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2009 Colorado Small Game



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Some seasons continue into 2010.**

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NOTICE

This brochure is not a legal notice nor a complete collection of hunting regulations and laws. It is a condensed guide issued for hunters' convenience. Copies of wildlife statutes and regulations can be obtained from a DOW office and are available on our website, www.wildlife.state.co.us. For questions, call the DOW (303) 297-1192.

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ATTENTION HUNTERS!

The DOW has released Canada lynx in southwest Colorado, which may be found elsewhere in the state. If you see one, please report it to a DOW office. Bobcat hunters should make sure they don't shoot a lynx. Lynx differ from bobcats in several ways:

*The tip of a lynx tail is black all around. On a bobcat, the underside of the tip of its tail is white.

*The ear tufts of lynx are more than 1 inch long.

*The fur on a lynx belly is tawny colored. On a bobcat, it is white.

*Lynx tracks are 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 inches wide. Bobcat tracks are less than 2 1/2 inches wide.

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WHAT'S NEW FOR 2009-2010

Furbearers: Several species have been added to the list of furbearers, which can be taken with a small game or furbearer license. See "Definitions."

Bobcat seals: There are new regulations covering bobcat seals. See "Bobcat Seals."

South Platte Property Restrictions: Starting in 2008, several state wildlife areas adopted new regulations to help the DOW evaluate whether they help improve hunting success: Atwood, Bravo, Brush, Jackson Lake, Jean K. Tool, Jumbo, Overland Trail and Red Lion. These new regulations may impact small game hunters. For more information, please read the South Platte Research State Wildlife Areas 2009 Brochure, available at license agents or on the DOW website, www.wildlife.state.co.us.

2009-10 LICENSE FEES

	Resident	Nonresident
Small Game	\$21	\$56
Small Game (one-day)	\$11	\$11
Comb. Small Game & Fishing	\$41	
Military w/60% or more disability	free	
Furbearer	\$21	\$56
Youth (Under 18) Small Game	\$1	\$1

Costs include 25-cent search and rescue fee, and 75-cent surcharge for the Wildlife Management Public Education Fund.

DEFINITIONS

Aggregate: total number of animals allowed in a bag limit regardless of species.

Daily bag limit: max. number of wildlife you can take in a day, including wildlife consumed or donated during day taken.

Canada lynx recovery area: in San Juan and Rio Grande national forests, and associated land above 9,000 ft. W from a N-S line passing through Del Norte and E from a N-S line passing through Dolores and from New Mexico N to the Gunnison basin, including Taylor Park E to Collegiate Range. Includes units 55, 65, 66, 67, 68, 70, 71, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 551, 681, 711 and 751.

Crossbow: bow fired from the shoulder, attached perpendicularly to its stock. Has a mechanical device to hold string cocked.

Falconry (or hawking): hunting with trained raptor.

Furbearers: mink, pine marten, badger, red fox, gray fox, swift fox, striped skunk, western spotted skunk, beaver, muskrat, long-tailed weasel, short-tailed weasel, coyote, bobcat, opossum, ring-tailed cat, raccoon.

Hand-held bow: long bow or compound bow with a manually held or drawn string.

Handgun: pistol, revolver, without shoulder stock or attachment.

Like license: license to take the same wildlife in same manner at same time.

Live traps: box traps, Sneed-design colony traps and cage traps.

Migratory game birds: migratory birds included in conventions between U.S. and foreign countries to protect birds for which seasons are offered. They are: waterfowl (ducks, including mergansers, and geese, including brant); mourning and white-winged doves, band-tailed pigeons; sandhill cranes; American coots; sora; Virginia rail; Wilson's snipe, crows.

Pellet gun: handgun or rifle powered by compressed air or gas that is .177 caliber or larger and fires pellets.

Pelt: skin of a furbearer with hair intact.

Possession limit: max. number of wildlife you can have at any time.

Relocation: moving live wildlife to a site not contiguous to capture site.

Rifle: firearm fired from the shoulder with a rifled bore, 16-inch or longer barrel and at least 26 inches in overall length.

Shotgun: firearm fired from the shoulder with a smooth bore, at least an 18-inch barrel and at least 26 inches in overall length.

Slingshot: hand-held device manually drawn or held with elastic band attached to arms or attachment points for propelling stones or metal projectiles. Wrist-brace attachments and non-elastic projectile pouches are normal parts of a slingshot.

Small game birds: grouse, ptarmigan, pheasant, quail, partridge, greater prairie-chickens.

Small game mammals: cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare, jackrabbits, marmot, fox squirrel, pine squirrel and Abert's squirrel.

Other small game: prairie dogs, Wyoming (Richardson's) ground squirrels, prairie rattlesnake, European starling, English or house sparrow, common snapping turtle.

Trapping: taking or attempting to take wildlife with a trap.

SPECIES INCLUDED

This brochure includes information on furbearers, pheasants, quail, doves, band-tailed pigeons, sora, Virginia rail, Wilson's snipe, ptarmigan, blue (dusky), mountain sharp-tailed and greater sage grouse, chukar partridge, crow, sandhill cranes, greater prairie-chickens, rabbits, snowshoe hares, squirrels, marmots, prairie dogs, coyotes and other small game. (Ducks and geese are in our waterfowl brochure, available in September.)

HABITAT STAMP

A Colorado Wildlife Habitat Stamp is required of people 19-64 who buy hunting or fishing licenses. With a license purchase, the stamp is \$5 and required with the first 2 licenses (\$10 total) bought per year. Habitat stamps are valid April 1 through March 31 annually. A lifetime stamp is \$200.

BUY YOUR LICENSE ONLINE

Buy your license via the DOW's website or by calling 1-800-244-5613. Credit cards accepted for phone and internet purchases. DOW offices and license agents also sell licenses.

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The Wildlife Commission sets small game seasons in July. Wildlife Commissioners (as of July 2009): Brad Coors, chair; Tim Glenn, vice chair; Dennis Buechler, secretary; Jeffrey A. Crawford, member; Dorothea Farris, member; Roy McAnally, member; John Singletary, member; Mark Smith, member; Robert Streeter, member; Harris Sherman, ex-officio member; John Stulp, ex-officio member.



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LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Beginning April 1, 2009, all annual fishing licenses, senior fishing licenses, small game licenses, furbearer licenses, combination fishing and small game licenses, Colorado waterfowl stamps, habitat stamps, and walk-in access permits will be valid from April 1, 2009 through March 31 of the following year.
2. **To hunt small game**, you need a small game license, a combination small game and fishing or a life-time small game and fishing license.
3. **To hunt common snapping turtles**, you need a small game license or fishing license.
4. **To take furbearers**, you must have either a furbearer or small game license.
5. You can hunt **coyotes** without a license in big game seasons if you have an unfilled big game license for the same season and unit. You must use the same method of take for coyotes as your big game license allows.
6. Lifetime small game and fishing combination licenses are valid as long as you are a Colorado resident.
7. **To hunt waterfowl**, you need a small game hunting license. If you are 16 or older, you also need a Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp (Duck Stamp) and a Colorado Waterfowl Stamp.
8. **To hunt hand-tailed pigeons and sandhill cranes**, a separate federal permit number, available through HIP, is required.
9. Licenses expire on date written or printed on them.
10. Licenses are not transferable.
11. False statements made in buying a license and altering a license are illegal and void the license.
12. If a license is restricted to a specific area, you can hunt only in that area.
13. Lost or destroyed licenses can be replaced buying a new one or signing an affidavit and paying a fee. Forms are available at DOW offices and license agents.
14. You must carry your license when hunting and show it when requested by law enforcement officers.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

These are the requirements to qualify as a Colorado resident to buy a hunting license:

1. You must have lived continuously in Colorado at least six months immediately before applying for or buying a license, and must intend to make Colorado home (except #2 and 3 below.) The residence address given to purchase or apply for a license must be the same address used on your Colorado income tax return.
2. U.S. armed services personnel and military personnel of U.S. allies on active duty in Colorado under permanent orders and their dependents. This includes people who were Colorado residents when they entered the armed services and maintain Colorado as their home of record, and their dependents (unless they change their home of record to another state.) Also included are personnel of the U.S. Diplomatic Service or diplomatic services of nations recognized by the U.S. assigned to duty here on permanent active duty orders and their dependents. Active duty does not include reserve status or National Guard.
3. Full-time students enrolled and attending a Colorado college, university or trade school at least six months immediately before applying for or buying a license. This includes students who are temporarily absent from Colorado but still enrolled. Colorado residents who attend school full time out of state and pay nonresident tuition still qualify for a resident license.
4. Children under 18 have the same residency status as their parent, legal guardian or person with whom they live the majority of the time per court order.
5. If you have a home in Colorado and another state, call (303) 297-1192 to make sure you comply with Colorado residency requirements before obtaining a hunting or fishing license.
6. Except as in #2 and 3 above, you lose your Colorado residency if you apply for, buy or accept hunting, fishing or trapping license as a resident of another state or country; register to vote outside Colorado or get a driver's license with an address in another state.

