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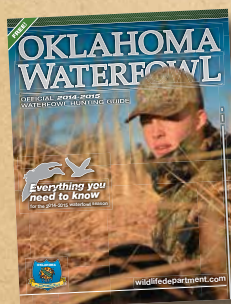


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## MIGRATORY GAME BIRD SEASONS

# DUCKS, MERGANSERS AND COOTS



### Dates & Open Areas

#### PANHANDLE COUNTIES (High Plains Mallard Management Unit)

- Oct. 11, 2014–Jan. 7, 2015.
- Youth Waterfowl Days: Oct. 4–5, 2014.

#### ZONE 1

- Oct. 25–Nov. 30, 2014, and Dec. 13, 2014–Jan. 18, 2015.
- Youth Waterfowl Days: Oct. 11–12, 2014.

#### ZONE 2

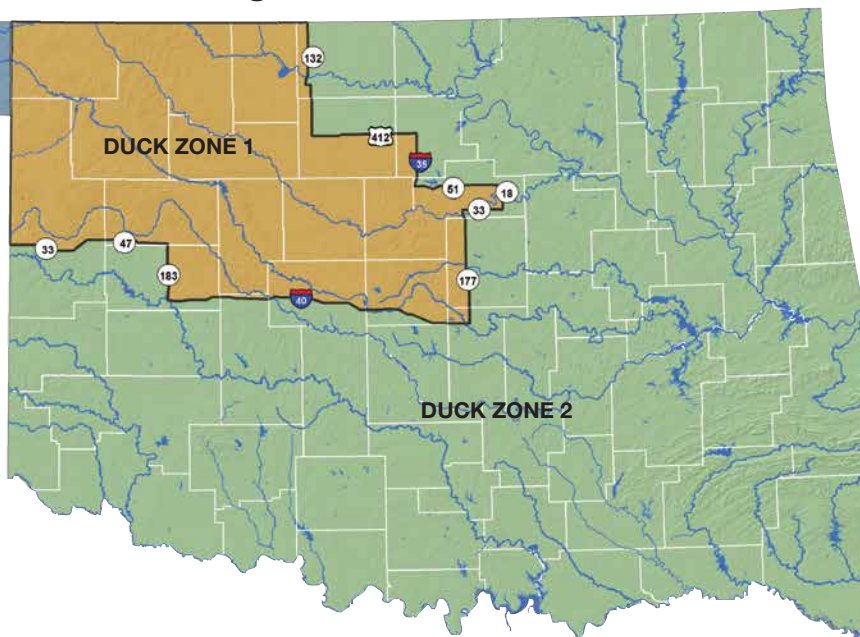
- Nov. 1–30, 2014, and Dec. 13, 2014–Jan. 25, 2015.
- Youth Waterfowl Days: Oct. 18–19, 2014.

### Duck Hunting Zones

#### PANHANDLE COUNTIES (High Plains Mallard Management Unit)

#### BOUNDARY DIVIDING ZONE 1 AND ZONE 2:

Beginning on State Highway 33 at the Texas border, east to State Highway 47, east to U.S. 183, south to Interstate 40, east to U.S. 177, north to State Highway 33, east to State Highway 18, north to State Highway 51, west to Interstate 35, north to U.S. 412, west to State Highway 132, north to the Kansas border.



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### Daily Bag Limits



- **Ducks:** Six. The daily bag limit may include no more than five mallards (only two may be hens), three wood ducks, three scaup, two redheads, two pintails, and one canvasback.



- **Mergansers:** Five. The daily bag limit may include no more than two hooded mergansers (shown above).



- **Coots:** 15.

#### Possession Limits

The possession limit is one daily bag limit for anyone who has hunted for one day. The possession limit increases to two daily bag limits for anyone who has hunted for two days. The possession limit increases to three daily bag limits for anyone who has hunted for three days. No one may possess more than three daily bag limits at any time.

#### Shooting Hours

One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

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## MIGRATORY GAME BIRD SEASONS

# GEESE AND SANDHILL CRANES

### POSSESSION LIMITS & SHOOTING HOURS FOR ALL GOOSE AND SANDHILL CRANE SEASONS

#### Possession Limits

The possession limit is one daily bag limit for anyone who has hunted for one day. The possession limit increases to two daily bag limits for anyone who has hunted for two days. The possession limit increases to three daily bag limits for anyone who has hunted for three days. No one may possess more than three daily bag limits at any time. For light geese, there is no possession limit.

#### Shooting Hours

One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

### SANDHILL CRANES



#### Dates

Oct. 18, 2014–Jan. 18, 2015.

#### Daily Bag Limit

Three. Hunting allowed west of I-35 only.

#### Federal Sandhill Crane Permit Required

See page 6 for full information on this permit.

### CANADA GEESE

Jeremiah Zurenda



#### Dates

Nov. 1–30, 2014, and  
Dec. 13, 2014–Feb. 15, 2015.

#### Daily Bag Limit

Eight. Hunting allowed statewide.

### WHITE-FRONTED GEESE



#### Dates

Nov. 1–30, 2014, and  
Dec. 13, 2014–Feb. 8, 2015.

#### Daily Bag Limit

One. Hunting allowed statewide.

### LIGHT GEESE SNOW, BLUE & ROSS



#### Dates

Nov. 1–30, 2014, and  
Dec. 13, 2014–Feb. 15, 2015.

#### Daily Bag Limit

50. Hunting allowed statewide.

### CONSERVATION ORDER LIGHT GOOSE SEASON (COLGS)



#### Dates

Feb. 16–March 30, 2015.

#### Daily Bag and Possession Limits

There are no daily or possession limits. Hunting allowed statewide.

#### Shooting Hours

One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

#### Special Provisions

Electronic calls allowed; unplugged shotguns allowed; shooting hours extended to one-half hour after sunset; no daily or possession limits.

This season is designed to increase harvest and allow hunters to help reduce the population of mid-continent light geese (snow, blue & Ross). All other waterfowl regulations apply, including use of federally approved nontoxic shot. All participants are required to have in their possession while hunting all necessary licenses, waterfowl stamps and a Harvest Information Program (HIP) permit.

Federal regulation requires an estimate of the COLGS light goose harvest. To participate in COLGS, hunters must register for a harvest survey either online at [wildlifedepartment.com](http://wildlifedepartment.com) or by sending name, address and telephone number to:

Oklahoma Department of  
Wildlife Conservation - Attn: COLGS  
P.O. Box 53465 - Oklahoma City, OK 73152

## YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

Youth hunters enjoy youth-only seasons in Oklahoma. Help the youth of Oklahoma get involved in the sport of waterfowl hunting and take a kid with you on your next hunt, or encourage them to participate in the youth-only opportunities below.



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### Youth Waterfowl Weekends

- Panhandle: Oct. 4–5, 2014
- Zone 1: Oct. 11–12, 2014
- Zone 2: Oct. 18–19, 2014

These weekends are special waterfowl hunting opportunities for youths, providing two additional days outside of the regular waterfowl season. Youth hunters must be 15 or younger. An adult must accompany the youth hunter into the field. The accompanying adult must be 18 or older and hunter education certified or exempt, regardless of whether the youth is hunter education certified. This adult cannot hunt ducks, mergansers or coots; but may participate in other open seasons in Zone 2. All species and sex specific limits are the same as during the regular seasons.

### ODWC Guided Youth Waterfowl Hunts

These guided hunts offer the opportunity to experience the joys of waterfowling to youths who don't have a mentor who hunts waterfowl.

- **Dates:** Set by hunter and guide.
- **Locations:** Fort Cobb State Park, Okmulgee WMA, Vann's Lake and Wister Lake Refuge.
- **Age:** Applicants must be 12 to 15 years of age, have proof of successfully completing a certified hunter education course, and have an adult guardian who can accompany them on the hunt.
- **Application Deadline:** Monday, Nov. 3, 2014.
- **How To Apply:** Apply online at <http://www.wildlifedepartment.com/controlledhunts.htm>.

For more information, call Jeff Neal, migratory game bird technician, at (405) 396-2503 or e-mail [jeff.neal@odwc.ok.gov](mailto:jeff.neal@odwc.ok.gov).



## SHOOTING HOURS FOR MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS ON THIS PAGE

One-half hour before official sunrise to official sunset, unless otherwise provided.

**NOTE:** For full information on regulations in effect during these seasons, see the 2014–2015 "Oklahoma Hunting" guide.

### Possession Limits

The possession limit is one daily bag limit for anyone who has hunted for one day. The possession limit increases to two daily bag limits for anyone who has hunted for two days. The possession limit increases to three daily bag limits for anyone who has hunted for three days. No one may possess more than three daily bag limits at any time, unless otherwise provided.

## WILSON'S (COMMON) SNIPE



### Dates & Open Areas

Oct. 1, 2014–Jan. 15, 2015; statewide.

### Daily Bag Limit

Eight.

