

LEGAL SHOOTING HOURS TABLE

Legal shooting hours for the taking of waterfowl begin one-half hour before sunrise and end at sunset daily. Correct shooting hours are shown below.

Daylight Savings Time			November	A.M.	P.M.
September	A.M.	P.M.	3	6:00	4:37
8	5:51	7:13	4	6:02	4:36
9	5:53	7:12	5	6:03	4:34
10	5:54	7:10	6	6:04	4:33
11	5:55	7:08	7	6:06	4:32
12	5:56	7:06	8	6:07	4:31
13	5:57	7:04	9	6:08	4:30
14	5:58	7:02	10	6:10	4:28
15	6:00	7:00	11	6:11	4:27
16	6:01	6:59	12	6:12	4:26
17	6:02	6:57	13	6:14	4:25
18	6:03	6:55	14	6:15	4:24
19	6:04	6:53	15	6:16	4:23
20	6:05	6:51	16	6:18	4:22
21	6:07	6:49	17	6:19	4:21
22	6:08	6:47	18	6:20	4:20
23	6:09	6:45	19	6:21	4:20
24	6:10	6:44	20	6:23	4:19
25	6:11	6:42	21	6:24	4:18
26	6:12	6:40	22	6:25	4:17
27	6:14	6:38	23	6:27	4:17
			24	6:28	4:16
			25	6:29	4:15
			26	6:30	4:15
October	A.M.	P.M.	27	6:31	4:14
1	6:18	6:31	28	6:33	4:14
2	6:19	6:29	29	6:34	4:13
3	6:21	6:27	30	6:35	4:13
4	6:22	6:25			
5	6:23	6:23			
6	6:24	6:22	December	A.M.	P.M.
7	6:26	6:20	1	6:36	4:13
8	6:27	6:18	2	6:37	4:12
9	6:28	6:16	3	6:38	4:12
10	6:29	6:14	4	6:39	4:12
11	6:30	6:13	5	6:40	4:12
12	6:32	6:11	6	6:41	4:11
13	6:33	6:09	7	6:42	4:11
14	6:34	6:08	8	6:43	4:11
15	6:35	6:06	9	6:44	4:11
16	6:37	6:04	10	6:45	4:11
17	6:38	6:03	11	6:46	4:11
18	6:39	6:01	12	6:47	4:11
19	6:40	5:59	13	6:48	4:12
20	6:42	5:58	14	6:48	4:12
21	6:43	5:56	15	6:49	4:12
22	6:44	5:54	16	6:50	4:12
23	6:46	5:53	17	6:50	4:13
24	6:47	5:51	18	6:51	4:13
25	6:48	5:50	19	6:52	4:13
26	6:50	5:48	20	6:52	4:14
27	6:51	5:47	21	6:53	4:14
28	6:52	5:45	22	6:53	4:15
29	6:54	5:44	23	6:54	4:15
30	6:55	5:42	24	6:54	4:16
31	6:56	5:41	25	6:55	4:17
			26	6:55	4:17
			27	6:55	4:18
			28	6:55	4:19
			29	6:56	4:19
Eastern Standard Time					
November	A.M.	P.M.			
1	5:58	4:40			
2	5:59	4:38			

2009 MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING SEASONS
(regulations in effect September 1, 2009 through December 29, 2009)

Species	Lake Champlain Zone	Interior Vermont Zone	Connecticut River Zone
Ducks, Coots and Mergansers	Oct. 10 - Oct. 13 Oct. 24 - Dec. 18	Oct. 10 - Dec. 8	Oct. 6 - Nov. 8 Nov. 25 - Dec. 20
Youth Days	Sept. 26 & 27	Sept. 26 & 27	Sept. 26 & 27
Canada Geese	Sept. 8 - Sept. 25 Oct. 20 - Dec. 3	Sept. 8 - Sept. 25 Oct. 20 - Dec. 3	Sept. 8 - Sept. 25 Oct. 6 - Nov. 8 Nov. 25 - Dec. 20
Snow Geese (includes blue geese)	Oct. 1 - Dec. 29	Oct. 1 - Dec. 29	Oct. 6 - Dec. 20
Brant	Oct. 10 - Nov. 28	Oct. 10 - Nov. 28	Oct. 6 - Nov. 24
Woodcock	Oct. 8 - Nov. 6	Oct. 8 - Nov. 6	Oct. 8 - Nov. 6
Common Snipe	Oct. 10 - Dec. 18	Oct. 10 - Dec. 18	Oct. 10 - Dec. 18