GREATER PRAIRIE-CHICKEN

Greater prairie-chicken permits are limited in number and can be purchased on our website, at DOW offices and license agents starting Sept. 1. Permits cost \$5. Permits are valid in game management units 97, 98, 100, 101, 102.

You also must buy either a small game license or falconry license. You cannot hunt any other species with this permit, including lesser prairie-chickens or plains sharp-tailed grouse. For other regulations applying to greater prairie-chicken, see "Species Identification" and "Tagging Requirements."

HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM

Small game, furbearers, migratory bird hunters, including falconers, must sign up with HIP before their license is valid. Write the HIP number in the space provided on your license. If you signed up with HIP for the 2009-10 season and you buy a small game license in 2010, remember to transfer the HIP number to your new license. To sign up with HIP, call 1-866-265-6447 (1-866-COLOHIP) or go to www.colohip.com. You will be asked basic information, including how many birds you harvested the previous season and species you plan to hunt this year. The phone line and website run 24 hours daily. For help, call 1-800-368-4683, Mon.-Sat., 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. MST.

YOUTH LICENSES

People under age 18 can buy a youth small game license for \$1. All youths must meet hunter education requirements. Those under 16 must be accompanied by a mentor while hunting. A mentor must be 18 or older and must meet hunter education requirements. Mentors aren't required to hunt. While hunting, youths and mentors must be able to see and hear each other without binoculars, radios or other aids. Youths under 18 also can buy an adult license as long as they meet hunter education requirements. At age 18, youths must buy an adult license.

HUNTER EDUCATION

Hunters born on or after Jan. 1, 1949, must have completed an approved hunter education course sanctioned by a state or province before applying for or purchasing a license. Colorado honors hunter education courses from other states and provinces. You must present an original hunter safety card when buying a license. You must carry your hunter education card while hunting unless "Verified" is printed by the DOW on your license.

DISABLED VETERANS

Colorado residents who are disabled veterans can get free lifetime combination small game hunting and fishing licenses. They must have served on active duty and been honorably discharged. They also must prove a service-related disability rated by the Veterans Administration of at least 60% through disability retirement benefits or a pension administered by the Dept. of Veteran Affairs or respective service department. Contact DOW, (303) 297-1192.

HUNTING HOURS

One-half hour before sunrise to sunset, except furbearers, which can be hunted from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. See Sunrise/Sunset chart. Raccoons, coyotes, bobcats, striped skunks, beavers and red foxes can be hunted at night. See "Furbearer Methods of Take."

GENERAL HUNTING LAWS

1. The DOW can post firing lines at its properties.
2. It is illegal to kill, capture, injure or harass wildlife from an aircraft or motor vehicle. It is also illegal to operate aircraft with intent to injure, harass, drive or rally wildlife. It is illegal to discharge a firearm or release an arrow from an aircraft or motor vehicle.
3. It is illegal to discharge a firearm or release an arrow from, on or across a public road. Hunting with rifles, handguns, shotguns firing a single slug and archery equipment prohibited within 50 feet on each side of the center line of any public road. On a divided road, the prohibition includes the median, and the 50-foot requirement is measured from the center line of both roads.
4. It is illegal to carry or have a firearm, except a pistol or revolver, in or on a motor vehicle unless the chamber is unloaded. While using artificial light from a vehicle, it is illegal to have a firearm with cartridges in the chamber or magazine, or possess a strung bow unless the bow is cased.
5. You must take edible parts of game meat home to eat or provide it for human consumption. Do not leave wounded wildlife (or possibly wounded wildlife) without attempting to track and kill it.
6. Possession of wildlife is evidence you hunted.
7. Small game and migratory bird hunters are not required to wear solid daylight, fluorescent orange clothes. However, the DOW encourages you to wear fluorescent orange clothes for your safety.
8. You must stop at DOW check stations when told to do so.

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9. Violations of Colorado wildlife laws carry point values. You can face suspension of license privileges for up to five years or more if you accumulate 20 or more points in five years.

10. It is illegal to promote, conduct, offer to conduct or participate in a competitive event that involves killing small game or furbearers for which there is no bag and possession limit (including coyotes and prairie dogs). Contests are allowed if no more than 5 of each species are killed by each participant during the event. Contests of marked or tagged small game and game birds for money or valuable prizes also are illegal. Tokens of recognition without significant monetary value are not considered valuable prizes. This does not apply to wildlife parks and field trials licensed by the DOW.

11. During deer, elk, pronghorn antelope and bear seasons, firearms (except handguns) must be unloaded in the chamber and magazine when carried on an OHV. Firearms (except handguns) and bows carried on an OHV must be fully enclosed in a hard or soft case. Scabbards or cases with open ends or sides are prohibited. This regulation does not apply to landowners or their agents carrying a firearm on an OHV for the purpose of taking depredating wildlife on property owned or leased by them.

LEGAL HUNTING METHODS

1. GAME MAMMALS

- Rifles or handguns.
- Shotguns cannot be larger than 10 gauge. Shotguns cannot be capable of holding more than 3 shells in magazine and chamber combined.
- Hand-held bows and crossbows.
- Pellet guns and slingshots.
- Hawking.

2. GAME BIRDS (EXCEPT MIGRATORY BIRDS)

- Rifles or handguns allowed for blue (dusky) grouse and ptarmigan.
- Shotguns cannot be larger than 10 gauge not firing a single slug. Shotguns cannot be capable of holding more than 3 shells in magazine and chamber combined.
- Hand-held bows and crossbows.
- Pellet guns and slingshots allowed for blue (dusky) grouse and ptarmigan.
- Hawking.

3. CALIBER RESTRICTION

- It is illegal to hunt game birds, small game mammals or furbearers with a centerfire rifle larger than .23 caliber in regular rifle deer and elk seasons west of I-25, unless you have an unfilled deer or elk license for the season you are hunting. A small game license is required.

4. AIDS IN HUNTING SMALL GAME

- Dogs are allowed to hunt small game, waterfowl and furbearers but only to pursue, bring to bay, retrieve, flush or point. It is illegal to use dogs to hunt cottontail rabbits, snowshoe hares and tree squirrels during regular rifle big game seasons.
- Artificial decoys are permitted.
- European ferrets are permitted for hawking. Ferrets must be neutered, tattooed on left inguinal area and dyed along one-fourth of their body for easy field identification.
- Mechanical devices designed to call wildlife are allowed.

FURBEARER LEGAL METHODS OF TAKE

- The following methods of take are legal to hunt furbearers:
 - Any rifle, handgun, shotgun, handheld bow or crossbow.
 - Live traps, limited to cage, box or Sneed-design colony traps.
- If wildlife (except Canada lynx) is accidentally captured alive when trapping season is closed or is illegal for that species, you must release the animal immediately. You cannot kill it. If you find a dead animal in your trap, you must bring its carcass to a DOW officer or office within 5 days. Failing to do so is evidence of illegal possession of wildlife. Trappers who comply won't be charged with illegal possession.
- If you accidentally capture a live animal for which the trapping season is open, you must kill or release it immediately when you check the trap.
- You must check traps at least daily. In Canada lynx recovery area or where lynx are, you must check traps every 24 hours.
- If you accidentally capture a Canada lynx but it's not injured, you must release it immediately and report the incident to the DOW within 24 hours. If a lynx is accidentally injured, but not in your possession,



you must report it to the DOW within 24 hours. If you capture a lynx accidentally and injure it, take the lynx to the DOW or licensed veterinarian and report it to the DOW within 24 hours. If you accidentally kill a lynx, you must report it to the DOW within 24 hours and take the carcass to the DOW within 3 days after the report. Failing to follow these rules is considered unlawful take and possession. You won't be charged if you comply with these requirements, are registered in the DOW's lynx conservation plan or use the plan's best management practices to avoid accidentally taking a lynx.