## SEPTEMBER TEAL



### Dates & Open Areas

Sept. 13–28, 2014; statewide.

### Daily Bag Limit

Six.

## WOODCOCK



### Dates & Open Areas

Nov. 1–Dec. 15, 2014; statewide.

### Daily Bag Limit

Three.

## GALLINULE

PURPLE GALLINULE &  
COMMON MOORHEN



### Dates & Open Areas

Sept. 1–Nov. 9, 2014; statewide.

### Daily Bag Limit

15.

## DOVE IDENTIFICATION



Mourning Dove



White-winged Dove



Eurasian Collared Dove

## RAIL SORA & VIRGINIA



### Dates & Open Areas

Sept. 1–Nov. 9, 2014; statewide.

### Daily Bag Limit

25.

## DOVE MOURNING, WHITE-WINGED & EURASIAN COLLARED

### Dates & Open Areas

Sept. 1–Oct. 31, 2014 and Dec. 20–28, 2014; statewide

### Daily Bag Limit and Possession Limit

15 daily, 30 in possession after the first day, 45 in possession after the second day combined. The limit may consist of any combination (aggregate) of mourning, white-winged and fully dressed Eurasian collared doves (those without a head or fully feathered wing naturally attached to the carcass).

However, there is no bag limit on Eurasian collared doves provided that the head or one fully feathered wing remain naturally attached to the carcass of all such birds while being transported to their final destination.





## LICENSE, STAMP AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

### Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) Permit

All migratory bird hunters, including lifetime license holders who hunt migratory birds (dove, ducks, geese, sandhill cranes, mergansers, coots, woodcock, rails, gallinules and snipe), must carry an Oklahoma Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) permit issued by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation or a designated license dealer while hunting migratory birds. Permits are available from any Oklahoma license dealer for \$3. Permits are available FREE at [wildlifedepartment.com](http://wildlifedepartment.com). HIP permits are valid from July 1 through the following June 30.

**Sportsmen exempt from the HIP Permit include:**

- All hunters under 16 years of age.
- All hunters 64 years of age or older.
- Landowners hunting only on their own land.

**DON'T FORGET**  
to sign your  
federal duck stamp

### Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (federal duck stamp)

Federal law requires that every waterfowl hunter 16 and older must carry on their person a valid Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation stamp, signed in ink across the face. These are available for \$15 at U.S. post offices, some Oklahoma license dealers, and at [duckstamp.com](http://duckstamp.com). (See page 7 for information on how to purchase an online stamp which is effective immediately.) "Waterfowl" refers to ducks, mergansers and geese only. No federal duck stamp is required for coot or sandhill crane hunting. Valid July 1 through the following June 30.

### Oklahoma Waterfowl Hunting License (waterfowl stamp)

Every resident 16 years of age and over and every nonresident (regardless of age) must have in their possession an Oklahoma Waterfowl Hunting license while hunting waterfowl, unless exempt. Licenses are available from any Oklahoma license dealer. Licenses are also available at [wildlifedepartment.com](http://wildlifedepartment.com) (a \$3 convenience fee will be applied to your total). "Waterfowl" refers to ducks, mergansers and geese only. No state waterfowl license is required for coot or sandhill crane hunting. Valid July 1 through the following June 30.

Sportsmen exempt from the Oklahoma Waterfowl Hunting License include:

- Residents under 16 years of age.
- Residents age 65 or older.
- Oklahoma resident lifetime hunting, resident lifetime combination, senior citizen lifetime hunting or senior citizen lifetime combination license holders.
- Resident landowners hunting on their own land.
- Anyone holding a Lifetime Oklahoma Duck Stamp.

### Federal Sandhill Crane Permit

All crane hunters must possess a \$3 federal sandhill crane permit (valid July 1 to the following June 30). Permits are available from any Oklahoma hunting license dealer. Permits also are available free of charge at [wildlifedepartment.com](http://wildlifedepartment.com).

### Hunting License

Residents 16 years of age and older (unless exempt) and nonresidents 14 years of age and older (unless exempt) must possess a hunting license (such as an annual hunting, 5-day nonresident hunting or combination license). Refer to the current "Oklahoma Hunting" guide for a list of hunting licenses and exemptions.

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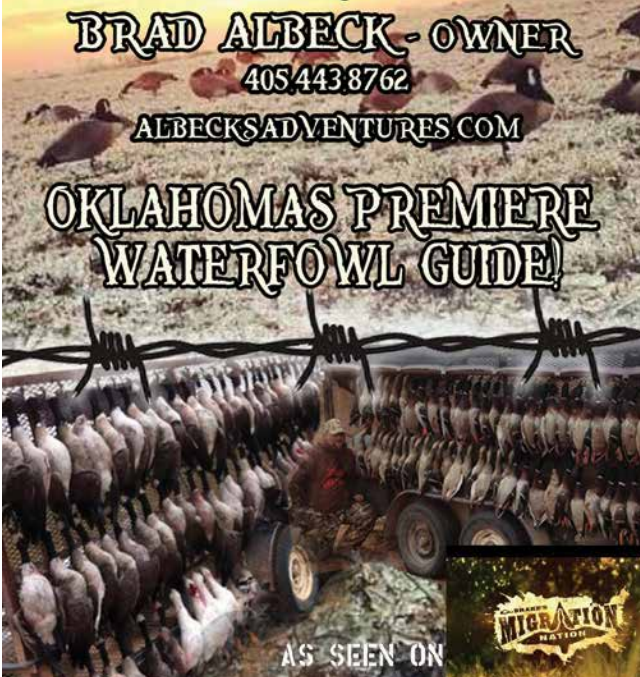

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## FEDERAL STAMP SOLD ONLINE

Federal duck stamps, required of all waterfowl hunters 16 and older can now be purchased online in addition to being sold at U.S. post offices and some Oklahoma license dealers.

To buy a stamp, visit [duckstamp.com](http://duckstamp.com) and order a stamp, which will be mailed to the hunter. Shipping costs apply.

Hunters needing an immediate stamp may buy one from Arkansas Game & Fish Commission. Visit [agfc.com](http://agfc.com), buy a federal duck stamp, then print out the receipt. This receipt serves as a stamp and must be signed and carried by the hunter until the actual stamp arrives by mail. **Questions?** Call (800) 364-4263.



## ATTENTION MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTERS

### PLANNING TO HUNT DOVE, DUCKS, GEESE, SANDHILL CRANES, COOTS, MERGANSERS, WOODCOCK, RAILS, GALLINULES and SNIPE

You must obtain and carry an Oklahoma Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) permit in addition to applicable licenses while you hunt. It is valid July 1–June 30. Lifetime license holders must also obtain this permit and have it in their possession while hunting migratory birds.

Sportsmen exempt from this requirement include:

- All hunters under 16 years of age.
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Resident Combination Hunting / Fishing	\$42	—
Resident Youth Hunting (valid for 16 and 17 year olds only)	\$5	—
Resident Youth Combination Hunting / Fishing (valid for 16 and 17 year olds only)	\$9	—
Resident 5-Year Hunting	\$88	—
Resident 5-Year Combination Hunting / Fishing	\$148	—
Resident Fiscal-Year Hunting**	\$32	—
Resident Fiscal-Year Combination Hunting / Fishing**	\$53	—
Resident Youth Fiscal-Year Hunting**	\$7	—
Resident Youth Fiscal-Year Combination Hunting / Fishing**	\$19	—
Nonresident Fiscal-Year Hunting**	—	\$176
Lifetime Hunting	\$625	—
Lifetime Combination Hunting / Fishing	\$775	—
Lifetime Disabled Veteran Combination Hunting / Fishing (under 60 percent disability)	\$200	—
Lifetime Disabled Veteran Combination Hunting / Fishing (60 percent or more disability)	\$25	—
Oklahoma Waterfowl License (state waterfowl stamp) **	\$10	\$10
Harvest Information Program (HIP) Permit **	\$3	\$3
HIP Permit obtained at <a href="http://wildlifedepartment.com">wildlifedepartment.com</a>	Free	Free
Federal Sandhill Crane Permit **	\$3	\$3
Federal Sandhill Crane Permit obtained at <a href="http://wildlifedepartment.com">wildlifedepartment.com</a>	Free	Free
Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (federal duck stamp, available at U.S. post offices and <a href="http://duckstamp.com">duckstamp.com</a> ) **	\$15	\$15
Senior Citizen Lifetime Hunting	\$15	—
Senior Citizen Lifetime Combination Hunting / Fishing	\$25	—

\*\* Valid from July 1, 2014–June 30, 2015.

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## I'm a resident. I want to hunt migratory birds. What do I need?

