

Migratory Birds Hunting Regulations, 2007

Watch for this loon on blue signs marking National Wildlife Areas and Migratory Bird Sanctuaries.



Summary

The information presented here is a summary of the law. For complete information on fines, general prohibitions, permitted hunting methods and equipment, the need to retrieve birds, restrictions on using bait, description of hunting districts, and other restrictions on hunting, contact:

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Check your permit and provincial regulations for additional restrictions.

Note that there is now increased availability of Sunday hunting in the Southern District. For the 2007 season, Sunday gun hunting of migratory birds is permitted in provincial Wildlife Management Units 60 to 72 inclusive, 83, and 95. Sunday gun hunting of migratory birds is permitted only in those municipalities where Sunday gun hunting is permitted by provincial regulations. Hunters should consult the provincial regulations for information about Wildlife Management Unit boundaries and a list of municipalities where Sunday gun hunting is permitted.

Non-toxic shot must be used in **all** areas of Canada to hunt migratory game birds, except for woodcock, Band-tailed Pigeons, and Mourning Doves. Within National Wildlife Areas, the possession of lead shot is prohibited for all hunting, including the hunting of migratory birds and upland game birds. Hunters should consult provincial or territorial regulations for additional restrictions.

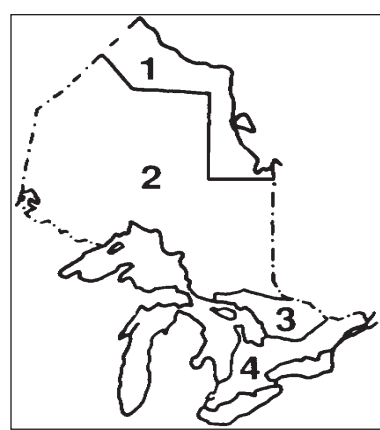
For those birds still hunted with lead shot, remove the lead shot before cooking whenever possible in order to reduce your exposure to contaminants. As well, remove the skin and fat from fish-eating birds before cooking them.

Note that hunting restrictions have been put in place for the Wolfe Island area to address concerns over the declining use of this area by waterfowl. As a result, hunting will be permitted in the Wolfe Island area only when hunters are on the island, on the shore, in the shoreline marsh, or on a dock within 20 metres of the shore.

HELPFUL TIP

Canadians may be exposed to avian-borne viruses when hunting or handling migratory birds and other wild game. Environment Canada recommends the following Website, maintained by the Public Health Agency of Canada, for information about minimizing the risk of exposure:
www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/id-mi/index.html

Hunting Districts



1. Hudson-James Bay District

Wildlife Management Units 1A, 1B, and the portions of Wildlife Management Units 1D, 25, and 26 lying east of longitude 83°45' and north of latitude 51°

2. Northern District

Wildlife Management Unit 1C, those parts of 1D, 25, and 26 lying west of longitude 83°45' and south of latitude 51°, and Wildlife Management Units 2 to 24, 27 to 41, and 45

3. Central District

Wildlife Management Units 42 to 44 and 46 to 59

4. Southern District

Wildlife Management Units 60A and 61 to 95

OPEN SEASONS IN ONTARIO (No open season for Harlequin Ducks)

Area	Ducks (other than Harlequin Ducks), rails (other than Yellow Rails and King Rails), Common Moorhens, American Coots, Common Snipe, and geese (other than Canada Geese and Cackling Geese)	Canada Geese and Cackling Geese*	Woodcock
1. Hudson-James Bay District	Sept. 1 to Dec. 15	Sept. 1 to Dec. 15	Sept. 1 to Dec. 15
2. Northern District	Sept. 10 to Dec. 15	Sept. 1 to Dec. 15	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15
3. Central District	Sept. 15 to Dec. 20	Sept. 4 to Dec. 20	Sept. 20 to Dec. 20
4. Southern District	Sept. 22 to Dec. 20(e)	Sept. 7 to Sept. 17(a)(e), Sept. 22 to Dec. 26(b), Sept. 22 to Jan. 5(c)(e), Sept. 22 to Oct. 20(d)(e), Nov. 24 to Jan. 5(d)(e), Feb. 21 to Feb. 28(c)(e)	Sept. 25 to Dec. 20(e)

