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  - Farmington, WV 26717
  - (304) 825-6878
- **District 2**
  - 1 Depot Street
  - Romney, WV 26757
  - (304) 522-3551
- **District 3**
  - 163 Wildlife Road
  - French Creek, WV 26218
  - (304) 324-6211
- **District 4**
  - 2006 Robert C. Byrd Drive
  - Beckley, WV 25801
  - (304) 256-6947
- **District 5**
  - 50 Rocky Branch Road
  - Alum Creek, WV 25503
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  - 2311 Ohio Avenue
  - Parkersburg, WV 26101
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**STATE REGULATIONS**

**MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING**

**Regulations Summary**

SEPT. 2019 – JAN. 2020

**Hunting and Fishing License Unit**

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On the cover: Snow Goose

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**What's New for 2019-2020**

- New hunting regulations for Greenbottom Wildlife Management Area (see State Regulations #6).
- Shooting hours for rails, snipe, woodcock and the statewide shooting hours for mourning doves.
- Morning hunting permitted during the remainder of the waterfowl season (2) mallards of which only one (1) can be a hen.
- Eight (8) days of extra waterfowl hunting in the controlled hunt area for waterfowl hunting, which will be by permit only Oct. 1-14, 2019. Go to www.wvhunt.com to apply. This area is designated by signs, and includes Ponds 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32.
- Shooting hours for rails, snipe, woodcock and the statewide shooting hours for mourning doves.

**Timing**

- Waterfowl hunting is permitted on private and public lands (state or federal lands owned, leased, licensed to or under the control of the West Virginia DNR for wildlife management National Wildlife Refuges.
- Rules and Regulations for hunting on National Wildlife Refuges.

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  - Canaan Valley NWR
    - 6263 Appalachian Highway • Davis, WV 26260 • (304) 866-3858
  - Alum Creek, WV 25003
  - St. Albans, WV 25177
  - Lake Mary NWR
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- The daily bag limit of six (6) can include only one (1) pintail, four (4) long-tailed ducks, two (2) scaup, two (2) black ducks, three (3) mergansers, with a possession limit of six (6).
- In aggregate.
- The daily bag limit for falconry hunting is three (3) migratory birds.
## Migratory Game Bird Seasons

**September 2019 – January 2020**

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### Shooting Hours

**Waterfowl hunting** is permitted on public and private lands in the state or federal lands owned, leased, licensed to or under the control of the West Virginia DNR for wildlife management purposes, including all waters on Sundays.

### National Wildlife Refuges

- **Ohio River Islands NWR**
  - 3962 Waverly Road • Williamstown, WV 26177 • (304) 375-2923
- **Canaan Valley NWR**
  - 6263 Appalachian Highway • Davis, WV 26260 • (304) 866-3858

### WHAT’S NEW FOR 2019-2020

- The mallard bag limit has been reduced to two (2) mallards of which only one (1) can be a hen.
- Pintail daily bag limit has been decreased to one (1) bird.
- New hunting regulations for Greenbottom Wildlife Management Area (see State Regulations #6).
- The closing outside date for the waterfowl seasons has been moved to January 31, 2020.

### State Regulations

1. All licensed hunters (including lifetime and senior citizens) must possess a valid Harvest Information Program (HIP) registration card to hunt any migratory game bird.
2. Youth waterfowl hunting season is open to youth ages 15 and younger for taking ducks, geese, coots, gallinules and mergansers. Youth hunters must be accompanied by a licensed adult age 16 or older. The accompanying adult may not hunt or possess a firearm.
3. It is lawful to hunt waterfowl on major waterways, lakes and reservoirs of the state during the gun season for deer, should the waterfowl season be open.
4. Only non-toxic shot size T or smaller approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may be used or be in the hunter’s possession while hunting waterfowl.
5. McClintic Wildlife Management Area
   - Hunting hours for waterfowl within the controlled waterfowl hunting area will be from legal shooting time until noon (prevailing time) Oct. 1-14, 2019.
   - Waterfowl hunting in the controlled hunt area will be by permit only Oct. 1-14, 2019. Go to www.wvhunt.com to apply. This area is designated by signs, and includes Ponds 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 36 and 39.
   - Concurrent hunting is prohibited Oct. 1-14, 2019 in the controlled waterfowl hunting area.
   - Waterfowl hunting in the controlled hunt area is permitted during the remainder of the waterfowl season without a permit.
6. Green Bottom Wildlife Management Area
   - Hunting hours for waterfowl will be from legal shooting time until noon Oct. 1-3, 2019.
   - Waterfowl hunting will be by permit only. Permits will be issued at the area headquarters between 8 a.m. and 7 a.m. Oct. 1-3, 2019.
   - Waterfowl hunting is permitted during the remainder of the waterfowl season without a permit.
7. Pleasant Creek Wildlife Management Area
   - Waterfowl hunting is restricted to Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, from Oct. 1-14, 2019, except for Tuesday Oct. 1. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited Oct. 3, 6, 8, 10 and 13, 2019.
   - Waterfowl hunting is not permitted for the remainder of the waterfowl season.
8. Obed restrictions prohibit all hunting, including waterfowl, at Warden Lake Wildlife Management Area.
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- **December January**
  - NOTE: The controlled dove hunting season is open to all persons without regard to sex, race, religion, creed, or national origin. The closing outside date for the waterfowl seasons has been moved to January 31, 2020.