*This is a reference chart only.  
Please see license descriptions and exemptions on page 6.*

I want to hunt...	Hunting License	Oklahoma HIP Permit	Oklahoma Waterfowl License	Federal Duck Stamp	Federal Sandhill Crane Permit
Ducks	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Geese (Canada, White-fronted, Snow, Blue or Ross')	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Conservation Order Light Goose Season	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Mergansers	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Sandhill Cranes	✓	✓			✓
Dove, Woodcock, Rail, Coot, Gallinule, Snipe	✓	✓			



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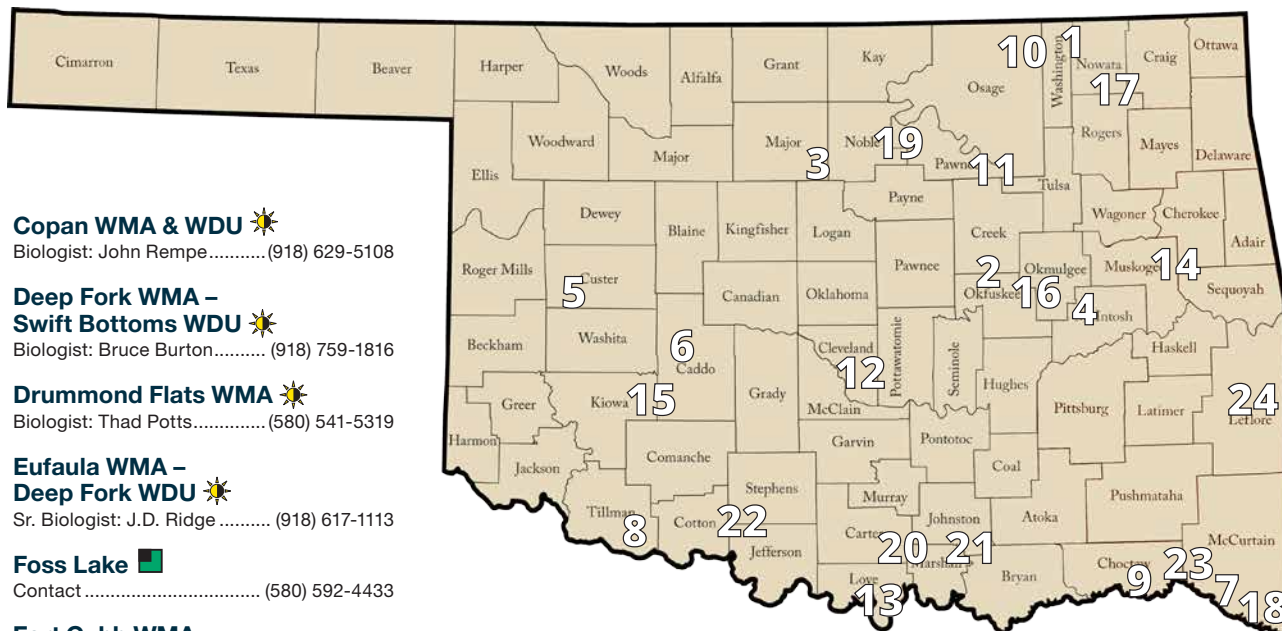
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Wetland Development Units (WDUs) are areas specially managed to provide waterfowl hunting and important habitat and refuge resources to waterfowl and other migratory birds. Many WDU maps are available at [wildlifedepartment.com](http://wildlifedepartment.com). Other public lands available for waterfowl hunting are listed on page 11.



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Hunting on these areas is limited to half-day hunting: one-half hour before official sunrise to 1 p.m. daily. On Wetland Development Units (WDUs), no permanent blinds are permitted. All shotgun hunting on state Wetland Development Units is restricted to federally approved nontoxic shot only and the possession of lead shot is prohibited.



## Legal Means of Taking Migratory Game Birds

Shotgun (conventional or muzzleloading), archery equipment or legal raptors. Shotguns must not be larger than 10 gauge. No rifles, pistols or shotgun slugs. Shotguns must be incapable of holding more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined.

## Nontoxic Shot Regulations

All waterfowl (ducks, mergansers and geese) and coot hunting is restricted to use of federally approved nontoxic shot in all areas of the state. Unless otherwise provided, all shotgun hunting on state wetland development units and state waterfowl refuges is restricted to federally approved nontoxic shot only. Possession of lead shot while hunting waterfowl or coots and for all shotgun hunting on state wetland development units and state waterfowl refuges is prohibited. For more information on federally approved nontoxic shot types, see [fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/nontoxic.htm](http://fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/nontoxic.htm).

## Waterfowl Hunting Blinds on Reservoirs

- Waterfowl hunting blinds constructed on public lands are of two types: permanent blinds constructed for seasonal use, and temporary blinds constructed for only one hunting trip and removed at the end of said trip.
- Temporary blinds only are allowed on Altus-Lugert, Arbuckle, Birch, Broken Bow, Chouteau (L&D 17), Copan, Fort Cobb, Heyburn, Hugo, Hulah, Kaw, Keystone, Newt Graham (L&D 18), Mountain Park, Oologah, Optima, Pine Creek, Robert S. Kerr (L&D 15), Skiatook, Tenkiller, Texoma and Wister reservoirs.
- Hunters wishing to construct permanent blinds on Corps of Engineers reservoirs where blinds are permitted must first obtain a permit. Permits are not required for temporary blinds. Contact the local Corps office for more information.
- Permanent or temporary blinds can be constructed on Canton, Eufaula, Fort Gibson, Fort Supply, W.D. Mayo (L&D 14), Waurika and Webbers Falls (L&D 16) reservoirs.
  - Permanent blind permits are issued by public drawing, annually for Eufaula, Fort Gibson, W.D. Mayo (L&D 14), Waurika and Webbers Falls (L&D 16) reservoirs. The drawings will be held on Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014. Drawings for Eufaula Lake, Fort Gibson Lake, and Webbers Falls Reservoir will be held at the ODWC office near Porter (9097 N 34th St.). Registration for Fort Gibson Lake begins at 7 a.m., registration for Eufaula Lake begins at 9:30 a.m. and registration for Webbers Falls begins at noon. The drawings are held an hour after registration begins. Registration and drawing for W.D. Mayo will be held at Spiro City Hall (510 S. Main St.) at 10 a.m. Registration and drawing for Waurika Lake will be held at the Waurika Lake Corps of Engineers office at 9 a.m.

- Permanent blind permits are issued on a first come, first served basis for Canton and Fort Supply reservoirs.

- In some cases, permanent blind permits remain after the drawing. Contact the Biologist of the area of interest to see if any permits are available after the drawings.

- Applicants for permanent blind permits must be at least 16 years old and possess a valid hunting license, HIP permit, a signed Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation stamp (federal duck stamp) and a valid Oklahoma Waterfowl Hunting license (state duck stamp), unless exempt.
- All individuals wanting a permanent blind permit must attend the permit drawings.
- Permit holders must conspicuously display the permit number in the blind throughout the waterfowl season.
- Blinds must be constructed within 25 yards of designated locations. No blinds, whether temporary or permanent, shall be constructed within 250 yards of another blind.
- Blinds must be constructed two weeks prior to the opening day of waterfowl season, otherwise the blind permit may be reissued on a first come, first served basis. All blinds must be removed within 14 days after the close of waterfowl season. Blinds remaining after this date shall become the property of the Department.
- Permit holders will have priority use on their blind each day until 7:30 a.m. After this time, unoccupied blinds will be available to others. Blinds must not be locked.
- Noncompliance with regulations will result in a citation or forfeiture of right to obtain a blind permit the next year.

## Waterfowl Hunting on Department Lakes

Waterfowl hunting is permitted on the following Department lakes from September 1 through March 31 during all open waterfowl seasons: American Horse (unless this area remains closed), Burtschi, Evans-Chambers, Hall, Jap Beaver, Nanih Waiya, Ozzie Cobb, Schooler and Vanderwork. Only temporary blinds may be used on these lakes.

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## Wildlife Management Areas

Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs), including lakes Dahlgren (within Lexington WMA), Doc Hollis (within Sandy Sanders WMA; closed to boats) and Vincent (within Ellis County WMA), are open to waterfowl hunting during applicable open seasons except when they are closed for controlled hunts and unless otherwise closed for other hunting seasons. Please consult the Public Lands section in the current "Oklahoma Hunting" guide for specific closed dates.

## Waterfowl Refuge Portion

Waterfowl Refuge Portions (WRPs), are areas closed to all public use and access from Oct. 15-Jan. 31, except for controlled hunt permittees on days of their hunt, and unless specifically noted otherwise. In addition, all shotgun hunting is restricted to federally approved nontoxic shot and the possession of lead shot is prohibited. This includes WRP areas at Canton, Fort Gibson, Hackberry Flat, Hugo, McClellan-Kerr (Vann's Lake and Webbers Falls), Red Slough and Wister.

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### Restrictions

#### No person shall take migratory game birds:

- With a trap, snare, net, 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, except as provided during the COLGS season (see page 4).
- From a sink box (a low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the water's surface).
- From or with the aid or use of a car or other motor driven land conveyance, or any aircraft.
- From or by means of any motor 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.
- Using records or tapes of migratory bird calls, or sounds, or electronically amplified imitations of bird calls, except as provided during the COLGS season (see page 4).
- By driving, rallying, or chasing birds with any motorized conveyance or any sail boat

to put them in range of hunters.

