



2014 EARLY SEASON RESIDENT AND MIGRATORY GAME BIRD REGULATION SUMMARY

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The Fish and Game Commission adopted hunting regulations for resident and migratory game birds at its August 6th meeting. This flyer contains a summary of the Upland Game Bird/Waterfowl Hunting Regulations for hunting seasons that occur early in the fall because regulation booklets cannot be printed and distributed before some seasons open. The Department of Fish and Wildlife has published this flyer for your convenience because it can be printed and distributed more quickly. All dates below are for the 2014/2015 hunting season.

Complete regulations are available at www.wildlife.ca.gov/regulations

Important Changes for 2014/2015:

- The daily bag limit for mourning and white-winged doves increased to 15 in aggregate, of which no more than 10 may be white-winged doves.
- Eurasian collared-dove season is open all year, statewide, beginning September 1.
- 30 sage-grouse permits have been approved for the North Mono Hunt Zone.
- White and dark goose daily and total bag limits increased (see below).
- Canvasback bag limit reduced to 1 per day.

Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 300(a). Resident Upland Game Birds

Species	Season Dates	Bag and Possession Limits
QUAIL		
Zone Q1 Mountain Quail only	September 13 – October 17	<u>Daily Bag limit:</u> 10 quail in any combination of species per day <u>Possession Limit:</u> triple the daily bag limit
Zone Q1 (All Quail)	October 18 – January 25	
Zone Q2 (All Quail)	September 27 - January 25	
Zone Q3 (All Quail)	October 18 - January 25	
Early Season for Hunters with Junior Hunting Licenses in the Mojave National Preserve	October 4 – 5	
Archery Only	August 16 - September 5 (and during the general seasons)	

QUAIL HUNTING ZONE DESCRIPTIONS

Zone Q1: The early mountain quail season hunting zone includes the counties of Alpine, Butte, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Inyo, Lassen, Modoc, Mono, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity, and those portions of Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Madera, Mariposa, Nevada, Placer, Tuolumne, Tulare, and Yuba counties lying east of the western boundary of the national forests.

Zone Q2: The early coastal quail season (all species) hunting zone includes the counties of Marin, Napa, Solano, Sonoma, Lake, and Mendocino.

Zone Q3: The balance of the state season (all species) hunting zone includes the remaining land area not included in Zone Q2 (the counties of Marin, Napa, Solano, Lake, and Mendocino).

CHUKAR	October 18 - January 25	<u>Bag Limit:</u> 6 chukar per day
Archery Only	August 16 - September 5 (and during the general season)	<u>Possession Limit:</u> triple the daily bag limit

CHUKAR HUNTING ZONE: Statewide

SAGE-GROUSE (North Mono Zone only)	September 13 - 14	<u>Season Limit:</u> 1 either-sex sage-grouse per season; by permit only (see below)
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Sage-grouse hunting for general, archery, and falconry seasons by permit only. In 2014, the Fish and Game Commission authorized 30 permits for North Mono Hunt Zone only. No permits were authorized for the South Mono, East Lassen, and Central Lassen Hunt Zones. The application deadline for a sage-grouse permit is August 11. For instructions see: www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/uplandgame/sagegrouse

SOOTY AND RUFFED GROUSE	September 13 - October 13	<u>Bag Limit:</u> 2 grouse per day <u>Bag Limit Makeup:</u> up to 2 sooty grouse, or up to 2 ruffed grouse, or one of each
Archery Only	August 16 - September 5 (and during the general season)	<u>Possession Limit:</u> triple the daily bag limit
SOOTY AND RUFFED GROUSE HUNTING ZONE DESCRIPTIONS		
Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Del Norte, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Inyo, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Mariposa, Mendocino, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, and Yuba. All other counties are closed to the taking of sooty or ruffed grouse.		
WHITE-TAILED PTARMIGAN	September 13 - 21	<u>Bag Limit:</u> 2 ptarmigan per day <u>Possession Limit:</u> 2 per season
PTARMIGAN HUNTING ZONE DESCRIPTIONS		
Area Open Zone: The open hunting zone for ptarmigan includes Alpine County and that portion of Mono County lying north and west of a line beginning at the intersection of Highway 203 and the Madera County line; east on Highway 203 to Highway 395; and north on Highway 395 to the Nevada state line.		
Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 300(b). Migratory Upland Game Birds		
BAND-TAILED PIGEON	Northern Zone: September 20 - 28 Southern Zone: December 20 - 28	<u>Bag Limit:</u> 2 band-tailed pigeons per day <u>Possession Limit:</u> triple the daily bag limit
BAND-TAILED PIGEON HUNTING ZONE DESCRIPTIONS		
Area Open Zone Descriptions: Northern Zone: Includes the counties of Alpine, Butte, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Trinity. Southern Zone: Includes the balance of the state not included in the northern zone described above.		
MOURNING DOVE and WHITE-WINGED DOVE	September 1 - 15 and November 8 - December 22	<u>Bag Limit:</u> 15 doves per day in aggregate, of which no more than 10 may be white-winged doves. <u>Possession Limit:</u> triple the daily bag limit in aggregate.
SPOTTED DOVE and RINGED TURTLE DOVE	September 1 - 15 and November 8 - December 22 Note: There is no open hunting season on common ground-doves, ruddy ground-doves, and Inca doves.	<u>Bag Limit:</u> no bag limit. <u>Possession Limit:</u> no possession limit.
EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE	All-year	<u>Bag Limit:</u> no bag limit. <u>Possession Limit:</u> no possession limit.
DOVE HUNTING ZONE: Statewide		
Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 502. Waterfowl		
NORTHEASTERN ZONE Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days	September 20 – 21	<u>Duck Bag Limits:</u> 7 ducks per day which may include: 7 mallards (no more than 2 females), 2 pintail, 1 canvasback, 2 redheads, 3 scaup. <u>Goose Bag Limits:</u> 25 geese per day which may include: 15 white geese, 10 dark geese (no more than 2 large Canada geese). <u>Possession Limit:</u> triple the daily bag limit
NORTHEASTERN ZONE	Ducks: October 4 – January 16 Scaup: October 4 – November 30 & December 20 – January 16 Dark geese: October 4 – January 11 White geese: October 31 – January 11	<u>Bag and Possession Limits:</u> Same as above.
BALANCE OF STATE ZONE – Large Canada Geese (early season)	October 4 – 8 (early large Canada goose season is closed in the North Coast Special Management Area)	<u>Bag Limit:</u> 10 large Canada geese per day <u>Possession Limit:</u> triple the daily bag limit
Shooting Hours for Upland Game Birds and Waterfowl	Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Sections 310.5 and 506. The shooting hours for upland game birds (except for pheasants and spring wild turkey season) and waterfowl are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset (see www.wildlife.ca.gov/regulations for shooting time tables).	