

2017-2018 Arizona Dove and Band-tailed Pigeon Regulations



Mourning Dove



White-wing Dove



Eurasian Collared-dove

Dove: Commission Order 19 Statewide Early Dove Season

Sept. 1–15, 2017

Mourning and white-winged doves

Daily bag limit: 15 total with no more than 10 being white-winged doves

Possession limit: 45 total with no more than 30 being white-winged doves

Statewide Late Dove Season

Nov. 24, 2017–Jan. 7, 2018

Mourning doves only

Daily bag limit: 15

Possession limit: 45

Statewide Eurasian Collared-Dove Season

Sep 1, 2017–Aug 30, 2018

Unlimited daily bag and possession limit

Band-tailed Pigeon: Commission Order 20 Statewide Band-tailed Pigeon Season

Oct. 7–20, 2017

Daily bag limit: 2

Possession limit: 6

Restrictions apply to open and closed areas for doves.

See notes for details.

For complete dove-hunting information, visit:
www.azgfd.gov/dove.

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NOTES FOR SPECIFIC CLOSED AND OPEN AREAS FOR DOVE:

- Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in these Commission Orders) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.
- The Bill Williams River, Cibola, Imperial, Buenos Aires, Havasu and San Bernadino National Wildlife Refuges are open to dove hunting EXCEPT for posted portions. A fee may be required for hunting on National Wildlife Refuges, see refuge regulations.
- The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermillion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
- The following parks and preserves in Maricopa County are open to hunting: Lake Pleasant, White Tank Mountains, McDowell Mountain, and Estrella Mountain Regional parks. Hunting in parks and preserves opened by this Commission Order is not permitted within ¼ mile of any developed picnic area, developed camp ground, shooting range, occupied building, boat ramp, or golf course. Developed areas do not include trails.
- The following Pima County parks and preserves are open to hunting: A-7 Ranch, Oracle Ridge Property, Six Bar Ranch, Emperita Ranch, Bar V Ranch, Sands Ranch, Clyne Ranch, Diamond Bell Ranch, Marley Ranch, Rancho Seco, Kings 98 Ranch, Old Hayhook Ranch, Verdugo, Bee Ranch, Mordka Ranch, Buckelew Ranch, Carpenter Ranch, Cochie Canyon Ranch, Lords Ranch in Unit, and Tortolita Mountain Park. Hunting is not permitted in County Parks within ¼ mile of any developed picnic area, developed camp ground, shooting range, occupied building, boat ramp, or golf course. Developed areas do not include trails.
- A portion of Robbins Butte Wildlife Area in Unit 39 is limited to youth-only dove hunting from September 1 until the day after the youth-only hunt ends. This limitation applies to the area posted "No Hunting Behind This Sign" area of actively farmed lands from the Robbins Butte main access road north to the main channel of the Gila River. This area is open to all hunters for the remainder of the season.
- Within Unit 25M as described in R12-4-108, all incorporated lands, including private property within municipal boundaries, are closed to hunting unless opened under Commission Order. Incorporated includes all municipal and corporate limits. County islands are open to hunting provided the hunter does not discharge a firearm within ¼ mile of an occupied farmhouse, residence, cabin, lodge, or building without permission of the owner or resident. Privately held lands within county islands may be closed by the landowner.
- A portion of Unit 25M is closed to hunting. Hunting is not permitted in the following area of Unit 25M: an unincorporated portion of land west of Loop 202 (San Tan Freeway) known as the Elliot and Hawes County Island in Section 16, Township 1 South, Range 7 East.
- Hunting is not permitted in Unit 26M in the following described area: Those private lands lying just north of the Town of Cave Creek in Sections 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 of Township 6 North, Range 4 East.
- The following City of Tucson Water Properties located in Avra Valley are open to dove hunting: the Duval property in Unit 36C and the Buckalew, Flying E Bar, Ed Anway, Kai, Tucker, and Trust 205 properties in Unit 37A; all other Tucson Water Properties are closed to hunting. All open City of Tucson properties are foot access only at designated entry points. Please sign in and out at sign-in boxes located at designated entry points.
- Hunting is not permitted in Unit 36B in the following described area: in the posted portion of Sopori Ranch south of Arivaca Road in Sections 14 and 15, Township 20 South, Range 11 East. The remainder of Sopori Ranch is open to hunting.
- Hunting is not permitted in Unit 37A in the following described area in the Town of Marana: beginning at the intersection of Sanders Road and Avra Valley Road; north on Sanders Road to the Santa Cruz River; southeast along the Santa Cruz River to the Central Arizona Project Canal; southwest along the Central Arizona Project Canal to Avra Valley Road; west on Avra Valley Road to the intersection of Sanders Road.
- Hunting is not permitted in Units 43A and 44B in the following described area in the Town of Quartzsite: Sections 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35, Township 4 North, Range 19 West and Sections 2, 3, and 4, Township 3 North, Range 19 W.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