(a) In Wildlife Management Units 60 to 89, 90 (excluding that part of the Township of South Walsingham, south of County Road 42, which includes Long Point), and 91 to 95.
 (b) In Wildlife Management Units 60 to 72, 83 and 95.
 (c) In Wildlife Management Units 73 to 82 and 84 to 93.
 (d) In Wildlife Management Unit 94.
 (e) No person shall hunt migratory birds on the following hunting season in Wildlife Management Units 73 to 82 and 84 to 94 from September 9 to December 30, and February 24. Sunday exclusions do not apply to falconers, who may hunt only ducks on Sundays from September 23 to December 16 inclusive.
 * See below for a simplified presentation of Canada and Cackling Goose Regulations for Southern District.

BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS IN ONTARIO

Limits	Ducks (other than Harlequin Ducks)	Canada Geese and Cackling Geese*	White-fronted Geese and Brant	Snow Geese	Rails (other than Yellow Rails and King Rails), American Coots, Common Snipe, and Common Moorhens	Woodcock
Daily bags	6(a)(b)(c)(d)	5(e)(f)(g)(h)	5	10	10	8
Possession	12(a)(b)(c)(d)	24	10	40	20	16

(a) Not more than one American Black Duck may be taken daily, and not more than two American Black Ducks may be possessed in Central and Southern districts, and not more than two American Black Ducks may be taken daily, and not more than four American Black Ducks may be possessed in Hudson-James Bay and Northern districts.
 (b) Not more than four Canvasbacks may be taken daily, and not more than eight Canvasbacks may be possessed.
 (c) Not more than four Redheads may be taken daily, and not more than eight Redheads may be possessed.
 (d) Not more than one Barrow's Goldeneye may be taken daily, and not more than two Barrow's Goldeneye may be possessed.
 (e) A total of not more than three Canada Geese or Cackling Geese, or any combination of these, may be taken daily in that portion of Wildlife Management Unit 1D in Hudson-James Bay District, and in Wildlife Management Units 23 to 31 and 37 to 41 from September 10 to December 15.
 (f) A total of not more than two Canada Geese or Cackling Geese, or any combination of these, may be taken daily in Wildlife Management Unit 94 from September 22 to October 20 and from November 24 to January 5.
 (g) A total of not more than three Canada Geese or Cackling Geese, or any combination of these, may be taken daily in Wildlife Management Units 82 to 86 and 93 from September 22 to October 31.
 (h) A total of three additional Canada Geese or Cackling Geese, or any combination of these, may be taken daily in Wildlife Management Units 36 and 45 from September 1 to September 9; in Central District from September 4 to September 14; in Wildlife Management Units 60 to 89, 90 (excluding that part of the Township of South Walsingham, south of County Road 42, which includes Long Point), and 91 to 95 from September 7 to September 17; and in Wildlife Management Units 73 to 82 and 84 to 93 from February 21 to February 28.
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SUMMARY OF CANADA AND CACKLING GOOSE REGULATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ONTARIO

Daily Limit	8	3	5	5	5	5	2	2	8
Possession Limit	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24
Start	7 Sept.	22 Sept.	1 Nov.	1 Nov.	22 Sept.	22 Sept.	22 Sept.	24 Nov.	21 Feb.
Close	17 Sept.	31 Oct.	5 Jan.	26 Dec.	26 Dec.	5 Jan.	20 Oct.	5 Jan.	28 Feb.
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60	X				X				
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62	X				X				
63	X				X				
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71	X				X				
72	X				X				
73	X					X			X
74	X					X			X
75	X					X			X
76	X					X			X
77	X					X			X
78	X					X			X
79	X					X			X
80	X					X			X
81	X					X			X
82	X	X	X						X
83	X	X		X					
84	X	X	X						X
85	X	X	X						X
86	X	X	X						X
87	X					X			X
88	X					X			X
89	X					X			X
90	X					X			X
91	X					X			X
92	X					X			X
93	X	X	X						X
94	X						X	X	
95	X				X				
Footnote	(a)	(c)	(c)			(c)	(d)	(d)	(e)
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