- By the aid of baiting or on or over a baited area where a person knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited. A baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after complete removal of any bait. Baiting includes 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 areas where hunters are attempting to take them. Agricultural areas must be prepared in accordance with official recommendations to be legally hunted. It is a separate offense to place or direct placement of bait on or adjacent to an area that causes, induces, or allows another to hunt by the aid of bait on or over a baited area. Hunters are responsible for ensuring that an area has not been baited and should verify its legality prior to hunting. The maximum federal penalties are: for hunting over bait: \$15,000/6 months jail, and placing bait: \$100,000/1 year jail. **For additional information, consult [fws.gov/le](http://fws.gov/le) or call a federal game warden at (405) 715-0617.**

#### 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, tagged or not tagged, in the field and when returning from the field to either one's car or hunting camp, home, etc.

#### Wanton Waste

All migratory game birds shall be retrieved if possible, and retained in the custody of the hunter in the field.

#### 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.

1. The hunter's signature.
2. The hunter's address.
3. The total number of birds involved, by species.
4. The dates such birds were killed.

Tagging is required if birds are being transported by another person for the hunter, or if birds have been left for cleaning, storage (including temporary storage), shipment, or taxidermy services.

#### Possession of Live Birds

Crippled birds must be immediately killed.

#### Dressing

No person shall completely dress any migratory game bird (except doves and bandtailed pigeons) 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 commercial facility.

#### Importation

For information regarding the importation of migratory birds killed in another country, hunters should consult federal regulations 50 CFR 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.

#### Shipment

No persons shall ship migratory game birds unless package is marked on 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.
3. The number of birds, by species, contained in the package.

#### Caution

More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. **For more information on federal regulations, contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at 2700 Coltrane Place, Suite #4, Edmond, OK 73034, (405) 715-0617.** In addition, you can read about federal migratory bird rules at this website: [fws.gov/migratorybirds/RegulationsandPolicies.html](http://fws.gov/migratorybirds/RegulationsandPolicies.html).

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"Lakes of Oklahoma" is compiled by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board and published in cooperation with the Wildlife Department. It is the premier source for maps and information on Oklahoma lakes. This 178-page guide packs **maps of more than 140 lakes** into a single volume, showing details such as water depth, boat ramp sites and other recreational information.

The "Oklahoma Wildlife Management Area Atlas" features topographical maps of wetland development units across Oklahoma, highlighting ponds and wetland areas. At almost 100 pages, it contains **maps of nearly every wildlife management area across the state**, and shows special features at each area such as parking sites, camping areas and food plots.

"Lakes of Oklahoma" is free of charge when picked up at the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation headquarters, 1801 N. Lincoln, or the Oklahoma Water Resources Board office,

3800 Classen Blvd., Oklahoma City. Go online to [owrb.ok.gov](http://owrb.ok.gov) to request a copy by mail (a postage fee is required).

The WMA atlas maps are online at [wildlifedepartment.com](http://wildlifedepartment.com). New atlases will be printed for 2015. The \$25 price includes the atlas along with a one-year subscription to the award-winning "Outdoor Oklahoma" magazine!

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After millet has been spread, the Department coordinates with the Corps, power companies, and other stakeholders on the reservoirs to maximize the survival and production of millet. Primarily this involves manipulation of water levels to ensure that these flats are not flooded prematurely nor dry too quickly. Once the millet is mature, the reservoir level is slowly increased to provide an abundance of food to waterfowl migrating through or wintering in the state.

The millet seeding is being funded through matching funds from the federal Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program. For more than 75 years, funding through this program has made lasting positive changes for the wildlife, fish and habitat of Oklahoma. Every hunter, angler or outdoors enthusiast who buys outdoors-related items contributes to this program by paying a special excise tax. This revenue is given back to the states based on factors that include the number of licensed hunters and anglers in the state. The Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program has helped save millions of acres of habitat and boosted many wildlife populations. Each time an Oklahoman buys a license, he or she is supporting important conservation projects such as increased hunting access or improved boating access. Every sportsman and outdoors enthusiast benefits!

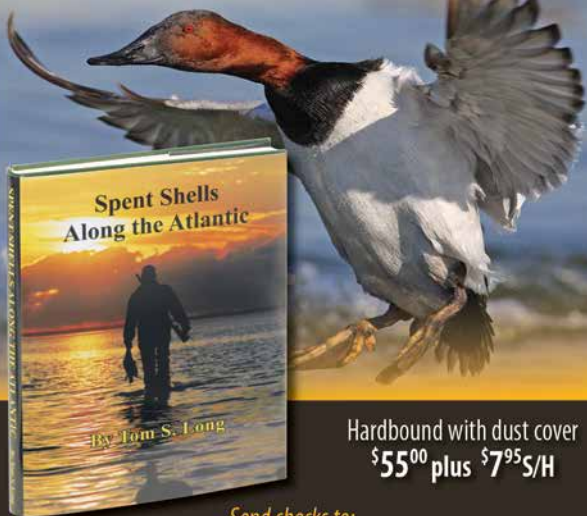


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# 'Duck, Duck, Goose' Brings Waterfowl Hunting to Dinner Table

By Don P. Brown, Information Specialist

Avid waterfowlers know that the enjoyment they get from their hunting adventures is only half the benefit. The enjoyment continues at home or in camp with the many tasty culinary creations that are possible.

For many people, the notion of dining on duck leaves a bad taste in the mouth. But it shouldn't, according to author and chef Hank Shaw. His website called "Hunter Angler Gardener Cook" is probably the largest source of wild food recipes on the internet.

Shaw is passionate about sharing his love of great-tasting wild game dishes. His latest book, "Duck, Duck, Goose," provides a wealth of expertise on how to prepare waterfowl for the dinner table.

"I live in northern California, and I probably do more duck hunting than anything else. When I'm not traveling, I'm in the marsh at least 30 days a year. You get intimate with something if you cook it that much!"

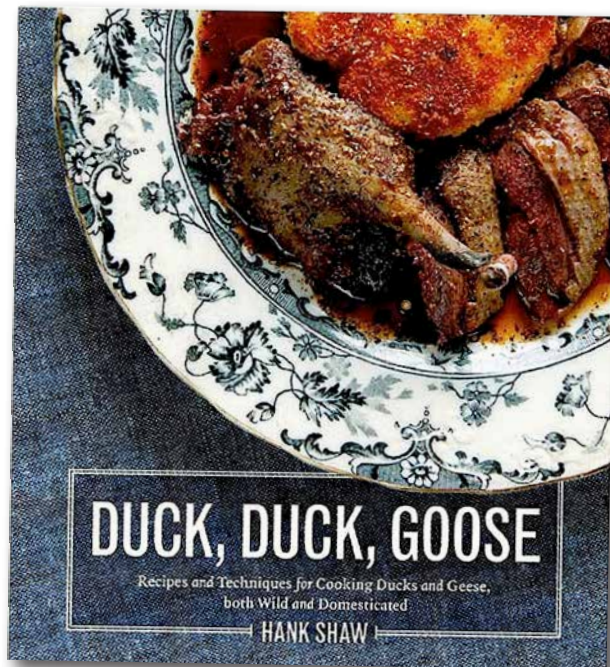
Shaw initially worked as a journalist. A co-worker kept bringing him wild game – duck, goose, pheasant and deer meat – and told him to see what he could come up with. "All of these were wild versions of food that I'd had before, but they were denser, firmer more real. A mallard is not a Peking duck you can buy in the supermarket."

Shaw said the best way to learn about preparing duck or goose breast is to learn a few easy techniques. He said there are two keys: don't overcook it, and break down the birds for ease of cooking.

"The way I describe a duck breast is it's your favorite steak, only it's wearing a hat made of bacon! When you get it – which takes you maybe two times, three times to get it nailed – it's magical!"

"However you like your steak, cook your duck breast, or goose breast or venison, just like that," Shaw said.

Here are some recipes from Shaw's website to get you started on what hopefully will become a newfound love of waterfowl cooking.



All recipes courtesy of Hank Shaw, [honest-food.net](http://honest-food.net).

Photos by Holly A. Heyser.

## Duck Sausages, Hunter's Style

When life gives you lots of ducks or geese (this happens a lot with snow goose hunters), you should make some sausages out of them. Use the shot-up birds you won't feel bad about cutting up; save the perfect birds for roasting or other uses.

This sausage is "hunter's style," which to me means coarse-grained and flavored with traditional European game spices, such as caraway, juniper and sage. This duck sausage has all three, with sage as its main herb.

These sausages would be perfect with a cassoulet, with beans, or simply pan-roasted or grilled. Note that the only ingredient measured in grams is the salt—it is that important to get the saltiness right. I did include a rougher measurement to get you close, if you don't have a scale.

