC SHOT - STATEWIDE:** The use or possession of ammunition loaded with other than non-toxic shot while hunting wild ducks, geese, brant, rails, coots or gallinules is prohibited. Non-toxic shot means any shot type that does not cause sickness and death when ingested by these birds and is approved for use by the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Steel and Bismuth-tin shot have been approved non-toxic by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service **New: Approval for Tungsten-iron and Tungsten-polymer and temporary approval of Tungsten-matrix and tin shot has been granted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for 1999-2000.**

On National Wildlife Refuges which permit hunting of upland game, persons hunting upland species other than deer and turkey with a shotgun shall possess and use only nontoxic shot while in the field.

#### DUCK STAMPS

State and Federal law requires that persons 16 years of age or older shall have on his/her person an unexpired Federal migratory bird hunting stamp AND an unexpired State Migratory Waterfowl Stamp to hunt any migratory waterfowl (wild ducks, geese or brant); both validated by his/her signature written across the face of each stamp in ink. The STATE STAMP may be purchased for \$2.50 from local license agents or from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, 284 State St., SHS #41, Augusta, ME 04333. **If you plan to hunt woodcock, ducks, geese, snipe, rails, coots, or gallinules you are required to indicate on your license your intention of doing so at the time you purchase your license. The information will be used by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (H.I.P).** For more details, contact the DIF&W at 287-8000.

NOTE: All revenue from the sale of state waterfowl stamps and related artwork must be used exclusively for acquisition of waterfowl habitat and waterfowl management activities.

#### MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTER'S TIME AND TIDE TABLE — 1999-2000

DATE	LEGAL TIMES		TIDE*		DATE	LEGAL TIMES		TIDE*	
	Open	Close	High	Low		Open	Close	High	Low
10/01	6:07	6:20	4:27A	10:09A	12/01	6:25	4:01	6:17P	12:04P
10/02	6:08	6:19	5:33A	11:14A	12/02	6:26	4:01	6:55A	1:07P
10/03	6:10	6:15	7:34A	1:34P	12/03	6:27	4:01	7:49A	2:04P
10/04	6:11	6:13	8:38A	2:40P	12/04	6:28	4:01	8:38A	2:54P
10/05	6:13	6:11	9:35A	3:38P	12/06	6:30	4:00	9:59A	4:20P
10/07	6:14	6:10	10:25A	4:30P	12/07	6:31	4:00	10:35A	4:57P
10/08	6:15	6:08	11:10A	5:17P	12/08	6:32	4:00	11:09A	5:32P
10/09	6:16	6:06	11:51A	5:59P	12/09	6:33	4:00	11:43A	6:07P
10/10	6:19	6:02	1:04P	6:53A	12/10	6:34	4:00	12:18P	6:42P
10/12	6:20	6:01	1:39P	7:30A	12/11	6:35	4:00	12:55P	6:45A
10/13	6:21	5:59	2:16P	8:06A	12/13	6:37	4:00	2:17P	8:07A
10/14	6:23	5:57	2:56P	8:45A	12/14	6:37	4:00	3:05P	8:54A
10/15	6:24	5:56	3:40P	9:28A	12/15	6:38	4:01	3:56P	9:46A
10/16	6:25	5:54	4:29P	10:15A	12/16	6:39	4:01	4:53P	10:43A
10/18	6:28	5:50	6:19P	12:05P	12/17	6:40	4:01	5:53P	11:43A
10/19	6:29	5:49	7:06A	1:03P	12/18	6:40	4:01	6:54P	12:43P
10/20	6:30	5:47	7:59A	1:59P	12/20	6:41	4:02	8:14A	2:39P
10/21	6:31	5:46	8:48A	2:51P	12/21	6:42	4:03	9:08A	3:34P
10/22	6:33	5:44	9:33A	3:40P	12/22	6:42	4:03	10:01A	4:28P
10/23	6:34	5:42	10:17A	4:27P	12/23	6:43	4:04	10:54A	5:21P
10/25	6:37	5:39	11:45A	6:02P	12/24	6:43	4:04	11:47A	6:14P
10/26	6:38	5:38	12:31P	6:51P	12/25	6:44	4:05	12:42P	7:08P
10/27	6:39	5:36	1:20P	7:07A	12/27	6:44	4:06	2:37P	8:22A
10/28	6:41	5:35	2:13P	7:58A	12/28	6:45	4:07	3:38P	9:24A
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Tide information listed for January, 2000 is estimated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Although these are estimates, they are expected to be useful for planning purposes. TIDE CONVERSIONS: Tide information listed is for **PORTLAND**. For Merrymeeting Bay (Richmond), add 2 hrs. 48 minutes for high tide; for Jonesport, subtract 23 minutes; for Bath, add 1 hr. 1 minute; for Rockland, subtract 16 minutes; for Waldoboro, subtract 16 minutes.

\*All times listed through October 30 are Eastern Daylight Time; after that date, they are Eastern Standard Time (for Augusta). Times listed are legal shooting hours for migratory game birds - **1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset daily.**

#### SELECTED SECTIONS OF MAINE INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE LAWS

The provisions of the following three paragraphs apply to the waters of the Kennebec River, known as Merrymeeting Bay, bounded as follows: From the high tension wires at Chop's Point to the first dam on the Androscoggin River, to the first road bridge on the Muddy, Cathance, Abbagadasset, and Eastern rivers and the Richmond-Dresden bridge on the Kennebec River, being in the counties of Cumberland, Sagadahoc, and Lincoln.

No artificial cover which is termed stationary blind, or parts thereof, used for hunting purposes shall be left or allowed to remain in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay between one hour after legal shooting time and one hour before legal shooting time.

No duck decoys shall be allowed to remain in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay at any time during the period from one hour after legal shooting time until one hour before legal shooting time.

It is unlawful to hunt waterfowl on Haley Pond in the Town of Rangeley and Dallas PIt. in Franklin County.

No power boat may be operated in Merrymeeting Bay at a speed in excess of 10 miles per hour except within the confines of the buoyed channels.

It is unlawful to shoot, or shoot at, or near, any wildfowl decoy of another person, with a rifle, pistol, or shotgun with a ball, slug, or buckshot. "Near" means the area encompassed by the set of decoys and including the area 50 yards away from the outer perimeter of the set of decoys.

It is unlawful to hunt with firearms during the open season on deer (except when hunting waterfowl from a boat or blind or in conjunction with waterfowl decoys) unless wearing 2 articles of solid colored hunter orange clothing which is in good and serviceable condition and which is visible from all sides.

It is unlawful for any person to willfully interfere with the lawful hunting or trapping of any wild animal or wild bird, including the willful disturbance of wild animals or wild birds with intent to interfere with their lawful taking.

It is unlawful to hunt on Sunday.

**HUNTERS - KNOW THE BLACK DUCK** — Black duck populations have been in a long-term population decline and special hunting restrictions are in effect to encourage the expansion of the native Maine black duck population to more desirable levels. Fortunately, these restrictions are working and black duck numbers are improving. Hunters can help by obeying the law and being certain of black duck identification. Black ducks and mallards, especially mallard hens, look alike and are often found together. The mallard hen has a lighter-colored belly and light tail feathers, and distinct white borders along its blue wing patch. The black duck is uniformly dark except for the sharply contrasting light underwings.



## DUCK STAMP ART CONTEST

Your 2000 Maine duck stamp, featuring a Common Eider, was designed by Darby Mumford of Brunswick. A panel of judges selected it from among dozens of paintings by Maine resident artists in the 16th duck stamp art contest conducted by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Proceeds from the sale of the annual duck stamps are used to finance waterfowl management programs or to acquire waterfowl habitat.

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## MIGRATORY GAME BIRD REGULATIONS

In accordance with the Revised Statutes of 1964, Title 12, Sections 7001 and 7456, the following regulations have been adopted, governing the lawful hunting and possession of migratory game birds. For the purpose of this section, migratory game birds include and are limited to species in the following families: 1. Anatidae (wild ducks, geese, and brant); 2. Rallidae (rails, coots, and gallinules); and 3. Scolopacidae (woodcock and snipe). Except as expressly provided in the 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 hand-held bow and arrow, or by the practice of falconry, 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 (1) the motor of such craft has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, as the case may be, and (2) 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. 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 any visible means to retrieve and 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.

### 8. OPEN SEASONS, 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 hours as stated herein.

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 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.

## SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

In addition to State regulations, the following Federal rules apply to the taking, possession, shipping, transporting, and storing of migratory game birds. NOTICE - The material below is only a summary. Each hunter should also consult the actual Federal regulations, which may be found in Title 50, code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

**RESTRICTIONS.** No person shall take migratory game birds:

- While possessing shot (either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading) other than steel shot or such shot approved as nontoxic while taking Anatidae (ducks, geese (including brant), coots and any species that make up aggregate bag limits) during concurrent seasons.
- With a trap, snare, net, crossbow, 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 removal 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 a car or other motor-driven land conveyance, or any aircraft, except that paraplegics and single or double amputees of the legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance. "Paraplegic" means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body with involvement of both legs, usually due to disease of or injury to the spinal cord.
- 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.
- Using records or tapes of migratory bird calls or sounds, or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls.
- 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.

