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  - Nov. 30-Jan. 31
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**SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS**

In addition to State regulations, the following Federal rules apply to the taking, possession, shipping, transporting, and storing of migratory game birds.

**NOTICE**—The material below is only a summary. Each hunter should also consult the actual Federal regulations, which may be found in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20. For more information, call the US Fish and Wildlife Service Law Enforcement Office at 908-787-1321.

**RESTRICTION**—No person shall take migratory game birds:
- By the aid of baiting, exposing, depositing, distributing or scattering salt, grain or other feed that could lure birds to an area, or on or over any baited area, where a person knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited. Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of all the bait. However, nothing in this paragraph prohibits taking migratory game birds over lands or areas where seeds or grains have been scattered solely as the result of a normal agricultural planting, harvesting, post-harvest manipulation or normal soil stabilization practice. Violators convicted of hunting over bait may be fined up to $15,000 and individuals convicted of placing bait in an area may be fined up to $100,000.
- With a trap, snare, net, crossbow, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10-gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, poison, drug, explosive, or stupefying substances.
- With a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler which is incapable of removal without disassembling the gun.
- From a sink boat (a low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water).
- From or with the aid or use of other motor-driven land conveyance, or aircraft, except that paraplegics and single or double amputees of the legs may take from any stationary stationery hide, or stationary motor-driven land conveyance. "Paraplegic" means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body with involvement of both legs, usually due to disease of or injury to the spinal cord.
- From or by means of any vessel or boat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled, and confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such tame birds from the sight of migratory waterfowl.
- Using records or tapes of migratory bird calls or sounds, or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls. Exception: crows may be hunted with electronic calls.
- By driving, rallying, or chasing birds with any motorized conveyance or any sail boat to put them in the range of the hunters.

**POSSESSION OF LIVE BIRDS**—Wounded birds reduced to possession shall be immediately killed and included in the daily bag limit.

**DAILY BAG LIMIT**—No person shall take in any one day more than one daily bag limit. No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or returning from the field to one’s car, hunting camp, home, etc.

**TAGGING**—No person shall give, put or leave any migratory game birds at any place or in the custody of another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information:
1. The hunter’s signature.
2. The hunter’s address.
3. The total number of birds involved, by species.
4. The dates such birds were killed.

No person or business shall receive or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are properly tagged.

**SHIPMENT**—No person shall ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside with: (a) the name and address of the person sending the birds, (b) the name and address of the person to whom the birds are being sent, and (c) the number of birds, by species, contained in the package.

**DRESSING**—No person shall completely field dress any migratory game bird (except doves and band-tailed pigeons) and then transport the birds from the field. The head or one fully feathered wing must remain attached to all such birds while being transported from the field to one’s home or to a migratory bird preservation facility.

**NONTOXIC SHOT REGULATIONS**—Non toxic shot is required for hunting rails, snipe, moorhens, coot, and waterfowl in New Jersey. Non toxic shot includes steel, bismuth, tungsten-iron, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-matrix, tungsten-nickel-iron (HEVI-SHOT), tungsten-bismuth (TNT), tungsten-bronzes and tungsten-tin-bismuth shot types. Shot size may not exceed Size T (0.200 inch).

**EMERGENCY CLOSURE**—For all migratory game birds, the Secretary of the Interior shall close the season within 48 hours upon recommendations of the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

**NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES**—Some National Wildlife Refuges have portions of their property open for migratory bird hunting. Specific regulations may apply at each refuge. For details contact: Edwin B. Forsythe NWR—609-472-1653 Supawanna Meadows NWR—856-935-1487 Waskill River NWR—973-752-7266 Cape May NWR—609-463-0994

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

**Special Winter Canada Goose Season Hunting Areas**

For the north, it is that portion of New Jersey within a continuous line that runs east along the New York State boundary to the Hudson River; then south along the New York State boundary to its intersection with Route 440 at Perth Amboy; then west on Route 440 to its intersection with Route 26; then west along Route 26 to its intersection with Route 26; then west along Route 26 to its intersection with Route 94; then west along Route 94 to the toll bridge in Columbia; then south along bird calls or sounds, or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls. Exception: crows may be hunted with electronic calls.

For the south, it is that portion of New Jersey within a continuous line that runs west from the Atlantic Ocean to Ship Bottom along Route 72 to Route 70; then west along Route 70 to Route 206; then south along Route 206 to Route 538; then west along Route 538 to Route 322; then west along Route 322 to Route 55; then south along Route 55 to Route 553 (Buck Rd.); then south along Route 553 to Route 40; then east along Route 40 to Route 55; then south along Route 55 to Route 552 (Sherran Av e.); then west along Route 52 to Camel Rd.; then south along Camel Rd. to Route 49; then east along Route 49 to Route 555; then south along Route 555 to Route 553; then east along Route 553 to Route 458; then north along Route 458 to Route 553; then east along Route 553 to Route 458; then west along Route 458 to Route 49; then east along Route 49 to Route 50; then south along Route 50 to Route 98; then south along Route 98 to Route 670; then east along Route 670 to Route 47; then north along Route 47 to Route 548; then east along Route 548 to Route 49; then east along Route 49 to Route 50; then south along Route 50 to Route 8; then north along Route 8 to Route 653; then east along Route 653 to the Atlantic Ocean; then north to the beginning point.

**HUNTING ZONES**

**Waterfowl Areas** (Applies to regular ducks, coots, mergansers, regular season Canada goose, brant, snow goose and Youth Days).

**North Zone**—That portion of New Jersey within a continuous line that runs east along the New York State boundary line to the Hudson River; then south along the New York State boundary to its intersection with Route 440 at Perth Amboy; then west on Route 440 to its intersection with the Garden State Parkway (GSP); then south on the GSP to its intersection with Route 70; then west on Route 70 to its intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike; then north on the Turnpike to its intersection with Route 206; then north on Route 206 to its intersection with Route 1 in Trenton; then west on Route 1 to its intersection with the Pennsylvania State boundary; then north along the Pennsylvania boundary in the Delaware River to its intersection with the New York State boundary.

**South Zone**—That portion of New Jersey within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the Delaware River and Route 1; then east along Route 1 to its intersection with Route 206; then south along Route 206 to its intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike; then south along the Turnpike to its intersection with Route 70; then east along Route 70 to its intersection with the GSP; then south on the GSP to Cape May City, then south to the Delaware State boundary in Delaware Bay; then north along the Delaware State boundary in the Delaware Bay and Delaware River to the Pennsylvania boundary; then north along the Pennsylvania State boundary in the Delaware River to Route 1, Trenton.

**Coastal Zone**—That portion of New Jersey east of the GSP that is not within the North or South zones.

**Woodcock Zones:**

North Zone—North of Route 70 from Point Pleasant to Camden.

South Zone—South of Route 70 from Point Pleasant to Camden.

**Special Sea Duck Area:** Defined as any waters of the Atlantic Ocean and in addition any tidal waters of any bay which are separated by at least 1 mile of open water from any shore of an island or emergent vegetation. In this area, hunters must limit their hunting to open water areas at least one mile from any land or emergent vegetation in any direction.