2020 Colorado Small Game & Waterfowl

Hunters: Some season dates continue into 2021
Small Game Hunting

1. Start With Hunter Education
   Hunter Education certification is required to buy or apply for any hunting license if you were born on or after 1/1/1949. CPW offers traditional, online, and Bowhunter Education courses. Colorado honors Hunter Education certifications from all other states, and some foreign countries. Colorado also offers an online test-out option for US military personnel and persons 50 years of age or older; which fulfills the Hunter Education requirement. Apprentice Certificates are also available. To learn more or register for a class please visit: cpw.state.co.us/HunterEd

2. Choose Your Species
   Decide which of the small-game species you would like to hunt. The hunting regulations for the small-game species (including birds) and waterfowl are published in a combined regulation brochure. This brochure and others are distributed for free, available online and also where licenses are sold.

3. Decide Where to Hunt
   Colorado is home to a variety of small-game habitat. From the grain fields of the Eastern Plains to the steep slopes of the Rockies and the river bottoms throughout, the small-game hunter can enjoy the challenges of diverse terrain and species during the season. Public-land hunting is plentiful and CPW provides additional walk-in access on registered private lands annually. Walk-in access properties are marked with signage on the properties. Several brochures outline small-game hunting access areas:
   - Small-Game Walk-In Atlas
   - Late Cropland Walk-In Atlas
   - State Recreation Lands (State Wildlife Areas, State Trust Lands and State Parks)

4. Select Your Method
   Small-game hunting is a great introduction for the beginner or novice hunter. A variety of firearms, as well as archery equipment, can all be legal methods of take in Colorado. Be sure to check the legal methods of take for your species in the regulations.

5. Pick Your Hunting Season
   Small game, upland birds and waterfowl all have various hunting seasons associated with each species. By planning a variety of species to hunt, the small-game hunter can hone their hunting skills while enjoying the entire fall and winter seasons. Dove season, which starts Sept. 1, is traditionally called the start of the small-game hunting season.
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NOTICE: Laws and regulations in this brochure are paraphrased for easier understanding and are intended only as a guide. Complete Colorado wildlife statutes and regulations are available at CPW offices listed below and online: cpw.state.co.us/regulations

CPW REGIONAL AND AREA OFFICE LOCATIONS

ADMINISTRATION
1313 Sherman St., #618
Denver, 80203
303-297-1192 (M–F, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. MT)

ONLY the offices below can assist hunters with animal checks and taking samples that are related to hunting activities. See the CPW website for a complete list of our parks locations that can also sell licenses, issue duplicate licenses and accept some licenses for refunds.

BRUSH
28167 County Rd. T
Brush, 80723
970-842-6500

COLORADO SPRINGS
4255 Sinton Rd.
Colorado Springs, 80907
719-227-5200

DENVER
6060 Broadway
Denver, 80216
303-297-7227

DURANGO
151 E. 16th St.
Durango, 81301
970-247-0859

GRAND JUNCTION
711 Independent Ave.
Grand Junction, 81505
970-255-6100

GUNNISON
300 W. New York Ave.
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970-641-7060

LAMAR
2500 S. Main St.
Lamar, 81052
719-336-6600

MEeker
73485 Hwy. 49
Meeker, 81641
970-725-6200

MONTE VISTA
719-870-2197

PUEBLO
600 Reserve Rd.
Pueblo, 81005
719-561-5300

SALIDA
7405 Hwy. 50
Salida, 81201
719-530-5520

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS
925 Weiss Dr.
Steamboat Springs, 80487
970-870-2197

2020 COLORADO SMALL GAME & WATERFOWL HUNTING
WHAT’S NEW: 2020

► VALID DATES FOR ANNUAL LICENSES & HABITAT STAMPS HAVE CHANGED: Annual hunting and fishing licenses (such as fishing, small game, furbearer, resident combo small game/fishing) and Habitat Stamps will be valid March 1–March 31 of the following year (13 months), instead of April 1–March 31.

► NEW FURBEARER HARVEST PERMIT COMING IN 2021: To hunt furbearers beginning with the March 1, 2021–March 31, 2022, annual license year, you will need to purchase either:
  • a furbearer license (to harvest furbearers ONLY), or;
  • a small-game license (including daily small-game licenses and resident small-game/fishing combo licenses) AND a $10 annual furbearer harvest permit. This will allow you to hunt all small-game and furbearer species. 

See page 9 for a list of furbearer species.

If you only want to hunt small game and aren’t interested in hunting furbearers, you’ll purchase a small-game license only. Go online to get more information on how the new furbearer harvest permit will work: cpw.state.co.us/smallgame

► RESERVATIONS FOR THE HUNTING RESERVATION SYSTEM NOW AVAILABLE STARTING AT 9 A.M.: This includes small-game, waterfowl and big-game hunting reservations. See cpw.state.co.us/huntingreservations

► NEW RESIDENT SENIOR LICENSE OPTIONS: Resident seniors (65+) can now purchase an annual small-game/fishing combo license for $29.75. Resident senior lifetime fishing license holders can now make their license an annual small-game/fishing combo for $21.65. See license fee table below.

► CHANGE TO CONTESTS: Contests involving black-tailed, white-tailed and Gunnison’s prairie dogs, Wyoming (Richardson’s) ground squirrel or furbearers, including coyote, are now prohibited. See page 5.

► CERTAIN GMUS CLOSED FOR THE REGULAR GREATER SAGE-GROUSE SEASON: GMUs 4 and 5 will be closed to greater sage-grouse hunting for the Sept. 12–18, 2020, season. See page 10.

► WATERFOWL YOUTH HUNTING SEASON EXPANDED TO INCLUDE VETERANS & ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY: See page 16, and go online for details: cpw.state.co.us

LICENSE INFORMATION

LICENSE FEES & HABITAT STAMPS

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Available in 2021. Check online for details: cpw.state.co.us/smallgame

Colorado Waterfowl Stamp | $10.13 | $10.13

Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp | $25 | $25

**NEW** Senior Small Game/Fishing Combo | $29.75 | n/a (Residents age 65 and older)

**NEW** Senior Annual Small Game for Lifetime Fishing License Holders | $21.65 | n/a (Resident senior lifetime disability and low-income fishing license holders only)

**NEW** First Responder Lifetime Small Game/Fishing Combo | free | n/a (Resident only, permanent occupational disability; see page 2)

**DISABLED** Veterans Lifetime Small Game/Fishing Combo | free | n/a (Resident only, 60% disabled or Purple Heart recipient, see page 2)

Band-tailed Pigeon Permit | $5 | $5

Prices include the 25-cent search-and-rescue fee and the $1.50 fee for the Wildlife Education Fund if applicable.

WHAT YOU NEED TO BUY A LICENSE

1. PROPER IDENTIFICATION and PROOF of residency (for Colorado residents).
2. PROOF of hunter education.
3. HABITAT STAMP: A 2020 ($10.13) or lifetime ($304.11) Habitat Stamp is required prior to buying a license for anyone ages 18–64.

NOTE: A Social Security number is required for hunters age 12 and older.

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Hunters must have an annual youth small-game, small-game (annual, 1-day or additional day) annual combo small-game/fishing license or furbearer license. Hunters must carry their license when hunting and show it when requested by law enforcement officers.

2. Annual fishing, small-game and furbearer licenses, as well as Colorado Waterfowl Stamps and Habitat Stamps, are valid March 1 through March 31 of the following year (13 months). Lifetime small-game and fishing combination licenses are valid as long as you are a Colorado resident.

3. In order to hunt small game in any seasons that continue beyond March 31, 2021, (see small-game dates, pages 9–11), you must purchase a 2021 small-game license.

4. TO HUNT AND TAKE SMALL GAME, you need a small-game license, a combination small-game/fishing or a lifetime small-game/fishing license. Small-game hunters must register with HIP before their first hunt. See details about the Harvest Information Program (HIP) on page 2.

5. TO HUNT EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVES, and other invasive species, you must have a hunter education card; however, a hunting license is not required. See page 7.

6. TO HUNT FURBEARERS, you must have a small-game or furbearer license.

7. TO HUNT COMMON SNAPPING TURTLES, you need a small-game or fishing license.

8. TO HUNT COYOTES, you need a small-game or furbearer license. (Also see number 6 above). During big-game seasons, if you have an unfilled big-game license for the same season and unit, you may hunt coyote without a small-game or furbearer license. You must use the same method of take for coyotes as your big-game license allows. Once the big-game license has been filled, hunters must purchase a small-game or furbearer license to continue hunting coyotes, and if using a rifle, it must be .23 caliber or smaller.

9. TO HUNT WATERFOWL, you need a small-game hunting license. If you are 16 or older, you must also have a $25 Colorado State Waterfowl Stamp to hunt waterfowl.

COLORADO WATERFOWL STAMP: The state stamp is printed on your hunting license and validated by signing your name in ink on the license. The gum-backed stamp is available online for $5 and is not valid for hunting:

10. TO HUNT SANDHILL CRANES, a separate federal permit number, available through HIP (see page 2), is required.

11. TO HUNT BAND-TAILED PIGEONS, a permit ($5) is required in addition to the small-game license. The permit is available online, by phone, at CPW offices and at sales agents.

12. If a license is restricted to a specific area, you can hunt only that area.

13. Licenses are not transferable.

14. False statements made in buying a license and altering a license are illegal and void the license.

15. Lost or destroyed licenses can be replaced by buying a new one or signing an affidavit and paying the half license fee, not to exceed $25. Forms are available at CPW offices, state parks, authorized sales agents and online.
HUNTER EDUCATION
HUNTER EDUCATION (SAFETY) REQUIREMENTS
1. Anyone born on or after January 1, 1949, must have a hunter education card to hunt in Colorado.
2. A hunter education card is needed to apply for/buy a license.
3. Your hunter education card must be carried while hunting, unless it is verified and your license is marked with a “V.” To get your hunter education card verified, take your hunter education card to a CPW office (listed on inside front cover) or state park.
4. CPW honors hunter education cards from other states, provinces and countries.

HUNTER EDUCATION EXEMPTIONS
1. Individuals over age 50 or active duty U.S. military and veterans can obtain a hunter education certificate by testing out of hunter education: cpw.state.co.us/HunterEdTestOut
2. A one-time apprentice certificate can be obtained for hunters who are at least 10 years old and who must be accompanied by a mentor in the field: cpw.state.co.us/apprenticertificate

HABITAT STAMPS
Habitat Stamps are REQUIRED for hunters and cost $10.13; only one is required per person, per year for anyone ages 18–64.
NEW Habitat Stamps are now valid March 1–March 31 of the following year (13 months).
A lifetime stamp is $304.11.
Anyone buying a one-day or additional-day license for fishing and/or small game is exempt from purchasing the Habitat Stamp with the first two of these licenses. The habitat fee will be assessed when a third one-day or additional-day license is purchased for fishing or small game.
Anyone who holds a free resident lifetime fishing license, a resident disabled veteran lifetime or resident first responder lifetime combo small-game/fishing license, or are approved for the Big Game Mobility Impaired Hunting Program is exempt from the Habitat Stamp requirement. See: cpw.state.co.us/accessibility

HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM (HIP)
Small-game, furbearer and migratory bird hunters, including falconers, must sign up with HIP each year before their license is valid. You can get a 2020–2021 HIP number beginning on April 1 but can get a HIP number anytime after April 1, as long as it’s before you hunt small game during the 2020–2021 season. Write the new HIP number on your license.
To sign up with HIP, call 1-866-265-6447 (1-866-COLO-HIP), or go to www.colohip.com. You will be asked for basic information, including how many birds and small game you harvested the previous season, and the species you plan to hunt this year. A season means Sept. 1 through March 15 of the next year. This information helps CPW manage migratory bird and resident small-game species by improving harvest estimates.