- By the aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt, or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement), or on or over any baited area. Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait, and it is not necessary for the hunter to know an area is baited to be in violation.

**FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT.** No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to one's car, hunting camp, home, etc.

**IMPORTATION.** For information regarding the importation of migratory birds killed in another country hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66. One fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between the port of entry and one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import migratory game birds killed in any foreign country, except Canada, unless such birds are dressed (except as required in 20.63), drawn, and the head and feet are removed. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

**DUAL VIOLATION.** Violation of State migratory bird regulations is also a violation of Federal regulations.

**CAUTION:** More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on Federal refuge regulations, contact Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge (Baring & Edmunds Units) RR #1, Box 202, Baring, Maine, 04694 - telephone (207)454-7161; Petit Manan National Wildlife Refuge P.O. Box 279, Millbridge, Maine 04658 - telephone (207)546-2124; Sunhaze Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, 1033 S. Main Str., Old Town, ME 04468 - telephone (207)827-6138; Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge, R.R. 2, Box 751, Wells, Maine 04090, telephone (207)646-9226 or Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 280, Errol, N.H. 03579 - telephone (603)482-3415.

## PHONE NUMBERS YOU MIGHT NEED GAME WARDEN HEADQUARTERS

Ashland 435-3231	Gray 657-2345
Sidney 547-5300	Greenville 695-3756
Bangor 941-4440	

If you are unable to locate a warden at one of the above headquarters, contact either the Fisheries and Wildlife Department headquarters in Augusta (287-2766) or the nearest State Police Barracks.

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Portland 780-3235**

## YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT

**--September 23--**

A special one-day hunt providing new opportunity for junior hunters takes place on September 23. The daily limits are as specified in this pamphlet for ducks (except that 1 black duck may be taken). Special regulations will apply to youth and accompanying adult as follows: Youth must be 10 years of age or older and under 16 years of age, possess a junior hunting license (no stamps required) and be accompanied by a parent or guardian or a person at least 18 years of age approved by a parent or guardian who either holds a valid Maine hunting license or has successfully completed a hunter safety course. Legal shooting hours will be from 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.

**BAND RECOVERY REPORTS.....**Anyone finding a band or recovering one while hunting should call **1-800-327-BAND**. Results will provide better estimates of survival and harvest rates and will reduce high costs associated with banding studies.

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**1-800-ALERT US (253-7887)**

## Migratory Game Bird Hunting Schedule 2000



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SPECIES AND AREA	SEASONS		LIMITS	
	FIRST DAY	FINAL DAY	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION
Crows	14 Mar. 16 Jul.	30 Apr. 29 Sept.	NO LIMITS	
COMMON SNIFE	1 Sept.	16 Dec.	8	16
RAILS (Sora and Virginia)	1 Sept.	9 Nov.	25	25
GALLINULES	1 Sept.	9 Nov.	15	30
WOODCOCK	6 Oct.	4 Nov.	3	6
CANADA GOOSE (EARLY)	5 Sept.	25 Sept.	3	6
CANADA GOOSE (REGULAR)				
NORTH ZONE	2 Oct.	16 Nov.	2	4
SOUTH ZONE	2 Oct.	14 Oct.	2	4
	6 Nov.	7 Dec.	2	4
SNOW GEESE (including Blue Geese)	2 Oct.	31 Jan.	15	No limit
BRANT	2 Oct.	28 Nov.	2	4
SEA DUCKS (Scoter or sea coot, Eider, and Old Squaw )	2 Oct.	20 Jan.	7* *(Shall not include more than 4 scoters or 5 eiders)	14* *(Shall not include more than 8 scoters or 10 eiders)
REGULAR DUCKS (Except Black Ducks and including mergansers and american coots)	NORTH ZONE 2 Oct. SOUTH ZONE 2 Oct. 6 Nov.	2 Dec. 14 Oct. 23 Dec.	4* (SEE LIMIT NOTES)	8* (Possession limit on black ducks: 2)
BLACK DUCKS	NORTH ZONE 7 Oct. SOUTH ZONE 6 Nov.	2 Dec. 14 Oct. 23 Dec.	* (Only 1 black duck may be taken as part of the daily limit) * (Possession limit on black ducks: 2) * ONE BLACK DUCK MAY BE TAKEN on Sept. 23 (Youth Waterfowl Hunt) .	

**\*SPECIAL ONE DAY YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT: September 23** (ALL duck species may be hunted on this day. Daily bag limits as specified apply except that 1 black duck may be taken - see other side for restrictions).

**Harlequin Ducks:** There shall be no open season on Harlequin ducks.

#### LIMIT NOTES

**AMERICAN COOTS:** It is unlawful to take more than 15 American coots in any one day or possess more than 30 American coots at any time.

**CANVASBACKS:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 Canvasback duck in any one day or possess more than 2 canvasbacks at any one time.

**FULVOUS WHISTLING DUCKS:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 fulvous tree duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 fulvous tree ducks at any time.

**MALLARDS:** It is unlawful to take more than 2 hen mallards in any one day or to possess more than 4 hen mallards at any time.

**MERGANSERS.** Hunters may take 5 mergansers in addition to the limits on regular ducks, however only 1 may be a hooded merganser. It is unlawful to possess more than 2 hooded mergansers at any time.

**MOTTLED DUCKS:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 mottled duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 mottled ducks at any time.

**PINTAIL DUCKS:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 pintail duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 pintail ducks at any time.

**REDHEADS:** It is unlawful to take more than 2 redheads in any one day or to possess more than 4 redheads at any time.

**SEA DUCKS.** Within the Sea Duck Hunting Area defined below, hunters may take 7 sea ducks in addition to the limits on regular ducks (but not more than 4 scoters or 5 eiders)

**TEAL:** In addition to the daily limit of 4, two (2) additional teal may be taken per day (either blue-winged teal or green-winged teal). A possession limit of 12 ducks is permitted providing that it includes 4 or more teal.

**WOOD DUCKS:** It is unlawful to take more than 2 wood ducks in any one day or to possess more than 4 wood ducks at any time.

**SCAUP:** It is unlawful to take more than 3 scaup in any one day or to possess more than 6 scaup at any time.

SPECIAL FALCONRY SEASON In addition to the regular migratory bird season (on ducks, mergansers, American coots)	NORTH ZONE	4 Dec.	1 Feb.	3	6
	SOUTH ZONE	30 Dec.	28 Feb.	(1 black duck)	(2 black ducks)

**SHOOTING HOURS:** Shooting hours on migratory game birds are from 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset daily.

**SEA DUCK HUNTING AREA DEFINED:** All coastal waters and all waters of rivers and streams seaward from the first upstream bridge. In all other areas, sea ducks may be taken only during the regular duck season dates and are part of the regular duck bag limits.

**DEFINITION FOR NORTH AND SOUTH ZONE LINE:** Maine-New Brunswick border in Baileyville, Maine west along Stony Brook to Route 9 in Baileyville. West along Route 9 to Route 15 in Bangor. West along Route 15 to I-95 in Bangor. Southwest along I-95 to Route 202 (Exit 30) in Augusta. Southwest along Route 202 to Route 11 in Auburn. Southwest along Route 11 to Route 110 in Newfield. West along Route 110 to Maine-New Hampshire border. The NORTHERN waterfowl zone consists of Wildlife Management Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19. The SOUTHERN waterfowl zone consists of Wildlife Management Districts 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30.

**NONTOXIC SHOT - STATEWIDE:** The use or possession of ammunition loaded with other than nontoxic shot while hunting wild ducks, geese, brant, rails, coots or gallinules is prohibited. Nontoxic shot means any shot type that does not cause sickness and death when ingested by these birds and is approved for use by the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Steel, Bismuth-tin, Tungsten-iron, Tungsten-matrix, and Tungsten-polymer shot have been approved nontoxic by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Tin shot has been granted another year of temporary approval by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for 2000-2001.

On National Wildlife Refuges which permit hunting of upland game, persons hunting upland species other than deer and turkey with a shotgun shall possess and use only nontoxic shot while in the field.

#### DUCK STAMPS

State and Federal law requires that persons 16 years of age or older shall have on his/her person an unexpired Federal migratory bird hunting stamp AND an unexpired State Migratory Waterfowl Stamp to hunt any migratory waterfowl (wild ducks, geese or brant); both validated by his/her signature written across the face of each stamp in ink. The STATE STAMP may be purchased for \$2.50 from local license agents or from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, 284 State St., SHS #41, Augusta, ME 04333. **If you plan to hunt woodcock, ducks, geese, snipe, rails, coots, or gallinules you are required to indicate on your license your intention of doing so at the time you purchase your license. The information will be used by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (H.I.P.). For more details, contact the DIF&W at 287-8000.**

NOTE: All revenue from the sale of state waterfowl stamps and related artwork must be used exclusively for acquisition of waterfowl habitat and waterfowl management activities.

#### MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTER'S TIME AND TIDE TABLE — 2000-2001

DATE	LEGAL TIMES		TIDE*		DATE	LEGAL TIMES		TIDE*	
	Open	Close	High	Low		Open	Close	High	Low
10/02/00	6:08	6:17	3:05 P	8:52 A	12/01/00	6:25	4:01	2:24 P	8:13 A
10/03/00	6:10	6:15	3:52 P	9:39 A	12/02/00	6:26	4:01	3:12 P	9:01 A
10/04/00	6:11	6:14	4:44 P	10:30 A	12/03/00	6:28	4:00	4:57 P	10:47 A
10/05/00	6:12	6:12	5:41 P	11:26 A	12/04/00	6:29	4:00	5:53 P	11:44 A
10/06/00	6:13	6:10	6:31 A	12:26 P	12/05/00	6:31	4:00	6:48 P	12:38 P
10/07/00	6:15	6:08	7:29 A	1:25 P	12/06/00	6:31	4:00	7:15 A	1:31 P
10/08/00	6:17	6:05	8:09 A	2:09 P	12/07/00	6:32	4:00	8:01 A	2:21 P
10/09/00	6:18	6:03	8:51 A	2:53 P	12/08/00	6:33	4:00	8:47 A	3:09 P
10/10/00	6:19	6:01	9:29 A	3:33 P	12/09/00	6:35	4:00	10:19 A	4:45 P
10/11/00	6:21	5:59	11:04 A	4:11 P	12/10/00	6:36	4:00	11:08 A	5:35 P
10/12/00	6:22	5:58	11:39 A	4:49 P	12/11/00	6:37	4:00	11:59 A	6:27 P
10/13/00	6:23	5:56	12:15 P	5:29 P	12/12/00	6:38	4:00	12:53 P	7:19 A
10/14/00	6:26	5:53	1:37 P	6:09 A	12/13/00	6:39	4:01	1:51 P	8:09 A
10/15/00	6:27	5:51	2:24 P	6:51 A	12/14/00	6:40	4:01	2:52 P	8:57 A
10/16/00	6:28	5:49	3:16 P	7:33 A	12/15/00	6:41	4:02	3:56 P	9:45 A
10/17/00	6:30	5:48	4:16 P	8:15 A	12/16/00	6:41	4:02	4:54 P	10:33 A
10/18/00	6:31	5:46	5:21 P	9:00 A	12/17/00	6:42	4:03	5:53 P	11:21 A
10/19/00	6:32	5:44	6:22 P	9:42 A	12/18/00	6:42	4:03	6:53 P	12:09 A
10/20/00	6:35	5:41	7:28 P	10:24 A	12/19/00	6:43	4:04	7:53 P	12:57 A
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11/28/00	7:18	3:54	8:51 P	6:51 P	01/28/01	6:45	4:42	9:50 P	9:08 P
11/29/00	7:19	3:51	9:48 P	7:42 P	01/29/01	6:45	4:43	10:48 P	9:56 P
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Tide information listed for January, 2001 is estimated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Although these are estimates, they are expected to be useful for planning purposes. **TIDE CONVERSIONS:** Tide information listed is for **PORTLAND.** For Merrymeeting Bay (Richmond), add 2 hrs. 48 minutes for high tide; for Jonesport, subtract 23 minutes; for Bath, add 1 hr. 1 minute; for Rockland, subtract 16 minutes; for Waldoboro, subtract 16 minutes.

\*All times listed through October 29 are Eastern Daylight Time; after that date, they are Eastern Standard Time (for Augusta). Times listed are legal shooting hours for migratory game birds - 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset daily.

#### SELECTED SECTIONS OF MAINE INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE LAWS

The provisions of the following three paragraphs apply to the waters of the Kennebec River, known as Merrymeeting Bay, bounded as follows: From the high tension wires at Chop's Point to the first dam on the Androscoggin River, to the first road bridge on the Muddy, Cathance, Abbagadasset, and Eastern rivers and the Richmond-Dresden bridge on the Kennebec River, being in the counties of Cumberland, Sagadahoc, and Lincoln.

No artificial cover which is termed stationary blind, or parts thereof, used for hunting purposes shall be left or allowed to remain in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay between one hour after legal shooting time and one hour before legal shooting time.

No duck decoys shall be allowed to remain in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay at any time during the period from one hour after legal shooting time until one hour before legal shooting time.

It is unlawful to hunt waterfowl on Haley Pond in the Town of Rangeley and Dallas Plt. in Franklin County.

No power boat may be operated in Merrymeeting Bay at a speed in excess of 10 miles per hour except within the confines of the buoyed channels.

It is unlawful to shoot, or shoot at, or near, any wildfowl decoy of another person, with a rifle, pistol, or shotgun with a ball, slug, or buckshot. "Near" means the area encompassed by the set of decoys and including the area 50 yards away from the outer perimeter of the set of decoys.

It is unlawful to hunt with firearms during the open season on deer (except when hunting waterfowl from a boat or blind or in conjunction with waterfowl decoys) unless wearing 2 articles of solid colored hunter orange clothing which is in good and serviceable condition and which is visible from all sides.

It is unlawful for any person to willfully interfere with the lawful hunting or trapping of any wild animal or wild bird, including the willful disturbance of wild animals or wild birds with intent to interfere with their lawful taking.

It is unlawful to hunt on Sunday.

**HUNTERS - KNOW THE BLACK DUCK —** Black duck populations had been in a long-term population decline and special hunting restrictions remain in effect to encourage the expansion of the native Maine black duck population to more desirable levels. Fortunately, these restrictions are working and black duck numbers are improving. Hunters can help by obeying the law and being certain of black duck identification. Black ducks and mallards, especially mallard hens, look alike and are often found together. The mallard hen has a lighter-colored belly and light tail feathers, and distinct white borders along its blue wing patch. The black duck is uniformly dark except for the sharply contrasting light underwings.



## DUCK STAMP ART CONTEST

Your 2008 Maine duck stamp, featuring a pair of hooded mergansers, was designed by Jeannine Staples of Topsham. A panel of judges selected it from among 9 paintings by Maine resident artists in the 24th duck stamp art contest conducted by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Proceeds from the sale of the annual duck stamps and permits are used to help finance waterfowl management programs or to acquire waterfowl habitat.

## MIGRATORY GAME BIRD REGULATIONS

In accordance with the Revised Statutes of 1964, Title 12, Sections 10104 and 11855, the following regulations have been adopted, governing the lawful hunting and possession of migratory game birds. For the purpose of this section, migratory game birds include and are limited to species in the following families: 1. Anatidae (wild ducks, geese, and brant); 2. Rallidae (rails, coots, moorhens and gallinules); and 3. Scolopacidae (woodcock and snipe). Except as expressly provided in the 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 hand-held bow and arrow, or by the practice of falconry, 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 (1) the motor of such craft has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, as the case may be, and (2) 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.

### 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. 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 any visible means to retrieve and 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.

### 8. OPEN SEASONS, 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 hours as stated herein.

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 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.

## SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

NOTICE - The material below is only a summary of Federal rules. Each hunter should also consult the actual Federal regulations, which may be found in Title 50, code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

**RESTRICTIONS.** No person shall take migratory game birds:

- While possessing shot (either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading) other than steel shot or such shot approved as nontoxic while taking Anatidae (ducks, geese, and brant), coots and any species that make up aggregate bag limits during concurrent seasons.

- With a trap, snare, net, crossbow, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10-gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, 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 removal 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 a car or other motor-driven land conveyance, or any aircraft, except that paraplegics and single or double amputees of the legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance. "Paraplegic" means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body with involvement of both legs, usually due to disease of or injury to the spinal cord.

- 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.

- Using records or tapes of migratory bird calls or sounds, or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls.

- 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.

- 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 the taking of migratory game birds on or over the following lands or areas that are not otherwise baited areas: a) standing crops or flooded standing crops; standing, flooded, or manipulated natural vegetation; flooded harvested croplands; or lands or areas where seeds or grains have been scattered safely as a result of a normal agricultural planting, harvesting, post-harvest manipulation or normal soil stabilization practice; b) from a blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with natural vegetation; c) 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.

- A person must also retain the bird in his actual custody, at the place where taken or between that place and either (a) his automobile or principle means of land transportation; or (b) his personal abode or temporary or transient place of lodging.

**FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT.** No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to one's car, hunting camp, home, etc.

