

BAG LIMITS

TEAL SEASON: Daily limit 6; blue-wing, green-wing & cinnamon teal only

DUCKS: Daily limit 6; no more than 4 mallards (2 female), 3 wood ducks, 3 pintail, 2 redheads, 2 black ducks & 2 canvasbacks. Scaup bag limit: 1 for first 15 days of the season, 2 for remaining 45 days.

MERGANSERS: Daily limit 5; no more than 2 hooded mergansers.

GEESE: Dark Geese include Canada geese, white-fronted geese, brant and any other geese that are not light geese. Dark goose daily limit is 5 and may include no more than 2 Canada geese the first segment of the statewide season and no more than 3 Canada geese beginning with second segment of the statewide season until the end of the season.

During the Metro Canada goose season in the Des Moines, Cedar Rapids/Iowa City and Cedar Falls/Waterloo zones, the daily bag limit is 5. The daily limit for light geese is 20.

DOVES: Daily limit 15 **WOODCOCK:** Daily limit 3 **SNIFE:** Daily limit 8

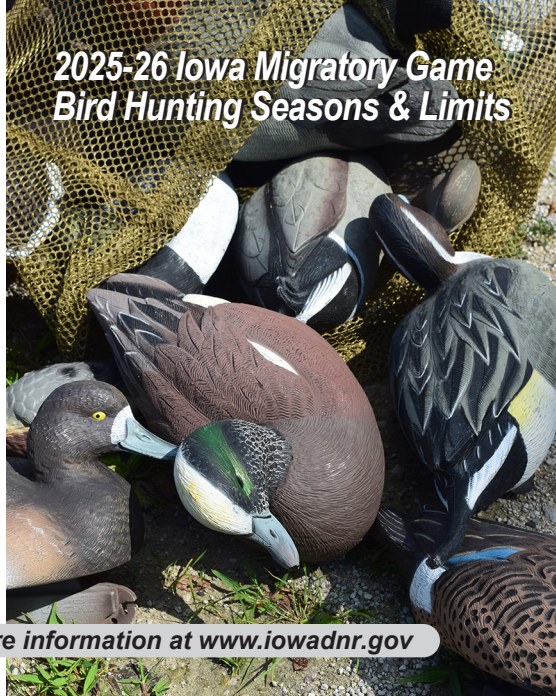
RAILS: Daily limit 12 **COOTS:** Daily limit 15

POSSESSION LIMITS

3 times the daily limit. Exception: light geese has no possession limit.

Refer to the Iowa Hunting, Trapping & Migratory Game Bird Regulations for more information at www.iowadnr.gov

2025-26 Iowa Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons & Limits



SEASON DATES

Youth Waterfowl
Ducks, Coots, Mergansers

NORTH ZONE

Sept. 20-21
Sept. 27-Oct. 3 &
Oct. 11-Dec. 2

CENTRAL ZONE

Sept. 27-28
Oct. 4-10 &
Oct. 18-Dec. 9

SOUTH ZONE

Oct. 4-5
Oct. 11-17 &
Oct. 25-Dec. 16

Dark & Light Geese

(including Canada geese,
brant & white-fronted geese,
white & blue phase snow
geese & Ross' geese)

Sept. 20-Oct. 5 &
Oct. 11-Dec. 2 &
Dec. 13-Jan. 10, 2026

Sept. 27-Oct. 12 &
Oct. 18-Dec. 9 &
Dec. 20-Jan. 17, 2026

Oct. 4-19 &
Oct. 25-Dec. 16 &
Dec. 27-Jan. 24, 2026

S t a t e w i d e

Doves Sept. 1-Nov. 29
Teal Sept. 6-14
Snipe Sept. 6-Nov. 30
Rails (Virginia & Sora) Sept. 6-Nov. 14
Woodcock Oct. 4- Nov. 17

SHOOTING HOURS: 1/2-hour
before sunrise to sunset *except*
Special September Teal and wood-
cock which is sunrise to sunset

Turn-in-Poachers
1-800-532-2020

See IOWA HUNTING, TRAPPING & MIGRATORY GAME BIRD REGULATIONS for more information