6. Except when legally placed on private property by permit, it is illegal to set traps or snares within 50 feet of either side of the travelled part of state or federal highways or county roads.

7. Hunting furbearers with bait is legal. When permitted, bait must be made solely of plants or animals. Bait cannot contain metal, glass, porcelain, plastic, cardboard or paper. Wildlife used as bait can be carcasses or parts of legally taken furbearers, carp, shad, white and long-nose suckers, and inedible parts of legally obtained game mammals, birds or game fish.

8. Electronic calls are legal to hunt furbearers.

9. On private land, artificial light is allowed at night to hunt beavers, raccoons, coyotes, bobcats, striped skunks and red foxes with permission of landowner or agent.

10. On public land, artificial light is allowed at night with permit from local district or area wildlife manager, to hunt raccoons, coyotes, bobcats, striped skunks, beavers and red foxes. Permits are valid for time and place specified.

- Permits are not valid 24 hours before or during deer, elk, or pronghorn rifle seasons, nor opening weekend of grouse, pheasant, quail and waterfowl seasons.
- It is illegal to hunt with a light permanently attached to a vehicle or to project light from inside a vehicle.
- It is illegal to take furbearers within 500 yards of a dwelling, building, campground or other structure, or in areas that jeopardize human safety.
- You must carry the permit while hunting and show it if requested by a law enforcement officer.
- The DOW can deny a permit for management purposes.
- Night hunting permits are not issued for bobcat on public land in Canada lynx recovery areas or where lynx are. If a bobcat hunter kills a Canada lynx during bobcat hunting season, the DOW will not issue any more night hunting permits for bobcat for the rest of the calendar year in the recovery area or where the lynx was killed. The DOW also will revoke all night hunting permits previously issued for bobcats.

11. It is illegal to destroy or damage beaver or muskrat houses, dens or dams, except to maintain water flow or prevent property damage.

ILLEGAL HUNTING METHODS SMALL GAME, FURBEARER

- It is illegal to use toxicants, drugs, explosives or stupefying substances to hunt, kill, capture, injure or harass wildlife except with permits issued by DOW or Colorado Department of Agriculture.
- Electronic devices and electronic calls are illegal, except as in "Furbearer Methods of Take."
- It is illegal to use any artificial light as an aid in hunting or taking wildlife, except as in "Furbearer Methods of Take."
- It is illegal to use bait to hunt small game mammals, game birds and migratory birds. You can hunt migratory game birds over standing crops or feed used in the course of agricultural planting, harvesting or other normal agricultural practices.
- It is illegal to use visual lures, fresh meat baits, fish oil and anise oil lures to attract felids in lynx recovery areas or where lynx are.



HAWKING/FALCONRY

- Apprentices cannot hunt with more than 1 raptor at a time.
- A resident falconry license is required.
- Nonresident falconers must buy a nonresident falconry license from the DOW's special licensing section, a one-day small game hunting license or a nonresident small game hunting license. Hunter education laws apply.
- Falconers must comply with HIP.

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5. Firearms prohibited while hawking.
6. Hawking prohibited from a public road.
7. Hawking on private property is illegal without permission from owner or person in charge.
8. Nonresidents also must obtain an import permit at least 30 days in advance from special licensing. The permit is free, but a current health certificate issued within 30 days of the proposed entry from state of origin required. Import permit applications and import permits are available on our website.

MIGRATORY BIRD, EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVES LEGAL HUNTING METHODS

1. Shotguns cannot be larger than 10 gauge. They cannot be capable of holding more than 3 shells in magazine and chamber combined. They must be fired from the shoulder. To reduce capacity of shotguns that hold more than 3 shells in the chamber and magazine combined, the magazine must be cut off, altered or plugged with a 1-piece filler that cannot be removed unless the gun is disassembled. Slugs are illegal to hunt waterfowl.
2. Hand-held bows allowed only if the arrow or bowstring is not held or drawn mechanically. It is illegal to use bows on firing lines designated by the Wildlife Commission.
3. It is legal to hunt waterfowl in the open, from a blind or other concealed place except a sink box. When camouflaged with vegetation from agricultural crops, camouflaging cannot result in exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering grain or other feed.
4. a. It is illegal to take migratory birds and waterfowl by the aid of baiting, or on or over any baited area, if you know or reasonably should know the area is baited. It is illegal to place or direct placement of bait on or next to an area to cause, induce or allow anyone to take or attempt to take migratory birds with the help of bait or over a baited area.
 - b. Baiting means directly or indirectly placing, exposing, distributing or scattering salt, grain or other feed as an attraction for migratory game birds to, on or over where hunters are trying to hunt.
 - c. It is legal to take migratory birds, including waterfowl, coots and cranes, on or over the following lands not otherwise baited: standing or flooded standing crops; standing flooded or manipulated natural vegetation; flooded harvested crop lands; where seeds or grains were scattered solely from normal agricultural planting, harvesting, post-harvest manipulation or normal soil stabilization practice; flooded, standing agricultural crops where grain is inadvertently scattered solely by a hunter entering or exiting an area, placing decoys or retrieving downed birds.
 - d. It is legal to take migratory birds, except waterfowl, coots and cranes, on or over the following lands not otherwise baited: where grain or other feed is distributed or scattered solely from manipulation of agricultural crops or other feed, or solely from normal agricultural operations.
5. Hunting is allowed from vessels (except sinkboxes) with motors or sails if the motor is off, and/or sails furled and forward movement has stopped. Hunting is allowed from drifting vessels and those propelled by hand. Motorized vessels only allowed to pick up dead or injured birds, or to put out and retrieve decoys.
6. Hawking or falconry permitted.
7. Dogs, artificial decoys, duck calls or goose calls are legal, except recorded or electronically amplified calls or sounds. Recorded or electronically amplified calls are legal to hunt common crows.

MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING LAWS

In Colorado, the Pacific Flyway is west of the Continental Divide, and the Central Flyway is east of the Continental Divide. Federal and state laws apply.

1. The Wildlife Commission sets waterfowl seasons in August. See the DOW's waterfowl brochure.
2. You cannot hunt migratory birds on a federal reservation, federal land set aside as a wildlife reservation, breeding ground or refuge or federal land closed by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, except as permitted.
3. It is illegal to hunt migratory birds from, on or across a highway, road, trail, public or private right-of-way in national wildlife refuges. Stricter regulations may apply on wildlife refuges. Contact: Alamosa and Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuges, (719) 589-4021; Browns Park NWR, (970) 365-3613; Arapaho NWR, (970) 723-8202.
4. In the areas bounded on N by Wyoming; E and S by Hwy. 71, US 36 and I-70; and W by the Continental Divide and Larimer-Jackson county

line; and in Bent, Crowley, Kiowa, Mesa, Otero and Prowers counties:

- a. It is illegal to hunt waterfowl within 50 yards on either side of center line of a public road.
- b. It is illegal to hunt waterfowl within 150 yards of a dwelling, including directly above it, without first obtaining permission from owner, occupant or person in charge of the dwelling.
5. The most restrictive state or federal laws apply.
6. You don't need a permit to kill, have, transport, import or export migratory birds, their parts, nests or eggs that were taken, bought, sold, transported, possessed or exported illegally.
7. It is illegal to have or transport live migratory birds or waterfowl, including wounded birds. You must kill migratory birds immediately after you injure them, and they become part of your bag limit.
8. You don't need a permit to have and transport plumage or skins of legally taken migratory birds for your use.
9. You don't need a permit to have, dispose and transport feathers from wild ducks and wild geese legally killed, or from birds seized and condemned by wildlife authorities. It is legal to use feathers to make fishing flies, bed pillows, mattresses and similar commercial items, except millinery or ornamental use.
10. It is illegal to buy, sell, barter or offer to buy or sell feathers or mounted specimens of migratory birds.
11. It is illegal to receive or have someone else's migratory birds unless they are tagged as required.
12. *Sandhill crane hunters*: Whooping cranes are federally endangered and illegal to hunt. They may be in Colorado during sandhill crane season.