**IMPORTATION.** For information regarding the importation of migratory birds killed in another country hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66. One fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between the port of entry and one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import migratory game birds killed in any foreign country, except Canada, unless such birds are dressed (except as required in 20.63), drawn, and the head and feet are removed. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

**DUAL VIOLATION.** Violation of State migratory bird regulations is also a violation of Federal regulations.

**CAUTION:** More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on Federal refuge regulations, contact Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge (Baring & Edmunds Units) RR #1, Box 202, Baring, Maine, 04694 - telephone (207)454-7161; Maine Coastal Islands National Wildlife Refuge P.O. Box 279, Millbridge, Maine 04658 - telephone (207)546-2124; Sunhaze Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, 1168 Main Str., Old Town, ME 04468 - telephone (207)236-6970; Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge, 321 Port Road, Wells, Maine 04090, telephone (207)646-9226 or Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 240, Errol, N.H. 03579 - telephone (603)482-3415.

## PHONE NUMBERS YOU MIGHT NEED GAME WARDEN HEADQUARTERS

Ashland 435-3231	Gray 657-2345
Sidney 547-5300	Greenville 695-3756
Bangor 941-4440	

If you are unable to locate a warden at one of the above headquarters, contact either the Fisheries and Wildlife Department headquarters in Augusta (287-2766) or the nearest State Police Barracks.

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, E. Orland - 469-6842**

**BAND RECOVERY REPORTS.....** Anyone finding a band or recovering one while hunting should call **1-800-327-BAND (2263)**. Results will provide better estimates of survival and harvest rates and will reduce high costs associated with banding studies.

### HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE PLANTS!

Please clean boat trailer and gear of all plants and plant fragments.

Help stop wildlife violations  
**DIAL OPERATION GAME THIEF  
1-800-ALERT US (253-7887)**

## YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT

--September 20--

A one-day hunt providing opportunity for junior hunters takes place on September 20. The daily limits are as specified in this pamphlet for ducks and geese. Special regulations apply to youth and accompanying adult: Youth must be 10 years of age or older and under 16 years of age, possess a junior hunting license (no stamps required) and be accompanied by a parent or guardian or person at least 18 years of age approved by a parent or guardian who either holds a valid Maine hunting license or has successfully completed a hunter safety course. Legal shooting hours are from 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.

### HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM

**NOTE: If you plan to hunt woodcock, ducks, geese, snipe, rails, or coots, you are required to indicate on your license your intention of doing so at the time you purchase your license.** (Complimentary and lifetime license holders are exempt from this requirement). The information will be used by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (H.I.P.).

## Migratory Game Bird Hunting Schedule 2008



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SPECIES AND AREA		SEASONS		LIMITS	
		FIRST DAY	FINAL DAY	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION
CROWS Wildlife Management Districts 1-6 Wildlife Management Districts 7-29		16 Feb. 1 Aug.	15 Apr. 30 Sept.	NO LIMITS	
		2 Feb. 1 Aug.	31 Mar. 30 Sept.		
		2 Sept.	17 Dec.		
COMMON SNIPE		2 Sept.	10 Nov.	25	25
RAILS (Sora and Virginia)		2 Sept.	10 Nov.	25	25
CLOSED SEASON					
MOORHENS AND GALLINULES					
WOODCOCK		1 Oct. 27 Oct.	25 Oct. 31 Oct.	3 3	6 6
CANADA GOOSE (EARLY)	NORTH	2 Sept.	25 Sept.	6	12
	SOUTH	2 Sept.	25 Sept.	8	16
CANADA GOOSE (REGULAR)					
	NORTH ZONE	1 Oct.	9 Dec.	2	4
	SOUTH ZONE	1 Oct. 10 Nov.	25 Oct. 23 Dec.	2 2	4 4
SNOW GEESE (including Blue Geese)		1 Oct.	31 Jan.	15	No limit
SEA DUCKS (Scoter, Eider, and Long-tailed duck)		1 Oct.	31 Jan.	7* *(Shall not include more than 4 scoters or 5 eiders)	14* *(Shall not include more than 8 scoters or 10 eiders)
REGULAR DUCKS  (Including Black Ducks, Brant, Mergansers, Pintails and American coots)	NORTH ZONE	1 Oct.	9 Dec.	(Singly or in aggregate)  6* (no more than 4 of any one species)  12* (no more than 8 of any one species)  ( EXCEPTIONS TO THESE LIMITS ARE LISTED BELOW)	
	SOUTH ZONE	1 Oct. 10 Nov.	25 Oct. 23 Dec.		
SCAUP	NORTH	1 Oct.	15 Nov.	1	2
		17 Nov.	9 Dec.	2	4
	SOUTH	1 Oct.	25 Oct.	1	2
		10 Nov.	29 Nov.	1	2
		1 Dec.	23 Dec.	2	4
HARLEQUIN DUCKS, CANVASBACKS & BARROW'S GOLDENEYE					
CLOSED SEASON					
**SPECIAL ONE DAY YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT: Sept. 20 (ALL duck species-except Harlequins, Canvasbacks and Barrow's Goldeneye - may be hunted on this day.					
EXCEPTIONS*					
BLACK DUCKS: Only 1 black duck may be taken as part of the daily limit; possession limit: 2. One black duck may be taken on Sept. 20 (Youth Waterfowl Hunt).					
AMERICAN COOTS: Hunters may take 5 American coots in addition to the daily limit on regular ducks. It is unlawful to possess more than 10 American coots at any time.					
PINTAILS: It is unlawful to take more than 1 pintail in any one day or to possess more than 2 pintails at any time.					
MALLARDS: It is unlawful to take more than 2 hen mallards in any one day or to possess more than 4 hen mallards at any time.					
MERGANSERS. Hunters may take 5 mergansers in addition to the daily limit on regular ducks, however only 2 may be a hooded merganser. It is unlawful to possess more than 10 mergansers at any time (only 4 of which may be hooded mergansers).					
REDHEADS: It is unlawful to take more than 2 redheads in any one day or to possess more than 4 redheads at any time.					
SEA DUCKS: Within the Sea Duck Hunting Area defined below, hunters may take 7 sea ducks in addition to the limits on regular ducks (but not more than 4 scoters or 5 eiders).					
TEAL: The daily limit on teal (blue-winged and green-winged, singly or in aggregate), shall not include more than 4 birds; possession limit shall not include more than 8 teal (blue-winged and green-winged), singly or in aggregate.					
BRANT & WOOD DUCKS: It is unlawful to take more than 3 brant or 3 wood ducks in any one day or to possess more than 6 brant or 6 wood ducks at any time.					
SPECIAL FALCONRY SEASON					
	NORTH ZONE	10 Dec.	31 Jan.	3	6
	SOUTH ZONE	7 Jan.	28 Feb.	Species Restrictions Apply	
In addition to the regular migratory bird season (on ducks, mergansers, American coots).					

**SHOOTING HOURS:** Shooting hours on migratory game birds are from 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset daily.

**SEA DUCK HUNTING AREA DEFINED:** All coastal waters and all waters of rivers and streams seaward from the first upstream bridge. In all other areas, sea ducks may be taken only during the regular duck season dates and are part of the regular duck bag limits.

**DEFINITION FOR NORTH AND SOUTH ZONE LINE:** Maine-New Brunswick border in Baileyville, Maine west along Stony Brook to Route 9 in Baileyville. West along Route 9 to Route 15 in Bangor. West along Route 15 to I-95 in Bangor. Southwest along I-95 to Route 202 (Exit 109A) in Augusta. Southwest along Route 202 to Route 11 in Auburn. Southwest along Route 11 to Route 110 in Newfield. West along Route 110 to Maine-New Hampshire border.

**NONTOXIC SHOT - STATEWIDE:** The use or possession of ammunition loaded with other than nontoxic shot while hunting wild ducks, geese, brant, rails, or coots is prohibited. Nontoxic shot means any shot type that does not cause sickness and death when ingested by these birds and is approved for use by the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Steel, bismuth-tin, tungsten-iron (2 types), tungsten-matrix, tungsten-bronze (2 types), tungsten-polymer, tungsten-tin-bismuth, tungsten-tin-iron-nickel, and tungsten nickel-iron (HEVI) shot have been approved nontoxic by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

On National Wildlife Refuges which permit hunting of upland game, persons hunting upland species other than deer and turkey with a shotgun shall possess and use only nontoxic shot while in the field.

\*\*\*\*\*DUCK STAMPS HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM\*\*\*\*\*

**NOTE: If you plan to hunt woodcock, ducks, geese, snipe, rails, or coots, you are required to indicate on your license your intention of doing so at the time you purchase your license.** (Complimentary and lifetime license holders are exempt from this requirement). The information will be used by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (H.I.P.).

State and Federal law requires that persons 16 years of age or older shall have on his/her person: an unexpired Federal migratory bird hunting stamp (validated by his/her signature written across the face of the stamp in ink) AND a valid State Migratory Waterfowl permit to hunt any migratory waterfowl (wild ducks, geese or brant). The STATE permit may be purchased for \$7.50 from local license agents or from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, 284 State St., SHS #41, Augusta, ME 04333. **(NOTE: The Migratory Waterfowl Stamp is not required to hunt woodcock, snipe, rails or crows).** For more details, contact the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife at 287-8000.

