

## DOVE SEASON BEGINS SEPTEMBER 1

**BIRD DRAWING DEADLINE  
OCTOBER 3**

**APPLY NOW!**



**SANTA FE** – The hunting season for mourning and white winged doves, dusky grouse, band-tailed pigeons and squirrels in most of New Mexico begins Sept. 1 in both North and South zones. All hunters need a Game Hunting license and a federal Harvest Information Program number. Hunters 18 and older need a Habitat Management and Access Stamp.

The September teal season is Sept. 15-23, and hunters older than 16 will need a Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (duck stamp, \$15). Those hunting either Bureau of Land Management- or U.S. Forest Service-managed properties also will need a Habitat Improvement Stamp (\$5).

### Early bird seasons are as follows:

Species	Location	Date	Bag limit
Mourning and white-winged dove <i>The North Dove Zone is those portions of New Mexico North of north of I-40 from the Arizona-New Mexico border to Tucumcari and U.S. 54 at its junction with I-40 at Tucumcari to the New Mexico-Texas border.</i>	North Zone	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	15 per day, 30 in possession
	South Zone	Sept. 1-Oct. 9 and Dec. 1-31	15 per day, 30 in possession
Eurasian-collared dove	Statewide	Sept. 1-Dec. 31	No bag or possession limit
Band-tailed pigeon	Southwest (South of U.S. 60 and west of I-25) regular season (Remainder of state)	Oct. 1-20 Sept. 1-20	5 per day, 10 in possession
September teal: blue-winged teal, green-winged teal, and cinnamon teal	Central Flyway portion of NM	Sept. 15-23	4 per day, 8 in possession

### FALCONRY SEASONS:

- Species that can be taken, open areas, and hunting seasons: 2012-2013 season, all dates are 2012 unless otherwise specified:
  - The season for dove shall be statewide and shall be open Sep. 1 through Nov. 12 and Nov. 28 through Dec. 31.
  - The season for band-tailed pigeon shall be Sep. 1 through Dec. 16 for the regular hunting area and Oct. 1 through Jan. 15, 2013 for the southwest hunting area
  - The seasons for ducks: Central flyway seasons open in the north zone - Sep. 15-23, Sep. 29-30, and Oct. 6 through Jan. 9, 2013; south zone - Sep. 15-23, Oct. 13-14 and Oct. 24 through Jan. 27, 2013. The Pacific flyway seasons open Oct. 6-7, and Oct. 15 through Jan. 27, 2013.
- Daily bag limits:
  - Migratory bird: 3 per day, 6 in possession
  - Grouse: 3 per day, 6 in possession
  - Squirrel: 8 per day, 16 in possession
  - Eurasian-collared dove: No bag or possession limit
  - Pheasant: 3 per day, 6 in possession
  - Sandhill crane: 3 per day, 6 in possession
  - Quail: 3 per day, 30 in possession

**The application deadline for the following hunts is Oct. 3, 5 p.m. Applications may be submitted online now or by telephone. Call 888-248-6866 file an application or file a harvest report.**

### REQUIREMENTS AND PERMITS FOR BERNARDO LIGHT GOOSE HUNT:

- Up to 24 permits at Bernardo WMA, per hunting day, will be available. Applications may have up-to four resident applicants. The LTG-0-102 hunt must have a minimum of one youth hunter and one hunter over 18 years of age.
- Hunt dates for the Bernardo light goose hunts.
  - LTG-0-101: Dec. 30
  - LTG-0-102: Jan. 19, 2013
  - LTG-0-103: Feb. 16, 2013
- Only 30 rounds per hunter will be allowed at the blinds when participating in the Bernardo WMA light goose special permit hunts LTG-0-101 and LTG-0-102. There is no restriction on the number of rounds allowed for LTG-0-103 during the light goose conservation order.

### REQUIREMENTS AND PERMITS FOR BERNARDO YOUTH-ONLY LIGHT GOOSE HUNT:

- Up to 12 resident-only permit will be available for the Dec. 28 (YLG-0-101) youth only light goose hunt at Bernardo WMA. Up to three hunters allowed per application.
- Only 30 rounds per hunter will be allowed at the blinds when participating in the Bernardo WMA light goose special permit hunts.

### YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS:

Here are the requirements for youth hunters to participate in the Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days, Central Flyway Sep. 29-30 (North Zone), Oct. 13-14 (South Zone), and Pacific Flyway Oct. 6-7 2012.

- Youth hunters must be under 16 years old.
- An adult, at least 18 years old, must accompany the youth hunter in the field (the adult may not hunt ducks; but may participate in other seasons that are open on the special youth day).
- Only ducks, coots and moorhens may be taken by the youth hunter (sandhill cranes, geese or any other migratory game bird species may not be taken unless the season is open).