SPECIAL LICENSE INFORMATION
YEOW LICENSES & MENTOR HUNTING
People under age 18 must have a license to hunt small game. A youth small-game license is for hunters 17 and younger, and costs $1.26. If a youth plans on hunting with a youth small-game license, they must be accompanied by a mentor and must meet hunter education requirements. A mentor must be 18 or older and must meet hunter education requirements; mentors aren’t required to hunt. While hunting, youths and mentors must be able to see and hear each other without binoculars, radios, or other aids. Youths also have the option to purchase an adult small-game license, which allows them to hunt without a mentor, as long as they meet hunter education requirements.
At age 18, hunters must buy an adult license. Mentors are not permitted to hunt ducks, geese, mergansers or coots during the youth waterfowl hunt season. See page 16, “Waterfowl: Youth, Veteran & Active Military Hunt,” for season dates.

CPW offers several licenses for hunters and anglers with disabilities. Go to cpw.state.co.us/accessibility for more license information and how to apply. These licenses require advance legal paperwork submissions.

RESIDENT DISABLED VETERAN LIFETIME COMBO LICENSE
Military veterans who are disabled, residents of Colorado and have proof of a service-connected disability (with an overall combined rating of 60% or more by the Dept. of Veteran’s Affairs) can obtain a lifetime combo small-game/fishing license.

RESIDENT FIRST RESPONDER LIFETIME COMBO LICENSE
Colorado residents who are disabled first responders and have proof of a permanent occupational disability can obtain a lifetime combo small-game/fishing license.
The Walk-In Access (WIA) program provides opportunities to hunt small game, migratory game birds and furbearers on enrolled properties, only during established season dates. Properties are closed to hunting Gambel’s quail and greater sage-grouse.

The regular season walk-in properties are open Sept. 1 through the end of Feb. The late cropland season properties are open from the opening day of pheasant season (Nov. 14) through the end of Feb. Extended walk-in properties are open from the start of pheasant season through the end of March.

Properties are open to foot access only, from one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset. They are open two hours before sunrise until two hours after sunset for waterfowl, deer, elk or pronghorn hunting.

Hunters must have a small-game license and Habitat Stamp to hunt on WIA lands. Properties enrolled are posted with Walk-In Access signs and published in the WIA atlas. Access is prohibited as posted when the landowner is actively harvesting crops.

Two atlases for 2020–21 will be published. The early version, the **2020 SMALL GAME WALK-IN ATLAS**, is available in late Aug., and includes properties open Sept. 1. The **2020 LATE CROPLAND ATLAS** will be available in late Oct., and includes an updated property list.

**NOTE:** Some WIA properties in eastern Colorado will be open for both small-game and big-game hunting as part of the Big Game Access Program. See the **2020 SMALL GAME WALK-IN ATLAS** for more details.

**SMALL-GAME SURVEYS**

Colorado Parks and Wildlife conducts several small-game harvest surveys annually to estimate harvest, hunter numbers and recreation days, in addition to assessing satisfaction and crowding. Past surveys are available on the CPW website at [cpw.state.co.us/small-game-stats](http://cpw.state.co.us/small-game-stats), and updated reports are available after annual surveys conclude. Hunters are selected randomly to participate. Small-game surveys are by telephone or by email. If contacted, your participation is not required, but responding — even if you did not hunt or harvest an animal — helps CPW manage small game.

**DONATING WILDLIFE**

You can donate edible parts of wildlife to a like-license holder anywhere or to anyone at the recipient's home. A like-license is for the same species, sex, dates and manner of take as the donor's license. Bag and possession limits apply to donors and recipients and birds must be properly tagged. See “Tagging, Transporting Birds,” page 7.

**BOBCAT SEALS: MANDATORY**

All bobcats or their pelts must be personally presented by the hunter for inspection and sealing by CPW within 30 days after take, or within five days after the season closes, whichever is sooner. Any bobcat hide/pelt without a seal within five days after the season closes is illegal and becomes the property of the state. Seals will be placed only on bobcats taken legally in Colorado.

Inspection and sealing is free, and seals must stay attached to hide until processed. Bobcat hides/pelts cannot be transported, shipped or otherwise taken from Colorado until inspected and sealed. It is illegal to buy, sell, trade or barter an unattended bobcat hide/pelt without a seal. One seal per hide/pelt. Contact a nearby CPW office for details (offices listed on inside front cover).

**WILDLIFE CAUSING DAMAGE**

Colorado law allows landowners to protect private property from most wildlife damage. For information, call CPW at 303-297-1192. Also see [cpw.state.co.us/regulations](http://cpw.state.co.us/regulations), Chapter W-17: Game Damage, for updated trapping regulations and details on small-game damage.

**CALL BEFORE DIGGING: 1-800-922-1987**

Colorado law requires waterfowl hunters to call the Utility Notification Center of Colorado before digging hunting pits. By doing so, hunters can avoid accidentally hitting electric, gas, water and other utility lines.

**SAFE HANDLING OF GAME MEAT**

Concern has grown about diseases affecting wild animals that could potentially make humans sick. Most of the time, properly handled and prepared game meat poses no greater risk than domestic meat of causing disease in humans. Hunters are encouraged to contact their local public health department or CPW office for information on wildlife diseases that may be present where they plan to hunt.

Public health officials recommend the following precautions when handling and preparing game meat:
1. Do not handle animals that are obviously sick or found dead. Report sick or dead animals you find to a CPW office.
2. Keep game cool, clean and dry.
3. Do not eat, drink or smoke while dressing game.
4. Use disposable gloves when cleaning game.
5. Wash your hands with soap and water, or use alcohol wipes after dressing game.
6. Clean all tools and surfaces immediately afterward. Use hot, soapy water, then disinfect with a 10 percent chlorine bleach solution.
7. Cook game meat to an internal temperature of at least 165 degrees F to kill disease organisms and parasites. Juices from adequately cooked game meat should be clear.
8. Do not eat any raw portions of wild game.
9. Do not feed raw wild game to domestic pets.

**ATTENTION HUNTERS!**

Our effort to reintroduce lynx to the state has been a great success. Lynx can now be found throughout southwest Colorado and into other parts of the state. Lynx sightings should be reported to a CPW office as we continue to monitor populations and movement. Bobcat hunters should use caution and carefully identify their target. **It is illegal to harvest lynx.** Lynx differ from bobcats in several ways:

- **THE TIP OF A LYNX TAIL** is black all around. On a bobcat, the underside of the tip of its tail is white.
- **THE BELLY FUR** on a lynx is tawny colored. On a bobcat, it is white.
- **LYNX TRACKS** are 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 inches wide. Bobcat tracks are smaller than 2 1/2 inches wide.

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**REPORT POACHERS**

**OPERATION GAME THIEF: 1-877-265-6648**

**EMAIL: GAME.THEIF@STATE.CO.US**

Earn a reward payment for reporting wildlife violations by calling [1-877-265-6648](http://1-877-265-6648). Operation Game Thief. Callers can remain anonymous. (This number is not for information requests or emergencies.)
LEGAL HUNTING HOURS

Legal times to hunt small game and/or waterfowl are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

An exception is made for furbearers, which can be hunted from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Raccoons, coyotes, bobcats, striped skunks, beavers and red, gray or swift foxes can be hunted at night. See Furbearers under Small-Game Hunting Laws on page 5 for details.

In light goose conservation season, hunting is allowed one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

(Rules 4-1.04 and 4-1.06)

(These changes assume that each degree of longitude equals 50 miles and a change in the center line of any public road. On a divided road, the prohibition includes the median, and the 50-foot requirement is measured from the center line of both roads.)

1. Colorado Parks and Wildlife can post firing lines at its properties.
2. It is illegal to kill, capture, injure or harass wildlife from a motor vehicle or an aircraft. It is also illegal to operate aircraft with intent to injure, harass, drive or rally wildlife. It is illegal to discharge a firearm or release an arrow from a motor vehicle or an aircraft.
3. It is illegal to discharge a firearm or release an arrow from, on or across a public road. Hunting with rifles, handguns, shotguns firing a single slug and archery equipment is prohibited within 50 feet on each side of the center line of any public road. On a divided road, the prohibition includes the median, and the 50-foot requirement is measured from the center line of both roads.
4. It is illegal to carry or have a firearm, except a pistol or revolver, in or on a motor vehicle unless the chamber is unloaded. While using artificial light from a vehicle, it is illegal to have a firearm with cartridges in the chamber or magazine.
5. You must take edible parts of game meat home to eat or provide it for human consumption. Do not leave wounded wildlife (or wildlife that might be wounded) without attempting to track and kill it.
6. Possession of wildlife is evidence you hunted.
7. Small-game and migratory bird hunters are not required to wear solid, fluorescent orange or pink clothes. However, CPW encourages you to wear fluorescent orange or pink clothes for safety.
8. You must stop at CPW check stations when told to do so.
9. Violations of Colorado wildlife laws carry point values. You can face suspension of license privileges for up to five years or more if you accumulate 20 or more points in five years.
10. During deer, elk, pronghorn and bear seasons, firearms (except handguns) must be unloaded in the chamber and magazine when carried on an off-highway vehicle (OHV). Firearms (except handguns) and bows carried on an OHV must be fully enclosed in a hard or soft case. Scabbards or cases with open ends or sides are prohibited. This regulation does not apply to landowners or their agents carrying a firearm on an OHV for the purpose of taking depredating wildlife on property owned or leased by them.
11. CALABER RESTRICTION: It is illegal to hunt game small-birds, small-game animals or furbearers with a centrefire rifle larger than .203 caliber in regular rifle deer and elk seasons west of I-25, unless you have an unfilled deer or elk license for the season you are hunting. A small-game license is required.

RESTRICTIONS

CHILD SUPPORT DELINQUENCY
State law requires a Social Security number to buy a license. It is not displayed on the license but is provided, if requested, to Child Support Enforcement authorities. Hunting and fishing licenses are not issued to those suspended for noncompliance with child support. Any current licenses become invalid if held by an individual who is noncompliant with child support.

WEAPONS RESTRICTIONS
Colorado and federal laws prohibit people convicted of certain crimes, such as domestic violence, from possessing weapons even for hunting. If you've been convicted of a crime, check with the appropriate law enforcement authority to find out how the laws apply to you.

AIDS IN HUNTING SMALL GAME & WATERFOWL

1. Dogs are allowed to hunt small game, waterfowl and furbearers, but only to pursue, bring to bay, retrieve, flush or point. It is illegal to use dogs to hunt cottontail rabbits, snowshoe hares and tree squirrels on land where any regular deer, elk, pronghorn or moose season is in progress.
2. Artificial decoys are permitted.
3. European ferrets are permitted for hawking. Ferrets must be neutered, tattooed on left inguinal area and dyed along one-fourth of their body for easy field identification.
4. Mechanical devices designed to call wildlife are allowed. Recorded or electronically amplified calls can be used to hunt furbearers and crows only.
5. You can hunt migratory game birds over standing crops or feed used in the course of agricultural planting, harvesting or other normal agricultural practices; bating is not allowed.
6. It is illegal to use drones to look for, scout or detect wildlife as an aid in hunting.

GENERAL HUNTING LAWS
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LEGAL SMALL-GAME HUNTING METHODS

**FOR SMALL-GAME MAMMALS**

1. Rifles or handguns.
2. Shotguns no larger than 10 gauge. Shotguns cannot be capable of holding more than 3 shells in magazine and chamber combined.
3. Hand-held bows and crossbows.
4. Air guns and slingshots.
5. Hawking.