Adults 18 and older must have in their possession a valid hunting or combination license and an Arizona migratory bird stamp per R12-4-203.

Youth ages 10 to 17 must have in their possession a valid youth combination license only.

Falconers must also be licensed per R12-4-422 or exempted per R12-4-407.

Do Not:

- Shoot within ¼ mile (440 yards) of an occupied structure while hunting unless you have permission.
- Shoot from, across or into roads or railways.
- Leave shotgun shells or other litter on the ground.
- Hunt over waters all day – allow time for livestock to access water.
- Consume drugs or alcohol while hunting or handling firearms.

Do:

- Leave one fully feathered wing attached to the bird for identification until you reach your permanent residence or where the wildlife will be consumed.
- Keep individual limits of birds separate from others while in the field, in the cooler and in transit.
- Respect postings on private land and leave gates as found.
- Make a reasonable effort to retrieve all downed birds.
- Report violations to Operation Game Thief, 800-352-0700

Migratory game birds may be taken only with a 10- gauge or smaller shotgun capable of holding no more than three shells (two in the magazine and one in the chamber), unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun, so its total capacity does not exceed three shells. Birds also may be taken by falconry, by bow and arrow, or

Youth Hunting Opportunities

Available to ages 17 and younger.

Robbins Butte Youth-Only Dove Season

Sept. 2-3, 2017

- Hosted by: Arizona Game and Fish, Youth Outdoors Unlimited, Arizona Outdoor Sports, National Wild Turkey Federation
- Registration Required: www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com

For a list of additional hunting opportunities for youth and new hunters, visit: www.azgfd.gov/OutdoorSkills



crossbow. Pneumatic weapons are legal only for use on Eurasian collared-doves. An Arizona migratory bird stamp is not required for the take of Eurasian collared-doves.

Legal shooting and hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

The daily bag limit is the number of doves allowed to be harvested in one day.

The possession limit is the total number of harvested doves allowed to be possessed. This includes all doves harvested from previous days and those given to you by other hunters. This applies to all doves you have on your person, in your cooler, vehicle, any temporary lodging and at your place of residence.

In addition to state regulations, federal rules also apply. Visit ecfr.gov for a complete version of Title 50, Part 20 of the Code of Federal Regulations. When state law differs from federal law, hunters must follow the more restrictive law.

Statewide Falconry-only Dove Season

Sept. 16, 2017-Nov. 1, 2017

Mourning and white-winged doves

Daily bag limit: 3

Possession limit: 9

The daily bag limit for falconry of all migratory game birds is three in total, comprised of any combination of migratory game bird species for which falconry is a legal method of take or falconry-only season is open. The possession limit is nine for all migratory game birds total in season after opening day, of which no more than three may be taken in any one day. Falconers should consult Commission Orders 19, 20, 21 and 22 for season dates and open areas. The daily bag limit and possession limit for falconry is not in addition to firearms limits. The falconry bag limit for Eurasian collared-doves is unlimited.

Falconry is not permitted on national wildlife refuges.