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**THE SMALL GAME RULES AND INFORMATION BOOK  
WILL BE AVAILABLE NO LATER THAN OCT. 1**

### HUNT CODES FOR THE SPECIAL BERNARDO YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT AREA:

- The Bernardo WMA ponds north of highway U.S. 60 will be open to residents for waterfowl hunting to groups consisting of a minimum of one youth hunter, under 18 years of age, and a supervising adult. Only three hunters may apply on each application.
- Requirements for blind selection:
  - Blind selection during the September teal season and federal youth waterfowl days including weekends is on a first come basis. Once all blinds are selected, no other hunters may enter the area.
  - Blind selection on weekdays Oct. 27 through Dec. 13 and Dec. 31 through Jan. 27, 2013 is on a first come basis. Once all blinds are selected, no other hunters may enter the area.
  - Blind selection on all weekends and weekdays between Dec. 15 and Dec. 30 will be available by permit only issued by drawing.
    - Up to two hunt choices may be awarded by drawing.
    - If any permits are available after the drawing, a person may submit a new application at one of the department offices. Up to two hunt choices may be awarded. Hunters may have a maximum of four Bernardo youth-only permits per license year.
  - Only two applications per hunt code will be drawn or issued after the drawing.
- 2012-2013 season, hunt codes and permits available:

Hunt Date	Hunt Code	No. of Permits	Hunt Date	Hunt Code	No. of Permits
Oct. 27	BNY-0-101	6	Dec. 19	BNY-0-119	6
Oct. 28	BNY-0-102	6	Dec. 20	BNY-0-120	6
Nov. 3	BNY-0-103	6	Dec. 22	BNY-0-121	6
Nov. 4	BNY-0-104	6	Dec. 23	BNY-0-122	6
Nov. 10	BNY-0-105	6	Dec. 24	BNY-0-123	6
Nov. 11	BNY-0-106	6	Dec. 25	BNY-0-124	6
Nov. 17	BNY-0-107	6	Dec. 26	BNY-0-125	6
Nov. 18	BNY-0-108	6	Dec. 27	BNY-0-126	6
Nov. 24	BNY-0-109	6	Dec. 29	BNY-0-127	6
Nov. 25	BNY-0-110	6	Dec. 30	BNY-0-128	6
Dec. 1	BNY-0-111	6	Jan. 5	BNY-0-129	6
Dec. 2	BNY-0-112	6	Jan. 6	BNY-0-130	6
Dec. 8	BNY-0-113	6	Jan. 12	BNY-0-131	6
Dec. 9	BNY-0-114	6	Jan. 13	BNY-0-132	6
Dec. 15	BNY-0-115	6	Jan. 19	BNY-0-133	6
Dec. 16	BNY-0-116	6	Jan. 20	BNY-0-134	6
Dec. 17	BNY-0-117	6	Jan. 26	BNY-0-135	6
Dec. 18	BNY-0-118	6	Jan. 27	BNY-0-136	6

- Designated areas open for Bernardo youth waterfowl hunts are: north of highway U.S. 60, between U.S. 60 and the posted closure areas.
  - That portion of Bernardo WMA east of the unit 7 drain, shall be open only Monday, Wednesday and Saturday to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot and common snipe during established seasons.
  - That portion of Bernardo WMA west of the unit 7 drain, shall be open only Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, common moorhen, American coot and common snipe during established seasons.
- Use of motorized motion decoys is prohibited.

### HUNT CODES AND PERMITS NUMBERS FOR THE SPECIAL ESTANCIA VALLEY, MIDDLE RIO GRANDE VALLEY, AND SOUTHWEST NEW MEXICO SANDHILL CRANE SEASONS:

- The regular (Eastern) sandhill crane season is Oct. 31-Jan. 31, 2013. Hunter's are required to obtain a free federal permit.
- Eight separate sandhill crane seasons are scheduled with up to a total of 414 permits available. Up to four-people may apply together, except sandhill crane SCR-0-109. Only two people may apply together for this youth hunt.

Season Dates	Hunt Code	Hunt Location	No. of Permits
Oct. 27-28	SCR-0-101	MRGV	70
Oct. 27- Nov. 4	SCR-0-102	EV	65
Nov. 17-18	SCR-0-103	MRGV	50
Dec. 1-2	SCR-0-104	MRGV	45
Oct. 27- Nov. 4	SCR-0-105	SW	70
Jan. 12-13, 2013	SCR-0-106	MRGV	45
Jan. 5-6, 2013	SCR-0-107	SW	45
Nov. 10	SCR-0-109	MRGV youth	24

- Hunters who participate in the MRGV seasons and the Jan. 5-6, 2013 SW season (SCR-0-107) shall be required to check-out at designated check stations when they harvest any sandhill cranes.
- All EV, MRGV and SW sandhill crane hunters are required to submit a special permit sandhill crane harvest report to the department within five days after the end of their hunt. Hunters that do not submit a questionnaire within five days of the close of their hunt will be considered ineligible to receive a sandhill crane permit the following year.

### PHEASANT HUNTS

The regular statewide season, (except Valencia County) is Dec. 6-9. Special drawings are held for the following resident-only Wildlife Management Area hunts. Up to four hunters may apply together. Hunters may possess a Valencia county landowner permit in addition to another special permit pheasant hunt. Special permit pheasant hunts will be allocated by season as follows:

Hunt Location	2012 Season	Hunt Code	No. of Permits
youth-only Bernardo WMA	Oct. 20	PHE-0-001	20
youth-only Seven Rivers	Dec. 1	PHE-0-002	40
Seven Rivers	Dec. 8	PHE-0-004	65
W.S. Huey WMA	Dec. 8	PHE-0-005	40
Valencia county landowner permits	Dec. 8	PHE-0-006	unlimited

### GROUSE AND SQUIRREL SEASONS

#### Dusky Grouse Seasons

Hunt Area	Season Dates	Bag/Possession
GS-1	Sep. 1-Oct. 31	3 per day,
GS-2	Oct. 1-Nov. 30	6 in possession

#### Squirrel Seasons (Abert's, Red, Grey and Fox)

Hunt Area	Season Dates	Bag/Possession
GS-1, S-3, S-4	Sep. 1-Oct. 31	
GS-2	Oct. 1-Nov. 30	8 per day,
S-3	Sep. 1-Oct. 31	16 in possession
S-4	Sep. 1-Oct. 31	