Prep Time: 90 minutes. Cook Time: 15 minutes. Makes about 4 pounds, or 16 sausages.

- 3 pounds duck meat or goose meat
- 1 pound pork fat
- ½ cup red wine, chilled
- 1 teaspoon Chinese five spice powder
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh sage
- 2 teaspoons ground juniper berries
- 2 teaspoons caraway seed
- 1 tablespoon ground black pepper
- 34 grams, or 2 level tablespoons, kosher salt
- hog casings

1. Chop the meat and fat into about 1-inch chunks, then mix all the spices together and toss with the meat and fat. Chill the meat and fat until it is almost frozen by putting it in the freezer for an hour or so.
2. Take out some hog casings and set in a bowl of very warm water.
3. Grind the meat and fat through your meat grinder (you can use a food processor in a pinch, but you will not get a fine texture) using the coarse die. If your room is warm, set the bowl for the ground meat into another bowl of ice to keep it cold.
4. Add the wine and mix thoroughly either using a stand mixer on low for 60–90 seconds or with your (very clean) hands. This is important to get the sausage to bind properly.
5. Stuff the sausage into the casings all at once. Twist off links by pinching the sausage down and twisting it, first in one direction and then with the next link, the other direction. Or you could tie them off with butcher's string.
6. Hang the sausages in a cool place for 1 hour if it is warm out, up to overnight if you have a place that will get no warmer than 45 degrees. The longer you can hang the sausages, the better they will taste. After they have dried a bit, put in the fridge until needed. They will keep for at least a week. If you are freezing the sausages, wait a day before doing so. This will tighten up the sausages and help them keep their shape in the deep-freeze. (Editor's Note: Be sure to cook the raw sausages before consuming.)







### Duck Breast With Apples

This is a pretty simple preparation that works just fine with domestic duck. Remember, because you slice those apples thin, it only sautes in the duck fat for a few minutes. Don't overcook or they will get soggy.

I like to serve this as-is on the plate because it's pretty, but you can serve it alongside wild rice, mashed or roasted potatoes, or even just some good crusty bread. A simple green salad is a good vegetable here.

Prep Time: 15 minutes. Cook Time: 20 minutes. Serves: 4.

- 1½ pounds wild duck breast (domestic is fine, too)
- 1 tablespoon duck fat or butter
- 2 firm apples, such as Jonagold or Fuji
- 1 lemon
- Kosher salt

- 1 tablespoon brown sugar or maple sugar
- A pinch of cayenne pepper
- ½ cup apple cider, hard or sweet
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped mint
- Hawaiian red salt or coarse sea salt

1. Take the duck breasts out of the fridge and salt lightly. Let sit at room temperature for 15 to 30 minutes.
2. Squeeze the lemon juice into a bowl of water. Slice the apples into quarter moons of about ¼ inch thick. Do not peel. Drop each slice into the lemon juice and make sure all sides are coated to avoid browning.
3. Heat a large saute pan over high heat for 1 to 2 minutes. Add the duck fat or butter and swirl to coat the pan. Place the duck breasts skin side down, turn the heat to medium and cook for 5 to 8 minutes, until golden brown. Turn over and cook for an additional 2 to 4 minutes, depending on how you like your duck. Remove the duck breasts and tent loosely with foil. Let them rest while you make the sauce.
4. Spoon off all but about 3 tablespoons of fat. Cook the apples over medium-high heat; do not crowd them. Brown the apples lightly on both sides. When you flip them, sprinkle the brown sugar over everything and swirl to combine while the apples continue to cook for 1 to 2 minutes. Pour the cider in the pan and put the heat up as high as it will go. Sprinkle a pinch of salt and the cayenne into the pan and boil this furiously until it cooks down by two-thirds.
5. Slice the duck breast pieces roughly the same width as the apples. To make the dish, make a rosette of alternating duck breast and apple in the center of the plate. Spoon a small amount of the reduced cider on each piece of duck, then one more spoonful in the center of the rosette. Sprinkle with the fresh mint and the Hawaiian red salt. Serve at once.



### Duck or Goose Jerky

Prep Time: 24 hours. Cook Time: 6-8 hours. Makes about 1½ pounds.

- 3 pounds skinless, de-fatted duck or goose breast
  - 2 cups water
  - 2 tablespoons Kosher salt
  - ½ teaspoon Instacure No. 1 (or another curing agent, optional)
  - ¼ cup Worcestershire sauce
  - 1 teaspoon garlic powder
  - 1 teaspoon dried thyme
  - 1 teaspoon cayenne
  - 1 teaspoon porcini powder
  - 3 tablespoons brown sugar
1. Slice the duck breasts into roughly ¼-inch strips. Mix remaining ingredients well in a large bowl. Put the meat into the marinade and massage it all around to coat evenly. Pour everything into a seal-able plastic bag or container and set in the fridge. Let this marinate for at least 24 and up to 48 hours—the longer it is in the mix, the saltier the meat will get, but the longer it will last at room temperature. During the marinating process, massage the meat around in the bag to keep all the pieces in contact with the marinade.
  2. Remove the duck from the bag and pat dry with paper towels. Either follow your dehydrator's instructions for making jerky (I dehydrate mine at 140 degrees), or lay the strips on a wire rack set over a cookie sheet to catch the drippings. Set the rack in an oven set on Warm until the meat is dried out, but still pliable, about 6-8 hours. Store either in the fridge indefinitely, or at room temperature for up to 1 month.



### Snow Goose Stew with Barley and Mushrooms

This is a hearty stew inspired by some similar Russian stews I've come across over the years. I imagine it to be something eaten in Siberia, or on Wrangel Island, where many of California's snow geese spend their summers. I used snow geese in this recipe, but the dish would work with all sorts of meats: other geese, ducks, jackrabbit or hare, muskrats, venison—and yes, domestic beef or lamb.

I also used wild yellowfoot mushrooms, which can be hard to find. If you have access to a fancy supermarket, buy them, or buy beech mushrooms. If that's not an option, any fresh mushroom will do. Don't have celery root? Use potatoes. No barley? Rye or wheat berries would also work, although rye takes a long time to cook. No duck fat? Use lard or butter. No duck stock? Use beef stock.

This stew keeps well in the fridge for a week, and it freezes well.

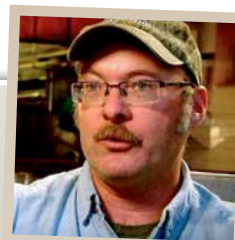
Prep Time: 10 minutes. Cook Time: 3 hours. Serves 6-8.

- 8 goose legs, about 2-3 pounds
- 3 tablespoons duck fat, lard or butter
- 1 large onion, sliced, about 3 cups
- 1 pound yellowfoot chanterelles, beech mushrooms or other mushrooms

- 7 cups duck stock or beef stock
  - 2 teaspoons marjoram
  - 1 cup barley
  - 1 cup sliced carrots
  - 1 celery root, peeled and cut into 1-inch cubes
  - 2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill
  - Salt and black pepper to taste
  - 1 tablespoon sour cream per person
1. Heat the duck fat in a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat and brown the goose legs well. Salt them as they cook. Remove the goose legs as they brown and set aside.
  2. Once the goose legs are all browned, add the onions and mushrooms and turn the heat to high. Stir to combine. Saute until the onion begins to brown, about 6-8 minutes. Add the marjoram and return the goose legs to the pot, then pour over the duck stock. Bring to a simmer and cook until the goose legs are tender, anywhere from 1 hour to 3 hours.
  3. When the goose legs are tender, remove them, let them cool a bit, and pull all the meat off the bone. Return it to the pot. Add the barley, carrots and celery root. Stir well and cook until the barley and celery root are cooked, about 30 minutes. Add salt to taste.
  4. Serve garnished with dill and black pepper, and give everyone a dollop of sour cream on their bowls when you come to the table.

## LEARN MORE

To see an "Outdoor Oklahoma" TV show interview with author Hank Shaw, go to [youtube.com/outdooroklahoma](http://youtube.com/outdooroklahoma) and search for "Hank Shaw." To order a copy of Shaw's book, go to his website at [honest-food.net](http://honest-food.net) or search for "Duck Duck Goose" on Amazon.com.







## IDENTIFICATION: WHOOPING CRANES & SANDHILL CRANES

**W**hooping cranes are an endangered species that migratory bird hunters may encounter. The Department believes that hunting can continue when whooping cranes are present as long as hunters are aware and diligent in their responsibility to absolutely identify their quarry.

While standing next to one another, whooping cranes and sandhill cranes can be relatively easy to tell apart, as seen on this page. However, hunters should be especially careful during low light or backlit conditions as whooping cranes and sandhill cranes will both appear dark and can look similar. If you cannot positively identify the bird, don't shoot!