NONTOXIC SHOT

1. It is illegal to use or have toxic (lead) shot, either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading, while taking or attempting to take ducks, geese or coots in Colorado. This includes national wildlife refuges open to hunting. Toxic shot, either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading, cannot be in a hunter's gun, on his/her person or near a hunter taking or attempting to take waterfowl. Store lead shot in your vehicle. You can store lead shot elsewhere if it's not readily accessible while hunting waterfowl.
2. Nontoxic shot required in commercial wildlife parks, field trials and dog-training while hunting captive-reared mallards.
3. Nontoxic shot is any type approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Go to: www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/issues/nontoxic_shot/nontoxic.htm.
4. It is illegal to have or use nontoxic shot larger than size T to hunt ducks, geese or coots.

MIGRATORY BIRD TRANSPORTING, SHIPPING

You must tag migratory birds or packages of birds before transporting them, including to a taxidermist or someone else for picking, cleaning, processing and storage. You must sign the tag and include your address, number and species of birds, harvest date and license number. You don't need to tag birds you have at home. You can ship migratory birds only if you mark the package outside with name and address of sender, name and address of recipient, and number of birds by species.

MIGRATORY BIRD IMPORTING

During a week (beginning on Sunday), you cannot import more than 25 doves and 10 pigeons from a foreign country. You also cannot import more than 10 ducks and 5 geese from a foreign country, except Canada and Mexico. Doves and waterfowl imported from Canada and Mexico cannot exceed Canadian and Mexican export limits. Export limits vary among provinces and states. One fully feathered wing must stay attached to migratory game birds transported between ports of entry and a person's home or migratory game bird facility. It is illegal to import someone else's migratory game birds.

PRESERVATION FACILITIES

It is illegal to receive or have someone else's migratory birds to pick, clean, freeze, process, store or ship without records showing number of each species, date birds were received, date birds were disposed, name and address of person receiving the birds. You must keep records for 1 year after the last entry on them. Officers authorized to enforce this regulation can enter facilities at reasonable hours to inspect records and premises.

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SAFE HANDLING OF GAME MEAT

Concern has grown about diseases affecting wild animals that could potentially make humans sick. Most of the time, properly handled and prepared game meat poses no greater risk than domestic meat of causing disease in humans. Hunters are encouraged to contact their local public health department or DOW office for information on wildlife diseases that may be present where they plan to hunt. Public health officials recommend the following precautions when handling and preparing game meat:

1. Do not handle animals that are obviously sick or found dead. Report sick or dead animals you find to a DOW office.
2. Keep game cool, clean and dry.
3. Do not eat, drink or smoke while dressing game.
4. Use disposable gloves when cleaning game.
5. Wash your hands with soap and water, or use alcohol wipes after dressing game.
6. Clean all tools and surfaces immediately afterward. Use hot soapy water, then disinfect with a 10% chlorine bleach solution.
7. Cook game meat to an internal temperature of at least 165° F to kill disease organisms and parasites. Juices from adequately cooked game meat should be clear.
8. Do not eat any raw portions of wild game.
9. Do not feed raw wild game to domestic pets.

SPECIES IDENTIFICATION

A fully feathered wing or head must be attached to all birds, except turkeys, doves and band-tailed pigeons, in transit to hunter's home or commercial processor. For pheasants, a foot with visible spur can be substituted. **NOTE:** While in the field or during transport, all dressed (not fully feathered) doves count against the daily bag and possession limit for mourning and white-winged doves during the Sept. 1-Nov. 9 dove season. During the special Eurasian collared-dove season, Dec. 1-end of February, all birds must be fully feathered while in the field or during transport.

SMALL GAME SURVEYS

The DOW conducts several small game harvest surveys annually to estimate harvest, hunter numbers and recreation days, in addition to assessing satisfaction and crowding. In many cases, surveys represent the primary means of monitoring populations of several species, especially those difficult to survey by observation. Harvest surveys also are valuable to hunters wanting to learn more about small game in Colorado. Past surveys are available on our website, and updated reports are available after surveys conclude. Hunters are selected randomly to participate. Small game surveys are by telephone; however, some are by email. If contacted, your participation is not required, but responding, even if you did not hunt or harvest an animal, helps us manage small game.



WEAPONS RESTRICTIONS

Colorado and federal laws prohibit people convicted of certain crimes, such as domestic violence, from possessing weapons even for hunting. If you've been convicted of a crime, check with the appropriate law enforcement authority to find out how these laws apply to you.

TAGGING REQUIREMENTS

After you kill wildlife requiring a carcass tag, you must immediately sign and date carcass tag, then attach it to the animal. The tag must be attached while the animal is transported, in camp, at a residence, in storage or in your possession. If you accidentally detach the tag from your license, lose or destroy it, you must get a duplicate tag before hunting. You can get a duplicate after providing proof of accidental detachment, loss or damage to the DOW. To transport wildlife not requiring a carcass tag, license holders must accompany the animal. Wildlife shipped by common carrier must be accompanied by the license, photocopy of license or carcass tag.

BOBCAT SEALS

NEW FOR 2009: All bobcats or their pelts must be personally presented by licensee for inspection and sealing by the DOW within 30 days after take or within 5 days after the season closes, whichever is sooner. Any bobcat

hide/pelt without a seal within 5 days after the season closes is illegal and becomes the property of the state. Seals will be placed only on bobcats taken legally in Colorado. Inspection and sealing is free, and seals must stay attached to hide until processed. Bobcat hides/pelts cannot be transported, shipped or otherwise taken from Colorado until inspected and sealed. It is illegal to buy, sell, trade or barter an untanned bobcat hide/pelt without a seal. One seal per hide/pelt. Contact a DOW office.

DONATING WILDLIFE

You can donate edible parts of wildlife to a like-license holder anywhere or to anyone at recipient's home. Bag and possession limits apply to donors and recipients.

WILDLIFE CAUSING DAMAGE

Colorado law allows landowners to protect private property from most wildlife damage. For information, call (303) 297-1192.

CHILD SUPPORT DELINQUENCY

State law requires Social Security numbers to buy all licenses. It is not displayed on the license but is provided, if requested, to Child Support Enforcement authorities. Hunting and fishing licenses are not issued to people delinquent in child support.

WALK-IN ACCESS PROGRAM

The Walk-In Access (WIA) Program provides opportunities to hunt small game, migratory game birds and furbearers. Properties fall under 3 classifications: The (1) regular season properties are open Sept. 1 through the end of February. The (2) late cropland season properties are open from opening day of pheasant season through the end of February. The (3) extended walk-in properties are open from the start of pheasant season through the end of March. WIA properties allow hunting small game, furbearers migratory game birds and Eurasian collared-doves but only during established season dates. Properties are closed to hunting Gambel's quail, Gunnison's sage grouse and greater sage grouse. Foot access only. Hunters ages 18 and older must buy a \$20 access permit to hunt WIA lands, in addition to a small game license. Access permits cannot be transferred to anyone. Hunters under age 18 must obtain a free access permit to hunt WIA lands. Other people may accompany hunters without buying an access permit if they do not hunt. Properties enrolled are posted with Walk-In Access signs and published in a WIA atlas. Two atlases for 2009-10 will be published. An early version will be available in late August and includes properties open Sept. 1. A second atlas will be available in late October and includes all properties.

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Mourning Dove

- 12 inches long from tip of beak to end of tail
- Long, pointed tail
- Rapid wing beat, erratic flight path
- Grayish-brown color
- Soft call, “cooAHoo,” followed by several coos



Eurasian Collared-Dove

- Larger, heavier than mourning dove
- 15 inches from tip of beak to end of tail
- Thin black band on neck with white upper border
- Long, squared tail
- Dark grayish-brown
- Gray belly and undertail coverts with black visible on tail
- Coarse, rapidly delivered, three-part cooing, “coo-coo-coo,” with middle coo longest

DOVE IDENTIFICATION

White-winged doves are relatively uncommon in Colorado and occur primarily along the Front Range, while Eurasians occur sporadically throughout the state. The white-winged dove is pioneering new habitats north of its historic range in the southwest U.S. The Eurasian collared-dove is an exotic introduced into the U.S.

DOVE BANDING: Mourning doves are being banded in Colorado and other states as part of a nationwide program to monitor their status. Hunters should report banded mourning doves to the USGS Bird Banding Lab, www.report-band.gov or 1-800-327-BAND.