6. All live traps (only cage or box traps) placed on public land must be labeled clearly with the trapper’s Custom identification number (CIN). It is a violation to sell a trap that cannot be easily seen without needing to move the trap to see the label. Trappers who don’t have a CIN must legibly label the traps with the trapper’s name. Live traps that aren’t labeled properly may be confiscated by any wildlife officer. This law also applies to furbearers (below).

7. **FOR SMALL-GAME BIRDS** (EXCEPT MIGRATORY BIRDS; SEE PAGE 6–7)

   a. Rifles or handguns allowed for dusky grouse and ptarmigan.
   b. Shotguns allowed for dusky grouse and ptarmigan.
   c. Under special conditions, permitted by CPW.
   d. Hunting with a trained raptor.

   e. Rifles or handgun .177 caliber or larger firing pellets, slugs or roundball ammunition powered by high-pressure air or compressed inert gas. Includes: pellet guns and pneumatic weapons.

   **CANADA LYNX RECOVERY AREA:** in the San Juan and Rio Grande national forests, and associated land above 9,000 feet, W from a N-S line through Del Norte, E from a N-S line through Dolores; from New Mexico N to Gunnison basin, including Taylor Park E to Collegate Range. The recovery area includes GMUs 55, 65–68, 70, 71, 74–81, 541, 681, 711 and 751.

   **CROSSBOW:** bow fired from the shoulder, attached perpendicularly to its stock. Has mechanical device to hold string cocked.

   **DAILY BAG LIMIT:** maximum number of wildlife you can take in a day, including any eaten or donated during the day they’re taken.

   **FALCONRY (OR HAWKING):** hunting with a trained raptor.

   **FURBEARERS:** mink; pine marten; badger; red, gray, swift fox; striped, western-spotted skunk; beaver; muskrat; long-tailed, short-tailed weasel; coyote; bobcat; opossum; ring-tailed cat; raccoon.

   **HAND-HELD BOW:** long bow or compound bow with a manually held or drawn string.

   **HANDGUN:** pistol, revolver, without shoulder stock or attachment.

   **LIVE TRAP (CAGE OR BOX):** mechanical device designed so an animal enters the trap through a door that closes, preventing exiting.

   **PRE-CHARGED PNEUMATIC AIR GUN:** air gun that is charged from an external high-compression source, such as an air compressor, air tank or external hand pump.

   **PEL: skin of a fur bearer with hair intact.**

   **POSESSION LIMIT:** maximum number of wildlife you can have at any time, including in the field, in transport, at home or in storage.

   **RIFLE:** firearm fired from the shoulder with a rifled bore, at least a 16-inch or longer barrel and at least 26 inches in overall length.

   **SHOTGUN:** firearm fired from the shoulder with a smooth bore, at least an 18-inch barrel and at least 26 inches in overall length.

   **SLINGSHOT:** hand-held device manually drawn or held with elastic band attached to arms, or attachment points for propelling stones or metal projectiles. Wrist-brace attachments and non-elastic projectile pouches are normal parts of a slingshot.

   **SMALL-GAME BIRDS:** dusky, mountain sharp-tailed grouse; greater sage-grouse; white-tailed ptarmigan; pheasant; northern bobwhite, scaled, Gambel’s quail; chukar partridge; greater prairie-chicken.

   **SMALL-GAME MAMMALS:** cottontail rabbit; snowshoe hare; white-tailed, black-tailed jackrabbit; marmot; fox, pine, Abert’s squirrel; black-tailed, white-tailed, Gunnison’s prairie dog; Wyoming (Richardson’s) ground squirrel

   **OTHER SMALL GAME:** prairie rattlesnake, common snapping turtle.

   **TRAPPING:** taking or attempting to take wildlife with a trap.

ILLEGAL SMALL-GAME HUNTING METHODS

1. The use of poisons, traps, snares, pitfalls, looking devices, substances that hamper or incapacitate an animal.
2. The use of beating, driving, or flushing game.
3. The use of artificial vocalizations or calling devices.
4. The use of artificial light as an aid in hunting wildlife, except as in “Legal Small-Game Hunting Methods” (above) is not allowed.
5. The use of mechanical devices that transmit data wirelessly, such as cameras that record photographic/video data and store such data for later use, as long as the device cannot transmit data wirelessly.
6. The use of visual lures, fresh meat baits, fish oil and unseared oil lures to attract fields in lynx recovery areas or where lynx are found is not allowed.
7. Except when legally placed on private property by permit, it is illegal to set traps within 50 feet of either side of the travelled part of state or federal highways or county roads.
8. It is illegal to destroy or damage beaver or muskrat houses, dens or dams, except to maintain water flow or prevent property damage.
9. **NEW** Experiments involving birds (including coyote), black-tailed, white-tailed and Gunnison’s prairie dogs, or Wyoming (Richardson’s) ground squirrel species are prohibited. A contest is any competitive event where money or other valuable prizes are awarded for the taking of these species. Certificates or similar tokens of recognition without significant monetary value are not considered valuable prizes. This does not apply to wildlife parks and held trials licensed by CPW.

HUNTING TERMS & DEFINITIONS: SMALL GAME

**AIR GUN:** any rifle or handgun .177 caliber or larger firing pellets, slugs or roundball ammunition powered by high-pressure air or compressed inert gas. Includes: pellet guns and pneumatic weapons.
3. It is illegal to use any artificial light as an aid in hunting or taking wildlife. Recorded or electronically amplified calls are legal to hunt common crows.
4. You don't need a permit to have and transport plumage or skins of legally taken migratory birds for your use.
5. You don't need a permit to have, dispose and transport feathers from wild ducks and wild geese legally killed, or from birds seized and condemned by wildlife authorities. It is legal to use feathers to make fishing flies, bed pillows, mattresses and similar commercial items, except for millinery or ornamental use.
6. Hunting is allowed from vessels (except sink boxes) with motors or sails if motor is off, and/or sails furled and forward movement has stopped. Hunting is allowed from drifting vessels and those propelled by hand. Motorized vessels are only allowed to pick up dead or injured birds, or to put out and retrieve decoys.
7. Shotguns cannot be larger than 10 gauge. They cannot be capable of holding more than three shells in magazine and chamber combined. They must be fired from the shoulder. To reduce capacity of shotguns that hold more than three shells in chamber and magazine combined, the magazine must be cut off, altered or plugged with a one-piece filler that cannot be removed unless the gun is disassembled. Slugs are illegal to hunt waterfowl.
8. You cannot kill, have, transport, import or export migratory birds, their parts, nests or eggs that were taken, bought, sold, transported, possessed or exported illegally.
9. It is illegal to have or transport live migratory birds or waterfowl, including wounded birds. You must kill migratory birds immediately after you injure them, and they become part of your bag limit.
10. Sandhill crane hunters: Whooping cranes are federally endangered and illegal to hunt. They may be in Colorado during sandhill crane season.

**Illegal Migratory Bird Hunting Methods**

1. Baiting is illegal (see description of baiting above, number 5). For information on federal baiting laws, go to www.fws.gov/le/waterfowl-hunting-and-baiting.html.
2. It is illegal to use an artificial light as an aid in hunting or taking wildlife.
3. Traps, snares, nets, rifles, pistols, swivel guns, punt guns, battery guns, machine guns and fish hooks, poisons, toxicants, explosives or stupefying substances are illegal.
4. It is illegal to use live, tame or captive ducks and geese as decoys. All tame, captive ducks and geese must be removed 10 days before hunting. They must be in an enclosure that substantially reduces the sound of their calls, and conceals them from the sight of waterfowl.
5. It is illegal to leave decoys or things used as decoys in the field or on water overnight on state wildlife areas.
6. You cannot hunt migratory birds on a federal reservation, federal land set aside as a wildlife reservation, breeding ground or refuge or federal land closed by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, except as permitted.
7. It is illegal to hunt migratory birds from, on or across a highway, road, trail, public or private right-of-way in national wildlife refuges. Stricter regulations may apply on wildlife refuges. Contact: Alamosa and Monte Vista NWR, 719-589-4021; Browns Park NWR, 970-365-3613; Arapaho NWR, 970-723-8202.
8. In the areas bounded on N by Wyoming; E and S by I-76, Hwy. 71, U.S. 36 and I-70; and W by the Continental Divide and Larimer- Jackson county line; and in Bent, Crowley, Kiowa, Mesa, Otero and Prowers counties:
   a. It is illegal to hunt waterfowl within 50 yards on either side of center line of a public road.
   b. It is illegal to hunt waterfowl within 150 yards of a dwelling, including directly above it, without first obtaining permission from owner, occupant or person in charge of the dwelling.
9. In the areas bounded on Otero and Prowers counties:
   a. It is illegal to have or transport live migratory birds or waterfowl, including wounded birds. You must kill migratory birds immediately after you injure them, and they become part of your bag limit.
   b. It is illegal to buy, sell, barter or offer to buy or sell feathers or mounted specimens of migratory birds.
10. Sandhill crane hunters: Whooping cranes are federally endangered and illegal to hunt. They may be in Colorado during sandhill crane season.
11. The most restrictive state or federal laws apply. See cpw.state.co.us/waterfowlhunting or www.fws.gov/hunting/whatabes.html for a detailed summary of federal regulations on migratory bird hunting. More regulations also apply to National Wildlife Refuges opened to hunting; go to www.fws.gov/refuges for details.
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**HUNTING LAWS**

**TAGGING, TRANSPORTING BIRDS**

1. A carcass tag must be attached to wildlife requiring one.
2. Licensees must accompany wildlife not requiring a carcass tag (except as in No. 4).
3. One fully feathered wing or head must be attached to birds in transit until they arrive at hunter’s home or commercial processing facility.
4. To ship migratory birds, packages must be marked outside with name and address of sender, name and address of receiver and number of birds, by species. Licenses, a photocopy of the license or carcass tag must accompany wildlife shipped by common carrier.
5. It is illegal to leave migratory birds anywhere other than at your home or with someone else for picking, cleaning, processing, permanent or temporary storage or taxidermy, unless the birds or package of birds have a tag attached. You must sign tags and include your address, total number and species of birds, date of kill and your hunting license number.
6. It is illegal to receive or have someone else’s migratory birds unless they are tagged as required.
7. Migratory bird preservation facilities:
   a. If you have someone else’s migratory birds for picking, cleaning, freezing, processing, storing or shipping, you must have records showing the number of each species, date you received them, date birds were disposed of, and name and address of who received the birds.
   b. You must keep records 1 year after the last entry.

**BIRD SPECIES IDENTIFICATION**

A fully feathered wing or head must be attached to all birds, except turkeys, doves and band-tailed pigeons, in transit to hunter’s home or commercial processor. For pheasants, a foot with visible spur can be substituted.

**HUNTING INVASIVE BIRDS**

**EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVES, EUROPEAN STARLINGS AND HOUSE (ENGLISH) SPARROWS** are considered invasive species in Colorado. Because of this designation, these species may be hunted year-round. No license or Habitat Stamp is required to hunt invasive species; however hunters must have and carry with them a hunter education card.

Hunters may harvest any number of each of these species and by any method of take approved for big- or small-game hunting. These species may be taken at night with the use of artificial light and night vision equipment.

Commercial hunting of invasive species is prohibited, as is receiving or attempting to receive compensation by hunting these species. Eurasian collared-doves must remain fully feathered while in the field or during transport, except when counted as part of the mourning or white-winged dove bag and possession limit during the dove season that runs from Sept. 1 – Nov. 29. See page 10 for season dates and bag limits.

**WATCH FOR BANDED BIRDS**

Wildlife managers need help gathering information about the migratory bird populations. If you kill or find a banded bird, please report it to the USGS Bird Banding Lab: www.reportband.gov

**HUNTING TERMS & DEFINITIONS: MIGRATORY BIRDS**

**AGGREGATE:** Total number of animals allowed to be taken in one day, by one person, regardless of species.

**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** Maximum number of wildlife you can take in a day, including any eaten or donated during the day they’re taken.