**For more information on identifying cranes, log on to:**

[fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/SandhillCranes/SandhillCraneHunters.htm](http://fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/SandhillCranes/SandhillCraneHunters.htm)

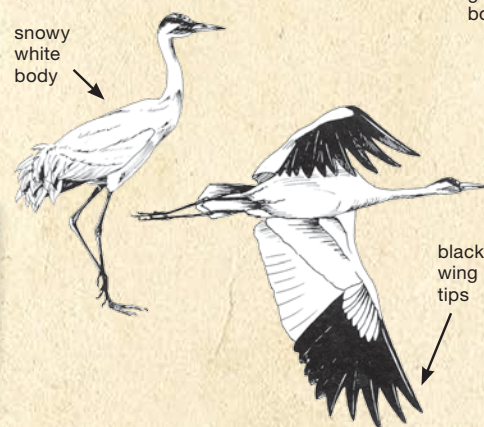
There may be spot closures of wetland development units or other hunting areas when whooping cranes are present. Watch for these signs.

If you see a Whooping Crane, please contact Matt Fullerton, Endangered Species Biologist, at (580) 571-5820.



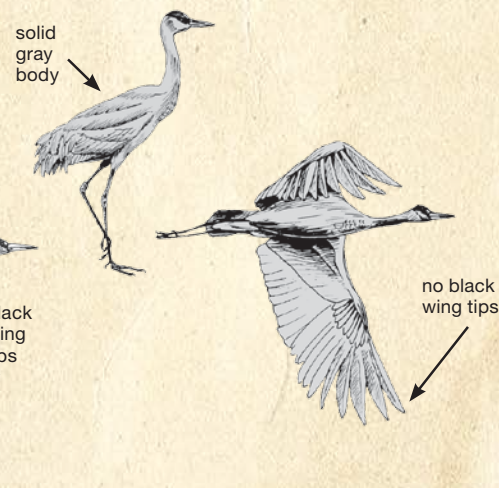
### WHOOPING CRANE

Snowy white and stands more than 4 feet tall, with a 7½-foot wingspan. Black wingtips are visible in flight. Adults have a red crown and are usually found in small groups of six or fewer and may be seen flying or feeding with sandhill cranes.



### SANDHILL CRANE

Solid gray, although it may look almost white in certain light. Stands 4 feet tall or less, with a 6-foot wingspan. Adults have a red crown.



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Waterfowl hunting gives hunters the advantage of seeing Oklahoma's wildlife diversity up close. Be on the lookout for these birds and take the time to learn all the birds associated with wetland habitats.

### WHOOPING CRANE

- Legs extend beyond tail feathers.
- Red and black head.
- Black feathers on wing tips.
- Outstretched neck in flight.

**[PROTECTED]**



### TUNDRA SWAN

- Short black legs even with tail feathers.
- Wings are entirely white.
- Very long outstretched neck in flight.
- Long black bill.

**[PROTECTED]**



### GREAT EGRET

- Legs extend beyond tail feathers
- All-white wings
- S-shaped neck in flight

**[PROTECTED]**



### CATTLE EGRET

- Legs extend beyond tail feathers.
- Wings are all white.
- S-shaped neck in flight.
- Usually flies in groups.

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### SNOW GOOSE

- Short legs do not extend beyond tail feathers
- Short bill
- Flies in flocks of 30 or more
- Black feathers on wing tips



### GULL

- Some species of gull have black wing tips, while others do not.
- Wings are long and slender, while the body is shorter by comparison.
- Gulls often soar over water, and may be seen diving to catch fish.

**[PROTECTED]**



### AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN

- Short legs do not extend beyond tail feathers
- Extremely large beak
- Black feathers along the trailing edge of each wing (not just tips)

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### GREAT BLUE HERON

- Large dark-gray bird with slow wing beats.
- Legs extend beyond tail feathers in flight.
- S-shaped neck in flight, with long sharp beak.
- Usually solitary.

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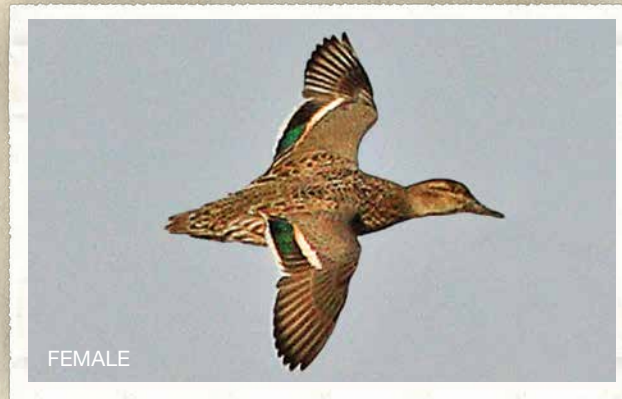


## PUDDLE DUCKS

Ducks that typically feed in and around shallow water. When they feed, puddle ducks skim their bills along the surface or stick their heads under water, leaving their feet sticking up out of the water. In takeoff, puddle ducks spring up off the water.



MALE



FEMALE

**GREEN-WINGED TEAL** Smallest of puddle ducks, about  $\frac{3}{4}$  pound, up to 14 inches long. **Male:** tan chest with dark spots, head is cinnamon with iridescent green eye mask. Speculum (trailing edge of wing next to body) is iridescent green and black. Swift and erratic flyers. **Female:** mottled brown body with wings like male.



MALE



FEMALE

**BLUE-WINGED TEAL** Small duck, less than 1 pound, 12–16 inches long. **Male:** often mottled brown body, feet dull gold. Coverts (wing shoulder) is sky blue with trailing white bar. Speculum is green. Erratic flyers. **Female:** similar to male except white bar is less distinct.



MALE



FEMALE

**SHOVELER** Medium-sized duck,  $1\frac{1}{4}$ – $1\frac{1}{2}$  pounds, 18–20 inches long. **Male:** early season will have mottled gray-brown body. Late season will have cinnamon belly and iridescent green head. Broad, spoon-shaped bill. Coverts are sky blue with trailing white bar. Speculum is green. Shaft of primary feathers is distinctively white. **Female:** drab brown, spoon-shaped bill. Coverts are tinged sky blue with trailing white bar. Green speculum.





MALE



FEMALE

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**WOOD DUCK** Medium-sized duck, up to 1½ pounds, 15–18 inches long. **Male:** dark iridescent back, cinnamon chest, tan sides. Red eyes and multicolored bill. Coverts and speculum are iridescent green, purple and blue with trailing white bar. **Female:** drab brown, white eye ring, black bill. Wings similar to male, but with teardrop-shaped white trailing edge.



MALE



FEMALE

**MALLARD** Large duck, 2½–3 pounds, 24–28 inches long. **Male:** chestnut chest, dark rump, white tail. Brilliant green head, yellowish bill. Speculum is bright blue with leading and trailing white bars. **Female:** drab brown, white tail. Orange bill with dark blotches. Wings similar to male with leading white bar extending towards body.



MALE



FEMALE

**PINTAIL** Large duck, 2–2½ pounds, 22–27 inches long. **Male:** white neck, chest and belly. Brown head, blue bill with black strip down the middle. Elongated black tail. Gray wing, iridescent green-bronze speculum. Speculum has dark tan leading edge and white trailing edge. **Female:** drab brown with gray-blue bill. Wings are brown with a duller bronze speculum than male.

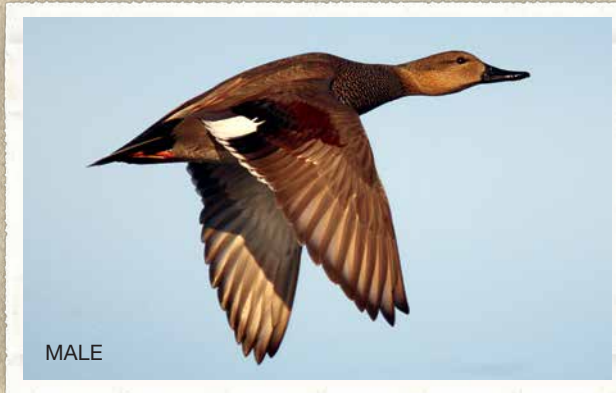
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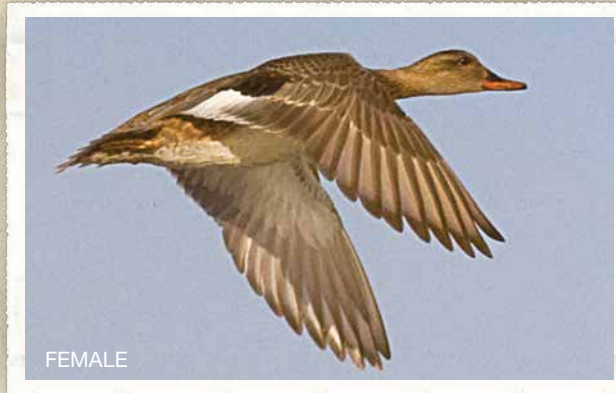
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MALE

Gary Kramer



FEMALE

**GADWALL** Medium-sized duck, 1½–2 pounds, 18–20 inches long. **Male:** gray-brown body, white belly. Dark bill. Coverts are cinnamon trailing into black. White speculum. **Female:** mottled brown with white belly. Yellow-orange bill. Wings are similar to males but with less color on the wing. White speculum.