White-Winged Dove

- Gray-brown color
- Slightly larger than mourning dove
- White bar on upper wing surface
- Long, moderately rounded tail
- Soft call, “hoo-hoo hoo-hoo,” with last note descending

LAND-USE RULES

Atwood (SWA), Bravo, Brush, Centennial, Cottonwood, Dune Ridge, Elliott (except Union Tract), Jean K. Tool, Julesburg leases, Knudson, Messex, North Tract of Elliott, Overland Trail, Pony Express and Sedgwick Bar, Tamarack Ranch SWAs. Atwood, Red Lion Ranch and Ford Bridge STLs:

All recreational activities except deer hunting prohibited opening weekend of regular plains rifle deer season, and opening day and first weekend of late plains rifle deer season.

Atwood State Trust Land:

1. Hunting prohibited except Sat., Sun., Wed., Labor Day, Columbus Day (observed), Veterans Day (observed), Thanksgiving Day, Christmas, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day and Presidents' Day.
2. Small game and waterfowl hunting regulated by reservation system and mandatory check station. Reservations made by calling 1-800-846-9453. Reservations not accepted more than 14 days in advance of hunt date nor after noon the day before the hunt date or noon, Fri., for Sun. and holidays falling on Mon. To cancel, hunters must do so by noon the day before the hunt date. Failing to cancel reservations may result in losing future reservation rights for the rest of the hunting season. Max. 1 reservation per hunt date and 1 reservation per phone call. Reservations not transferable. People making reservations must be licensed hunters for the species to be hunted and must be at property the day of hunt. Hunters may hunt only area specified on reservation. Hunters must follow check in and out procedures as posted.
3. Two reservations are for the general public: 1 for mobility-impaired hunters and 1 for youth and their mentors. General public and mobility-impaired must hunt the up river side of Hwy. 63. Youths and mentors must hunt down river side of highway.
4. Hunting prohibited with centerfire rifles.

Atwood SWA:

1. Beginning with first day of the regular duck season through last day of regular duck season, waterfowl and small game hunters must check out at designated check station. Access from designated parking areas only.

Banner Lakes SWA:

1. Closed first day of regular waterfowl season to day before the first day of pheasant season except for waterfowl hunting on Sat., Sun., Mon. and legal holidays. During this period, waterfowl hunting regulated by reservation and mandatory check station. Reservations available for waterfowl but not required. Reservations valid throughout reserved day until hunter with reservation checks out. Hunters may check in on first-come, first-served basis after a hunter with a reservation checks out, or if no reservation exists for a hunt area after midnight immediately preceding the hunt. Reservations

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made by calling 1-800-846-9453. Reservations not accepted more than 14 days before hunt date, nor after noon the day before the hunt date, or noon Friday for Sun. and holidays on Mon. To cancel, hunters must do so by noon the day before the hunt date. Failing to cancel reservations may result in losing reservation rights for the rest of the season. Max. 1 reservation per day, and 1 reservation per phone call. Reservations not transferable. People making reservations must be licensed hunters for the species to be hunted and must be at property the day of hunt. Hunters can only hunt the area specified on the reservation. Mandatory check in and check out as posted.

2. Access only through designated parking areas.

Bravo SWA:

1. Access only from designated parking areas.

2. Beginning with the first day of regular duck season through the last day of regular duck season, waterfowl and small game hunting by reservation by calling 1-800-846-9453 and mandatory check station. Reservations not accepted more than 14 days before hunt date, nor after noon the day before the hunt date, or noon Friday for Sun. and holidays on Mon. To cancel, hunters must do so by noon the day before the hunt date. Failing to cancel reservations may result in losing reservation rights for the rest of the season. Max. 4 people per reservation. Max. 1 reservation per day, and 1 reservation per phone call. Reservations not transferable. People making reservations must be licensed hunters for species to be hunted and must be at property the day of hunt. Mandatory check in and check out as posted.

3. Reservations limited to:

- a. 1 waterfowl, 1 small game reservation daily each for CR 34 parking lot, CR 36 parking lot and CR 370 parking lot 2.
- b. 2 waterfowl, 2 small game reservations daily for CR 370 parking lot 1.
- c. 1 waterfowl reservation daily for Youth/Mentor Parking Lot. No more than 2 mentors, at least 1 youth per reservation. Mentors not required to hunt.

4. Waterfowl and small game hunting allowed only Sat., Sun., Wed., Columbus Day (observed), Veterans Day (observed), Thanksgiving Day, Christmas, New Year's Day and Martin Luther King Day.

5. Hunters must check out by 2 p.m.

6. Deer and fall turkey hunting allowed in established seasons. Deer and turkey hunters do not need to check in or out, but reservations required and are unlimited in number.

Bravo SWA, Scalva Parcel:

1. Sept. 1-May 31, only hunting allowed. Hunting limited to archery, muzzleloading and shotgun during established seasons and only Sat., Sun., Wed., Labor Day, Columbus Day (observed), Veterans Day (observed), Thanksgiving Day, Christmas, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents' Day.

2. Reservations required by calling 1-800-846-9453, Sept. through Feb. From March through August, reservations by calling 970-842-6300.

Reservations not accepted more than 14 days before hunt date, nor after noon the day before the hunt date, or noon Friday for Sun. and holidays on Mon.

3. Access through designated parking area and mandatory check station. Access allowed 4 a.m. to 9 p.m. Foot access only.

Brush SWA:

1. Beginning with the first day of regular duck season through last day of regular duck season, waterfowl and small game hunters must check out at designated check station. Access from designated parking areas only.

Brush Prairie Ponds SWA:

1. From Feb. 1 until opening day of first waterfowl season, open only for wildlife viewing.

2. All access by mandatory check in and check out at designated check station at Brush Memorial Park. Max. 4 hunters per area.

3. During Sept. teal season, migratory bird hunting allowed daily. From first segment of regular waterfowl season through Nov. 30, only migratory bird hunting allowed, and only Sat., Sun., Wed., Columbus Day (observed), Veterans Day (observed), Thanksgiving Day.

4. Reservations available, but not required, from Sept. teal season through Dec. 1. Reservations valid throughout reserved day until hunter with reservation checks out. Hunters may check in on first-come, first-served basis after a hunter with a reservation checks out, or if no reservation exists for a hunt area after midnight immediately preceding the hunt. Reservations made by calling 1-800-846-9453. Reservations not accepted more than 14 days before hunt date, nor after noon the day before the hunt date, or noon Friday for

Sun. and holidays on Mon. To cancel, hunters must do so by noon the day before the hunt date. Failing to cancel reservations may result in losing reservation rights for the rest of the season. Max. 1 reservation per day, and 1 reservation per phone call. Max. 3 reservations per hunter annually.

Reservations not transferable. People making reservations must be licensed hunters for the species to be hunted and must be at property the day of hunt. Hunters can only hunt the area specified on the reservation or which they check into.

5. From Dec. 1 through Jan. 31, only hunting allowed. Reservations available to hunt on Dec. 1. From Dec. 2 through Jan. 31, reservations not available. Hunters may check in on first-come, first-served basis, but not until midnight before the hunt. Five hunting areas open for check in. Hunters who check in for one of these 5 areas may hunt anywhere on the property.

Centennial Valley SWA:

1. During waterfowl season, small game and waterfowl hunting only in designated zones.

2. Hunting with centerfire rifles prohibited.

3. During regular waterfowl seasons, reservations required for waterfowl and small game hunting by calling 1-800-846-9453. Mandatory check station.

Reservations not accepted more than 14 days before hunt date, nor after noon the day before the hunt date, or noon Friday for Sun. and holidays on Mon. To cancel, hunters must do so by noon the day before the hunt date. Failing to cancel reservations may result in losing reservation rights for the rest of the season. Max. 1 reservation per day, and 1 reservation per phone call. Reservations not transferable. People making reservations must be licensed hunters for the species to be hunted and must be at property the day of hunt. Hunters with reservations can only hunt area specified on reservation. Mandatory check in and check out as posted at designated station.

4. Closed during regular waterfowl seasons except Sat., Sun., Mon., holidays. Closed March 1-Aug. 31 except on designated trail for wildlife viewing and for hunters with spring turkey licenses.

