

# **FINAL SELECTIONS FOR THE 2020-21 MARYLAND MIGRATORY GAME BIRD SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS**

**(Pending Final Approval from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service)**

## **SPECIAL EARLY RESIDENT POPULATION CANADA GEESE**

### Season Dates

Eastern Zone            Sep. 1, 2020 - Sept 15, 2020

Western Zone           Sep. 1, 2020 - Sept 25, 2020

Daily Bag Limit: 8 in both zones. Possession limit is 3 times the daily limit.

Eastern Hunt Zone: Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico and Worcester Counties; and that part of Anne Arundel County east of Interstate 895, Interstate 97 and Route 3; that part of Prince George's County east of Route 3 and Route 301; and that part of Charles County east of 301 to the Virginia line.

Western Hunt Zone: Allegany, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Howard, Montgomery and Washington Counties; and that part of Anne Arundel County west of Interstate 895, Interstate 97 and Route 3; that part of Prince George's County west of Route 3 and Route 301; and that part of Charles County west of 301 to the Virginia line.

Shotguns capable of holding more than 3 shells may be used. Shooting hours in both zones are from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

## **SEPTEMBER TEAL SEASON**

Season Dates                      Sep. 16, 2020 - Sep. 30, 2020

Daily Bag Limit: 6 blue-winged or green-winged teal, singly or in aggregate. The possession limit is 3 times the daily bag limit.

September Teal Hunt Zone: Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico and Worcester Counties; that part of Anne Arundel County east of Interstate 895, Interstate 97, Route 3; that part of Prince George's County east of Route 3 and Route 301; and that part of Charles County east of 301 to the Virginia line. Shooting hours for teal during this season are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

## **DUCKS, COOTS and MERGANSERS**

Season Dates                      Oct. 10, 2020 - Oct. 17, 2020  
   Nov. 14, 2020 - Nov. 27, 2020  
   Dec. 15, 2020 - Jan. 30, 2021

Black Duck                        Nov. 14, 2020 - Nov. 27, 2020  
   Dec. 15, 2020 - Jan. 30, 2021

**Duck Daily Bag and Possession Limits:** The daily bag limit of ducks (including mergansers) is 6. The 6-duck limit shall consist of no more than 5 sea ducks (no more than 4 long-tailed ducks, 4 scoters or 4 eiders), 2 mallards (no more than 1 hen mallard), 3 wood ducks, 1 pintail, 2 redheads, 1 scaup\*, 2 hooded mergansers, 2 canvasbacks, 2 black ducks (during black duck open season), 1 fulvous tree duck and 1 mottled duck. All other species of ducks (except harlequin duck) may be taken up to the 6-duck limit. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit. In addition to the duck bag limit hunters may take 15 coots per day. No open season for harlequin ducks and swans.

\*Scaup hybrid season: Daily bag limit is 1 except between Jan. 8, 2021 - Jan 30, 2021 when 2 scaup per day may be harvested.

**Note: In the designated sea duck zone, sea ducks may only be taken during the special sea duck season dates (Oct. 31, 2020 - Jan. 8, 2021).**

## **SEA DUCKS (Scoters, Long-tailed Duck and Eiders)**

Season Dates:                      Oct. 31, 2020 - Jan. 8, 2021

Daily Bag Limit:                    5 (no more than 4 scoters, 4 long-tailed ducks or 4 eiders) per day

## **YOUTH AND VETERAN WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS**

Season Dates:                      Nov. 7, 2020 and Feb. 6, 2021

**Daily Bag and Possession Limits:** The daily bag limit of ducks (including mergansers) is 6. The 6-duck limit shall consist of no more than 5 sea ducks (no more than 4 long-tailed ducks, 4 scoters or 4 eiders), 2 mallards (no more than 1 hen mallard), 3 wood ducks, 2 scaup, 1 pintail, 2 redheads, 2 hooded mergansers, 2 canvasbacks, 2 black ducks, 1 fulvous tree duck and 1 mottled duck. All other species of ducks (except harlequin duck) may be taken up to the 6-duck limit. In addition, youth hunters may take 1 Canada goose in the Atlantic Population Hunt Zone or 5 Canada Geese in the Late Resident Canada Goose Hunt Zone, 2 brant, 25 light geese and 15 coots. No open season for harlequin ducks and swans.

Any licensed or license-exempt hunter 16 years old or younger as well as military veterans (as defined in section 101 of title 38, United States Code) of any age and members of the Armed Forces on active duty, including members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty (other than for training) may participate during these one-day hunts. All hunters must possess a receipt showing they purchased a \$9 Maryland Migratory Game Bird Hunting Stamp. A Federal

Migratory Hunting and Conservation Stamp is required of hunters who are 16 years old or older. Youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult at least 21 years old that holds a valid Maryland hunting license or is exempt from the hunting license requirements. The accompanying adult may call waterfowl, assist with decoys, and retrieve downed birds but may not possess a hunting weapon. Note: Active military and honorably discharged veterans at least 21 years old may possess hunting weapons and hunt while also providing assistance to eligible youth hunters.