**CENTRAL FLYWAY:** East of the Continental Divide.

**GEOSE:** All species of geese and brant. Light geese means lesser snow geese (including blue), greater snow geese and Ross’ geese. Dark geese means Canada geese, white-fronted geese, brant, cackling geese and all other species of geese except light geese.

**MANIPULATION:** Alteration of natural vegetation or agricultural crops by activities that include, but are not limited to, mowing, shredding, discing, rolling, chopping, trampling, flattening, burning or herbicide treatments. Manipulation does not include distributing or scattering grain, seed or other feed after removal from, or storage on, the field where grown.

**MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS:** Migratory birds included in conventions between U.S. and foreign countries to protect birds for which seasons are established. They are: waterfowl (ducks, including mergansers, and geese, including brant), mourning and white-winged doves, sandhill cranes, American coots, sora, Virginia rail, Wilson’s snipe, band-tailed pigeons, crows.

**NATURAL VEGETATION:** Non-agricultural, native or natural plants growing from planting, or existing seeds and other propagules. This does not include planted millet. However, millet growing on its own after planting year is considered natural vegetation.

**NONTOXIC SHOT:** Any shot type approved to take migratory game birds according to 50 CFR 20.21 (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service). See page 8 for table and details.

**NORMAL AGRICULTURAL OPERATION:** Planting, harvesting, post-harvest manipulation or agricultural practice conducted according to 50 CFR 20.11 (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service).

**NORMAL AGRICULTURAL PLANTING, HARVESTING OR POST-HARVEST MANIPULATION:** Planting or harvesting to produce and gather crops, or manipulation after harvest and removal of grain, conducted according to 50 CFR 20.11 (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service).

**NORMAL SOIL STABILIZATION PRACTICE:** Planting for agricultural soil erosion control or post-mining reclamation conducted according to 50 CFR 20.11 (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service).

**PACIFIC FLYWAY:** West of the Continental Divide.

**POSSSESSION LIMIT:** Maximum number of wildlife you can have at any time, including in the field, in transport, at home or in storage.

**SINKBOX:** Raft or low-floating device with a depression concealing a person below the surface of the water.
1. Apprentices may hunt with only one raptor at a time.
2. A resident falconry license is required.
3. Nonresident falconers must buy either:
   a. A nonresident annual falconry license from CPW’s Special Licensing section, or;
   b. A nonresident small-game license and have proof that they possess a current and valid falconry license in their home state.
4. Hunter education certificate is not necessary with a resident 3-year falconry license or a nonresident annual falconry license. State and federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamps are required for hunting migratory waterfowl.
5. Falconers must comply with HIP (see page 2).

6. Firearms are prohibited while hawking.
7. Hawking is prohibited from a public road.
8. Hawking on private property is illegal without permission from the owner or person in charge.
9. A Raptor Importation License is required to import any raptor into Colorado. An application for raptor importation must be submitted a minimum of 7 days of proposed importation date. A current health certificate issued within 30 days of the proposed entry from the state of origin is required. Raptor import application/license are fee exempt and may be submitted on the CPW website at cpw.state.co.us (under “Buy & Apply”).

### Nontoxic Shot Regulations

1. It is illegal to use or have toxic (lead) shot, either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading, while taking or attempting to take ducks, geese or coots in Colorado. This includes national wildlife refuges open to hunting. Toxic shot, either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading, cannot be in a hunter’s gun, on his/her person or near a hunter taking or attempting to take waterfowl. Store lead shot in your vehicle. You can store lead shot elsewhere if it’s not readily accessible while hunting waterfowl.
2. Nontoxic shot is required in commercial wildlife parks, field trials and dog-training while hunting captive-reared mallards.
3. It is illegal to have or use nontoxic shot larger than size T to hunt ducks, geese or coots.

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<sup>1</sup>These findings are derived from testing 2½” 28 gauge, 3” 20 ga.; 2½”, 3” 20 ga. 12 ga., & 2½” 10 ga. steel loads; plus 2½” 28 ga.; 2½” & 3” 20 ga. and 2½” & 12 ga. HEVI-Shot loads.

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GET THE LEAD OUT

From the field to the table, ensuring your next harvest is safe for your family is important. Switching from lead bullets may be an option that’s right for you. Science tells us ingesting lead can cause potential health problems over time. Risks are low for most people; however, you can also:

1. Use lead-free shot or bullets.
2. Choose a firearm with lower-velocity bullets, so bullet fragments don’t scatter as far into the wound. Liberally trim and discard meat damaged by the bullet when you process an animal.
3. Clean your meat grinder between each animal. Lead is soft and can go through your grinder, contaminating an entire batch of ground meat. If you don’t grind the meat yourself, speak with your commercial processor about their equipment cleaning process between animals.
4. Avoid eating game meat from animals harvested with lead bullets if you are pregnant. Children younger than 6 should also avoid it.

SEE THE CDPHE PUBLIC HEALTH STATEMENT: WWW.COLORADO.GOV/PACIFIC/CDPHE/LEAD-IN-WILD-GAME
SMALL-GAME ANIMALS

SEASON DATES & BAG LIMITS

▶ ABERT’S SQUIRREL
SEASON: Nov. 15–Jan. 15, 2021
DAILY BAG LIMIT: 2
POSSESSION LIMIT: 4

▶ COMMON SNAPPING TURTLE
SEASONS: April 1–Oct. 31, annually
BAG LIMIT: Unlimited
POSSESSION LIMIT: Unlimited

▶ COTTONTAIL RABBIT
SEASON: Oct. 1–end of Feb. 2021
DAILY BAG LIMIT: 10 of each species
POSSESSION LIMIT: 20 of each species

▶ MARMOT
SEASON: Aug. 10–Oct. 15, annually
DAILY BAG LIMIT: 2
POSSESSION LIMIT: 4

▶ PRAIRIE DOG: WHITE-TAILED, BLACK-TAILED
PUBLIC LAND SEASON: June 15–end of Feb. 2021
PRIVATE LAND SEASON: Year-round
BAG & POSSESSION LIMIT: Unlimited

▶ PRarie Rattlesnake
SEASON: June 15–Aug. 15, annually
DAILY BAG LIMIT: 3
POSSESSION LIMIT: 6

▶ Squirrel: Fox, Pine
SEASON: Oct. 1–end of Feb. 2021
DAILY BAG LIMIT: 5 of each species
POSSESSION LIMIT: 10 of each species

▶ WYOMING (RICHARDSON’S) GROUND SQUIRREL
SEASON: Year-round
DAILY BAG LIMIT: Unlimited
POSSESSION LIMIT: Unlimited

▶ COYOTE
SEASON: Year-round
BAG LIMIT: Unlimited
POSSESSION LIMIT: Unlimited

NOTE: While coyote are considered furbearers, you DO NOT need a furbearer license to hunt this species. You may hunt coyote with a furbearer license or a small-game license or a small-game license with the new furbearer harvest permit (available in 2021).

FURBEARERS:

▶ Badger
▶ Fox: Red, Gray, Swif
▶ Mink
▶ Muskrat
▶ Opossum
▶ Pine Marten
▶ Raccoon
▶ Ring-tailed Cat
▶ Skunk: Striped, Western Spotted
▶ Weasel: Long-tailed, Short-tailed

SEASON: Nov. 1–end of Feb. 2021
DAILY BAG LIMIT: Unlimited
POSSESSION LIMIT: Unlimited

SEASON: Oct. 1–April 30, 2021
BAG LIMIT: Unlimited
POSSESSION LIMIT: Unlimited

SEASON: Dec. 1–end of Feb. 2021
BAG LIMIT: Unlimited
POSSESSION LIMIT: Unlimited


BOBCAT HARVEST
SEASON: Dec. 1–end of Feb. 2021
BAG LIMIT: Unlimited
POSSESSION LIMIT: Unlimited

Small-Game Season Opportunities

Check the exact season dates, more hunting opportunities, bag and possession limits and hunting area restrictions/boundaries in the regulations in this brochure and online:
cpw.state.co.us/regulations

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| Small-Game Birds & Migratory Small-Game Birds |
| Band-tailed pigeon |
| Chukar Partridge |
| Mourning, White-Winged Dove |
| Greater Prairie-Chicken |
| Dusky (Blue) Grouse |
| Greater Sage-Grouse: Season 1 |
| Greater Sage-Grouse: Season 2 |
| Mountain Sharp-Tailed Grouse |
| Pheasant: E of I-25 |
| Pheasant: W of I-25 |
| Quail: W of I-25 |
| Quail: E of I-25 & N of I-70 |
| Quail: E of I-25 & S of I-70 |
| Ptarmigan: Season 1 |
| Ptarmigan: Season 2 |

FURBEARER HARVEST LOG

Fill out the below Furbearer Harvest Log and use the information when you fill our your HIP survey the following year. The surveys help us keep track of the furbearer species taken each year, so we can better manage their populations.
SMALL-GAME BIRDS & MIGRATORY SMALL-GAME BIRDS

SEASON DATES & BAG LIMITS

▶ BAND-T AiLED PIGE ON
SEASON: Sept. 1–14
AREA: Statewide
DAILY BAG LIMIT: 2
POSSESSION LIMIT: 6
NOTE: A band-tailed pigeon permit ($5) is required in addition to the small-game license. See page 1.

▶ CHUKAR PARTRIDGE
SEASON: Sept. 1–Nov. 30
AREA: Statewide
DAILY BAG LIMIT: 4
POSSESSION LIMIT: 12

▶ CROW
SEASON: Nov. 1–end of Feb. 2021
AREA: Statewide
DAILY BAG LIMIT: Unlimited
POSSESSION LIMIT: Unlimited
NOTE: Recorded or electronically amplified calls may be used during this season.

▶ DOVE: MOURNING, WHITE-WINGED
SEASON: Sept. 1–Nov. 29
AREA: Statewide
DAILY BAG LIMIT: 15 singly or in aggregate
POSSESSION LIMIT: 45 singly or in aggregate
NOTE: See “Bird Species Identification” on page 7 for transit requirements. See “Eurasian Collared” note on this page for influence on bag limits.

▶ DOVE: EURASIAN COLLARED
SEASON: Year-round
AREA: Statewide
DAILY BAG LIMIT: Unlimited
POSSESSION LIMIT: Unlimited
NOTE: Eurasians must be fully feathered while in the field and during transport, unless counted as part of the mourning and/or white winged dove bag limits. See page 7.
NOTE: A license is not required, as these are considered an invasive species. See page 7, “Hunting Invasive Birds.”

▶ EUROPEAN STARLING, HOUSE (ENGLISH) SPARROW
SEASON: Year-round
AREA: Statewide
DAILY BAG LIMIT: Unlimited
POSSESSION LIMIT: Unlimited
NOTE: A license is not required, as these are considered an invasive species. See page 7, “Hunting Invasive Birds.”

▶ GREATER PRAIRIE-CHICKEN
AREA: Only GMUs 93, 97, 98, 100, 101 and 102.
ANNUAL BAG LIMIT: 2 per year
POSSESSION LIMIT: 2 per year

▶ GROUSE: DUSKY (BLUE)
SEASON: Sept. 1–Nov. 22
AREA: West of I-25
DAILY BAG LIMIT: 3
POSSESSION LIMIT: 9

▶ GROUSE: GREATER SAGE
SEASON 1: Sept. 12–18
AREA: GMUs 2, 3, 10, 11, 13, 18 except east of Colo. 125 in Grand Co., 27, 28 except north and east of Grand CR 50 (Church Park Rd.) and U.S. 40, 37, 181, 201, 211, 301 and 441.
NEW NOTE: Note that GMUs 4 and 5 are NOT open for greater sage-grouse hunting.
DAILY BAG LIMIT: 2
POSSESSION LIMIT: 4
SEASON 2: Sept. 12–13
AREA: Only GMUs 6, 16, 17, 161 and 171 (North Park).
DAILY BAG LIMIT: 2
POSSESSION LIMIT: 2
NOTE: See map, bottom of page 11.