Elliott SWA:

1. Hamlin Tracts (N and S): Waterfowl hunting by reservation and mandatory check station. See DOW's waterfowl brochure.

2. Union Tract: Closed except for limited waterfowl hunting by reservation and mandatory check station. See DOW's waterfowl brochure.

Frank SWA:

1. Reservations required during regular waterfowl seasons by calling 1-800-846-9453. Mandatory check station. Reservations not accepted more than 14 days before hunt date, nor after noon the day before the hunt date, or noon Friday for Sun. and holidays on Mon. To cancel, hunters must do so by noon the day before the hunt date. Failing to cancel reservations may result in losing reservation rights for the rest of the season. Max. 1 reservation per day, and 1 reservation per phone call. Reservations not transferable. People making reservations must be licensed hunters for the species to be hunted and must be at property the day of hunt. Mandatory check in and check out as posted at designated check station.

2. Waterfowl hunting allowed in established hunt zones only.

Jackson Lake SWA:

1. Access only from designated parking areas.

2. Beginning with first day of regular duck season through the last day of regular duck season, reservations required for waterfowl and small game hunting by calling 1-800-846-9453. Mandatory check station. Reservations not accepted more than 14 days before hunt date, nor after noon the day before the hunt date, or noon Friday for Sun. and holidays on Mon. To cancel, hunters must do so by noon the day before the hunt date. Failing to cancel reservations may result in losing reservation rights for the rest of the season. Max. 1 reservation per day, and 1 reservation per phone call. Max. hunters per group is 4. Reservations not transferable. People making reservations must be licensed hunters for the species to be hunted and must be at property the day of hunt. Hunters with reservations can only hunt area specified on reservation. Mandatory check in and check out as posted at designated check station.

3. Reservations regulated by areas. One area reserved for youth mentor hunting. Max. 2 mentors and at least 1 youth per reservation. Three reservations available for waterfowl hunting from vessels on lake.

4. Boat hunting prohibited beginning on first day of regular dark goose season. Hunters with boat reservations must call reservation line 2 days before scheduled hunt to confirm ice conditions. Only boat hunters with reserva-

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tions are exempt from Nov. 1 boat closure. Boats prohibited on frozen surface of lake.

5. Check station at parking lot 1/2 mile S of CR CC and CR 4 by 2 p.m. Waterfowl hunters with boat reservation exempt from check out station.
6. Hunters and vessels must stay in designated hunt zone. Hunting prohibited within 150 yards of shore and other vessels. Vessels launched from Jackson Lake State Park must have state parks pass.
7. Waterfowl and small game hunting permitted only Sat., Sun., Wed., Columbus Day (observed), Veterans Day (observed), Thanksgiving Day, Christmas, New Year's Day and Martin Luther King Day.
8. Deer hunting allowed in established seasons. Deer hunters do not need to check in or out. Deer hunting reservations required and are unlimited in number.

Jean K. Tool SWA:

1. Beginning with the first day of regular duck season through last day of regular duck season, waterfowl and small game hunters must check out at designated check station. Access from designated parking areas only.

Lake Dorothy, Walker and Windy Gap SWAs:

1. Trapping prohibited.

Mt. Evans Hwy:

1. Hunting prohibited 1/2 mile on either side of road. For map, call Northeast Regional Office in Denver, (303) 291-7227.

Overland Trail SWA:

1. Reservations required by calling 1-800-846-9453. Reservations not accepted more than 14 days before hunt date, nor after noon the day before the hunt date, or noon Friday for Sun. and holidays on Mon. To cancel, hunters must do so by noon the day before the hunt date. Failing to cancel reservations may result in losing reservation rights for the rest of the season. Max. 1 reservation per day, and 1 reservation per phone call. Max. hunters per group is 4. Reservations not transferable. People making reservations must be licensed hunters for the species to be hunted and must be at property the day of hunt. Hunters with reservations can only hunt area specified on reservation. Mandatory check in and check out at designated check station as posted.

2. Foot access only via designated parking area.

3. From Sept. 1 through May 31, hunting permitted only on legal holidays and opening days of plains rifle and late rifle deer seasons.

4. Beginning with first day of regular duck season through last day of regular duck season, only hunting allowed. Waterfowl and small game hunters must check out at designated check station by 2 p.m.

5. Deer and fall turkey hunting allowed in established seasons. Deer and turkey hunters do not need to check in or out, but reservations required.

Red Lion SWA:

1. Beginning with first day of regular duck season through last day of regular duck season, waterfowl and small game hunters must check out at designated check station. Access from designated parking areas only.

Tamarack Ranch SWA:

1. Reservations required by calling 1-800-846-9453 for hunting on weekends and Columbus Day (observed), Veterans Day (observed), Thanksgiving Day, Christmas, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day and Presidents' Day. Mandatory check station. The first hunt date available for reservations is the Sat. after Oct. 24 and the last date available is the last Sun. of regular duck season. Weekdays, weekends and holidays outside the reservation period and any unreserved or open units are available for hunting without reservations and are regulated through check station. Reservations not accepted more than 14 days before hunt date, nor after noon the day before the hunt date, or noon Friday for Sun. and holidays on Mon. To cancel, hunters must do so by noon the day before the hunt date. Failing to cancel reservations may result in losing reservation rights for the rest of the season. Max. 1 reservation per day, and 1 reservation per phone call. Reservations not transferable. People making reservations must be licensed hunters for the species to be hunted and must be at property the day of hunt. Hunters with reservations can only hunt area specified on reservation. Mandatory check in and check out as posted at designated station.

Twenty Mile/Grassy Creek STLs:

1. Small game hunting on weekends and Labor Day by permit only. Max. of 8 hunters allowed daily. Max. 4 hunters allowed per permit. Permits are free and may be applied for by contacting Steamboat Sprgs. Service Center, Box 775777, Steamboat Springs, CO 80477 or by calling 970-871-2855. Permit deadline July 1. Permits issued by drawing.

Successful applicants notified by mail.

Wellington SWA, Wellington Unit:

1. Closed from first day of regular waterfowl season to first day of pheasant season except Sat., Sun., Mon. and legal holidays.

Whitehorse SWA:

1. Closed except for youth/mentor waterfowl hunting when authorized by area wildlife manager as participants in DOW youth hunter program.
2. Reservations required for waterfowl hunting by calling 1-800-846-9453. Mandatory check station. Reservations not accepted more than 14 days before hunt date, nor after noon the day before the hunt date, or noon Friday for Sun. and holidays on Mon. To cancel, hunters must do so by noon the day before the hunt date. Failing to cancel reservations may result in losing reservation rights for the rest of the season. Max. 1 reservation per day, and 1 reservation per phone call. Reservations not transferable. People making reservations must be licensed hunters for the species to be hunted and must be at property the day of hunt. Hunters with reservations can only hunt area specified on reservation except in areas where reservations are not required or are unreserved and unoccupied. Mandatory check in and check out as posted at designated check station.

NOTE: Other restrictions apply at specific state wildlife areas. See our State Wildlife Areas or State Trust Lands brochures.

LEAD BULLETS IN GAME MEAT

Recently, concerns have been raised about the potential risk of exposure to lead from eating wild game harvested with lead bullets. Ingesting lead from a variety of sources can cause significant health problems, especially in young children and pregnant women. Not enough research has been done to fully evaluate potential health risks that may be associated with lead in game meat, but data from a recent study suggest these risks are low for most people. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and DOW offer recommendations to minimize exposure to lead in wild game:

*Lead fragments cannot be eliminated with complete certainty, so pregnant women and children younger than 6 should avoid eating meat from game animals harvested with lead bullets. These groups are more sensitive to the health effects of lead, and ingesting even small amounts may be harmful. Lead can affect the development of infants and young children.

*Hunters can eliminate lead in game meat by using lead-free bullets.

*When processing an animal, liberally trim and discard meat damaged by the bullet because lead fragments may scatter some distance from the visible wound. Discard meat that is bruised, discolored or contains hair, dirt, grass, bone or lead fragments.

*Lead is a soft metal that can be ground with meat, spreading lead contamination through an entire batch of ground meat. Lead has been found more often in ground meat than whole meat cuts. To minimize the amount of processed game meat potentially contaminated with lead, clean the grinder frequently, preferably between each animal.

