SPECIAL WINTER CANADA GOOSE SEASON HUNTING AREAS

For the north, it is that portion of New Jersey within a continuous line that runs west from the Atlantic Ocean at Ship Bottom along Route 72 to Route 70; then west along Route 70 to Route 206; then south along Route 206 to Route 536; then west along Route 536 to Route 322; then west along Route 322 to Route 55; then south along Route 55 to Route 535 (Buck Rd.); then south along Route 535 to Route 40; then east along Route 40 to Route 55; then south along Route 55 to Route 552 (Sherman Ave.); then west along Route 552 to Carmel Rd.; then south along Carmel Rd. to Route 49; then east along Route 49 to Route 55; then south along Route 55 to Route 553; then east along Route 553 to Route 649; then north along Route 649 to Route 670; then east along Route 670 to Route 47; then north along Route 47 to Route 48; then east along Route 48 to Route 50; then south along Route 50 to Route 9; then south along Route 9 to Route 625 (Sea Isle City Blvd.); then east along Route 625 to the Atlantic Ocean; then north to the beginning point.

For the south, it is that portion of New Jersey within a continuous line that runs west from the Atlantic Ocean at Perth Amboy; then west on Route 440 to its intersection with Route 287; then west along Route 287 to its intersection with Route 206 in Bedminster (Exit 18); then north along Route 206 to its intersection with Route 94; then west along Route 94 to the toll bridge in Columbia; then north along the Pennsylvania State boundary in the Delaware River to the beginning point.

**Bird Regulations**

(See Fish & Wildlife Hunting Digest for page 4 for details.)

- The pintail daily bag limit was increased to 2 birds.
- The light goose daily bag limit during the regular season was increased to 25 birds with no possession limit.
- Brant season will be closed during part of the duck season in all zones.
- There will be a Conservation Order season for light geese from Feb. 16 - Apr. 9, 2011.
- Scap season will be open for the duration of the duck season with a 2-bird bag limit.
- The wood duck daily bag limit was increased to 3 birds in 2008 and remains the same for the 2010-2011 season.

**WHAT DO I NEED TO HUNT MIGRATORY BIRDS IN NEW JERSEY?**

1. Online at the license sales page at: [http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/als/websalesintro.htm](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/als/websalesintro.htm)
2. From a license agent.
3. By calling the toll-free NJ telephone sales line at 888-277-2777.

**HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM (HIP)**

All hunters must obtain a HIP certification before hunting ducks, geese, brant, coot, woodcock, rails, snipe, or gallinules. Migratory bird hunters can get their HIP certification one of three ways:

1. Online and license agent HIP certifications will cost $2.00 while telephone HIP certifications can be printed on a home computer. Telephone HIP certifications will be received in about 1 week; however, hunters can begin hunting immediately by recording their HIP certification number. HIP is confidential and used by the USFWS for conducting migratory bird harvest surveys.
2. Electronic calls are permitted.
3. Shotguns capable of holding no more than 7 shells (including magazine and chamber) are permitted.
4. Hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset

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SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS
The following is a synopsis of Federal Regulations that pertain to the hunting of migratory game birds. More information can be found at the US Fish and Wildlife Service Law Enforcement Office at 908-787-1321.

No persons shall take migratory game birds:
• By the aid of baiting, or on or over any saltwater area, where a person knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited. Baiting means the direct or indirect placer, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of salt, grain, or other feed that could serve as a lure or attraction for migratory game birds to on, or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take them. Any such area will remain a baited area for ten days following the complete removal of all salt, grain, or other feed.
• With a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, or shotgun, shotguns larger than 10 gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machinegun, fish hook, poison, drug, explosive, or stupefying substance;
• With a shotgun of any description capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun, so its total capacity does not exceed three shells.

Exceptions: In New Jersey, shotguns capable of holding no more than 7 shells are permitted during the September Canada goose season and the Spring Brant season.

From or by means, aid, or use of a sinkbox or any other type of low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water;
From or by means, aid, or use of any motor vehicle, motor-driven land conveyance, or aircraft of any kind, except that paraplegics and persons missing one or both legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance;
From or by means of any motorboat or other craft having a motor attached, or any sailboat, unless the motor has been completely shut off and the sails furled, and its progress there from has ceased;
By the use or aid of live birds as decoys; although not limited to, it shall be a violation of this paragraph for any person to take migratory waterfowl on an area where tame or captured birds are present, or on the water in which such birds are and have been for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to such taking, confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the auditory of their calls and totally conceals such birds from the sight of migratory waterfowl;
By the use or aid of recorded or electrically amplified bird calls or sounds, or recorded or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds. Exceptions: In New Jersey, hunters can use electronic calls during: crows season, September Canada goose season and the Light Goose Conservation Order.
By means of or by means of any motor driven land, water, or air conveyance, or any sailboat used for the purpose or resulting in the concentrating, driving, rallying, or stirring up of any migratory bird;

Tagging requirement No person shall put or leave any migratory game birds at any place (other than his possession abode), or in the custody of another person for picking, cleaning, processing, shipping, transportation, or storage (including temporary storage), or for the purpose of having taxidermy services performed, unless such birds have a tag attached, stating his address, the total number and species of birds, and the date such birds were killed. Migratory game birds being transported in any vehicle as the personal bagage of the possessor shall not be considered as being in storage or temporary storage.