### **ATLANTIC POPULATION (AP) CANADA GEESE**

Season Dates: Dec. 18, 2020 - Jan. 2, 2021  
Jan. 13, 2021 - Jan. 30, 2021

Bag Limit: 1 per day

AP Zone: Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Harford, Howard, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, St. Mary's, Talbot, Wicomico and Worcester Counties; and that portion of Carroll County east of Route 31 to the intersection of Route 97 and east of Route 97 to the Pennsylvania line; and that portion of Prince George's County east of Route 3 and Route 301; and that portion of Charles County east of Route 301 to the Virginia line.

### **AF RESIDENT POPULATION CANADA GEESE**

Season Dates: Nov. 21, 2020 - Nov. 27, 2020  
Dec. 15, 2020 - Mar. 10, 2021

Daily Bag Limit: 5 per day\*

RP Zone: Allegany, Frederick, Garrett, Montgomery, and Washington Counties; and that portion of Carroll County west of Route 31 to the intersection of Route 97 and west of Route 97 to the Pennsylvania line; and that portion of Prince George's County west of Route 3 and Route 301; and that portion of Charles County west of Route 301 to the Virginia line.

\*Includes Canada geese, cackling geese and white-fronted geese singly or in aggregate.

### **ATLANTIC BRANT**

Season Dates: Nov. 18, 2020 - Nov. 27, 2020  
Dec. 15, 2020 - Jan. 30, 2021

Daily Bag Limit: 2 per day

## **LIGHT GEESE**

Season Dates: Oct. 1, 2020 - Nov. 27, 2020  
Dec. 14, 2020 - Jan. 30, 2021  
Feb. 6, 2021

Daily Bag Limit: 25 per day\*\* No possession limit.  
\*\*Includes greater and lesser snow geese and Ross's geese singly or in aggregate.

## **LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER**

Season Dates: Nov 30, 2020 - Dec. 12, 2020  
Feb. 1, 2021 - Feb. 5, 2021  
Feb. 8, 2021 - Apr. 15, 2021

Daily Bag Limit: No Limit, no possession limit

Hunt Area: Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Harford, Howard, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, St. Mary's, Talbot, Wicomico and Worcester Counties; and that portion of Carroll County east of Route 31 to the intersection of Route 97, and east of Route 97 to the Pennsylvania line; that portion of Prince George's County east of Route 3 and Route 301; and that portion of Charles County east of Route 301 to the Virginia line. The Special Sea Duck Zone is excluded from this hunt area.

### **Special Regulations during Light Goose Conservation Order Season:**

(1) Participating hunters must possess a \$5 Snow Goose Conservation Order Hunting Season Permit while hunting light geese during this season; (2) Hunters may use shotguns capable of holding more than three shotshells; (3) Hunters may use electronic calls with recordings of light geese; and (4) Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

*Note: Shooting hours for regular waterfowl seasons are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset except for (1) Resident Canada geese during September seasons when shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset, and (2) for light geese during the Light Goose Conservation Order Season when shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset. All season dates are inclusive. There is no possession limit for light geese; for all other waterfowl, the possession limit is three times the daily bag limit. In the Atlantic Flyway States of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, North Carolina and Pennsylvania, where Sunday hunting is prohibited statewide by State law, all Sundays are closed to all take of migratory waterfowl (including mergansers and coots).*

**WEBLESS MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS (Doves, Rails, Snipe and Woodcock)**

**MOURNING DOVE**

Season Dates: Sep. 1, 2020 - Oct. 17, 2020  
Oct. 24, 2020 - Nov. 27, 2020  
Dec. 19, 2020 - Jan. 9, 2021

Daily Bag Limit: 15 per day

**KING AND CLAPPER RAIL**

Season Dates: Sep. 1, 2020 - Nov. 20, 2020

Daily Bag Limit: 10 per day (No more than 1 King Rail)

**SORA AND VIRGINIA RAIL**

Season Dates: Sep. 1, 2020 - Nov. 20, 2020

Daily Bag Limit: 25 per day

**COMMON SNIPE**

Season Dates: Sep. 29, 2020 - Jan 30, 2021

Daily Bag Limit: 8 per day

**WOODCOCK**

Season Dates: Oct. 21, 2020 - Nov. 27, 2020  
Jan. 11, 2021 - Jan. 23, 2021

Daily Bag Limit: 3 per day

For additional information on population status, regulations, where to hunt, and more go the [DNR Waterfowl Page](#).