*Even if a carcass is processed using these recommendations, at home or a commercial processor, there is still a chance small amounts of lead may remain in the meat if lead bullets have been used.

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ABERT'S SQUIRREL

Nov. 15-Jan. 15, 2010

Areas: Statewide

Daily bag limit: 2

Possession limit: 4

**MINK, PINE MARTEN,
BADGER, GRAY FOX, RED FOX,
SWIFT FOX, RACCOON,
RING-TAILED CAT, STRIPED
SKUNK, WESTERN SPOTTED
SKUNK, LONG-TAILED WEASEL,
SHORT-TAILED WEASEL, OPOSSUM,
MUSKRAT**



Nov. 1-end of Feb., 2010

Areas: Statewide

Bag and possession limits: Unlimited

BAND-TAILED PIGEONS

Sept. 1-30

Areas: Statewide

Daily bag limit: 5

Possession limit: 10

Note: Permit required. See "License Requirements," #8.

BEAVER

Oct. 1-April 30, 2010

Areas: Statewide

Bag and possession limits: Unlimited

BLUE (DUSKY) GROUSE

Sept. 1-Nov. 15

Areas: Only game management units west of I-25.

Daily bag limit: 3

Possession limit: 9

BOBCAT

Dec. 1-end of Feb., 2010

Areas: Statewide

Bag and possession limits: Unlimited

Note: See "Bobcat Seals."

CHUKAR

Sept. 1-Nov. 22

Areas: Statewide

Daily bag limit: 4

Possession limit: 12

COTTONTAILS, SNOWSHOE HARE, WHITE-TAILED & BLACK-TAILED JACKRABBITS

Oct. 1-end of Feb., 2010

Areas: Statewide

Daily bag limit: 10 cottontails, 10 snowshoes, 10 jackrabbits

Possession limit: 20 cottontails, 20 snowshoes, 20 jackrabbits

COYOTE

Year-round

Areas: Statewide

Bag and possession limits: Unlimited



CROW

Oct. 1-Jan. 31, 2010

Areas: Statewide

Bag and possession limits: Unlimited

DOVES: MOURNING, WHITE-WINGED & EURASIAN COLLARED

Sept. 1-Nov. 9

Areas: Statewide

Daily bag limit: 15 singly or in aggregate for mourning and white-winged.

Daily bag limit: Unlimited for Eurasian collared if fully feathered.

Possession limit: 30 for mourning and white-winged.

Possession limit: Unlimited for Eurasian collared.

Note: See "Species Identification" for transit requirements.

DOVES: EURASIAN COLLARED

Dec. 1-end of Feb., 2010

Areas: Statewide

Daily bag limit: Unlimited

Possession limit: Unlimited

Note: See "Species Identification" for transit requirements.

FOX & PINE SQUIRRELS

Oct. 1-end of Feb., 2010

Areas: Statewide

Daily bag limit: 5 of each species

Possession limit: 10 of each species



GREATER PRAIRIE-CHICKENS

Oct. 1-Nov. 13

Areas: Game management units 97, 98, 100, 101, 102.

Annual Bag Limit: 2 of either sex

Note: Permit required. See "Greater Prairie-Chicken."

MARMOT

Aug. 10-Oct. 15

Areas: Statewide

Daily bag limit: 2

Possession limit: 4

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MOUNTAIN SHARP-TAILED GROUSE

Sept. 1-20

Areas: Closed statewide except units 4, 5, 12, 13, 14, 131, 211, 214 and 441.

Daily bag limit: 2

Possession limit: 4

PHEASANT

1. Nov. 14-Jan. 31, 2010

Areas: Units east of I-25

2. Nov. 14-Jan. 3, 2010

Areas: Units west of I-25.

Daily bag limit: 3 cocks

Possession limit: 9 cocks



PRAIRIE DOGS: WHITE-TAILED, BLACK-TAILED, GUNNISON'S

Public Land: June 15-end of Feb., 2010

Private Land: Year-round

Bag and possession limits: Unlimited

PRAIRIE RATTLESNAKE

June 15-Aug. 15

Areas: Statewide

Daily bag limit: 3

Possession limit: 6

QUAIL: NORTHERN BOBWHITE, GAMBEL'S & SCALED

1. Nov. 14-Jan. 3, 2010

Areas: Units east of I-25 and north of I-70 from I-25 east to Byers and Hwy. 36 from Byers to Kansas.

2. Nov. 14-Jan. 31, 2010

Areas: Units east of I-25 and south of I-70 from I-25 to Byers and Hwy. 36 from Byers to Kansas, and parts of Pueblo, Fremont, Huerfano and Las Animas counties west of I-25.

3. Nov. 14-Jan. 3, 2010

Areas: Units west of I-25 except Pueblo, Fremont, Huerfano and Las Animas counties.

Daily bag limit: 8 of each species

Possession limit: 24 of each species

GREATER SAGE GROUSE

Sept. 12-18

Areas: Units 3, 6, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18 (except east of Colo. 125 in Grand County), 27, 28 (except north and east of Grand CR 50, Church Park Rd), 37, 161, 171, 181, 201, 211.

Daily bag limit: 2

Possession limit: 4

SANDHILL CRANE

Oct. 3-Nov. 29

Areas: East of the Continental Divide except North Park (Jackson County) and San Luis Valley.

Daily bag limit: 3

Possession limit: 6

Note: Permit required. See "License Requirements," #8.

SORA AND VIRGINIA RAIL

Sept. 1-Nov. 9

Areas: Statewide

Daily bag limit: 25 singly or in aggregate

Possession limit: 25 singly or in aggregate

COMMON SNAPPING TURTLE

April 1, 2009-Oct. 31, 2009 &

April 1, 2010-Oct. 31, 2010

Areas: Statewide

Bag and possession limits: Unlimited

TEAL

Sept. 12-20

Areas: In Lake and Chaffee counties and east of I-25.

Daily bag limit: 4 singly or in aggregate.

Possession limit: 8 singly or in aggregate.

WHITE-TAILED PTARMIGAN

1. Sept. 12-Oct. 4

Areas: Statewide **except** units 44, 45, 53, 54, 66, 67, 68, 70, 71, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 444, 751

2. Sept. 12-Nov. 15

Area: Units 44, 45, 53, 54, 66, 67, 68, 70, 71, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 444, 751

Daily bag limit: 3

Possession limit: 6

WYOMING (RICHARDSON'S) GROUND SQUIRRELS; EUROPEAN STARLINGS; ENGLISH or HOUSE SPARROWS

Year-round

Areas: Statewide

Bag and possession limits: Unlimited

WILSON'S SNIPE

Sept. 1-Dec. 16

Areas: Statewide

Daily bag limit: 8

Possession limit: 16

2009 SMALL GAME HUNTING

HAWKING/FALCONRY

COTTONTAIL RABBITS, SNOWSHOE HARES, PINE & FOX SQUIRRELS

Sept. 1-March 31, 2010

Area: Statewide

Daily bag limit: 5 of each species

Possession limit: 10 of each species

WHITE-TAILED & BLACK-TAILED JACKRABBITS

Sept. 1-March 31, 2010

Area: Statewide

Daily bag and possession limit: Unlimited

DUCKS, GEESE, MERGANSERS, COOTS, SORA, VIRGINIA RAILS, BAND-TAILED PIGEONS, DOVES, WILSON'S SNIPE, CROWS

Dates coincide with established seasons.

Daily bag limit: 3 singly or in the aggregate for species with an open hunting season or special falconry season

Possession limit: 6 singly or in aggregate

Note: Falconry bag and possession limits are not in addition to gun bag limits.

FURBEARERS

Dates coincide with established seasons.

Area: Statewide

Bag and possession limits: Unlimited

GREATER PRAIRIE-CHICKENS

Oct. 1-Dec. 31

Areas: Game management units 97, 98, 100, 101, 102.

Annual Bag Limit: 2 of either sex

Note: Permit required.

EUROPEAN STARLING, ENGLISH or HOUSE SPARROW

Year-round

Area: Statewide

Bag and possession limits: Unlimited

PHEASANT, QUAIL, BLUE (DUSKY), MOUNTAIN SHARP-TAILED & GREATER SAGE GROUSE, CHUKAR, PTARMIGAN

Sept. 1-March 31, 2010

Area: See pages 9 & 10 for specific species.