BAG LIMITS

The daily bag limit is the maximum number of birds of each species any person may take (or possess in the field) during any one day. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit for all waterfowl species except snow geese.

Species	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
Ducks *	6	12
Mergansers **	5	10
Coot	15	30
Canada Geese		
September Season		
Lake Champlain Zone	5 ***	10 ***
Interior Vermont Zone	5	10
Connecticut River Zone	5	10
Oct.-Dec. Season		
Lake Champlain Zone	3	6
Interior Vermont Zone	3	6
Connecticut River Zone	2	4
Snow Geese	15	no limit
Brant	2	4
Woodcock	3	6
Common Snipe	8	16

* The daily limit of 6 ducks may include no harlequin ducks and no more than 4 mallards (2 of which may be hens), 1 black duck, 3 wood ducks, 1 pintail, 1 canvasback, 2 redheads, 2 scaup, and 4 scoters.

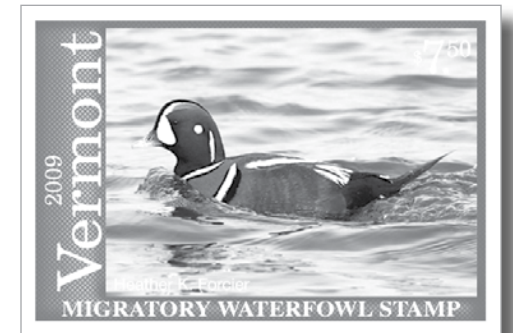
** The daily limit of 5 mergansers is in addition to the regular duck bag, and together may include no more than 2 hooded mergansers.

*** Addison County north of Route 125 - the bag limit is 2 Canada geese/day and 4 in possession during the September 8-25 season (applies to Lake Champlain Zone only).

White-fronted geese may be taken as part of the Canada goose daily bag and possession limits.

**2009 SYLLABUS OF
STATE AND FEDERAL
HUNTING REGULATIONS
FOR
MIGRATORY BIRDS
IN VERMONT**

Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department
Agency of Natural Resources



Pursuant to V.S.A. Title 10, Part 4, Section 4082(b) as amended, the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Board has adopted the Migratory Bird Regulations set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service which became a part of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Regulations, Title 10, App. Sec. 23.

NOTICE: This is a summary. Each hunter should also consult the actual Federal Regulations which may be found in Title 50, *Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 20. In addition to State regulations, the following Federal rules apply to the taking, possession, shipping, transporting, and storing of migratory game birds, including ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, woodcock, and snipe.

MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING CONSERVATION STAMPS. Each waterfowl hunter 16 years of age and over must carry a valid Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp and a valid Vermont Migratory Waterfowl Stamp, both signed in ink across the faces. State and federal stamps are not required to take woodcock and snipe.

HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM (H.I.P.).

All migratory bird hunters must register with the Harvest Information Program (H.I.P.) in each state they purchase a hunting license, including Vermont.

RESTRICTIONS. No person shall take migratory game birds:

- With a trap, snare, net, crossbow, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10-gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, poison, drug, explosive, or stupefying substance.

- With a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler which is incapable of removal without disassembling the gun.

- From a sink box (a low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water).

- From or with the aid or use of a car or other motor-driven land conveyance, or any aircraft, except that paraplegics and double amputees of the legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance. "Paraplegic" means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body with involvement of both legs, usually due to disease of or injury to the spinal cord.

- From or by means of any motor boat or sail boat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled, and its progress therefrom has ceased.