▶ GROUSE: MOUNTAIN SHARP-TAILED
SEASON: Sept. 1–20
AREA: Only GMUs 4, 5, 12, 13, 14, 131, 211, 214 and 441.
DAILY BAG LIMIT: 2
POSSESSION LIMIT: 4

COLORADO DOVE IDENTIFICATION

▶ MOURNING DOVE
- 12 inches long from tip of beak to end of tail
- Grayish-brown color
- Long, pointed tail
- Rapid wing beat, erratic flight path
- Soft call — “cooAHoo” — followed by several coos

▶ WHITE-WINGED DOVE
- Slightly larger than mourning dove
- Gray-brown color
- Long, moderately rounded tail
- White bar on upper wing surface
- Soft call — “hoohoo-hoohoo” — with the last note descending

▶ EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE
- 15 inches from tip of beak to end of tail
- Larger, heavier than mourning dove
- Dark grayish-brown
- Long, squared tail
- Thin black band on neck with white upper border
- Gray belly and undertail coverts with black on tail
- Rapid, three-part cooing — “coo-coo-coo” — middle coo is longest

There are three types of doves in Colorado.

Knowing how to identify each is important to avoid violating the law while hunting.
White-winged doves are not common in Colorado, and live mostly along the Front Range. The white-winged dove is pioneering new habitats north of its historic range in the southwest U.S. Eurasian collared-doves are sporadic throughout the state. It is an exotic introduced into the United States, and is considered an invasive species.

DOVE BANDING
Mourning doves are banded in Colorado and other states as part of a program to monitor their status.
Hunters should report banded mourning doves to the USGS Bird Banding Lab:
www.reportband.gov
### PHEASANT

**SEASON 1:** Nov. 14–Jan. 31, 2021  
**AREA:** East of I-25  
**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 3 cocks  
**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 9 cocks

**SEASON 2:** Nov. 14–Jan. 3, 2021  
**AREA:** West of I-25  
**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 3 cocks  
**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 9 cocks

### QUAIL: NORTHERN BOBWHITE, SCALED, GAMBEL’S

**SEASON 1:** Nov. 14–Jan. 31, 2021  
**AREA:** East of I-25 and south of I-70 from I-25 to Byers and Hwy. 36 from Byers to Kansas, and the parts of the following counties that are west of I-25: Pueblo, Fremont, Huerfano, El Paso and Las Animas counties.  
**SEASON 2:** Nov. 14–Jan. 3, 2021  
**AREA:** East of I-25 and north of I-70 from I-25 east to Byers and Hwy. 36 from Byers to Kansas.  
**SEASON 3:** Nov. 14–Jan. 3, 2021  
**AREA:** West of I-25 except those areas west of I-25 in Pueblo, Fremont, Huerfano, El Paso and Las Animas counties.  
**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 8 of each species  
**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 24 of each species

### RAIL: SORA, VIRGINIA

**SEASON:** Sept. 1–Nov. 9  
**AREA:** Statewide  
**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 25 singly or in aggregate  
**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 75 singly or in aggregate

### SANDHILL CRANE

**SEASON:** Oct. 3–Nov. 29  
**AREA:** East of the Continental Divide except North Park (Jackson Co.) and San Luis Valley.  
**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 3  
**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 9  
**NOTE:** Permit required through HIP. See pages 1 and 2 for more information.

### WHITE-TAILED PTARMIGNAN

**SEASON 1:** Sept. 12–Oct. 4  
**AREA:** Statewide, except GMUs 44, 45, 53, 54, 66, 67, 68, 70, 71, 74−81, 444 and 751.  
**SEASON 2:** Sept. 12–Nov. 22  
**AREA:** Only GMUs 44, 45, 53, 54, 66, 67, 68, 70, 71, 74–81, 444 and 751.  
**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 3  
**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 6

### WILSON’S SNIPE

**SEASON:** Sept. 1–Dec. 16  
**AREA:** Statewide  
**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 8  
**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 24

### GREATER SAGE-GROUSE HUNTING

The areas of the state open to greater sage-grouse hunting were recently modified based on grouse populations. Units open to greater sage-grouse hunting include GMUs 2, 3, 10, 11, 13, part of 18, 27, part of 28, 37, 181, 201, 211, 301 and 441.  
**NEW** Note that GMUs 4 and 5 are NOT open for greater sage-grouse hunting.  
Also, the North Park season is open in units 6, 16, 17, 161 and 171.

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The ranges of popular Colorado birds to hunt are shaded in yellow below. The red lines through the state indicate I-70 east and west, I-25 north and south, and I-76 northeast from Denver.
### CENTRAL FLYWAY

**NORTHEAST ZONE**

**Area:** East of I-25 and north of I-70.

**Dates:** Oct. 10–Nov. 30; Dec. 19–Jan. 31, 2021

**Daily Bag Limit:**
- **Duck:** 6, excluding merganser. Up to 5 can be mallard, but no more than 2 can be female mallard. Included in the daily bag limit of 6, you can have no more than 1 pintail, 2 canvasback, 2 redhead, 3 wood duck and **NEW** 1 scaup.
- **Coot:** 15
- **Merganser:** 5; only 2 can be hooded mergansers

**Possession Limit:** 3 daily bag limits

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**SOUTHEAST ZONE**

**Area:** East of I-25 and south of I-70, and all of El Paso, Pueblo, Huerfano and Las Animas counties.

**Dates:** Oct. 28–Jan. 31, 2021

**Daily Bag Limit:**
- **Duck:** 6, excluding merganser. Up to 5 can be mallard, but no more than 2 can be female mallard. Included in the daily bag limit of 6, you can have no more than 1 pintail, 2 canvasback, 2 redhead, 3 wood duck and **NEW** 1 scaup.
- **Coot:** 15
- **Merganser:** 5; only 2 can be hooded mergansers

**Possession Limit:** 3 daily bag limits

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**MOUNTAIN/FOOTHILLS ZONE**

**Area:** West of I-25 and east of the Continental Divide, except El Paso, Pueblo, Huerfano and Las Animas counties.

**Dates:** Oct. 3–Nov. 30; Dec. 26–Jan. 31, 2021

**Daily Bag Limit:**
- **Duck:** 6, excluding merganser. Up to 5 can be mallard, but no more than 2 can be female mallard. Included in the daily bag limit of 6, you can have no more than 1 pintail, 2 canvasback, 2 redhead, 3 wood duck and **NEW** 1 scaup.
- **Coot:** 15
- **Merganser:** 5; only 2 can be hooded mergansers

**Possession Limit:** 3 daily bag limits

### PACIFIC FLYWAY

**WESTERN ZONE**

**Area:** West of the Continental Divide not included in the Eastern Zone.

**Dates:** Oct. 3–Oct. 21; Nov. 7–Jan. 31, 2021

**Daily Bag Limit:**
- **Duck & Merganser:** 7 in aggregate. Of these, no more than 2 can be female mallard, 1 pintail, 2 canvasback, 2 redhead and **NEW** 2 scaup.
- **No scaup can be taken after Jan. 12, 2021.**
- **Coot:** 25

**Possession Limit:** 3 daily bag limits

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**EASTERN ZONE**

**Area:** Routt, Grand, Summit, Eagle and Pitkin counties, those parts of Saguache, San Juan, Hinsdale and Mineral counties west of the Continental Divide, and part of Gunnison Co., except the North Fork of the Gunnison River Valley (GMUs 53, 63 and 521), and the part of Moffat Co. east of the northern intersection of CR 29 with the Moffat-Routt Co. line, south along CR 29 to the intersection of CR 29 with the Moffat-Routt Co. line (Elkhead Reservoir State Park).

**Dates:** Oct. 3–Jan. 15, 2021

**Daily Bag Limit:**
- **Duck & Merganser:** 7 in aggregate. Of these, no more than 2 can be female mallard, 1 pintail, 2 canvasback, 2 redhead and **NEW** 2 scaup.
- **No scaup can be taken after Dec. 27, 2020.**
- **Coot:** 25

**Possession Limit:** 3 daily bag limits

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### SEPTEMBER TEAL SEASON

**Areas:** Lake and Chaffee counties, and all areas east of I-25.

**Dates:** Sept. 12–20

**Daily Bag Limit:** 6 teal — blue-winged, green-winged and cinnamon teal, in aggregate

**Possession Limit:** 18

**Note:** Only teal can be harvested during this season. Teal can also be harvested during all other duck seasons, including the youth, veteran & active military hunt season. Check daily bag limits on pages 12 and 16.

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**Ducks of Colorado**

Illustrations of some commonly encountered ducks are depicted here. More on identifying waterfowl: [www.ducks.org/hunting/waterfowl-id](http://www.ducks.org/hunting/waterfowl-id)
GOOSE

WATERFOWL: GOOSE

SEASON DATES & BAG LIMITS

CENTRAL FLYWAY

► REGULAR SEASON

AREA: East of the Continental Divide, except areas designated as part of the special seasons below that include: Northern Front Range, North Park, San Luis Valley and South Park.

DARK GOOSE:
DATES: Nov. 2–Feb. 14, 2021
DAILY BAG LIMIT: 5
POSSESSION LIMIT: 15

LIGHT GOOSE:
DATES: Oct. 31–Feb. 14, 2021
DAILY BAG LIMIT: 50
POSSESSION LIMIT: Unlimited

► LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER SEASON

AREA: East of I-25.
DATES: Feb. 15–April 30, 2021
DAILY BAG LIMIT: Unlimited
POSSESSION LIMIT: Unlimited

NOTE: See page 6, No. 10 of "Legal Migratory Bird Hunting Methods" section for special season rules.

► NORTHERN FRONT RANGE SEASON

AREA: Boulder, Larimer and Weld counties from the Continental Divide east along the Wyoming border to Hwy. 85, south on Hwy. 85 to Adams Co. line, and all of Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Clear Creek, Denver, Douglas, Gilpin and Jefferson counties.

DARK GOOSE:
DATES: Oct. 3–Oct. 21; Nov. 21–Feb. 14, 2021
DAILY BAG LIMIT: 5
POSSESSION LIMIT: 15

LIGHT GOOSE:
DATES: Oct. 31–Feb. 14, 2021
DAILY BAG LIMIT: 50
POSSESSION LIMIT: Unlimited

► NORTHERN FRONT RANGE SEASON

AREA: Jackson Co.