- **WHAT’S NEW FOR 2019-2020**
  - The daily bag limit for falconry hunting is three (3) migratory game birds in the aggregate, and the possession limit is nine (9) migratory game birds in the aggregate.
  - The bag limit for the youth days is the same as the daily limit of the regular duck and goose seasons.
  - The daily bag limit of six (6) can include only one (1) pintail, four (4) long-tailed ducks, two (2) scap, two (2) black ducks, three (3) wood ducks, two (2) redheads, four (4) scoters, two (2) canvasback and two (2) mallards of which only one (1) may be a hen. The duck possession limit can include only three times the daily bag limit.
  - The daily merganser bag limit can include only two (2) hooded mergansers, with a possession limit of six (6).

### BIRD HUNTING

- Waterfowl hunting in the controlled dove hunting area is restricted to dove hunting from state-controlled hunting posts, by permit only, during the period of Sept. 2-3, 2019, even if other hunting seasons run concurrently. Go to www.wvhunt.com to apply. The controlled dove hunting area is marked by signs and includes marked hunting posts. Waterfowl hunting is restricted to Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, from Oct. 1-14, 2019.

### South Branch Wildlife Management Area


### Sunday Hunting

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### Rules and Regulations for hunting on National Wildlife Refuges

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### National Wildlife Refuges
SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

Migratory Birds are birds protected by federal law as a result of treaties and agreements with other nations. Migratory bird species are listed in Title 50 Code of Federal Regulations, Section. 10.13. This list includes almost all birds found in the United States with a few exceptions, such as feral pigeons (commonly called rock dove), European starlings, Eurasian collared-dove, mute swan and upland game birds (which are protected by state law). All migratory birds are protected. However, a subset of migratory birds is classified as migratory game birds and may be hunted in accordance with state and federal regulations.

Migratory bird preservation facility means:

A club, or any hotel, motel or rooming house used during a season to house or provide lodging to migratory game birds to, on or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take them.

Daily bag limit means the maximum number of migratory game birds of a single species or combination (aggregate) of species permitted to be taken by one person in any one day during the open season in any one specified geographic area for which a daily bag limit is prescribed.

Aggregate daily bag limit means the maximum number of migratory game birds permitted to be taken by one person in any one day during the open season in any one specified geographic area for which a daily bag limit is prescribed.

Possession limit means the maximum number of migratory game birds of a single species or combination of species permitted to be possessed by any one person when lawfully taken in the aggregate in any one specified geographic area for which a possession limit is prescribed.

Aggregate possession limit means the maximum number of migratory game birds of a single species or combination of species permitted in the aggregate in any one specified geographic area to be possessed by any one person when taking and possession occurs in more than one specified geographic area for which a possession limit is prescribed.

Possession area means any area on which salt, grain, or other feed is deposited or is exposed, placed, exposed, or is being taken for the purpose of producing and gathering a crop, or manipulation after such harvest and removal of grain, that is conducted in accordance with official recommendations of State Extension Specialists of the Cooperative Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Normal agricultural operation means a normal agricultural planting, harvesting or post-harvest manipulation or agricultural practice that is conducted in accordance with official recommendations of state extension specialists of the Cooperative Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Normal soil stabilization practice means a planting for agricultural soil erosion control or post-mining land reclamation in accordance with official recommendations of state extension specialists of the Cooperative Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture for agricultural soil erosion control.

Baited area means any area on which salt, grain or other feed has been scattered, placed, distributed or scattered, if that salt, grain or other feed could serve as lure for attraction for migratory game birds to, on, or over areas where hunters are attempting to take them. Such an area may remain a baited area for ten days following the complete removal of all such salt, grain, or other feed.

Baiting means the direct or indirect placing, 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.

