

Regulations

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to include no more than 1 white-fronted goose.

POSSESSION LIMIT: Twice the daily bag limit for dark geese; no possession limit for light geese.

LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER: Feb 10-March 30.

EASTERN ZONE: Remainder of the state.

SEASON DATES:

Light geese (that portion that lies south of IH-10 and east of IH-35) – Oct. 26-Jan. 19;

Light geese (that portion that lies north of IH-10) – Oct. 26-Jan. 26;

Dark geese (white-fronted, Canada and brant) – Oct. 26-Jan. 19;

Light Goose Conservation Or-

der (that portion that lies south of IH-10 and east of IH-35) – Jan. 20-Mar. 30;

Light Goose Conservation Order (that portion that lies north of IH-10) – Jan. 27-March 30.

DAILY BAG LIMIT: Light geese: 20 in the aggregate; Dark geese: 3 in the aggregate to include no more than 2 white-fronted or 2 Canada geese.

POSSESSION LIMIT: Twice the daily bag limit for dark geese; no possession limit for light geese.

LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER

The taking of light geese will be permitted by regulations established through U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Conservation Order. Under the Conservation Order the following rules shall be in effect for the taking of light geese through March 30, 2003.

1. The use of electronic calls shall be legal.
2. Unplugged shotguns holding more than 3 shells will be legal.
3. There will be no daily or possession limits.
4. Shooting hours will be one-half hour before sunrise until one half-hour after sunset.
5. **LIGHT GEESE** shall include only Snow (including blue) and Ross' geese.

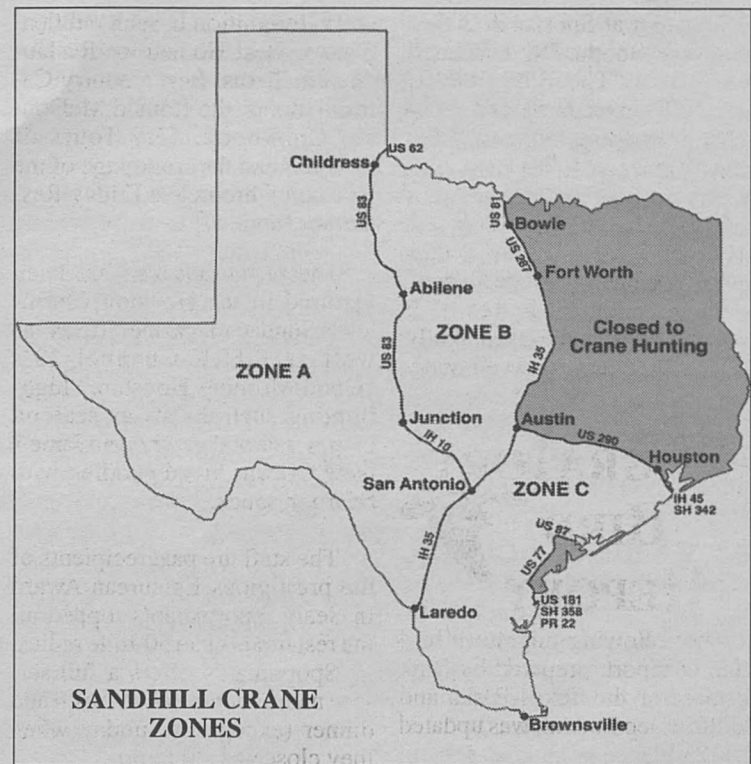
AREA CLOSED TO HUNTING

After March 9, 2003, it is unlawful to take light geese in Refugio, Calhoun and Aransas Counties on the seaward side of a line beginning at the Gulf of Mexico at Port O'Connor (including Pelican Island), thence northwest along State Hwy. 185, thence southwest along State Hwy. 35 to Aransas Pass, thence southeast along State Hwy. 361 to the Port Aransas Channel, thence east along the Corpus Christi Channel, thence southeast along the Aransas Channel to the Gulf of Mexico. This closure does not apply to the Guadalupe Delta Wildlife Management Area.

SANDHILL CRANES

ZONE A: Season: Nov. 9, 2002-Feb. 9, 2003. Daily Bag Limit: 3. Possession Limit: 6

ZONE B: Season: Nov. 30, 2002-Feb. 9, 2003. Daily Bag



Limit: 3. Possession Limit: 6

ZONE C: Season: Dec. 21, 2002-Jan. 19, 2003. Daily Bag Limit: 2. Possession Limit: 4

ZONE C CLOSED AREA DESCRIPTION: Everything to the Gulf of Mexico from a line beginning at the Kleberg-Nueces county line and the Gulf of Mexico, west along the county line to Park Road 22, to State Hwy. 358, to State Hwy. 286, north to IH 37, east to U.S. Hwy. 181, north and west to U.S. Hwy. 77 at Sinton, north and east along U.S. Hwy. 77 to U.S. Hwy. 87 at Victoria, east and south along U.S. Hwy. 87 to State Hwy. 35, north and east along State Hwy. 35 to the south end of Lavaca Bay Causeway, south and east along the shore of Lavaca Bay to the Port Lavaca Ship Channel, south and east along the Ship Channel to the Gulf of Mexico.

DESCRIPTION OF WHOOPING CRANE

Snowy white and stands more than four feet tall. In flight, its black wingtips are visible, its neck is extended, and its long dark legs extend beyond the tail. It has a wingspan of 7 1/2 feet. Whooping cranes usually are found in small groups of six or seven or fewer.

DESCRIPTION OF SANDHILL CRANE

Grey, not white, although may look almost white in certain light. Stands four feet tall or less, has a

six-foot wingspan and lacks black wingtips. Adults, like whooping cranes, have red crowns visible in good light. Legs extend beyond tail in flight.

FALCONRY

EXTENDED SEASON:

Persons holding valid Texas falconry permits may take migratory game birds by means of falconry from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset during open seasons listed herein and during the following Extended Falconry Seasons.

*Ducks, mergansers and coots: Jan. 27-Feb. 17, 2003 in the North Zone and Jan. 20-Feb. 10, 2003 in the South Zone.

*Falconry daily bag and possession limits shall not exceed 3 and 6 migratory game birds, respectively, singly or in the aggregate.

VIOLATION AND PENALTY

Violation of state migratory game bird regulations also is a violation of federal regulations. A person who violates any state migratory game bird regulation is subject to:

1. a criminal penalty from \$25 to \$500 for each bird unlawfully taken or possessed;
 2. civil restitution fee for each bird unlawfully taken or possessed.
- (See Regulations, Page 13)

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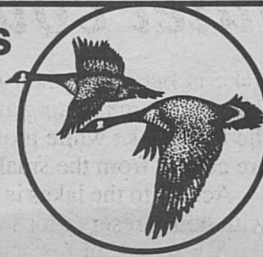
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