

2003-2004 Bag, Possession Limits

DUCKS: The daily bag limit for ducks is 6 and can include no more than 5 mallards or Mexican-like ducks (Mexican ducks), only 2 of which may be hens; 3 scaup (lesser scaup and greater scaup in the aggregate); 2 wood ducks; 2 redheads; and 1 mottled duck. Also, 1 pintail and 1 canvasback may be taken only during the 39-day open season for those species.

MERGANSER BAG LIMIT:

5 in the aggregate, to include no more than 1 hooded merganser.

COOT BAG LIMIT: 15

POSSESSION LIMIT: The possession limit for ducks, coots and mergansers is twice the daily bag limit.

GEESE; EASTERN ZONE

DAILY BAG LIMIT: Light geese-20 in the aggregate; dark geese-3 Canada and 2 whitefront-

ed geese.

POSSESSION LIMIT: Twice the daily bag limit for dark geese, no possession limit for light geese. During the Conservation Order there is no daily bag or possession limit on 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 28, 2004.

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 7, 2004, 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.

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*be jailed (Class B and higher offenses);

*face automatic suspension or revocation of licenses for up to 5 years; and,

*forfeit hunting gear, including firearms, used to commit a violation.

GENERAL LAW

The following information addresses some of the more commonly asked questions about hunting and fishing requirements and restrictions. For additional information (See Laws, Page 15)

Ducks

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bright, and often a telltale field mark. Any ducks feeding in croplands will likely be puddle ducks, for most of this group are sure-footed and can walk and run on land. Their food is mostly vegetable, and grain-fed mallards or pintails or acorn-fattened wood ducks are highly regarded.

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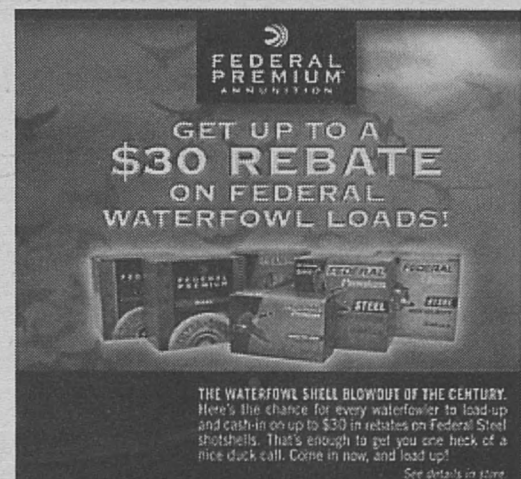
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