**Did you harvest a banded bird?
Remember to check the legs on all migratory birds for leg bands. If you get a banded bird, learn more about the bird and where it was banded by submitting the number information to: www.reportband.gov**

SUNRISE/SUNSET 2017-2018

| DATE | EASTERN | | CENTRAL | | WESTERN | |
|----------|---------|------|---------|------|---------|------|
| | RISE | SET | RISE | SET | RISE | SET |
| Sept. 1 | 5:54 | 6:44 | 6:03 | 6:53 | 6:12 | 7:02 |
| Sept. 5 | 5:56 | 6:39 | 6:05 | 6:48 | 6:14 | 6:57 |
| Sept. 10 | 6:00 | 6:32 | 6:09 | 6:41 | 6:18 | 6:50 |
| Sept. 15 | 6:03 | 6:25 | 6:12 | 6:34 | 6:21 | 6:43 |
| Sept. 20 | 6:06 | 6:18 | 6:15 | 6:27 | 6:24 | 6:36 |
| Sept. 25 | 6:10 | 6:11 | 6:19 | 6:20 | 6:28 | 6:29 |
| Sept. 30 | 6:13 | 6:05 | 6:22 | 6:14 | 6:31 | 6:23 |
| Oct. 1 | 6:14 | 6:03 | 6:23 | 6:12 | 6:32 | 6:21 |
| Oct. 5 | 6:17 | 5:58 | 6:26 | 6:07 | 6:35 | 6:16 |
| Oct. 10 | 6:20 | 5:51 | 6:29 | 6:00 | 6:38 | 6:09 |
| Oct. 15 | 6:24 | 5:45 | 6:33 | 5:54 | 6:42 | 6:03 |
| Oct. 20 | 6:28 | 5:39 | 6:37 | 5:48 | 6:46 | 5:57 |
| Oct. 25 | 6:32 | 5:34 | 6:41 | 5:43 | 6:50 | 5:52 |
| Oct. 30 | 6:37 | 5:29 | 6:46 | 5:38 | 6:55 | 5:47 |
| Nov. 1 | 6:38 | 5:27 | 6:47 | 5:36 | 6:56 | 5:45 |
| Nov. 5 | 6:42 | 5:23 | 6:51 | 5:32 | 7:00 | 5:41 |
| Nov. 10 | 6:47 | 5:20 | 6:56 | 5:29 | 7:03 | 5:38 |
| Nov. 15 | 6:51 | 5:15 | 7:00 | 5:26 | 7:09 | 5:35 |
| Nov. 20 | 6:56 | 5:14 | 7:05 | 5:23 | 7:14 | 5:32 |
| Nov. 25 | 7:00 | 5:12 | 7:09 | 5:21 | 7:18 | 5:30 |
| Nov. 30 | 7:05 | 5:11 | 7:14 | 5:20 | 7:23 | 5:29 |
| Dec. 1 | 7:06 | 5:11 | 7:15 | 5:20 | 7:24 | 5:29 |
| Dec. 5 | 7:09 | 5:11 | 7:18 | 5:20 | 7:27 | 5:29 |
| Dec. 10 | 7:13 | 5:12 | 7:22 | 5:21 | 7:31 | 5:30 |
| Dec. 15 | 7:16 | 5:13 | 7:25 | 5:22 | 7:34 | 5:31 |
| Dec. 20 | 7:19 | 5:15 | 7:28 | 5:24 | 7:37 | 5:33 |
| Dec. 25 | 7:22 | 5:18 | 7:31 | 5:27 | 7:40 | 5:36 |
| Dec. 30 | 7:23 | 5:21 | 7:32 | 5:30 | 7:41 | 5:39 |
| Jan. 1 | 7:24 | 5:23 | 7:33 | 5:32 | 7:42 | 5:41 |
| Jan. 5 | 7:24 | 5:26 | 7:33 | 5:35 | 7:42 | 5:44 |



Attention Band-tailed Pigeon Hunters!

To help improve harvest estimates, please submit a voluntary online registration before hunting. The registration can be found online at: www.azgfd.gov/bandtailedpigeon.