NOTE: All revenue from the sale of state waterfowl permits must be used exclusively for acquisition of waterfowl habitat and waterfowl management activities.

**MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTER'S TIME AND TIDE TABLE — 2008-2009**

LEGAL TIMES					TIDE*				
DATE	OPEN	CLOSE	HIGH	LOW	DATE	OPEN	CLOSE	HIGH	LOW
10/1/2008	6:04 AM	6:15 PM	1:01 PM	6:51 AM	12/2/2008	6:24 AM	3:55 PM	1:40 PM	7:29 AM
10/2/2008	6:05 AM	6:13 PM	1:38 PM	7:29 AM	12/3/2008	6:25 AM	3:55 PM	2:24 PM	8:12 AM
10/3/2008	6:06 AM	6:11 PM	2:17 PM	8:07 AM	12/4/2008	6:26 AM	3:55 PM	3:10 PM	9:00 AM
10/4/2008	6:07 AM	6:09 PM	2:58 PM	8:47 AM	12/5/2008	6:27 AM	3:54 PM	4:01 PM	9:51 AM
10/6/2008	6:10 AM	6:06 PM	4:35 PM	10:20 AM	12/6/2008	6:28 AM	3:54 PM	4:40 AM	10:47 AM
10/7/2008	6:11 AM	6:04 PM	5:32 PM	11:15 AM	12/8/2008	6:30 AM	3:54 PM	6:22 AM	12:43 PM
10/8/2008	6:12 AM	6:02 PM	6:23 PM	12:14 PM	12/9/2008	6:31 AM	3:54 PM	7:15 AM	1:41 PM
10/9/2008	6:14 AM	6:00 PM	7:19 AM	1:13 PM	12/10/2008	6:32 AM	3:54 PM	8:07 AM	2:36 PM
10/10/2008	6:15 AM	5:58 PM	8:10 AM	2:09 PM	12/11/2008	6:33 AM	3:54 PM	9:00 AM	3:31 PM
10/11/2008	6:16 AM	5:57 PM	8:56 AM	2:59 PM	12/12/2008	6:34 AM	3:54 PM	9:53 AM	4:24 PM
10/13/2008	6:19 AM	5:53 PM	10:19 AM	4:31 PM	12/13/2008	6:35 AM	3:54 PM	10:46 AM	5:17 PM
10/14/2008	6:20 AM	5:51 PM	11:00 AM	5:15 PM	12/15/2008	6:36 AM	3:55 PM	12:36 PM	6:20 AM
10/15/2008	6:21 AM	5:50 PM	11:41 AM	6:00 PM	12/16/2008	6:37 AM	3:55 PM	1:33 PM	7:17 AM
10/16/2008	6:23 AM	5:48 PM	12:25 PM	6:13 AM	12/17/2008	6:38 AM	3:55 PM	2:32 PM	8:16 AM
10/17/2008	6:24 AM	5:46 PM	1:12 PM	6:59 AM	12/18/2008	6:38 AM	3:56 PM	3:34 PM	9:19 AM
10/18/2008	6:25 AM	5:45 PM	2:03 PM	7:48 AM	12/19/2008	6:39 AM	3:56 PM	4:37 PM	10:24 AM
10/20/2008	6:28 AM	5:41 PM	4:00 PM	9:42 AM	12/20/2008	6:39 AM	3:57 PM	5:14 AM	11:30 AM
10/21/2008	6:29 AM	5:40 PM	5:08 PM	10:49 AM	12/22/2008	6:40 AM	3:58 PM	7:08 AM	1:34 PM
10/22/2008	6:30 AM	5:38 PM	6:02 AM	12:00 PM	12/23/2008	6:41 AM	3:58 PM	8:00 AM	2:28 PM
10/23/2008	6:32 AM	5:36 PM	7:10 AM	1:12 PM	12/24/2008	6:41 AM	3:59 PM	8:47 AM	3:17 PM
10/24/2008	6:33 AM	5:35 PM	8:12 AM	2:18 PM	12/25/2008	6:42 AM	4:00 PM	9:31 AM	4:00 PM
10/25/2008	6:34 AM	5:33 PM	9:07 AM	3:16 PM	12/26/2008	6:42 AM	4:00 PM	10:11 AM	4:40 PM
10/27/2008	6:37 AM	5:30 PM	10:40 AM	4:55 PM	12/27/2008	6:42 AM	4:01 PM	10:49 AM	4:37 AM
10/28/2008	6:38 AM	5:29 PM	11:19 AM	5:38 PM	12/29/2008	6:43 AM	4:03 PM	12:01 PM	5:50 AM
10/29/2008	6:40 AM	5:27 PM	11:56 AM	5:46 AM	12/30/2008	6:43 AM	4:03 PM	12:37 PM	6:26 AM
10/30/2008	6:41 AM	5:26 PM	12:32 PM	6:22 AM	12/31/2008	6:43 AM	4:04 PM	1:14 PM	7:04 AM
10/31/2008	6:42 AM	5:24 PM	1:07 PM	6:59 AM	1/1/2009	6:43 AM	4:05 PM	1:50 PM	7:41 AM
11/1/2008	6:44 AM	5:23 PM	1:45 PM	7:36 AM	1/2/2009	6:43 AM	4:06 PM	2:34 PM	8:25 AM
11/3/2008	5:47 AM	4:20 PM	2:09 PM	7:57 AM	1/3/2009	6:43 AM	4:07 PM	3:22 PM	9:13 AM
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11/5/2008	5:49 AM	4:18 PM	3:49 PM	9:36 AM	1/6/2009	6:42 AM	4:10 PM	5:41 AM	12:10 PM
11/6/2008	5:51 AM	4:16 PM	4:37 AM	10:31 AM	1/7/2009	6:42 AM	4:11 PM	6:41 AM	1:15 PM
11/7/2008	5:52 AM	4:15 PM	5:29 AM	11:29 AM	1/8/2009	6:42 AM	4:12 PM	7:42 AM	2:17 PM
11/8/2008	5:53 AM	4:14 PM	6:20 AM	12:26 PM	1/9/2009	6:42 AM	4:13 PM	8:43 AM	3:16 PM
11/10/2008	5:56 AM	4:12 PM	7:55 AM	2:12 PM	1/10/2009	6:41 AM	4:15 PM	9:41 AM	4:12 PM
11/11/2008	5:58 AM	4:10 PM	8:41 AM	3:02 PM	1/12/2009	6:41 AM	4:17 PM	11:31 AM	5:14 AM
11/12/2008	5:59 AM	4:09 PM	9:26 AM	3:51 PM	1/13/2009	6:40 AM	4:18 PM	12:24 PM	6:08 AM
11/13/2008	6:00 AM	4:08 PM	10:13 AM	4:40 PM	1/14/2009	6:40 AM	4:19 PM	1:17 PM	7:03 AM
11/14/2008	6:02 AM	4:07 PM	11:02 AM	4:49 AM	1/15/2009	6:39 AM	4:21 PM	2:11 PM	7:57 AM
11/15/2008	6:03 AM	4:06 PM	11:53 AM	5:39 AM	1/16/2009	6:39 AM	4:22 PM	3:06 PM	8:54 AM
11/17/2008	6:06 AM	4:04 PM	1:46 PM	7:30 AM	1/17/2009	6:38 AM	4:23 PM	4:04 PM	9:53 AM
11/18/2008	6:07 AM	4:04 PM	2:48 PM	8:31 AM	1/19/2009	6:37 AM	4:26 PM	5:29 AM	11:57 AM
11/19/2008	6:08 AM	4:03 PM	3:55 PM	9:37 AM	1/20/2009	6:36 AM	4:27 PM	6:26 AM	12:59 PM
11/20/2008	6:10 AM	4:02 PM	4:44 AM	10:47 AM	1/21/2009	6:35 AM	4:29 PM	7:23 AM	1:57 PM
11/21/2008	6:11 AM	4:01 PM	5:47 AM	11:56 AM	1/22/2009	6:34 AM	4:30 PM	8:16 AM	2:48 PM
11/22/2008	6:12 AM	4:00 PM	6:47 AM	1:00 PM	1/23/2009	6:33 AM	4:31 PM	9:04 AM	3:33 PM
11/24/2008	6:15 AM	3:59 PM	8:30 AM	2:50 PM	1/24/2009	6:33 AM	4:33 PM	9:47 AM	4:14 PM
11/25/2008	6:16 AM	3:58 PM	9:14 AM	3:37 PM	1/25/2009	6:32 AM	4:34 PM	10:25 AM	4:50 PM
11/26/2008	6:17 AM	3:58 PM	9:54 AM	4:19 PM	1/27/2009	6:30 AM	4:37 PM	11:36 AM	5:24 AM
11/27/2008	6:18 AM	3:57 PM	10:32 AM	4:59 PM	1/28/2009	6:29 AM	4:38 PM	12:10 PM	5:59 AM
11/28/2008	6:20 AM	3:57 PM	11:08 AM	4:58 AM	1/29/2009	6:28 AM	4:40 PM	12:46 PM	6:36 AM
11/29/2008	6:21 AM	3:56 PM	11:44 AM	5:34 AM	1/30/2009	6:27 AM	4:41 PM	1:25 PM	7:15 AM
12/1/2008	6:23 AM	3:56 PM	12:59 PM	6:49 AM	1/31/2009	6:25 AM	4:42 PM	2:07 PM	7:58 AM

Tide information listed for January 2009 is estimated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Although these are estimates, they are expected to be useful for planning purposes. TIDE CONVERSIONS: Tide information listed is for **PORTLAND**. For Merrymeeting Bay (Richmond), add 2 hrs. 48 minutes for high tide; for Jonesport, subtract 23 minutes; for Bath, add 1 hr. 1 minute; for Rockland, subtract 16 minutes; for Waldoboro, subtract 16 minutes. Sunrise/sunset times for January are based on the 2008 chart.

