

Approximate Shooting Times*

1999-2000 Waterfowl Season

(One-half hour before sunrise to sunset)

OCTOBER			DECEMBER (CONT.)		
Date	Start	Stop	Date	Start	Stop
23	7:02 a.m.	6:47 p.m.	26	6:48 a.m.	5:33 p.m.
24	7:03 a.m.	6:46 p.m.	27	6:49 a.m.	5:34 p.m.
25	7:03 a.m.	6:45 p.m.	28	6:49 a.m.	5:35 p.m.
26	7:04 a.m.	6:44 p.m.	29	6:49 a.m.	5:35 p.m.
27	7:05 a.m.	6:43 p.m.	30	6:50 a.m.	5:36 p.m.
28	7:05 a.m.	6:42 p.m.	31	6:50 a.m.	5:37 p.m.
29	7:06 a.m.	6:42 p.m.			
30	7:07 a.m.	6:41 p.m.			
31**	6:08 a.m.	5:40 p.m.			

NOVEMBER			JANUARY		
Date	Start	Stop	Date	Start	Stop
1	6:08 a.m.	5:39 p.m.	1	6:50 a.m.	5:37 p.m.
2	6:09 a.m.	5:38 p.m.	2	6:50 a.m.	5:38 p.m.
3	6:10 a.m.	5:38 p.m.	3	6:51 a.m.	5:39 p.m.
4	6:11 a.m.	5:37 p.m.	4	6:51 a.m.	5:40 p.m.
5	6:11 a.m.	5:36 p.m.	5	6:51 a.m.	5:40 p.m.
6	6:12 a.m.	5:35 p.m.	6	6:51 a.m.	5:41 p.m.
7	6:13 a.m.	5:35 p.m.	7	6:51 a.m.	5:42 p.m.
8	6:14 a.m.	5:34 p.m.	8	6:51 a.m.	5:43 p.m.
9	6:15 a.m.	5:33 p.m.	9	6:51 a.m.	5:43 p.m.
10	6:15 a.m.	5:33 p.m.	10	6:51 a.m.	5:44 p.m.
11	6:16 a.m.	5:32 p.m.	11	6:51 a.m.	5:45 p.m.
12	6:17 a.m.	5:32 p.m.	12	6:51 a.m.	5:46 p.m.
13	6:18 a.m.	5:31 p.m.	13	6:51 a.m.	5:47 p.m.
14	6:19 a.m.	5:31 p.m.	14	6:51 a.m.	5:47 p.m.
15	6:19 a.m.	5:30 p.m.	15	6:51 a.m.	5:48 p.m.
16	6:20 a.m.	5:30 p.m.	16	6:51 a.m.	5:49 p.m.
17	6:21 a.m.	5:29 p.m.	17	6:51 a.m.	5:50 p.m.
18	6:22 a.m.	5:29 p.m.	18	6:51 a.m.	5:51 p.m.
19	6:23 a.m.	5:28 p.m.	19	6:50 a.m.	5:52 p.m.
20	6:24 a.m.	5:28 p.m.	20	6:50 a.m.	5:53 p.m.
21	6:24 a.m.	5:28 p.m.	21	6:50 a.m.	5:53 p.m.
22	6:25 a.m.	5:27 p.m.	22	6:50 a.m.	5:54 p.m.
23	6:26 a.m.	5:27 p.m.	23	6:49 a.m.	5:55 p.m.
24	6:27 a.m.	5:27 p.m.	24	6:49 a.m.	5:56 p.m.
25	6:28 a.m.	5:27 p.m.	25	6:49 a.m.	5:57 p.m.
26	6:28 a.m.	5:27 p.m.	26	6:48 a.m.	5:58 p.m.
27	6:29 a.m.	5:26 p.m.	27	6:48 a.m.	5:59 p.m.
28	6:30 a.m.	5:26 p.m.	28	6:47 a.m.	5:59 p.m.
29	6:31 a.m.	5:26 p.m.	29	6:47 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
30	6:32 a.m.	5:26 p.m.	30	6:46 a.m.	6:01 p.m.
			31	6:46 a.m.	6:02 p.m.