- By the use or aid of live decoys. All live, tame or captive ducks and geese shall be removed for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to hunting, and confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such tame birds from the sight of migratory waterfowl.

- Using records or tapes of migratory bird calls or sounds, or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls.

- By driving, rallying, or chasing birds with any motorized conveyance or any sail boat to put them in the range of hunters.

- By aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt, or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement), or on or over any baited area. Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait, and it is not necessary for the hunter to know an area is baited to be in violation.

CLOSED SEASON. No person shall take migratory game birds during the closed season.

SHOOTING HOURS. No person shall take migratory game birds except during the hours open to shooting as prescribed.

DAILY BAG LIMIT. No person shall take in any one day more than one daily bag limit.

FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT. No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to one's car, hunting camp, home, etc.

WANTON WASTE. No person shall kill or cripple any migratory game bird without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the bird, and retain it in his actual custody, at the place where taken or between that place and either (a) his automobile or principal means

of land transportation; or (b) his personal abode or temporary or transient place of lodging; or (c) a migratory bird preservation facility; or (d) a post office; or (e) a common carrier facility.

TAGGING. No person shall give, put or leave any migratory game birds at any place or in the custody of another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information:

The hunter's signature.

The hunter's address.

The total number of birds involved, by species.

The dates such birds were killed.

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

POSSESSION OF LIVE BIRDS. Wounded birds reduced to possession shall be immediately killed and included in the daily bag limit.

DRESSING. No person shall completely field dress any migratory game bird and then transport the birds from the field. The head or one fully feathered wing must remain attached to all such birds while being transported from the field to one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility.

SHIPMENT. No person shall ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside with: (1) the name and address of the person sending the birds, (2) the name and address of the person to whom the birds are being sent, and (3) the number of birds, by species, contained in the package.

IMPORTATION. For information on the importation of migratory birds killed in another country, hunters should consult 50 CRF 20.61 through 20.66. One fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between the port of entry and one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import migratory game birds killed in any foreign country, except Canada, unless such birds are dressed (except as required in 20.63), drawn, and the head and feet are removed. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person. If you kill migratory game birds in Canada and return to the U.S. by boat, you must report to the nearest U.S. Customs or port of entry to report your entry and complete a "Declaration for the importation of Fish or Wildlife". You may import up to one possession limit of your own birds.

DUAL VIOLATION. Violation of State migratory bird regulations is also a violation of Federal regulations.

REFERENCE. Federal regulations related to migratory game birds are located in Title 50, *Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 20.

CAUTION: More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on Federal regulations, contact: *Special Agent, P.O. Box 649, Essex Jct., VT 05453* Phone: (802) 879-1859 or Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge (802) 868-4781.

NONTOXIC SHOT REQUIRED. No person shall take waterfowl or coots while possessing loose shot or shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot, and then of a shot size no larger than approved size T.

NONTOXIC SHOT DEFINITION. Steel, bismuth-tin, tungsten-iron, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-matrix, tungsten-iron-nickel (HEVI-SHOT), tungsten-iron-nickel-tin (TINT), tungsten-bronze

(TB), tungsten-tin-bismuth (TTB), tungsten-iron-copper-nickel, and tungsten-tin-iron, as approved by the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. See 50 CFR 20. Copper-plated lead shot is not nontoxic shot.

LEG BAND REPORTING — WWW.REPORTBAND.GOV or CALL 1-800-327-BAND

Waterfowl band recoveries can be reported to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service using the above website or telephone number. Please use the 800 number only to report bands.

**YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS
SEPTEMBER 26 AND 27**

On September 26 and 27, 2009, hunters under the age of 16 may hunt ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots within any Vermont zone subject to the provisions below:

- 1) Each youth hunter must be properly licensed to hunt in Vermont and must be accompanied by an adult, 18 years of age or older, who is also properly licensed to hunt in Vermont;
- 2) Adults may not hunt waterfowl or carry a firearm while accompanying youth engaged in hunting waterfowl;
- 3) Neither youth nor adults are required to be in possession of state or federal duck stamps;
- 4) Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots may be taken by youth hunters in accordance with prescribed daily bag limits, species restrictions, and other waterfowl hunting regulations in effect in 2009 as contained herein;
- 5) **Shooting hours** on September 26 shall be between 6:12 AM and 6:40 PM. Shooting hours on September 27 shall be between 6:14 AM and 6:38 PM.