MALE



FEMALE

**AMERICAN WIGEON** Medium-sized duck, 1½–2 pounds, 18–20 inches long. **Male:** tan back and sides, white belly. Crown of head is white, green eye mask. Short, gray-blue bill. Coverts are white, speculum is green shading to black. **Female:** mottled brown with distinct white belly. Gray head with dark speckles, gray-blue bill. Brown coverts edged with white. Speculum is dull greenish black.

## WATERFOWL ID TIPS

One of the main concerns of new and experienced waterfowl hunters alike is correct identification. While it might seem like a hard skill to develop, there are a few simple tips that will help you along the way.

- Go with an experienced waterfowl hunter – he or she can help you make correct identifications before shooting and improve your own ID skills.
- Study a waterfowl ID guide. For a more in-depth guide, use our website to learn to identify every waterfowl species in Oklahoma. Go to [wildlifedepartment.com](http://wildlifedepartment.com) look under “Hunting,” then “Waterfowl,” for links to both the waterfowl reports and identification section. Waterfowl ID booklets also are available free upon request at the Department’s Oklahoma City or Jenks offices or for \$2 by mail. Call (405) 521-3855 for information. Remember to study these guides before you go hunting!

- Watch waterfowl when not hunting – go to a local pond or lake that waterfowl frequent and practice before the season starts. Remember to bring your ID book.
- Wait until 30 minutes after shooting light to take a shot – even seasoned waterfowl hunters have a hard time identifying birds when they don’t have enough light.
- Learn to identify waterfowl calls – learning waterfowl calls will greatly improve your identification skills. It’s easier than you think. There are many websites with bird calls available that can help you hone your skills.
- Practice – no one has ever become an expert at waterfowl identification or anything else without practicing. Don’t wait until the night before you go hunting to start practicing.



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## DIVING DUCKS

Ducks that typically feed in 10–15 feet of water. These ducks dive down to feed and may stay under the water for a significant period to feed off the bottom. In takeoff, diving ducks often run across the water before becoming airborne.



MALE



FEMALE

**CANVASBACK** Large duck, up to 3 pounds, 18–21 inches long. **Male:** Body mostly white. Black chest and rump. Head and neck are burnished red. Forehead slopes into black bill. Red eyes. Grayish wing with pearl gray speculum. Feet stretch beyond tail in flight. **Female:** Gray-brown body. Head, neck and rump are darker brown. Wings similar to male.



MALE



FEMALE

**REDHEAD** Medium-sized duck, 2–2½ pounds, 20–22 inches long. **Male:** Body mostly gray, chest and rump are black. White belly. Head is rusty red, bill is gray with a white band toward the tip. Wings are gray-brown. Pearl gray speculum. **Female:** Gray-brown body, white belly. Pale or white around eye and base of bill. Both bill and wing are similar to males.



MALE



FEMALE

**LESSER SCAUP** Medium-sized duck, 1¾–2 pounds, 15–18 inches long. **Male:** Grayish back, white sides and belly. Chest and rump black. Head is a purplish black. Bill is light blue, short and broad. Wings are dark brown with white flecking. Speculum is white. **Female:** dull brown with white belly. White patch at base of bill. Bill and wings are similar to male.



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**RING-NECKED DUCK** Medium-sized duck, 1½–2 pounds, 16–18 inches long. **Male:** Back, chest and rump black. White belly, head is blackish-purple with faint chestnut ring around neck. Bill is gray with white band at base and toward tip. Wings are dark gray. Speculum is pearl gray. **Female:** blackish-brown back. Brown head, neck and sides. White belly. White eye ring and patch at base of bill. Bill and wing are similar to male.



**GOLDENEYE** Medium-sized duck, 1¾ to 2¼ pounds, 17–20 inches long. **Male:** Belly, chest and sides white with a black back and tail. Iridescent green head with white spot in front of and below the eye. Bill small and black. Wings mostly black with large white patch, including the speculum. **Female:** Gray body with white belly and throat and brown head. Dark wings with white speculum fading to gray above.



**BUFFLEHEAD DUCK** Small duck, up to 1 pound, 12–14 inches long. **Male:** Belly, chest and sides white with a black back. Iridescent head with large, fan-shaped white patch. Small bluish gray bill. Wings mostly black with large white patch, including the speculum. **Female:** Grayish white body with brown back and tail. Head brown with small white patch behind eye. Wings mostly brown with white barely extending past speculum.





## CONSEP 2013 NONTOXIC SHOT LETHALITY TABLE

# Tom Roster's

## 2013 Nontoxic Shot Lethality Table<sup>®</sup>

Proven Nontoxic Shot Loads For Waterfowl & Upland Game Birds <sup>1</sup> <i>Load Velocity: 1,225 - 1,600 FPS</i>	Typical Shooting Range of Activity (Yards)	Most Effective Nontoxic Shot Size(s) For Birds Listed Under ACTIVITY At The Distances Listed In The Second Column	Minimal Load Weight (Ounces)	Minimal Pellet Hits Needed on Lethal Areas for Clean Kills	Minimum Pattern Count Needed at Any Distance for Clean Kills (# of Pellets in 30" Circle)	Most Effective Choke(s) (Given in Lead Shot Choke Designations)	<b>NOTE:</b> The pellets in the steel shot loads listed in this table were traditional, highly spherical ball-shaped pellets of ~ 7.86 g/cc density and 90-95 DPH hardness. The HEVI-Shot pellets were of 12.0 g/cc density and slightly harder than traditional steel pellets.
ACTIVITY							
<b>Large Geese At Long Range</b> Giant, Western, Atlantic and Interior Canadas	50-65	Steel BBB to T	1-1/4	1-2	50-55	Improved Modified	
	50-70	HEVI-Shot 2 to B	1-1/2	1-2	50-55	Improved Modified, Full	
<b>Large Geese Over Decoys</b>	35-50	Steel BB to BBB	1-1/4	1-2	50-55	Improved Cylinder, Modified	
	35-50	HEVI-Shot 2 to B	1-1/2	1-2	50-55	Improved Cylinder, Modified	
<b>Medium/Small Geese Long Range</b> Snow, White-fronted, Lesser Canadas	50-65	Steel BB to BBB	1-1/4	1-2	60-65	Improved Modified	
	50-65	HEVI-Shot 2	1-1/2	1-2	60-65	Improved Modified, Full	
<b>Medium/Small Geese Over Decoys</b>	35-50	Steel 2 to BB	1-1/8	1-2	60-65	Light Modified, Modified	
	35-50	HEVI-Shot 4 to 2	1-1/4	1-2	60-65	Improved Cylinder, Modified	
<b>Large Ducks At Long Range</b> Mallard, Black, Pintail, Goldeneye, Gadwall	45-65	Steel 2 to 1	1-1/8	1-2	85-90	Improved Modified, Full	
	45-65	HEVI-Shot 4	1-1/4	1-2	85-90	Improved Modified, Full	
<b>Large Ducks Over Decoys</b>	20-45	Steel 6 to 2	3/4 - 1	1-2	85-90	I.C. (20-35 Yds), Mod. (35-45 Yds)	
	20-45	HEVI-Shot 6 to 4	1-1/8	1-2	85-90	I.C. (20-35 Yds), Mod. (35-45 Yds)	
<b>Medium Ducks Over Decoys</b> Wigeon, Scaup, Shoveler	20-45	Steel 6 to 3	1	1-2	115-120	I.C. (20-35 Yds), Mod. (35-45 Yds)	
	20-45	HEVI-Shot 6 to 4	1-1/8	1-2	115-120	I.C. (20-35 Yds), Mod. (35-45 Yds)	
<b>Small Ducks Over Decoys</b> Teal, Ruddy, Bufflehead	20-45	Steel 6 to 4	1	1-2	135-145	Mod. (20-35 Yds), Full (35-45 Yds)	
	20-45	HEVI-Shot 6	1-1/8	1-2	135-145	Mod. (20-35 Yds), Full (35-45 Yds)	
<b>Ring-Necked Pheasants</b>	20-50	Steel 3 to 2	1	2-3	90-95	I.C. (20-30 Yds), Mod. (30-50 Yds)	
	20-50	HEVI-Shot 6 to 4	1-1/8	2-3	90-95	I.C. (20-30 Yds), Mod. (30-50 Yds)	
<b>Turkeys (Head and Neck Shots)</b>	20-40	Steel 4	1-1/4	3-4	210-230	Full or Extra Full	
<b>Northern Bobwhite Quail</b>	20-30	Steel 7	5/8	1-2	170-190	Improved Cylinder, Light Modified	
<b>Swatter Load For Wounded Birds</b>	20-30	Steel 7 to 6	1	1	175	Improved Modified, Full	

This table summarizes Tom Roster's analyses to date of the waterfowl lethality data bases for certain of the 15 U.S. steel versus lead waterfowl shooting tests run between 1968 & 1982 & one steel-only pheasant shooting test plus lethality data bases owned by ammunition companies for birds taken with nontoxic shotshell loads Roster tested for them & the CONSEP organization.

