

Regulation Change Notification: Proposed Migratory Game Bird Seasons for Colorado 2022-2023

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These CPW staff proposals for regulations for migratory game bird hunting seasons (Chapter W-5) in Colorado are preliminary and contingent upon final federal regulation frameworks. Federal frameworks for 2022-2023 are expected to be published in the federal register in January 2022, and the proposed season dates and bag/possession limits presented below assume no changes to 2021-2022 federal frameworks, except as noted with an asterisk. The proposed season dates include adjustments for the 2022-2023 calendar, and adjustments for waterfowl and crane seasons to provide an open season during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

2022-2023 Proposed Regulations				2021-2022 Regulations		
Season	Proposed dates	Days	Daily bag limit	Dates	Days	Daily bag limit
Sora and Virginia Rail	Sep 1-Nov 9	70	25	Sep 1- Nov 9	70	25
Snipe	Sep 1-Dec 16	107	8	Sep 1-Dec 16	107	8
Band-tailed Pigeon	Sep 1-14	14	2	Sep 1-14	14	2
Doves (Mourning, White-winged)	Sep 1-Nov 29	90	15	Sep 1-Nov 29	90	15
Sandhill Crane (regular season)	Oct 1-Nov 27	58	3	Oct 2-Nov 28	58	3
Crow	Nov 1-Feb 28	120	no limit	Nov 1-Feb 28	120	no limit
Falconry	No extended season			No extended season		
<u>Pacific Flyway Waterfowl, Coot</u>						
September Canada Goose Season*	Sep 1-9	9	5	Sep 1-9	9	4
Western Duck, Coot Zone	Oct 1-18	18	7 duck, 25 coot	Oct 2-Oct 19	18	7, 25
	Nov 6-Jan 31	87	7, 25	Nov 6-Jan 31	87	7, 25
(scaup)	Oct 1-18, Nov 6-Jan 12 (86 days total)			Oct 2-Oct 19, Nov 6-Jan 12 (86 days total)		
Eastern Duck, Coot Zone	Oct 1-Jan 13	105	7, 25	Oct 2-Jan 14	105	7, 25
(scaup)	Oct 1-Dec 25 (86 days total)			Oct 2-Dec 26 (86 days total)		
Western Goose Zone*	Oct 1-9 Nov 6-Jan 31	9 87	5 dark, 10 light	Oct 2-Oct 10 Nov 6-Jan 31	9 87	4 dark, 10 light
Eastern Goose Zone*	Oct 1-Jan 4	96	5 dark, 10 light	Oct 2-Jan 5	96	4 dark, 10 light

*The federal framework for dark goose dark bag limits in the Pacific Flyway has been increased from 4 to 5.

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	Proposed dates	Days	Daily bag limit	Dates	Days	Daily bag limit
<u>Central Flyway Waterfowl, Coot</u>						
September Teal Season	Sep 10-18	9	6	Sep 11-19	9	6
Mountain/Foothills Duck, Coot Zone**	Oct 1-Nov 27	58	6 duck, 15 coot	Oct 2-Nov 28	58	6, 15
	Dec 25-Jan 31	38	6, 15	Dec 25-Jan 31	38	6, 15
Northeast Duck, Coot Zone**	Oct 8-Nov 27	51	6, 15	Oct 9-Nov 28	51	6, 15
	Dec 18-Jan 31	45	6, 15	Dec 18-Jan 31	45	6, 15
Southeast Duck, Coot Zone**	Oct 28-Jan 31	96	6, 15	Oct 28-Jan 31	96	6, 15
North Park Dark Goose Zone	Oct 1-Jan 13	105	5	Oct 2-Jan 14	105	5
South Park Dark Goose Zone	Oct 1-Jan 13	105	5	Oct 2-Jan 14	105	5
San Luis Valley Dark Goose Zone	Oct 1-19	19	5	Oct 2-Oct 20	19	5
	Nov 19-Feb 12	86		Nov 20-Feb 13	86	
Remainder Central Flyway Dark Goose Zone	Oct 31-Feb 12	105	5	Nov 1-Feb 13	105	5
Central Flyway light goose	Oct 29-Feb 12	107	50	Oct 30-Feb 13	107	50
Light goose conservation order	Feb 13-Apr 30	77	no limit	Feb 14-Apr 30	76	no limit
<u>Youth/Military Waterfowl Weekends</u>						
Pacific Flyway Western Zone	Oct 22-23	2	Same as regular season	Oct 23-24	2	Same as regular season
Pacific Flyway Eastern Zone	Sep 24-25	2		Sep 25-26	2	
Central Flyway Mountain/Foothills	Sep 24-25	2	Same as regular season for duck, coot, dark goose	Sep 25-26	2	Same as regular season for duck, coot, dark goose
Central Flyway Northeast Zone	Oct 1-2	2		Oct 2-3	2	
Central Flyway Southeast Zone	Oct 22-23	2		Oct 23-24	2	

Possession limits for all seasons are three times the daily bag limit, with the exception that there is no possession limit for crow, Central Flyway light goose, and the light goose conservation order. Overall daily bag limits for ducks include the following restrictions: Pacific Flyway – no more than 2 female mallards, 1 pintail, 2 canvasbacks, 2 redheads, 2 scaup; Central Flyway – up to 5 mallards, but no more than 2 can be female mallards, 1 pintail, 2 canvasbacks, 2 redheads, 3 wood ducks, 1 scaup.

**The separate merganser daily bag limit (5) and bag limit restriction on hooded mergansers (2) have been eliminated from the federal frameworks; mergansers are now included in the 6-bird daily bag limit for all ducks.

2022-2023 Central Flyway Northeast Duck Zone Seasons

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October

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November

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Number of days (107 total)	
9	= September Teal
2	= Youth/Military Weekend
73	= Regular duck season
23	= High Plains Unit Days
Holidays marked in red	

2022-2023 Central Flyway Southeast Duck Zone Seasons

September

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October

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November

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Number of days (107 total)

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2022-2023 Central Flyway Mountain/Foothills Duck Zone Seasons

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October

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2022-2023 Central Flyway San Luis Valley Dark Goose Season

September

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2022-2023 Central Flyway North Park and South Park Dark Goose Seasons

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2022-2023 Remainder Central Flyway Dark Goose Seasons

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2022-2023 Central Flyway Light Goose Season

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2022-2023 Pacific Flyway Western Waterfowl Zone Seasons

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105 = Regular duck season

96 = Regular goose season

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2022-2023 Pacific Flyway Eastern Waterfowl Zone Seasons

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January

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February

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