BLINDS

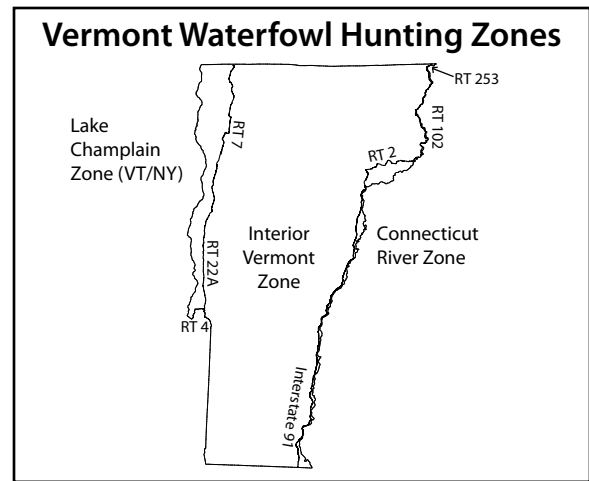
A person shall not place a waterfowl blind or cause the same to be placed on or in the waters of the state earlier than the first Saturday of September of any year, and then only if the person's name and address are permanently and legibly affixed thereto, by waterproof paint or rustproof tag. Placement of signs for purposes of claiming duck blind locations has no basis in law and is unenforceable. A person shall remove his or her waterfowl blind, together with its contents and any surrounding debris, located on or in any waters of the state except Lake Champlain on or before May 15 of the following year. A waterfowl blind located on or in Lake Champlain shall be removed on or before February 15 of the following year.

FALCONRY REGULATION

A person possessing a valid falconry permit may take migratory game birds only during open seasons and within designated shooting times as prescribed herein. Daily bag limit shall be a maximum of three legal migratory game birds, singly or in the aggregate, not to exceed restrictive daily bag limits for certain species as listed herein. Possession limit shall be equal to twice the daily limit.

TRANSPORTATION

While being transported, migratory birds must have at least one fully feathered wing or head attached. See **IMPORTATION** section.



Lake Champlain Zone: The U.S. portion of Lake Champlain and that area north and west of the line extending from the New York border along U.S. 4 to VT 22A at Fair Haven; VT 22A to U.S. 7 at Vergennes; U.S. 7 to the Canadian border.

Interior Vermont Zone: The portion of Vermont east of the Lake Champlain Zone and west of a line extending from the Massachusetts border at Interstate 91; north along Interstate 91 to U.S. 2; east along U.S. 2 to VT 102; north along VT 102 to VT 253; north along VT 253 to the Canadian border.

Connecticut River Zone: The remaining portion of Vermont east of the Interior Zone. Migratory bird hunting seasons and rules for this zone are announced by the New Hampshire Fish & Game Department under their "Inland Zone" rules.

Connecticut River Reciprocal Agreement: I. A person holding a Vermont resident hunting license which allows the taking of migratory waterfowl and coots, may take migratory game birds, as provided in RSA 209:5, except woodcock and snipe, from the Connecticut River Zone, provided the state of Vermont grants the same right to a person holding a New Hampshire resident hunting license and waterfowl stamp which allows the taking of migratory game birds in the Connecticut River Zone in Vermont pursuant to VT. Stat. Ann. Tit. 10, sec. 4009. II. The Connecticut River Zone in New Hampshire shall include that portion of New Hampshire lying west of the line defined by New Hampshire Route 63 from the Massachusetts border north to Route 12; Route 12 north to Route 12-A; Route 12-A north to Route 10; Route 10 north to Route 135; Route 135 north to U.S. Route 3; U.S. Route 3 north to the intersection with the Connecticut River.