

# Regulations

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must possess a state waterfowl stamp endorsement receipt to hunt waterfowl in this state. Federal law also requires waterfowl hunters 16 yrs. of age and over to have a Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (commonly called a Duck Stamp; available at most post offices and TPWD offices).

## HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The Harvest Information Program (HIP) is a federally mandated program to improve information about the harvest of all migratory game birds. Anyone who purchases a hunting license or any migratory bird hunting stamp endorsements will be asked a few simple questions about their migratory bird hunting activities. For additional information about HIP, you may consult the TPWD Outdoor Annual, the TPWD Web site ([www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)) or call (512) 389-4766. FEES - Licenses, permits and stamp endorsement receipts (or replacements if they are lost or stolen) are available at TPWD offices, many sporting good stores, bait shops and other retailers, or by calling 1-800-TX-LIC-4-U.

## RESIDENT LICENSE FEES

Combination Hunting and Fishing \$32  
Special Resident Hunting: (residents and non-residents under 17 yrs; and residents 65 yrs of age or older) \$6

Resident Hunting (all other residents) \$19

### Super Combo

Combination Hunting and Fishing and all required state stamp endorsements \$49

## NON-RESIDENT LICENSE FEES

General Non-resident Hunting \$250

Non-resident Special Hunting \$100

Non-resident 5-Day Special Hunting \$35

## STAMP ENDORSEMENTS

State Waterfowl (17 yrs. and over) \$7

Collector Stamp Set (all 8 state stamps) \$20

## PERMITS

Annual Public Hunting Permit (17 yrs. and over, see TPWD Public Hunting Booklet) \$40

Daily Public Hunting Permit (17 yrs and over) \$10

## HUNTING HOURS

One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

## SHIPPING

When shipping migratory game birds the package must be marked with the name and address of the sender, the name and address of the persons to whom the birds are being shipped and the number of birds of each species contained in the package.

## WANTON WASTE

A reasonable effort must be made to retrieve any killed or wounded birds and any wounded bird retrieved must be immediately killed and made a part of the bag limit. After retention, the birds must be kept in an edible condition.

## DONATION OR GIFT

A person may give, leave, receive or possess any species of legally taken migratory game

birds, or parts of birds, that are protected by a bag or possession limit, if the birds are accompanied by a wildlife resource document from the person who killed the birds. For example, a document is required if the birds are being transported by another person for the hunter, or if the birds have been left for cleaning, storage (including temporary storage), shipment or taxidermy services. The document is not required of a person who lawfully killed the birds to possess the birds, or if the birds are transferred at the personal residence of the donor or donee. The document (which can be a handwritten tag) shall accompany the birds until the birds reach their final destination and must contain the following information:

1. the name, signature, address and hunting license number of the person who killed the birds;
2. the name of the person receiving the birds;
3. a description of the birds (number and type of species or parts);
4. the date birds were killed; and
5. the location where the birds were killed (ranch and county).

## LAWFUL HUNTING METHODS

Legal shotguns, lawful archery equipment, falconry, dogs, artificial decoys and manual or mouth-operated bird calls. Hunting is permitted in the open or from a blind or other type of concealment or from any floating craft (except a sinkbox) provided that all motion resulting from sail or motor has ceased (sails furled and motor shut off). Powerboats and sailboats may be used to pick up dead or injured birds.

## UNLAWFUL HUNTING METHODS

Any firearm other than a legal shotgun, trap, snare, net, crossbow, fishhook, poison, drug, explosive or stupefying substance, live birds as decoys, recorded or electronically amplified bird calls or sounds, sinkbox or by means of baiting or hunting over a baited area. It is unlawful to hunt from or by means of motor-driven vehicles and land conveyances or aircraft of any kind except paraplegics and single or double amputees of legs may hunt from stationary motor-driven vehicles or land conveyances. It is unlawful to use motor-driven land, water or air conveyances or sailboats to concentrate, drive, rally or stir up any migratory game bird.

## BAITING

A hunter MAY hunt any migratory game bird:

\*over standing crops, standing flooded crops and flooded harvest crops;

\*at any time over natural vegetation that has been manipulated. Natural vegetation does not include planted millet. However, planted millet that grows on its own in subsequent years after the planting is considered natural vegetation.

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