Species identification requirement No person shall transport within the United States any migratory game birds and band-tailed pigeons, unless the head of any one fully feathered wing remains attached to each such bird at all times while being transported from the place where taken until they have arrived at the personal abode of the possessor or a migratory bird conservation facility.

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:

National Wildlife Refuge | Phone Number
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Amelia Earhart National Wildlife Refuge | 305-249-3000
Cape May National Wildlife Refuge | 609-884-6500
Cooper-Sudsing National Wildlife Refuge | 410-632-2281
Delaware Bay National Wildlife Refuge | 302-762-0225
Huntington National Wildlife Refuge | 518-533-4061
Jamestown National Wildlife Refuge | 518-878-5300
Kittitas Valley National Wildlife Refuge | 509-885-6101
Memorial National Wildlife Refuge | 407-864-8808
Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge | 321-408-2100
Mount Saint Helens National Volcanic Monument | 360-561-4200
Nahanni National Park Reserve | 204-482-5323
Piceance National Wildlife Refuge | 970-249-5148
Pleasant Valley National Wildlife Refuge | 702-486-4700
Pullman National Wildlife Refuge | 509-758-4700
Reno National Wildlife Refuge | 775-347-0270
San Diego National Wildlife Refuge | 619-563-4000
Trainer National Wildlife Refuge | 701-854-5000
Yolo National Wildlife Refuge | 530-432-2422
Zembo National Wildlife Refuge | 907-477-5576

HUNTING HOURS - See page 90 of Fish and Wildlife Digest for sunrise/sunset table.

- Ducks, geese, brant, coots, rails, moorhens, snipe—½ hour before sunrise to sunset. For example, if sunrise is 6:00 AM and sunset is 5:00 PM, hunting hours for these species are 6:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
- Woodcock—½ hour before sunset.
- Crows—½ hour before to ½ hour after sunset.
- September Canada goose and the Spring Light Goose Conservation Order—½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

STATE REGULATIONS
State laws and regulations may be more stringent but no more lenient than those prescribed in the federal code (Title 50).

NONTOXIC SHOT REGULATIONS — In New Jersey, no person may take ducks, geese, Brant, coots, rails, snipes, or moorhens during the period when possessing shot that is not a federal approved non-toxic shot. Approved nontoxic shot includes steel, bismuth, tungsten-iron, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-matrix, tungsten-nickel-iron (HEVI-SHOT), tungsten-iron-nickel-tin (TINT), tungsten-bronze and tungsten-kis-mith shot types. Shot size may not exceed Size T (0.200 inch).

Restrictions:

a. MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING IS NOT PERMITTED ON SUNDAYS IN NJ.
b. Should any open season on migratory game birds, including waterfowl, be set by Federal regulation which would include the date of November 6, 2010, the starting time on such date will be 8:00 A.M. to coincide with the opening of the small game season on that date. However, this shall not preclude the hunting of migratory game birds, including waterfowl, on the tidal marshes of the State as regularly prescribed throughout the season by Federal regulations.
c. There shall be no open season for hunting any game birds or animals including migratory waterfowl:
  - in or on the shores of the Shark River in Monmouth County.
  - in that portion of the Manasquan River from the ocean inlet upstream to Route 70 bridge.
  - On Herring Island and that portion of Barnegat Bay lying between northern and southern tips of Herring Island easterly to adjacent shoreline of Mantoloking Boro, Ocean County.
  - On Parker Creek and Oceanook Creek, Monmouth County, or the shores thereof, southwest or upstream of the Conrail R.R. bridge.
  - Waterfowl hunting on Delaware River is governed by State boundaries and restricted to restricted to respective state seasons.
  - Permanent blinds may not be constructed on some State Wildlife Management Areas designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp areas except in tidal marsh open to an ongoing waterfowl season. See page 64 of the 2010-11 NJ Fish and Wildlife Digest for these areas.
  - Nontoxic shot is required for rail, and moorhen hunting AT ALL TIMES.
  - Crossbows are prohibited for taking migratory game birds.

2011 SPRING LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER - Feb. 16 - Apr. 9, 2011.

[Details about the 2011 Spring Light Goose Conservation Order for light geese]

WATERFOWL HUNTING ZONES
Applies to regular ducks, coots, mergansers, regular season Canada goose, brant, regular season light geese and Youth Days.

Coastal Zone:
- North: That portion of the State seaward of a line beginning at the New York State line in Rantian Bay and extending west along the New York State line to NJ 440 at Perth Amboy. west on NJ 440 to the Garden State Parkway; south on the Garden State Parkway to the shoreline at Cape May and continuing to the Delaware State line in Delaware Bay.
- North Zone: That portion of the State west of the Coastal Zone and north of a line extending west from the Garden State Parkway on NJ 70 to the New Jersey Turnpike, north to U.S. 206, south to U.S. 206 to I-71 at Trenton, west on U.S. 1 to the Pennsylvania State line in the Delaware River.
- South Zone: Portion of the State not within the North Zone or the Coastal Zone.

Coastal Zone:
- Woodcock North Zone—North of Route 70 from Point Pleasant to Camden.
- Woodcock 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 tidewaters of any bay which are separated by at least 1 mile of open water from any shore, island or emergent vegetation. In this area, hunters must limit their hunting to tidewater areas at least one mile from any land or emergent vegetation in any direction.