DECEMBER			FEBRUARY		
Date	Start	Stop	Date	Start	Stop
1	6:32 a.m.	5:26 p.m.	1	6:45 a.m.	6:03 p.m.
2	6:33 a.m.	5:26 p.m.	2	6:45 a.m.	6:04 p.m.
3	6:34 a.m.	5:26 p.m.	3	6:44 a.m.	6:04 p.m.
4	6:35 a.m.	5:26 p.m.	4	6:43 a.m.	6:05 p.m.
5	6:36 a.m.	5:26 p.m.	5	6:43 a.m.	6:06 p.m.
6	6:36 a.m.	5:26 p.m.	6	6:42 a.m.	6:07 p.m.
7	6:37 a.m.	5:26 p.m.	7	6:41 a.m.	6:08 p.m.
8	6:38 a.m.	5:26 p.m.	8	6:41 a.m.	6:09 p.m.
9	6:38 a.m.	5:27 p.m.	9	6:40 a.m.	6:09 p.m.
10	6:39 a.m.	5:27 p.m.	10	6:39 a.m.	6:10 p.m.
11	6:40 a.m.	5:27 p.m.	11	6:38 a.m.	6:11 p.m.
12	6:41 a.m.	5:27 p.m.	12	6:38 a.m.	6:12 p.m.
13	6:41 a.m.	5:28 p.m.	13	6:37 a.m.	6:13 p.m.

SEASON DATES
(Eastern Zone)

LIGHT GEESE Oct 30-Feb. 13
 WHITE-FRONTED GEESE Oct 30-Jan. 23
 CANADA GEESE Oct 30-Feb. 1

DUCKS...
 Oct 30-Nov. 28 & Dec. 11-Jan. 23 (south)
 Oct 31-31 & Nov. 13-Jan. 23 (north)

*Times used are from the web site of the U.S. Naval Observatory, Washington, D.C.
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Study reveals key safety tips as hunters head afield

How accidents occur and, more importantly, how they can be prevented are among the findings in a Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) study of Texas hunting accidents in the last 30 years.

According to Steve Hall, education director at TPW, "The study confirms that we see the same things over and over, such as hunters swinging on game outside of their safe zones of fire or careless handling of firearms-hunting accidents that could easily be avoided. If hunters only followed a few simple safety tips, he added, there would be few accidents. The safety tips are commonly referred to as the "Ten Commandments of Hunter or Shooting Safety."

Hall, who has compiled accident reports submitted by game wardens for about 15 years, said that requiring hunter education training, wearing hunter or blaze orange and prohibiting shooting across public roads, have actually reduced hunting accidents significantly from decade to decade. In other words, "hunting is safe and getting safer," said Hall.

TPW commissioned the study to analyze the data to determine or reaffirm the causes of accidents, create a computer database for the accident records and use the find-

ings to enhance hunter education curriculum being taught in Texas by over 2,800 instructors. Michael McFarland, a Texas A&M University research associate who earned his Master's degree under Dr. Ron Kaiser, professor of recreation, park and tourism sciences at A&M, was in charge of the research project.

Kaiser and McFarland conducted the analysis from 2,495 hunters incident reports from 1966 to 1997. The reports originally came in various formats depending on the paperwork required by the state at the time they were filed. The researchers entered the reports into a new database using a consistent format that allowed statistical analysis.

McFarland said he expects the database to be an important addition to hunter education programs. "The entire focus of this study was why these incidents occur, and the database allows state officials to track accidents annually and exchange data with other states, as well as make comparisons."

According to Kaiser, who is also an attorney and risk management specialist, "Although hunting is becoming safer with declines in both the fatality and in-

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