DARK GOOSE:
DATES: Oct. 31–Jan. 15, 2021
DAILY BAG LIMIT: 5
POSSESSION LIMIT: 15

LIGHT GOOSE:
DATES: Oct. 31–Feb. 14, 2021
DAILY BAG LIMIT: 50
POSSESSION LIMIT: Unlimited

► EASTERN ZONE

AREA: Routt, Grand, Summit, Eagle and Pitkin counties, those parts of Saguache, San Juan, Hinsdale and Mineral counties west of the Continental Divide, and part of Gunnison Co., except the North Fork of the Gunnison River Valley (GMUs 53, 63 and 521), and the part of Moffat Co. east of the northern intersection of CR 29 with the Moffat-Routt Co. line, south along CR 29 to the intersection of CR 29 with the Moffat-Routt Co. line (Elkhead Reservoir State Park).
DATES: Oct. 3–Jan. 6, 2021
DARK GOOSE:
DAILY BAG LIMIT: 4
POSSESSION LIMIT: 12
LIGHT GOOSE:
DAILY BAG LIMIT: 10
POSSESSION LIMIT: 30

PACIFIC FLYWAY

► EARLY CANADA GOOSE SEASON

AREA: West of the Continental Divide.
DATES: Sept. 1–9
DAILY BAG LIMIT: 4
POSSESSION LIMIT: 12

► WESTERN ZONE

AREA: West of the Continental Divide not included in Eastern Zone.
DATES: Oct. 3–Oct. 12; Nov. 7–Jan. 31, 2021
DARK GOOSE:
DAILY BAG LIMIT: 4
POSSESSION LIMIT: 12
LIGHT GOOSE:
DAILY BAG LIMIT: 10
POSSESSION LIMIT: 30

ATTENTION: SNOW GOOSE HUNTERS

If you removed the plug from your shotgun to hunt during the 2020 light goose spring conservation order season, remember to replace the plug before hunting in the fall small-game and waterfowl seasons.
GOOSE SEASONS: FLYWAYS & ZONES

NOTE: Regular goose seasons only. See brochure for September Canada goose season and light goose conservation order season restrictions.
**WATERFOWL: YOUTH, NEW VETERAN & ACTIVE MILITARY**

**CENTRAL FLYWAY**

- **ALL ZONES IN CENTRAL FLYWAY**
  - **DAILY BAG LIMITS:**
    - **DUCK, MERGANSER, COOT:** Daily bag and possession limits are the same as regular Central Flyway regulations. See page 14.
    - **GOOSE:** 5 dark geese
    - **POSESSION LIMIT:** 3 daily bag limits

- **NORTHEAST ZONE**
  - **AREA:** East of I-25 and north of I-70
  - **DATES:** Oct. 1–Feb. 28

- **SOUTHEAST ZONE**
  - **AREA:** East of I-25 and south and west of I-70, and all of El Paso, Pueblo, Huerfano and Las Animas counties.
  - **DATES:** Oct. 1–Feb. 28

- **MOUNTAIN/FOOTHILLS ZONE**
  - **AREA:** West of I-25 and east of the Continental Divide, except El Paso, Pueblo, Huerfano and Las Animas counties.
  - **DATES:** Oct. 1–Feb. 28

**NOTE:** Hunting in youth seasons is restricted to youth ages 17 and younger with a mentor. Mentors cannot hunt during youth waterfowl seasons. See "Special License Information," page 2.

**PACIFIC FLYWAY**

- **WESTERN ZONE**
  - **AREA:** West of the Continental Divide not included in the Eastern Zone.
  - **DATES:** Oct. 24−25
  - **DAILY BAG LIMITS:**
    - **DUCK & MERGANSER:** 7 in aggregate. Of these, no more than 2 can be female mallard, 1 pintail, 2 canvasback, 2 redheads and NEW 2 scaup.
    - **COOT:** 25
    - **GOOSE:** 4 dark geese, 10 light geese
    - **POSESSION LIMIT:** 3 daily bag limits

- **EASTERN ZONE**
  - **AREA:** Routt, Grand, Summit, Eagle and Pitkin counties, those parts of Sangre de Cristo, San Juan, Hinsdale and Mineral counties west of the Continental Divide, and part of Gunnison Co., except the North Fork of the Gunnison River Valley (GMUs 53, 63 and 521), and the part of Moffat Co. east of the northern intersection of CR 29 with the Moffat-Routt Co. line, south along CR 29 to the intersection of CR 29 with the Moffat-Routt Co. line (Elkhead Reservoir State Park).
  - **DATES:** Sept. 26−27
  - **DAILY BAG LIMIT:**
    - **DUCK & MERGANSER:** 7 in aggregate. Of those, no more than 2 can be female mallard, 1 pintail, 2 canvasback, 2 redheads and NEW 2 scaup.
    - **COOT:** 25
    - **GOOSE:** 4 dark geese, 10 light geese
    - **POSESSION LIMIT:** 3 daily bag limits

**HUNTING WITH HAWKS & FALCONS**

**SEASON DATES & BAG LIMITS**

- **COTTONTAIL RABBIT**
- **SNOWSHOE HARE**
- **JACKRABBIT: WHITE-TAILED, BLACK-TAILED**
  - **SEASON:** Sept. 1–March 31, 2021
  - **AREA:** Statewide
  - **DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 10 of each species
  - **POSESSION LIMIT:** 20 of each species

- **CHUKAR PARTRIDGE**
  - **SEASON:** Sept. 1–March 31, 2021
  - **AREA:** Statewide
  - **DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 4
  - **POSESSION LIMIT:** 12

- **BAND-TAILED PIGEON**
- **CROW**
- **DOVE: MOURNING, WHITE-WINGED**
- **DUCK, GOOSE, COOT**
- **RAIL: SORA, VIRGINIA**
- **WILSON’S SNIPE**
  - **CENTRAL & PACIFIC FLYWAYS:**
    - **SEASON:** Dates coincide with established seasons.
    - **DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 3 singly or in aggregate for species with an open hunting season or special falconry season
    - **POSESSION LIMIT:** 9 singly or in aggregate
    - **NOTE:** Falconry bag and possession limits are not in addition to gun bag limits.

- **EUROPEAN STARLING**
- **HOUSE (ENGLISH) SPARROW**
- **EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE**
  - **SEASON:** Year-round
  - **AREA:** Statewide
  - **BAG & POSESSION LIMITS:** Unlimited

- **FURBEARERS**
  - **SEASON:** Dates coincide with established seasons (see "Small-Game Animals," page 9).
  - **AREA:** Statewide
  - **BAG & POSESSION LIMITS:** Unlimited

- **GROUSE: DUSKY (BLUE)**
  - **SEASON:** Sept. 1–March 31, 2021
  - **AREA:** West of I-25
  - **DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 3
  - **POSESSION LIMIT:** 9

- **GROUSE: GREATER SAGE**
  - **SEASON:** Sept. 1–Jan. 31, 2021
  - **AREA:** GMUs 2, 3, 10, 11, 13, 18 except east of Colo. 125 in Grand Co., 27, 28 except north and east of Grand CR 50 (Church Park Rd.) and U.S. 40, 37, 181, 201, 211, 301 and 441; and in North Park (GMUs 6, 16, 17, 161 and 171).

  **NEW**
  - **Note that GMUs 4 and 5 are open for greater sage-grouse hunting.**

  - **DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 2
  - **POSESSION LIMIT:** 2 birds only in North Park (GMUs 6, 16, 17, 161 and 171); 4 birds in all other GMUs listed above.

- **GROUSE: MOUNTAIN SHARP-TAILED**
  - **SEASON:** Sept. 1–Jan. 31, 2021
  - **AREA:** Only GMUs 4, 5, 12, 13, 14, 131, 211, 214 and 441.
  - **DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 2
  - **POSESSION LIMIT:** 4

- **PHEASANT**
  - **SEASON:** Sept. 1–March 31, 2021
  - **AREA:** Statewide
  - **DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 3 birds
  - **POSESSION LIMIT:** 9 birds

- **QUAIL: NORTHERN BOBWHITE, SCALLED, GAMBEL’S**
  - **SEASON:** Sept. 1–March 31, 2021
  - **AREA:** Statewide
  - **DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 8 of each species
  - **POSESSION LIMIT:** 24 of each species

- **SQUIRREL: FOX, PINE**
  - **SEASON:** Sept. 1–March 31, 2021
  - **AREA:** Statewide
  - **DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 5 of each species
  - **POSESSION LIMIT:** 10 of each species

- **WHITE-TAILED PTARMIGAN**
  - **SEASON:** Sept. 1–March 31, 2021
  - **AREA:** Statewide
  - **DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 3
  - **POSESSION LIMIT:** 6

**NOTE:** Hunting in veteran and active-military seasons is restricted to veterans and members of the Armed Forces on active duty, including members of the National Guard and Reserves. Go online for acceptable forms of military I.D.: cpw.state.co.us

**NOTE:** Regulations for using hawks and falcons to hunt small game and waterfowl, see page 8.
RESERVATIONS

Hunting reservations must be made by phone at 1-800-244-5613 or online at: cpw.state.co.us/huntingreservations

1. It is illegal to hunt on private land without permission from landowner or person in charge. It is illegal to post or indicate that public lands are private. It is illegal to hunt on state trust lands without permission of lessee, except on lands open for wildlife recreation.

2. It is illegal to hunt waterfowl in federal reservations; areas the U.S. government sets aside as bird, game or other wildlife reservations, breeding grounds or refuges; or areas closed by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, except as permitted. More regulations may apply on national wildlife refuges. Contact: Alamosa and Monte Vista, 719-589-4021; Browns Park, 970-365-3613; Arapaho, 970-723-8202.

3. In the areas bounded by N by Wyoming; E and S by I-76, Hwy. 71, U.S. 36 and I-70; and W by the Continental Divide and Larimer-Jackson county line; and in Bent, Crowley, Kiowa, Mesa, Otero and Prowers counties:
   - A. It is illegal to hunt waterfowl within 50 yards of either side of centerline of any public road.
   - B. It is illegal to hunt waterfowl within 150 yards of a dwelling, including directly above and below, without first obtaining permission from owner, occupant or person in charge of the dwelling.

4. PUEBLO COUNTY: It is illegal to hunt waterfowl within 150 yards of a dwelling, including directly above it, without first obtaining permission from owner, occupant or person in charge of dwelling.

5. Along the Colorado River:
   - A. IN GRAND COUNTY: Closed to waterfowl hunting from Shadow Mountain dam to Twin Creek after Nov. 14.
   - B. IN MESA COUNTY: Closed to waterfowl hunting on Colorado River and 200 yards on either side of river from Grand Avenue bridge in Grand Junction to W end of Horsethief Canyon SWA from Wed.–Fri., except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Day. The river and 200 yards on either side of it are closed to waterfowl hunting from Appleton Dam to Hunter Wash (at W end of Walker SWA).

NEW Hunting reservations are required to hunt waterfowl from designated blinds along the Riverfront Trail between Fruita and Loma. See “Reservations” at left.

Max. 4 hunters per hunting area.

Hunters may only hunt the area specified on the reservation, unless stated otherwise in the property listings.

The following properties require hunting reservations or have them available:

- **Andrick Ponds SWA**, MORGAN CO.
  1. Open for public access 4 a.m.–9 p.m. Sat., Sun., and legal holidays only.
  2. From Sept. 1 through end of dark goose season, only open for migratory bird hunting within designated hunting areas. Reservations required, valid until sunrise and limited to 3 per hunter annually. See “Reservations” (left).
  3. Mandatory check-in and check-out at check station. Check-in allowed after 4 a.m. Hunters can hunt only the area reserved and may check in on first-come, first-served basis after a hunter checks out, or after sunrise if a hunter has not checked in. Maximum of 4 hunters per hunting area.
  4. During waterfowl and turkey seasons, scouting permitted from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. on Thurs. only. All people scouting must check in and out at check station. Firearms, dogs not allowed during scouting.
  5. No hunting on Clark Lake.
  6. Hunting prohibited with centerfire rifles.

- **Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge**, JACKSON CO.
  1. For information, call 970-723-8202.
  2. Units A and D closed to all hunting. Unit B open to migratory bird, small-game hunting through Dec. 31. Unit C closed to migratory bird hunting.

- **Atwood STL, LOGAN CO.**
  1. Open for public access 4 a.m.–9 p.m., Sept. 1–May 31.
  2. Hunting prohibited with centerfire rifles.

- **Atwood SWA, LOGAN CO.**
  1. Open for public access 4 a.m.–9 p.m.