Manipulation means the alteration of natural vegetation or agricultural crops. Such manipulation does not include mowing, shredding, discing, rolling, chopping, trampling, flattening, burning or herbicide treatments. The term manipulation does not include the distributing or scattering of grain, seed or other feed after removal from or storage on the field where grown.

Natural vegetation means any non-agricultural, native or naturalized plant species that grows at a site in response to mowing, shredding, discing, rolling, chopping, trampling, flattening, burning or herbicide treatments. The natural vegetation does not include planted vegetation, such as salt, grain or other feed.

Field Possession Limit

No person shall possess, have in custody or transport more than the daily bag limit or aggregate daily bag limit, whichever applies, of migratory game birds, tagged or not tagged, at or between the times where taking is permitted. Such possession includes any principal means of transportation or any principal means of land transportation, or (b) his personal abode or temporary or transient place of lodging, or (c) a migratory game bird conservation facility, or (d) a post office, or; (e) a common carrier facility.

Opening Day of a Season

No person on the opening day of the season shall possess any freshly killed migratory game birds in excess of the daily bag limit, or aggregate daily bag limit, whichever applies.

Tagging Requirement

No person shall put or leave any migratory game birds at any place (other than at his personal 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, signed by the hunter, 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 baggage of the possessor shall not be considered as being in storage or temporary storage.

Custody of Birds of Another

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

Termination of Possession

Subject to all other requirements of this part, the possession of birds taken by any hunter shall be deemed to have ceased when such birds were delivered to another person as a gift; or have been delivered by him to a post office, a common carrier, or a migratory bird preservation facility and continued in the physical possession of such person until he has delivered such birds to a person other than the hunter.

Gift of Migratory Game Birds

No person may receive, possess, or give to another, any freshly killed migratory game birds as a gift, except at the personal abodes of the donor or donee, unless such birds have a tag attached, signed by the hunter, stating his address, the total number and species of birds and the date such birds were taken.

Transportation of Birds of Another

No person shall transport migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are properly tagged.

Species Identification Requirement

No person shall transport within the United States any migratory game birds, except doves and band-tailed penguins, unless the head or 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 at the post office, or common carrier where the bird was delivered.

Maraging Package or Container

No person shall transport the Postial Service or a common carrier migratory game birds unless the package or container in which such birds have been transported has the name and address of the shipper and the consignee and an accurate statement of the number and species of such birds, the place of origin, the place of destination, and the purpose of having taxidermy services performed, unless such birds were killed. Migratory game birds being transported in any vehicle as the personal baggage of the possessor shall not be considered as being in storage or temporary storage.

Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp

The law requires that each waterfowl hunter 16 years of age and older must carry on his person a Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, except when validated by the hunter signing the stamp in ink across the face of the stamp.

BANDED BIRDS

Report band recoveries online at www.reportband.gov. The 1-800-327-2337 BAND-Toll free phone number has been discontinued. People calling this toll-free number will be directed to report their bird bands using the REPORTBAND website. We rely heavily on your cooperation in reporting banded birds to help in their management and recovery effort. We thank you for your continued support in this effort.
Director: Jerry V. Railey, D.V.M.  Director of Natural Resources  304-558-2121

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TOOLKIT OVERVIEW

The controlled dove hunting period for 2019-2020 is 14 days. The period will be divided into 12 days of hunting, and the remaining 2 days are for registration, license purchase, and harvest reporting. The controlled period will begin on October 1, 2019.

The daily bag limit for dove is three (3) per day, with a possession limit of six (6) per person. Hunters may choose to hunt only during the controlled period, or they may choose to hunt outside of the controlled period as well. However, hunters are not allowed to hunt both the controlled and non-controlled periods simultaneously.

Hunters must possess a valid Harvest Information Program (HIP) card in addition to their hunting license and permit. Hunters who purchase a regular hunting license are automatically enrolled in HIP. Hunters who purchase a non-hunting license must purchase a HIP card separately.

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Parkersburg -2
Morgantown -5
Logan -1
Keyser -9
Huntington +3

Sunsets time.
both sunrise and corrections variations,
for time To compensate

Pintail daily bag limit has been decreased to one (1) bird.
The closing outside date for the waterfowl
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Shooting hours for dove are from noon to sunset on
opening day of the first segment and from one-half hour
before sunrise to sunset during the remainder of the
season. Shooting hours for rails, snipe, woodcock and
South Branch Wildlife

Hunting in the controlled mourning dove hunting area is
posts, by permit only, during the period of Sept. 2-3, 2019,
even if other hunting seasons run concurrently. Go to
area is marked by signs and includes marked hunting posts.

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