\*All times listed through November 3 are Eastern Daylight Time; after that date, they are Eastern Standard Time (for Bangor).

**SELECTED SECTIONS OF MAINE INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE LAWS**

The provisions of the following three paragraphs apply to the waters of the Kennebec River, known as Merrymeeting Bay, bounded as follows: From the high tension wires at Chop's Point to the first dam on the Androscoggin River, to the first road bridge on the Muddy, Calthace, Abagadasset, and Eastern rivers and the Richmond-Dresden bridge on the Kennebec River, being in the counties of Cumberland, Sagadahoc, and Lincoln.

No artificial cover which is termed stationary blind, or parts thereof, used for hunting purposes shall be left or allowed to remain in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay between one hour after legal shooting time and one hour before legal shooting time.

No duck decoys shall be allowed to remain in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay at any time during the period from one hour after legal shooting time until one hour before legal shooting time.

It is unlawful to hunt waterfowl on Haley Pond in the Town of Rangeley and Dallas Pkt. in Franklin County.

No power boat may be operated in Merrymeeting Bay at a speed in excess of 10 miles per hour except within the confines of the buoyed channels.

It is unlawful to shoot, or shoot at, or near, any wildfowl decoy of another person, with a rifle, pistol, or shotgun with a ball, slug, or buckshot. "Near" means the area encompassed by the set of decoys and including the area 50 yards away from the outer perimeter of the set of decoys.

It is unlawful to hunt with firearms during the open season on deer (except when hunting waterfowl from a boat or blind or in conjunction with waterfowl decoys) unless wearing 2 articles of hunter orange clothing that are in good and serviceable condition and visible from all sides. One article must be a solid colored hunter orange hat and the other must be a minimum of 50% hunter orange in color and cover a major portion of the torso.

It is unlawful for any person to willfully interfere with the lawful hunting or trapping of any wild animal or wild bird, including the willful disturbance of wild animals or wild birds with intent to interfere with their lawful taking.

It is unlawful to hunt on Sunday.

**BARROW'S GOLDENEYE --** The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife wishes to continue the lawful hunting of Common Goldeneyes while ensuring adequate protection of the Barrow's Goldeneye, a Threatened Species under the Maine Endangered Species Act. Barrow's and Common Goldeneyes look very similar. Our goal is to reduce the unintentional take of Barrow's in Maine by improving duck hunter's ability to distinguish Barrow's from Common Goldeneyes. Further, we desire to alert waterfowl hunters that Barrow's are known to congregate in certain areas. Information on this will be mailed to every waterfowl hunter in Maine. Despite our efforts, we suspect that a few Barrow's Goldeneyes may be unintentionally shot. In these cases, hunters are required to surrender to the Department any that are taken incidentally to legal waterfowl hunting activities. There will be no penalty for reporting this to the Department. To accomplish this we ask that you contact your local game warden.



## DUCK STAMP ART CONTEST

Your 2009 Maine duck stamp, featuring a pair of mallards, was designed by Georgette Kanach of Gray. A panel of judges selected it from among 12 paintings by Maine resident artists in the 25th duck stamp art contest conducted by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Proceeds from the sale of the annual duck stamps and permits are used to help finance waterfowl management programs or to acquire waterfowl habitat.

## MIGRATORY GAME BIRD REGULATIONS

In accordance with the Revised Statutes of 1964, Title 12, Sections 10104 and 11855, the following regulations have been adopted, governing the lawful hunting and possession of migratory game birds. For the purpose of this section, migratory game birds include and are limited to species in the following families: 1. Anatidae (wild ducks, geese, and brant); 2. Rallidae (rails, coots, moorhens and gallinules); and 3. Scolopacidae (woodcock and snipe). Except as expressly provided in the 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 hand-held bow and arrow, or by the practice of falconry, 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 (1) the motor of such craft has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, as the case may be, and (2) 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.

### 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. 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 any visible means to retrieve and 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.

### 8. OPEN SEASONS, 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 hours as stated herein.

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 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.

## SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

NOTICE - The material below is only a summary of Federal rules. Each hunter should also consult the actual Federal regulations, which may be found in Title 50, code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

**RESTRICTIONS.** No person shall take migratory game birds:

- While possessing shot (either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading) other than steel shot or such shot approved as nontoxic while taking Anatidae (ducks, geese, and brant), coots and any species that make up aggregate bag limits during concurrent seasons.

- With a trap, snare, net, crossbow, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10-gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, 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 removal 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 a car or other motor-driven land conveyance, or any aircraft, except that paraplegics and single or double amputees of the legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance. "Paraplegic" means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body with involvement of both legs, usually due to disease of or injury to the spinal cord.

- 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.

- Using records or tapes of migratory bird calls or sounds, or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls.

- 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.

- 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 the taking of migratory game birds on or over the following lands or areas that are not otherwise baited areas: a) standing crops or flooded standing crops; standing, flooded, or manipulated natural vegetation; flooded harvested croplands; or lands or areas where seeds or grains have been scattered safely as a result of a normal agricultural planting, harvesting, post-harvest manipulation or normal soil stabilization practice; b) from a blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with natural vegetation; c) 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.

-A person must also retain the bird in his actual custody, at the place where taken or between that place and either (a) his automobile or principle means of land transportation; or (b) his personal abode or temporary or transient place of lodging.

**FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT.** No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to one's car, hunting camp, home, etc.

**IMPORTATION.** For information regarding the importation of migratory birds killed in another country hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66. One fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between the port of entry and one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import migratory game birds killed in any foreign country, except Canada, unless such birds are dressed (except as required in 20.63), drawn, and the head and feet are removed. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

**DUAL VIOLATION.** Violation of State migratory bird regulations is also a violation of Federal regulations.

**CAUTION:** More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on Federal refuge regulations, contact Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge (Baring & Edmunds Units) RR #1, Box 202, Baring, Maine, 04694 - telephone (207)454-7161; Maine Coastal Islands National Wildlife Refuge P.O. Box 279, Millbridge, Maine 04658 - telephone (207)546-2124; Sunkhaze Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, 1168 Main Str., Old Town, ME 04468 - telephone (207)236-6970; Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge, 321 Port Road, Wells, Maine 04090, telephone (207)646-9226 or Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 240, Errol, N.H. 03579 - telephone (603)482-3415.

## PHONE NUMBERS YOU MIGHT NEED GAME WARDEN HEADQUARTERS

Ashland 435-3231	Gray 657-2345
Sidney 547-5300	Greenville 695-3756
Bangor 941-4440	

If you are unable to locate a warden at one of the above headquarters, contact either the Fisheries and Wildlife Department headquarters in Augusta (287-2766) or the nearest State Police Barracks.

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, E. Orland - 469-6842**

**BAND RECOVERY REPORTS.....**Anyone finding a band or recovering one while hunting should call **1-800-327-BAND (2263)**. Results will provide better estimates of survival and harvest rates and will reduce high costs associated with banding studies.

### HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE PLANTS!

Please clean boat trailer and gear of all plants and plant fragments.

Help stop wildlife violations  
**DIAL OPERATION GAME THIEF**  
**1-800-ALERT US (253-7887)**

## YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT

--September 26--

A one-day hunt providing opportunity for junior hunters takes place on September 26. The daily limits are as specified in this pamphlet for ducks and geese (regular season). Special regulations apply to youth and accompanying adult: Youth must be 10 years of age or older and under 16 years of age, possess a junior hunting license (no stamps required) and be accompanied by a parent or guardian or person at least 18 years of age approved by a parent or guardian who either holds a valid Maine hunting license or has successfully completed a hunter safety course. Legal shooting hours are from 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.

### HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM

**NOTE: If you plan to hunt woodcock, ducks, geese, snipe, rails, or coots, you are required to indicate on your license your intention of doing so at the time you purchase your license.** (Complimentary and lifetime license holders are exempt from this requirement). The information will be used by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (H.I.P.).