Bag and possession limits: 2 of either sex

GUIDE TO LEGAL HUNTING HOURS

The table below is for Denver. Subtract 1 minute from opening and closing time for each 12 1/2 miles east of Denver. Add 1 minute to opening and closing time for each 12 1/2 miles west of Denver. These changes assume that each degree of longitude equals 50 miles and a change of 1 degree of longitude equals a 4-minute change in sunrise and sunset times.

2009 Sunrise/Sunset Table

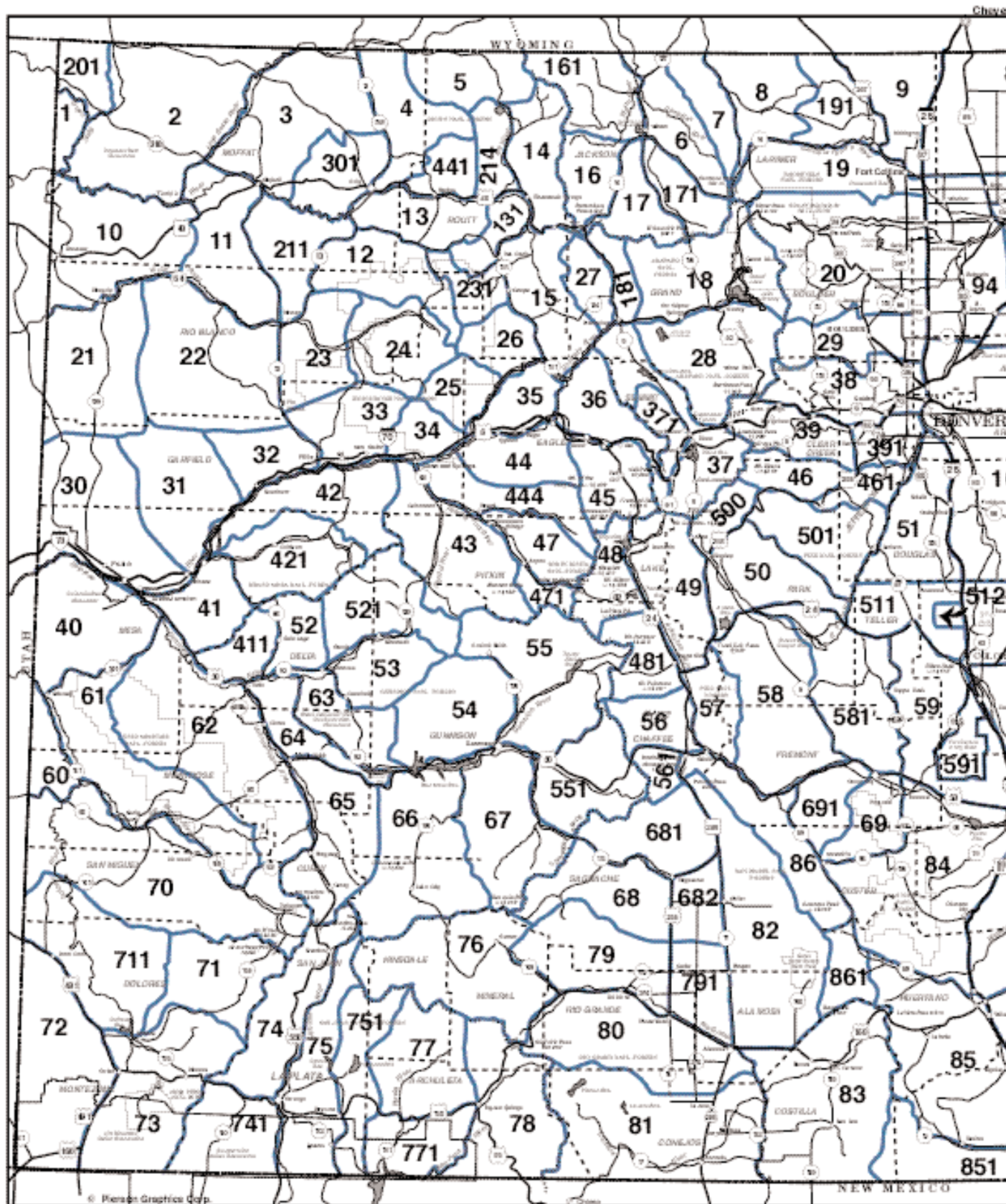
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4	6:30	7:27	6:58	6:38	6:31	4:54	7:04	4:34	7:21	4:47
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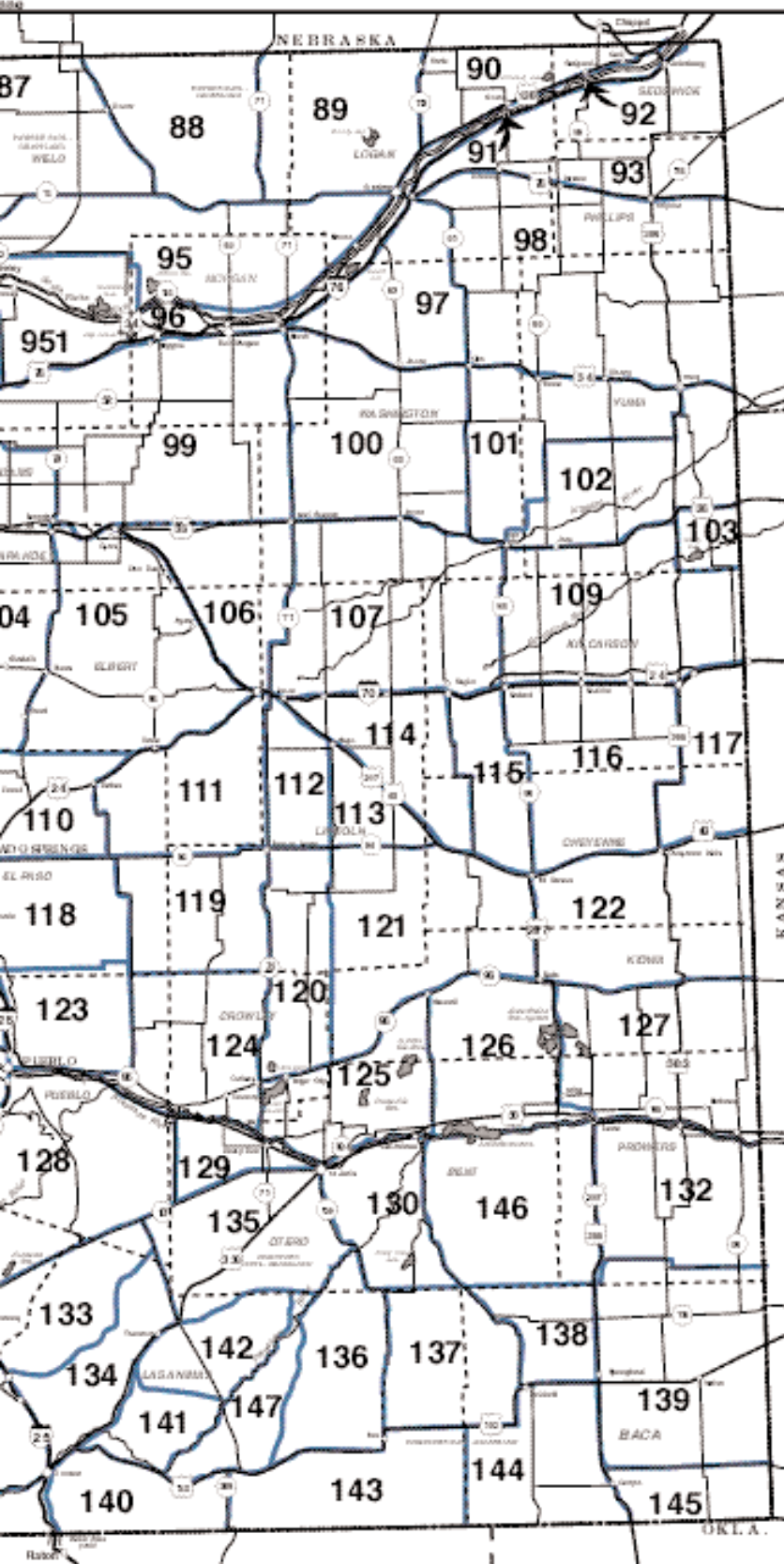
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