**Note:** Steel #BBB (.190") and HEVI-Shot #2 (.150") have exhibited the best all-around performance for taking geese; steel #3 (.140") and HEVI-Shot #4 (.130") the best all-around performance for taking ducks; and steel #2 and HEVI-Shot #4 the best all-around performance for taking ring-necked pheasants.

<sup>1</sup>These findings are derived from testing 3" 20 gauge; 2 3/4", 3" and 3 1/2" 12 gauge; and 3 1/2" 10 gauge steel loads; plus 3" 20 gauge and 2 3/4" and 3" 12 gauge HEVI-Shot loads.

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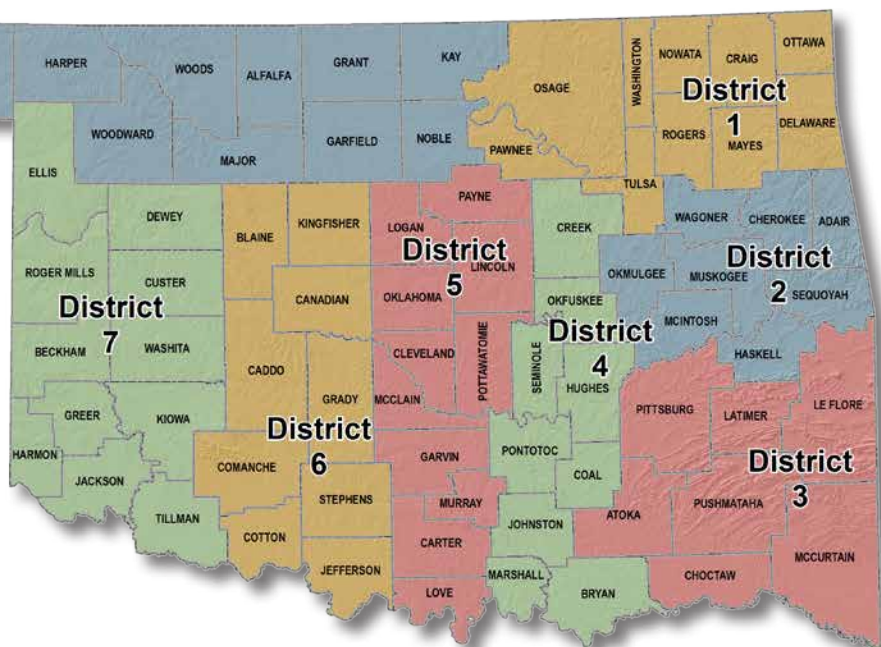
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A simple “thank you” cannot express the extent of appreciation for those who go above and beyond to lend a hand. Such is the case with the many groups that have become invaluable Partners in Conservation for Oklahoma’s tremendous natural resources. The Wildlife Department, and the sportsmen of the state, are blessed by these quality organizations that have made significant contributions to wildlife management in Oklahoma. Partners listed here contributed at least \$5,000 in 2013.

The Wildlife Department also extends sincere gratitude to the many other groups and individuals who provide support through monetary gifts or in-kind products and services in support of all Department activities. This list does not include our numerous partners who contribute to the Department’s Wildlife Expo.

Thank you, partners!

- **Larry and Brenda Potterfield, founders of MidwayUSA**, for their support of the Oklahoma Scholastic Shooting Sports Program and state tournament shooting events.
- **Quail Forever Central Oklahoma 89er Chapter** for helping to support management projects and research focused on improving quail habitat and populations. Donations have included prescribed burning and habitat improvement equipment and supplies.
- **National Wild Turkey Federation** for support of habitat enhancement on public and private lands statewide (including several WMAs that are open to public hunting), providing prescribed burning equipment, fireguard construction, invasive plant removal and turkey trapping supplies, plus major support for Oklahoma Scholastic Shooting Sports Program and Archery in the Schools.
- **Natureworks** for wildlife habitat improvement at Spavinaw WMA and fisheries research on paddlefish at Grand Lake.
- **Oklahoma City Zoological Park and Botanical Garden** for conservation field study projects and to help with expenses for various projects.
- **Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation** for its support of habitat work and fireguard improvements on WMAs that open to public hunting.
- **Trout Unlimited Oklahoma Chapter** for its support of dissolved oxygen research for trout habitat improvement.
- **XTO Energy Mid-Continent Division** for providing an ATV to Cross Timbers WMA for prescribed burn management.



## Attention Hunters:

Leaving harvested migratory birds in the custody of another person is permitted by federal law only when your birds are tagged with the information in the following form. Tagging is required if the birds are being transported for the hunter by another person, or if birds have been left with someone for cleaning, storage, shipment or taxidermy services.



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### TAKEN BY

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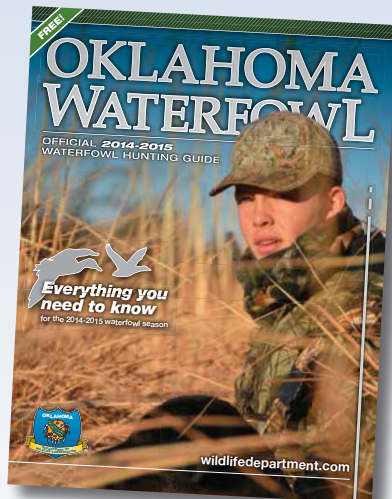
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Day	Oct.		Nov.		Dec.		Jan.		Feb.		March	
	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set
1	7:25	7:14	7:52	6:35	7:21	5:17	7:39	5:28	7:30	5:58	7:00	6:25
2	7:26	7:12	6:53	5:34	7:22	5:17	7:40	5:29	7:29	5:59	6:59	6:26
3	7:27	7:11	6:54	5:33	7:23	5:17	7:40	5:30	7:28	6:00	6:58	6:27
4	7:27	7:10	6:55	5:32	7:24	5:17	7:40	5:30	7:28	6:01	6:56	6:28
5	7:28	7:08	6:56	5:31	7:24	5:17	7:40	5:31	7:27	6:02	6:55	6:29
6	7:29	7:07	6:57	5:30	7:25	5:17	7:40	5:32	7:26	6:03	6:54	6:30
7	7:30	7:05	6:58	5:30	7:26	5:17	7:40	5:33	7:25	6:04	6:52	6:31
8	7:31	7:04	6:59	5:29	7:27	5:17	7:40	5:34	7:24	6:05	7:51	7:31
9	7:31	7:03	7:00	5:28	7:28	5:17	7:40	5:35	7:23	6:06	7:49	7:32
10	7:32	7:01	7:01	5:27	7:28	5:17	7:40	5:36	7:22	6:07	7:48	7:33
11	7:33	7:00	7:02	5:26	7:29	5:18	7:40	5:37	7:21	6:08	7:47	7:34
12	7:34	6:59	7:03	5:26	7:30	5:18	7:39	5:38	7:20	6:09	7:45	7:35
13	7:35	6:57	7:04	5:25	7:31	5:18	7:39	5:39	7:19	6:10	7:44	7:36
14	7:36	6:56	7:05	5:24	7:31	5:18	7:39	5:40	7:18	6:11	7:43	7:37
15	7:37	6:55	7:06	5:24	7:32	5:19	7:39	5:40	7:17	6:12	7:41	7:38
16	7:37	6:53	7:07	5:23	7:33	5:19	7:39	5:41	7:16	6:13	7:40	7:38
17	7:38	6:52	7:08	5:22	7:33	5:19	7:38	5:42	7:15	6:14	7:38	7:39
18	7:39	6:51	7:09	5:22	7:34	5:20	7:38	5:43	7:14	6:15	7:37	7:40
19	7:40	6:50	7:10	5:21	7:34	5:20	7:38	5:44	7:12	6:16	7:35	7:41
20	7:41	6:48	7:11	5:21	7:35	5:21	7:37	5:45	7:11	6:17	7:34	7:42
21	7:42	6:47	7:12	5:20	7:36	5:21	7:37	5:46	7:10	6:18	7:33	7:43
22	7:43	6:46	7:13	5:20	7:36	5:22	7:36	5:48	7:09	6:19	7:31	7:43
23	7:44	6:45	7:13	5:19	7:36	5:22	7:36	5:49	7:08	6:20	7:30	7:44
24	7:44	6:44	7:14	5:19	7:37	5:23	7:35	5:50	7:06	6:21	7:28	7:45
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26	7:46	6:41	7:16	5:18	7:38	5:24	7:34	5:52	7:04	6:23	7:26	7:47
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31	7:51	6:36			7:39	5:27	7:31	5:57				

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