## Migratory Game Bird Hunting Schedule 2009



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SPECIES AND AREA		SEASONS		LIMITS	
		FIRST DAY	FINAL DAY	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION
CROWS	Wildlife Management Districts1-6	15 Feb. 1 Aug.	15 Apr. 30 Sept.	NO LIMITS	
	Wildlife Management Districts 7-29	1 Feb.	31 Mar.		
(There is a closed season on Ravens)		1 Aug.	30 Sept.		
COMMON (WILSON'S) SNIPE		1 Sept.	16 Dec.	8	16
RAILS (Sora and Virginia)		1 Sept.	9 Nov.	25	25
WOODCOCK		1 Oct.	24 Oct.	3	6
		26 Oct.	31 Oct.	3	6
CANADA GOOSE (EARLY)	NORTH	1 Sept.	25 Sept.	6	12
	SOUTH	1 Sept.	25 Sept.	8	16
CANADA GOOSE (REGULAR)					
(Including Greater White-fronted Geese)	NORTH ZONE	1 Oct.	9 Dec.	2	4
	SOUTH ZONE	1 Oct.	24 Oct.	2	4
		9 Nov.	23 Dec.	2	4
SNOW GEESE (including Blue Geese)		1 Oct.	31 Jan.	15	No limit
SEA DUCKS (Scoter, Eider, and Long-tailed duck)		1 Oct.	31 Jan.	7*	14*
				*(Shall not include more than 4 scoters or 4 eiders)	*(Shall not include more than 8 scoters or 8 eiders)
REGULAR DUCKS	NORTH ZONE	28 Sept.	5 Dec.	(Singly or in aggregate)  6* 12* (no more than 4 of any one species) (no more than 8 of any one species)	
	SOUTH ZONE	1 Oct.	24 Oct.		
		9 Nov.	23 Dec.		
		(Including Black Ducks, Scaup, Mergansers, Pintails and American coots)			
( EXCEPTIONS TO THESE LIMITS ARE LISTED BELOW)					
BRANT	NORTH ZONE	13 Oct.	9 Dec.	2	4
	SOUTH ZONE	13 Oct.	24 Oct.	2	4
		9 Nov.	23 Dec.		
HARLEQUIN DUCKS, BARROW'S GOLDENEYE, MOORHENS AND GALLINULES				CLOSED SEASON	

**HARLEQUIN DUCKS, BARROW'S GOLDENEYE, MOORHENS AND GALLINULES** **CLOSED SEASON**

**\*\*SPECIAL ONE DAY YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT: Sept. 26** (ALL duck species-except Harlequins and Barrow's Goldeneye - may be hunted on this day, including geese under the Regular Season limit.

**EXCEPTIONS\***

**BLACK DUCKS:** Only 1 black duck may be taken as part of the daily limit; possession limit: 2. One black duck may be taken on Sept. 26 (Youth Waterfowl Hunt).

**AMERICAN COOTS:** Hunters may take 5 American coots in addition to the daily limit on regular ducks. It is unlawful to possess more than 10 American coots at any time.

**PINTAILS:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 northern pintail, 1 mottled duck, 1 fulvous whistling duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 northern pintails, 2 black ducks, 2 mottled ducks, or 2 fulvous whistling ducks at any time.

**MALLARDS:** It is unlawful to take more than 2 hen mallards in any one day or to possess more than 4 hen mallards at any time.

**SCAUP:** It is unlawful to take more than 2 scaup in any one day or to possess more than 4 scaup at any time.

**CANVASBACKS:** It is unlawful to take more than 1 canvasback in any one day or to possess more than 2 canvasbacks at any time.

**MERGANSERS.** Hunters may take 5 mergansers in addition to the daily limit on regular ducks, however only 2 may be a hooded merganser. It is unlawful to possess more than 10 mergansers at any time (only 4 of which may be hooded mergansers).

**REDHEADS:** It is unlawful to take more than 2 redheads in any one day or to possess more than 4 redheads at any time.

**SEA DUCKS:** Within the Sea Duck Hunting Area defined below, hunters may take 7 sea ducks in addition to the limits on regular ducks (but not more than 4 scoters or 4 eiders).

**TEAL:** The daily limit on teal shall not include more than 6 birds (no more than 4 of any one species); possession limit shall not include more than 12 teal (no more than 8 of any one species).

**WOOD DUCKS:** It is unlawful to take more than 3 wood ducks in any one day or to possess more than 6 wood ducks at any time.

SPECIAL FALCONRY SEASON				
NORTH ZONE	10 Dec.	1 Feb.	3	6
SOUTH ZONE	6 Jan.	27 Feb.	Species Restrictions Apply	
In addition to the regular migratory bird season (on ducks, mergansers, American coots).				

**SHOOTING HOURS:** Shooting hours on migratory game birds are from 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset daily.

**SEA DUCK HUNTING AREA DEFINED:** All coastal waters and all waters of rivers and streams seaward from the first upstream bridge. In all other areas, sea ducks may be taken only during the regular duck season dates and are part of the regular duck bag limits.

**DEFINITION FOR NORTH AND SOUTH ZONE LINE:** Maine-New Brunswick border in Baileyville, Maine west along Stony Brook to Route 9 in Baileyville. West along Route 9 to Route 15 in Bangor. West along Route 15 to I-95 in Bangor. Southwest along I-95 to Route 202 (Exit 109A) in Augusta. Southwest along Route 202 to Route 11 in Auburn. Southwest along Route 11 to Route 110 in Newfield. West along Route 110 to Maine-New Hampshire border.

**NONTOXIC SHOT - STATEWIDE:** The use or possession of ammunition loaded with other than nontoxic shot while hunting wild ducks, geese, brant, rails, or coots is prohibited. Nontoxic shot means any shot type that does not cause sickness and death when ingested by these birds and is approved for use by the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Steel, bismuth-tin, tungsten-iron (2 types), tungsten-matrix, tungsten-bronze (2 types), tungsten-polymer, tungsten-tin-bismuth, tungsten-tin-iron-nickel, and tungsten nickel-iron (HEVI) shot have been approved nontoxic by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

On National Wildlife Refuges which permit hunting of upland game, persons hunting upland species other than deer and turkey with a shotgun shall possess and use only nontoxic shot while in the field.

**\*\*\*\*\*DUCK STAMPS HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM\*\*\*\*\***

**NOTE: If you plan to hunt woodcock, ducks, geese, snipe, rails, or coots, you are required to indicate on your license your intention of doing so at the time you purchase your license.** (Complimentary and lifetime license holders are exempt from this requirement). The information will be used by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (H.I.P).

State and Federal law requires that persons 16 years of age or older shall have on his/her person: an unexpired Federal migratory bird hunting stamp (validated by his/her signature written across the face of the stamp in ink) AND a valid State Migratory Waterfowl permit to hunt any migratory waterfowl (wild ducks, geese or brant). The STATE permit may be purchased for \$7.50 from local license agents or from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, 284 State St., SHS #41, Augusta, ME 04333. **(NOTE: The Migratory Waterfowl Stamp is not required to hunt woodcock, snipe, rails or crows).** For more details, contact the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife at 287-8000.

NOTE: All revenue from the sale of state waterfowl permits must be used exclusively for acquisition of waterfowl habitat and waterfowl management activities.

MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTER'S TIME AND TIDE TABLE — 2009/2010									
LEGAL TIMES			TIDE*		LEGAL TIMES			TIDE*	
DATE	OPEN	CLOSE	HIGH	LOW	DATE	OPEN	CLOSE	HIGH	LOW
10/1/09	6:03 AM	6:15 PM	9:54 AM	3:57 PM	12/1/09	6:23 AM	3:56 PM	9:30 AM	3:58 PM
10/2/09	6:05 AM	6:13 PM	10:31 AM	4:37 PM	12/2/09	6:24 AM	3:55 PM	10:16 AM	4:45 PM
10/3/09	6:06 AM	6:12 PM	11:05 AM	5:14 PM	12/3/09	6:25 AM	3:55 PM	11:04 AM	4:50 AM
10/4/09	6:08 AM	6:08 PM	12:13 PM	6:03 AM	12/4/09	6:26 AM	3:55 PM	11:54 AM	5:39 AM
10/6/09	6:10 AM	6:06 PM	12:50 PM	6:39 AM	12/5/09	6:27 AM	3:55 PM	12:47 PM	6:32 AM
10/7/09	6:11 AM	6:04 PM	1:31 PM	7:19 AM	12/7/09	6:29 AM	3:54 PM	2:43 PM	8:28 AM
10/8/09	6:12 AM	6:02 PM	2:16 PM	8:03 AM	12/8/09	6:30 AM	3:54 PM	3:46 PM	9:32 AM
10/9/09	6:13 AM	6:01 PM	3:07 PM	8:53 AM	12/9/09	6:31 AM	3:54 PM	4:53 PM	10:39 AM
10/10/09	6:15 AM	5:59 PM	4:05 PM	9:48 AM	12/10/09	6:32 AM	3:54 PM	05:31 AM	11:47 AM
10/12/09	6:17 AM	5:55 PM	6:02 AM	12:00 PM	12/11/09	6:33 AM	3:54 PM	6:32 AM	12:53 PM
10/13/09	6:18 AM	5:54 PM	7:09 AM	1:11 PM	12/12/09	6:34 AM	3:54 PM	7:29 AM	1:54 PM
10/14/09	6:20 AM	5:52 PM	8:13 AM	2:18 PM	12/14/09	6:35 AM	3:55 PM	9:12 AM	3:39 PM
10/15/09	6:21 AM	5:50 PM	9:10 AM	3:19 PM	12/15/09	6:36 AM	3:55 PM	9:57 AM	4:25 PM
10/16/09	6:22 AM	5:48 PM	10:02 AM	4:15 PM	12/16/09	6:37 AM	3:55 PM	10:40 AM	5:07 PM
10/17/09	6:24 AM	5:47 PM	10:50 AM	5:06 PM	12/17/09	6:37 AM	3:55 PM	11:19 AM	5:08 AM
10/19/09	6:26 AM	5:43 PM	12:18 PM	6:06 AM	12/18/09	6:38 AM	3:56 PM	11:58 AM	5:47 AM
10/20/09	6:27 AM	5:42 PM	1:01 PM	6:49 AM	12/19/09	6:39 AM	3:56 PM	12:36 PM	6:26 AM
10/21/09	6:29 AM	5:40 PM	1:44 PM	7:33 AM	12/21/09	6:40 AM	3:57 PM	1:55 PM	7:45 AM
10/22/09	6:30 AM	5:38 PM	2:28 PM	8:17 AM	12/22/09	6:40 AM	3:58 PM	2:38 PM	8:29 AM
10/23/09	6:31 AM	5:37 PM	3:15 PM	9:03 AM	12/23/09	6:41 AM	3:58 PM	3:24 PM	9:15 AM
10/24/09	6:33 AM	5:35 PM	4:06 PM	9:53 AM	12/24/09	6:41 AM	3:59 PM	04:13 PM	10:05 AM
10/26/09	6:35 AM	5:32 PM	5:50 AM	11:46 AM	12/25/09	6:41 AM	3:59 PM	4:44 AM	10:59 AM
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11/5/09	5:49 AM	4:18 PM	12:09 PM	5:57 AM	1/5/10	6:43 AM	4:09 PM	2:27 PM	08:13 AM
11/6/09	5:50 AM	4:17 PM	12:59 PM	6:45 AM	1/6/10	6:42 AM	4:10 PM	3:27 PM	9:13 AM
11/7/09	5:52 AM	4:15 PM	1:54 PM	7:39 AM	1/7/10	6:42 AM	4:11 PM	4:30 PM	10:17 AM
11/9/09	5:54 AM	4:13 PM	4:00 PM	9:43 AM	1/8/10	6:42 AM	4:12 PM	5:01 AM	11:23 AM
11/10/09	5:56 AM	4:12 PM	4:50 AM	10:52 AM	1/9/10	6:42 AM	4:13 PM	6:02 AM	12:30 PM
11/11/09	5:57 AM	4:11 PM	5:54 AM	12:02 PM	1/11/10	6:41 AM	4:15 PM	8:01 AM	2:31 PM
11/12/09	5:59 AM	4:10 PM	6:55 AM	1:08 PM	1/12/10	6:41 AM	4:17 PM	8:53 AM	3:22 PM
11/13/09	6:00 AM	4:09 PM	7:51 AM	2:08 PM	1/13/10	6:40 AM	4:18 PM	9:40 AM	4:07 PM
11/14/09	6:01 AM	4:08 PM	8:42 AM	3:03 PM	1/14/10	6:40 AM	4:19 PM	10:23 AM	4:48 PM
11/16/09	6:04 AM	4:06 PM	10:14 AM	4:39 PM	1/15/10	6:39 AM	4:20 PM	11:01 AM	4:49 AM
11/17/09	6:05 AM	4:05 PM	10:57 AM	4:44 AM	1/16/10	6:39 AM	4:22 PM	11:37 AM	5:26 AM
11/18/09	6:07 AM	4:04 PM	11:37 AM	5:26 AM	1/18/10	6:37 AM	4:24 PM	12:48 PM	6:38 AM
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11/21/09	6:11 AM	4:01 PM	1:43 PM	7:32 AM	1/21/10	6:35 AM	4:28 PM	2:44 PM	8:36 AM
11/23/09	6:13 AM	4:00 PM	3:18 PM	9:07 AM	1/22/10	6:34 AM	4:30 PM	3:31 PM	9:22 AM
11/24/09	6:14 AM	3:59 PM	4:10 PM	9:59 AM	1/23/10	6:34 AM	4:31 PM	4:24 PM	10:15 AM
11/25/09	6:16 AM	3:59 PM	4:51 AM	10:55 AM	1/25/10	6:32 AM	4:34 PM	5:44 AM	12:16 PM
11/26/09	6:17 AM	3:58 PM	5:41 AM	11:50 AM	1/26/10	6:31 AM	4:35 PM	6:45 AM	1:20 PM
11/27/09	6:18 AM	3:57 PM	6:29 AM	12:45 PM	1/27/10	6:30 AM	4:36 PM	7:47 AM	2:20 PM
11/28/09	6:19 AM	3:57 PM	7:15 AM	1:36 PM	1/28/10	6:29 AM	4:38 PM	8:46 AM	3:16 PM
11/30/09	6:22 AM	3:56 PM	8:45 AM	3:11 PM	1/29/10	6:28 AM	4:39 PM	9:42 AM	4:09 PM
					1/30/10	6:27 AM	4:41 PM	10:36 AM	4:59 PM

Tide information listed for January 2010 is estimated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Although these are estimates, they are expected to be useful for planning purposes. TIDE CONVERSIONS: Tide information listed is for **PORTLAND**. For Merrymeeting Bay (Richmond), add 2 hrs. 48 minutes for high tide; for Jonesport, subtract 23 minutes; for Bath, add 1 hr. 1 minute; for Rockland, subtract 16 minutes; for Waldoboro, subtract 16 minutes. Sunrise/sunset times for January are based on the 2009 chart.

\*All times listed through November 4 are Eastern Daylight Time; after that date, they are Eastern Standard Time —(for Bangor).

**SELECTED SECTIONS OF MAINE INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE LAWS**

The provisions of the following three paragraphs apply to the waters of the Kennebec River, known as Merrymeeting Bay, bounded as follows: From the high tension wires at Chop's Point to the first dam on the Androscoggin River, to the first road bridge on the Muddy, Cathance, Abbagadasset, and Eastern rivers and the Richmond-Dresden bridge on the Kennebec River, being in the counties of Cumberland, Sagadahoc, and Lincoln.

No artificial cover which is termed stationary blind, or parts thereof, used for hunting purposes shall be left or allowed to remain in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay between one hour after legal shooting time and one hour before legal shooting time.

No duck decoys shall be allowed to remain in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay at any time during the period from one hour after legal shooting time until one hour before legal shooting time.

It is unlawful to hunt waterfowl on Haley Pond in the Town of Rangeley and Dallas PIt. in Franklin County.

No power boat may be operated in Merrymeeting Bay at a speed in excess of 10 miles per hour except within the confines of the buoyed channels.

It is unlawful to shoot, or shoot at, or near, any wildfowl decoy of another person, with a rifle, pistol, or shotgun with a ball, slug, or buckshot. "Near" means the area encompassed by the set of decoys and including the area 50 yards away from the outer perimeter of the set of decoys.

It is unlawful to hunt with firearms during the open season on deer (except when hunting waterfowl from a boat or blind or in conjunction with waterfowl decoys) unless wearing 2 articles of hunter orange clothing that are in good and serviceable condition and visible from all sides. One article must be a solid colored hunter orange hat and the other must be a minimum of 50% hunter orange in color and cover a major portion of the torso.

It is unlawful for any person to willfully interfere with the lawful hunting or trapping of any wild animal or wild bird, including the willful disturbance of wild animals or wild birds with intent to interfere with their lawful taking.

It is unlawful to hunt on Sunday.

**BARROW'S GOLDENEYE --** The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife wishes to continue the lawful hunting of Common Goldeneyes while ensuring adequate protection of the Barrow's Goldeneye, a Threatened Species under the Maine Endangered Species Act. Barrow's and Common Goldeneyes look very similar. Our goal is to reduce the unintentional take of Barrow's in Maine by improving duck hunter's ability to distinguish Barrow's from Common Goldeneyes. Further, we desire to alert waterfowl hunters that Barrow's are known to congregate in certain areas. Information on this will be mailed to every waterfowl hunter in Maine. Despite our efforts, we suspect that a few Barrow's Goldeneyes may be unintentionally shot. In these cases, hunters are required to surrender to the Department any that are taken incidentally to legal waterfowl hunting activities. There will be no penalty for reporting this to the Department. To accomplish this we ask that you contact your local game warden.