- **Banner Lakes SWA, WELD CO.**
  1. Access by foot only, through designated parking areas.
  2. Open for waterfowl hunting only from first day of regular waterfowl season to day before opening of pheasant season. Hunting only on Sat., Sun., Mon. and legal holidays.
  3. Reservations available for waterfowl, but not required. See “Reservations” (left). Hunters can hunt only the area reserved. Maximum 4 hunters per reservation.

- **Colorado River Island SWA**
  - Flanders Ranch SWA
  - Franklin Island SWA
  - Highline Lake State Park
  - Horsethief Canyon SWA
  - James M. Robb-Colorado River State Park
  - Orchard Mesa SWA
  - Stagecoach State Park
  - Tilman Bishop SWA
LAND CLOSURES DURING DEER SEASON

Waterfowl hunting and all other recreational activities except deer hunting are prohibited on the following lands during opening weekend of regular plains rifle deer season and on opening day and first weekend of late plains rifle deer season:

▶ STATE WILDLIFE AREAS
Atwood, Bravo, Brush, Centennial Valley, Cottonwood, Dune Ridge, Elliott, Jean K. Tool, Knudson, Messex, Overland Tail, Pony Express, Sedgwick Bar and Tamarack Ranch

▶ STATE TRUST LANDS
Atwood, Bravo, Overland Trail and Red Lion Ranch

4. Reservations valid all of reserved day until hunter with reservation checks out. Hunters may check in on first-come, first-served basis after a hunter with a reservation checks out. If a reserved area is not claimed by legal sunrise, or if no reservation exists for a hunt area, hunters may check in after midnight the morning before the hunt.

5. Mandatory check-in and check-out at check station for waterfowl hunters.

6. From the Thurs. before Sept. 1 through end of dark goose season, scouting permitted from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Thurs. that are not open to hunting in and prior to waterfowl seasons. Must have reservation confirmation number or letter from CPW. All people must check in and out at check station. Firearms, dogs not allowed during scouting.

▶ BARR STATE PARK, ADAMS CO.
1. Waterfowl hunting only on opening day of the season and on Sat. and Wed. Hunters may only hunt the area reserved, and only from designated blinds, with a maximum of 3 hunters per blind.

2. Dove hunting only on opening day of the season and on Sun. and Mon. for the month of Sept. Hunters may only hunt from designated stations, with a maximum of 3 hunters per station.

3. Hunting by reservation only. See “Reservations” (left). Mandatory check-in and check-out at the check station.

4. Hunt areas not reserved are available on first-come, first-served basis after 5 a.m. each hunting day. Reserved areas not claimed by 7 a.m. also available first come, first served.

▶ NEW BILLY CREEK SWA, OURAY & MONTROSE COs.
1. Open for public access May 1–Dec. 31, except for hunting, fishing and trapping along the Uncompahgre River corridor, from U.S. Hwy. 550 to 100 feet on eastern bank of the Uncompahgre River, as posted.

▶ BOYD STATE PARK, LARIMAR CO.
1. Hunting waterfowl by reservation only. See “Reservations” (page 17). Reservations available on first-come, first-served basis starting 14 days before hunt date, and can be made or canceled up to the starting time of the reserved time slot. Hunters may only hunt the area and time reserved.

2. Leaving decoys set overnight is prohibited.

▶ BRAVO STATE, LOGAN CO.
1. Open for public access 4 a.m.–9 p.m., Sept. 1–end of Feb.

2. Access from Bravo SWA parking lot only.


Hunters may apply for one hunt area per day, but can list multiple requests on one application. All relevant hunting regulations apply.

▶ CENTENNIAL VALLEY SWA, WELD CO.
1. Open 4 a.m.—one hour after sunset.

2. Open for public access Sept. 1 through last day of spring turkey season.

3. During regular duck seasons, open Sat., Sun., Wed. and legal holidays only. Reservations required to hunt waterfowl and small game, limit of 3 per hunter annually. See “Reservations” (page 17). Waterfowl and small game hunters can hunt only the area reserved. All reservation hunters must check out at one of the check stations located in each parking lot of the property.


▶ CERRO SUMMIT SWA, MONTROSE CO.
1. Public access for fishing and hunting only.

2. Hunting allowed from Aug. 15–Nov. 30.

3. Access through designated parking area only; public access by foot only.

4. Dogs allowed only as an aid to hunting.

5. Water contact is prohibited except by float tubes with waders only.

▶ CHUCK LEWIS SWA, ROUTT CO.
1. Open 4 a.m.–10 p.m. only, no overnight parking.

2. Big-game and small-game hunting prohibited.

3. Waterfowl hunting permitted, except within 50 yards of Routt CR 14F bridge.

4. Dogs allowed only as an aid to waterfowl hunting or aid to a person with disabilities.

5. Launching or takeout of vessels prohibited except when used for fishing.

▶ COLORADO RIVER ISLAND SWA, MESA CO.
1. Only waterfowl hunting, and only from designated blinds.

2. Accessed through “wildlife area” between 31 and 30 Roads, Grand Junction. Waterfowl hunters asked to park at waterfowl information sign. Two vehicles allowed to park without purchasing the required state park pass.

3. Waterfowl hunting by reservation only. See “Reservations” (page 17). Hunters may only hunt area specified on reservation. Hunters must check in and out at the property.

4. Dogs allowed only as an aid to hunting.

▶ COTTONWOOD SWA, MORGAN CO.
1. Open for public access 4 a.m.–9 p.m. only, except with night hunting permit.


▶ CRAWFORD STATE PARK, DELTA CO.

▶ DIAMOND J SWA, JACKSON CO.
1. Fishing, small-game hunting and waterfowl hunting only.

2. Hunting by shotgun or falcononly.

▶ DILLON RESERVOIR, SUMMIT CO.
1. Goose hunting prohibited Sat. through Mon. of Labor Day weekend.

2. Dillon Reservoir Recreation Committee and Denver Water restrict hunting to designated areas only. For details, go to: co-summit-county2.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/13410
LAUNCHING VESSELS
Launching or taking out vessels from the water is prohibited during waterfowl seasons on these properties:

- **STATE WILDLIFE AREAS:**
  - Atwood, Bravo, Brush, Cottonwood, Dune Ridge, Elliott, Jean K. Tool, Knudson, Messex, Overland Trail, Pony Express, Sedgwick Bar and Tamarack Ranch

- **STATE TRUST LANDS:**
  - Atwood, Bravo, Ford Bridge, Overland Trail and Red Lion Ranch

- **DUNE RIDGE SWA, LOGAN CO.**
  1. Open for public access 4 a.m.–9 p.m.

- **ELLIOTT SWA, MORGAN CO.**
  1. Open for public access 4 a.m.–9 p.m. only, except with night hunting permit.

- **HAMLIN TRACTS:**
  a. From Sept. 1 through regular duck seasons, mandatory check-in and check-out at check stations. Check-in allowed after 4 a.m.

- **HUMONGOUS STATE TRUST LANDS:**
  - Waterfowl hunting, only from designated areas or blinds, on Sat., Sun., Wed. and legal holidays only. Reservations required, valid until sunrise and limited to 3 per hunter annually. See “Reservations” (page 17).

- **HUNTING RESORTS:**
  - Dogs allowed only as an aid to hunting.

- **LAND USE:**
  - Waterfowl hunting by reservation only.

- **FOSSIL CREEK RESERVOIR, LARIMER CO.**
  1. Goose hunting prohibited as posted.

- **FOURMILE STL, MAFFAT CO.**
  2. Only portable hunting blinds allowed.

- **FORD BRIDGE STL, LOGAN CO.**
  1. Open for public access Sept. 1–end of Feb., 4 a.m.–9 p.m.
  2. Hunting with centerfire rifles prohibited.

- **FRANKLIN ISLAND SWA, MESA CO.**
  1. Only waterfowl hunting, and only from designated blinds.
  2. Typically accessed from Corn Lake. A valid State Park Pass is required to enter Corn Lake.
  3. Waterfowl hunting by reservation only. See “Reservations” (page 17). Hunters may only hunt area specified on reservation. Hunters must check in and out at the property.
  4. Dogs allowed only as an aid to hunting.

- **GRAND LAKE & WINDY GAP RESERVOIR, GRAND CO.**
  1. Waterfowl hunting prohibited on lakes and within 100 yards of high waterlines.

- **GUNNISON RIVER SWA, GUNNISON CO.**
  1. Access to Gunnison River by foot only from Van Tuyl tract interaction at Y-gate, as posted.
  2. Only waterfowl hunting with shotguns on Van Tuyl tract.

- **GYPSUM PONDS SWA, EAGLE CO.**
  1. Access only for hunters and anglers, sunrise to sunset.
  2. Dogs prohibited March 15–June 15 to protect nesting waterfowl.
  3. Dogs prohibited on eastern ponds, except when used for waterfowl hunting.
  4. Launching or takeout of vessels prohibited.

- **HIGEL SWA, ALAMOSA CO.**
  1. Open for public access Sept. 1–Feb. 14, Sat., Sun., Wed. and legal holidays only, and only with permit.
  2. Maximum 25 permits issued free daily on first-come, first-served basis. From Sept. 1–30 and Nov. 11–Feb. 14, get free permits at the CPW office in Monte Vista, or through reservation system by emailing montevista.wildlife@state.co.us. From Oct. 1–Nov. 10, permits available by emailing montevista.wildlife@state.co.us only. Contact the Monte Vista CPW office for details.

- **HORSETHIEF CANYON SWA, MESA CO.**
  1. Open for public access 5 a.m.–9 p.m., no time restrictions for fishing.
  2. Camping, fires, quail hunting prohibited.
  3. Hunting permitted with shotguns, handheld bows, muzzleloading rifles and by falconry.
  4. Waterfowl hunting on Sat. restricted to youth/mentors only, and only from 100 yards E of blind No. 1 to western SWA boundary.
  5. To hunt waterfowl on W end of property, reservations required for specific blind. Hunting restricted to within 100 yards of blind. Maximum 4 hunters per blind.
  6. Permits not required for waterfowl hunting 100 yards E of blind No. 1 to eastern SWA boundary, including Skipper’s Island.
  7. Waterfowl hunting prohibited Wed.–Fri. except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s days.
  8. Waterfowl hunting on North Skipper’s island prohibited except for existing waterfowl blinds only.

- **JACKSON LAKE SWA, MORGAN CO.**
  1. Open 4 a.m.–9 p.m., except no time restrictions for fishing.
  2. Fishing prohibited Oct. 1 through dark goose season.
  3. During teal season and first split of regular duck season, reservations required on Sat., Sun. and legal holidays to hunt waterfowl.
  4. Waterfowl hunters must check in on first-come, first-served basis.

- **SEMINOLE STATE PARK:**
  - Waterfowl hunters may only check in on first-come, first-served basis.

- **FLANDERS RANCH SWA, ROUTT CO.**
  1. Waterfowl hunting on property will be permitted for 1 group (up to 4 hunters) per day during waterfowl seasons.
  2. Waterfowl by reservation only. Reservation holders must have their confirmation letter with them at all times while hunting on property. See “Reservations” (page 17).

- **HIGHLINE LAKE STATE PARK, MESA CO.**
  1. Waterfowl hunting by reservation only. See “Reservations” (page 17). Hunters may only hunt area reserved and only from designated blinds, with a maximum of 4 hunters per blind.

- **NEW**
  - Waterfowl hunting prohibited Mon.–Fri., except legal holidays, hunter may check in on first-come, first-served basis.

- **NEW**
  - Waterfowl hunters must check in at check station. Check-in allowed after 4 a.m. Hunters can hunt only the area reserved and may check in on first-come, first-served basis after a hunter checks out or after sunrise if a hunter has not checked in. Maximum of 4 hunters per hunting area.

- **NEW**
  - Waterfowl hunting by reservation only. See “Reservations” (page 17). Hunters may only hunt area reserved and only from designated blinds, with a maximum of 4 hunters per blind.
JAMES M. ROBB-COLORADO RIVER STATE PARK, MESA CO.

**A PARK PASS IS REQUIRED IN ALL AREAS OF THE PARK.**
1. Hunting by reservation only. See "Reservations" (page 17). Hunters may only hunt the area specified on the reservation.

**ISLAND ACRES AND PEAR PARK SECTIONS:**
- a. Park in designated parking areas only. A state park pass is required on all motor vehicles in the Island Acres section.
- b. Waterfowl hunting only, and only from designated blind. Maximum 4 hunters per blind.
- c. Hunting prohibited at Walker SFA and Windy Gap WW.
- d. Discharge of firearms or bows prohibited, except while hunting.

LOWER LATHAM RESERVOIR, WELD CO.
1. Hunting prohibited as posted.

MACFLARANE RESERVOIR STL, JACKSON CO.
1. Open Aug. 15—end of Feb.
2. For waterfowl and small-game hunters, motorized access to MacFlarane Res. allowed on designated two-track routes only.
3. All other two-track roads closed to motorized travel.

MEREDITH RESERVOIR, CROWLEY CO.
1. Hunting prohibited as posted.

MESSEX SFA, WASHINGTON & LOGAN COs.
1. Open for public access 4 a.m.—9 p.m. only, except with night hunting permit.

MITANI-TOKUYASU SFA, WELD CO.
1. Open 4 a.m.—one hour after sunset.
2. Open for public access from Sept. 1 through last day of spring turkey season.
3. Hunting or takeout of vessels prohibited.
4. Hunting access limited to those in vehicles legally parked in 1 of 4 spaces in designated parking area. Reservation required to take a parking space from 4 a.m.—noon. After noon each day, parking spaces are first come, first served. See "Reservations" (page 17).

MOGENSEN PONDS SFA, MESA CO.
1. Waterfowl hunting only, and only from designated blinds.
2. Pets or other domestic animals prohibited.

MONTE VISTA & ALAMOSA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES, ALAMOSA & RIO GRANDE COs.
1. For information, call 719-589-4021.
2. Hunting in designated areas only, access through posted parking areas only.
3. Two blinds available on first-come, first-served basis.
5. Decoys cannot be left unattended and blinds must be removed daily.
6. Dogs allowed only as an aid to hunting.

MOUNT SHAVANO SFA, CHAFFEE CO.
1. Discharging firearms prohibited except when hunting from upper end of Mount Shavano SFU, upstream to marked property boundary. Hunting permitted only with shotguns, handheld bows, muzzleloaders or by falconry.
2. Discharging firearms prohibited from upper end of Mount Shavano SFU, downstream to the Colo. Hwy. 291 Bridge: Hunting permitted only with handheld bows or by falconry.

MT. EVANS HIGHWAY, CLEAR CREEK CO.
1. Hunting prohibited on Mt. Evans Summit Lake Cirque and within half-mile of either side of centerline of Mt. Evans Hwy. (Colo. 5) while road is open to vehicle traffic from intersection with Colo. 103 to summit. When Mt. Evans Hwy. is closed to vehicles at intersection with Colo. 103, hunting closure is lifted and hunting is permitted within half-mile of highway, with the exception of white-tailed ptarmigan hunting.

MUD SPRINGS STL, PARK CO.
1. Open for public access Sept. 1—end of Feb.
2. Big-game and small-game hunting only.

ORCHARD MESA SFA, MESA CO.
1. Open for public access July 15—March 14. Waterfowl hunting only, no small-game hunting.
2. Dogs allowed only as an aid in hunting.
3. Closed March 15—July 14 to protect nesting migratory birds.
4. Waterfowl hunting by reservation only. Reservations must be made through the Hunting Reservation System. See "Reservations" (page 17).
5. Waterfowl hunters must use designated blinds or zones. Maximum 4 hunters per blind.
7. See "Launching Vessels" box, page 19.

OVERLAND TRAIL STL, LOGAN CO.
1. Open for public access 4 a.m.—9 p.m., Sept. 1—May 30.

OVERLAND TRAIL SFA, LOGAN CO.
1. Open for public access 4 a.m.—9 p.m.

OVID-JULESBURG CORRIDOR, SEDGWICK CO.
1. Goose hunting during dark goose season prohibited in area bounded on N by U.S. 138; on E by U.S. 385; on S by I-76; on W by Sedgwick CR 29.

PONY EXPRESS SFA, SEDGWICK CO.
1. Open for public access 4 a.m.—9 p.m.
2. Goose hunting prohibited through end of dark goose season.

PREWITT RESERVOIR SFA, LOGAN & WASHINGTON COs.
1. Waterfowl hunting prohibited as posted, including hunting from floating devices.
2. From Oct. 1 through end of dark goose season, boating prohibited except for craft propelled by hand or electric motor, used to set and pick up decoys and retrieve downed waterfowl.

QUEENS SFA, WELD CO.
1. Boating prohibited if it creates a whitewater wake in channel between Upper and Lower Queens.
2. Boating prohibited in Lower Queens if it creates a whitewater wake from opening day of waterfowl season through Dec. 1.
3. Hunters in Lower Queens, Upper Queens (including channel), Nee Gronda and Nee Noshe must check in and check out at check station when open.
4. Closed as posted in Lower Queens except to retrieve downed waterfowl Dec. 1 through last day of waterfowl season as posted.
5. Closed as posted in Upper Queens (including the channel), Nee Gronda, Nee Noshe and Nee So Pah except to retrieve downed waterfowl Nov. 1 – last day of waterfowl season.

RAMAH SWA, EL PASO CO.
1. Only float tubes or crafts propelled by hand, wind or electric motor allowed from Nov. 1 through last day of waterfowl season.
2. Hunting prohibited with centerfire rifles.
3. Water contact activities prohibited.

RED LION RANCH STL, LOGAN CO.
1. Open for public access 4 a.m.–9 p.m., Sept. 1 – May 30.

RED LION SWA, LOGAN CO.
1. Access from parking areas only.
2. Boating prohibited except for float tubes or craft propelled by hand or electric motor, used for fishing, to set and pick up decoys or retrieve downed waterfowl. Craft must be launched from designated area, as posted.
3. Hunting prohibited from floating devices and frozen surface of lake.

RUSSELL LAKES SWA, SAGUACHE CO.
1. Parking only in established areas.
2. Closes at 1 p.m. during first split waterfowl season.
3. Public access is prohibited from Feb. 15 – July 15 to protect wintering and nesting waterfowl and to protect administrative areas. Sect. 29 closed during waterfowl seasons.

SAND DRAW SWA, SEDGWICK CO.
1. Open for public access 4 a.m.–9 p.m.
2. Hunting limited to youth/mentor hunting only, with a maximum of one mentor per youth hunter who may hunt.
3. OHV use prohibited.

SOUTH REPUBLICAN SWA, YUMA CO.
1. Parking only in designated areas. Waterfowl hunting access prohibited on downstream face of dam.
2. Waterfowl hunting prohibited as posted to provide resting areas for wintering waterfowl.

STAGECOACH STATE PARK, ROUTT CO.
1. Waterfowl hunting only in designated hunting zones. Maximum of 6 hunters per zone.
2. Reservation required. See “Reservations” (page 17). Hunting only in reserved hunt zone.
3. Hunt areas not reserved are available on first-come, first-served basis after 5 a.m. each hunting day.

Call Lamar Service Center: 719-336-6600, or DWM: 719-980-0025.
LAND-USE RULES, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 21

Reserved areas not claimed by 7 a.m. also available first come, first served. Any hunt area must be yielded at any time by request of a hunter with a valid reservation for that area.

▶ STEINHOFF HILL STL, LARIMER CO.
1. Small-game hunting prohibited, except by archery or shotguns not firing single slugs.

▶ SWEITZER LAKE, DELTA CO.
1. Waterfowl hunting only on Sat., Sun., Wed. and legal holidays after Labor Day.

▶ TAMARACK RANCH SWA, LOGAN CO.
1. Open for public access 4 a.m.–9 p.m. only, except with night hunting permit.
2. Mandatory check-in and check-out at check station. Hunters must park at hunting area they check into. After 9 a.m., hunters may hunt surrounding areas.
3. From Oct. 25 through end of regular duck seasons, reservations are available but not required, on weekends and legal holidays. See “Reservations” (page 17).
5. See “Launching Vessels” box, page 19.

AUGMENTATION PONDS:
a. From first day of second duck season through end of dark goose season, waterfowl hunting allowed only through a lottery drawing. Hunting limited to specific pond/hunt area each day. To enter drawing, send a letter/postcard postmarked by Sept. 30 to the CPW Area Office in Brush (28167 County Rd. T, Brush CO, 80723), with name, address, phone number, CID number and desired reservation dates (can list multiple dates on same letter/postcard). Must have a valid waterfowl hunting license.

b. Mandatory check-in and check-out at check station. Maximum of 4 hunters per group, per day. Must park in designated parking areas, but allowed to drop off decoys via existing 4WD only road, as posted. Must remain on existing roads, as posted.
c. During light goose conservation order season, mandatory check-in and check-out at check station.

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▶ TED’S CANYON STL, MOFFAT CO.
1. Open for public access Aug. 15–end of Feb.
2. Big-game and small-game hunting only.

▶ TILMAN BISHOP SWA, MESAS CO.
2. NEW Walk-in access only.
3. NEW Deer, waterfowl and small-game hunting only.
4. Hunting by bows and shotguns with shotshells or by falconry only.
5. Dogs allowed only as an aid in hunting.
6. Waterfowl hunting by reservation only. Reservations must be made through the Hunting Reservation System: See “Reservations: Hunting” (page 1) for details. Hunters must check in and out at property.
7. Waterfowl hunters must use designated blinds or zones. Maximum 4 hunters per blind.

▶ TOMICHI CREEK SWA, GUNNISON CO.
1. Open for public access for fishing only from end of waterfowl season through June 30.

▶ TRINIDAD LAKE STATE PARK, LAS ANIMAS CO.
1. Waterfowl hunting prohibited as posted.

▶ TURK’S POND SWA, BACA CO.
1. All human activity prohibited within 0.25 miles of high waterline around Turk’s Pond, including administrative buildings, from opening day of regular duck season through last day of regular dark goose season as posted. Hunters allowed inside closure only to retrieve downed waterfowl, must leave all firearms outside closure.
2. Boating prohibited except float tubes or crafts propelled by hand, wind or electric motor.

▶ VANCIL RESERVOIR, MORGAN CO.
1. Waterfowl hunting prohibited, as posted.

▶ WEBSTER SWA, WELD CO.
1. Open for public access Sept. 1 through last day of spring turkey season, 4 a.m.–one hour after sunset.
2. Public access only for licensed hunters or members of hunting party, and only on Sat., Sun., Wed. and legal holidays.
3. Hunters may only access property by parking in designated, numbered parking spot inside parking lot. Parking along access road or Weld CR 394 prohibited.
4. Centerfire rifles, muzzleloaders prohibited.
5. Hunting in inflow or outflow channels prohibited.

▶ WELLINGTON SWA, WELLINGTON UNIT, LARIMER & WELD COs.
1. From first day of regular waterfowl season to first day of pheasant season open only on Sat., Sun., Mon. and legal holidays.
2. Only hand-propelled vessels may be used, and only when hunting waterfowl.

▶ WHITEHORSE SWA, ADAMS CO.
1. Open only for youth/mentor waterfowl hunting when authorized by area wildlife manager as participants in CPW youth hunter program.
2. Reservations required. See “Reservations” (page 17). Hunters with reservations can only hunt area specified on reservation except in areas where reservations are not required or are unreserved and unoccupied. Mandatory check-in and check-out at check station.