2015 Colorado Small Game

HUNTERS: SOME SEASON DATES CONTINUE INTO 2016
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CPW OFFICE LOCATIONS

ONLY the offices below can assist hunters with animal checks and taking samples that are related to hunting activities. See the CPW website for a complete list of our 42 parks locations that can also sell licenses, issue duplicate licenses and accept licenses for refunds.

BRUSH
122 E. Edison
Brush, 80723
(970) 842-6300

COLORADO SPRINGS
4255 Sinton Road
Colorado Springs, 80907
(719) 227-5200

DENVER
6060 Broadway
Denver, 80216
(303) 291-7227

DURANGO
151 E. 16th St.
Durango, 81301
(970) 247-0855

FORT COLLINS
317 W. Prospect Road
Fort Collins, 80526
(970) 472-4300

GLENWOOD SPRINGS
0088 Wildlife Way
Glenwood Springs, 81601
(970) 947-2920

GRAND JUNCTION
711 Independent Ave.
Grand Junction, 81505
(970) 255-6100

GUNNISON
300 W. New York Ave.
Gunnison, 81230
(970) 641-7060

HOT SULPHUR SPRINGS
346 Grand County Rd. 362
Hot Sulphur Springs, 80451
(970) 725-6200

LAMAR
2500 S. Main St.
Lamar, 81042
(719) 336-6600

MEEEKER
73485 Hwy. 64
Meeker, 81641
(970) 878-6090

MONTROSE
2300 S. Townsend Ave.
Montrose, 81401
(970) 252-6000

PUEBLO
600 Reservoir Road
Pueblo, 81005
(719) 561-5300

SALIDA
7405 Hwy. 50
Salida, 81201
(719) 530-5520

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS
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Steamboat Springs, 80487
(970) 870-2197

ADMINISTRATION
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Denver, 80203
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NOTE: Laws and regulations in this brochure are paraphrased for easier understanding and are intended only as a guide. Colorado statutes and regulations are available for viewing at CPW offices and online at cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/Regulations.aspx.
WHAT’S NEW 2015

» BAND-TAILED PIGEON NEWS... Due to concerns about the population status of band-tailed pigeons, regulations in 2015 have become more restrictive. Those wishing to hunt band-tailed pigeons this year should note that the 2015 band-tailed pigeon hunting season dates have been shortened from September 1-14. Beginning next year, those wishing to hunt band-tailed pigeons must carry a band-tailed pigeon permit in addition to their small-game license. The permit can be purchased for $5.00 starting in the 2016 band-tailed pigeon hunting season. A permit number is also required through HIP. See pages 2 and 4 for details.

» YOUR HABITAT STAMP DOLLARS AT WORK... During 2014, Colorado Parks and Wildlife closed 6 real estate projects funded through the Colorado Wildlife Habitat Protection Program (a partnership that combines hunter and angler Habitat Stamp funds and Great Outdoors Colorado funds). These projects include 3 perpetual conservation easements (which protect 26,185 acres of wildlife habitat) and 3 public access easements (which provide 23,484 acres of new public access for hunting, fishing and wildlife-related recreation activities).

Colorado Parks and Wildlife partnered with The Nature Conservancy, Colorado Cattlemen’s Agricultural Land Trust, and Aspen Valley Land Trust to complete all 3 conservation easement transactions.

» WHICH LICENSE IS RIGHT FOR YOU?... Consider purchasing the Small Game & Fishing Combo if you plan on hunting and fishing in the same season. Annual licenses are nonrefundable. If you purchase a small-game license and later purchase a small game and fishing combo license for the same season, the money you spent for your first small-game license cannot be refunded.

A standard small-game license is good for all upland game birds, waterfowl and all of the small-game mammals listed in this brochure. There is also a “furbearer only” license available, which is only good for fur-bearing mammals (coyotes, beavers, raccoons, foxes, bobcats, etc.).

» 2015 COLORADO OUTDOORS HUNTING GUIDE... Find helpful articles on small-game hunting, field tips, big-game planning and more. To order call 1-800-417-8986 or go to wildlifestore.state.co.us.

FURBEARER HARVEST LOG INFORMATION

SPECIES: ____________________________

HARVEST DATE: ____________________

SEX: M / F AGE: MATURE / SUB-ADULT

METHOD: HUNT / TRAP / ROAD KILL

LOCATION: (drainage) __________________

COUNTY: ___________________________ GMU: ______________

TRAP NIGHTS: (No. of nights trap was set) ______________

HUNT DAYS: (No. of days or part days hunted) ______________

BOBCAT HARVEST

LOCATION: ________________________

SECTION: ______________ 1/4 SECTION: ______________

TOWNSHIP: ______________ RANGE: ______________

OR UTM EASTING: _______ NORTHING: _______

LICENSE FEES

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

SAVE TIME: BUY ONLINE OR BY PHONE

Go to www.bit.ly/cpwlicensesales or call 1-800-244-5613. CPW offices and license agents also sell licenses.

LICENSE INFORMATION

WHAT YOU NEED TO BUY A LICENSE

1. Current and valid photo ID (Colorado identification must be issued at least 6 months prior to applying as a resident, see page 2)

2. Proof of hunter education (see requirements below)

3. Habitat Stamp (see page 2)

4. For residents, proof of residency (see page 2)

HUNTER EDUCATION (SAFETY) REQUIREMENTS

1. Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1949, must have a hunter education card to hunt in Colorado.

2. A hunter education card is needed to apply for or buy a license. It must be carried while hunting (unless previously verified marked with a “V” as shown at right).

   • To get verified, take your hunter education card to a CPW office

3. CPW honors hunter education cards from other states and provinces.

4. For information, go to www.bit.ly/COHunterEd.

5. Hunter education course schedules are online at cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/HunterEducation.aspx.

YOUTH LICENSES AND MENTOR HUNTING

People under age 18 must have a license to hunt small game. A youth small-game license is $1, plus surcharge. 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 can buy an adult license as long as they meet hunter education requirements. At age 18, hunters must buy an adult license.

DISABLED VETERANS

Colorado residents who are disabled veterans or Purple Heart recipients can get free lifetime combination small-game hunting and fishing licenses. You must have served on active duty and have been honorably discharged. Proof is required of a service-related disability rated by the Veterans Administration of at least 60 percent through disability retirement benefits or a pension administered by the Department of Veteran Affairs or respective service department.
PURCHASING A LICENSE

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS
1. You must carry your license when hunting and show it when requested by law enforcement officers.
2. Annual fishing, small-game and furbearer licenses, as well as Colorado waterfowl stamps and habitat stamps, are valid April 1 through March 31 of the following year. Lifetime small-game and fishing combination licenses are valid as long as you are a Colorado resident.
3. In order to hunt in any seasons that continue beyond March 31, 2016, (see dates listed on pages 3-5), you must purchase a 2016 small-game license.
4. To hunt and take small game, you need a small-game license, a combination small-game and fishing or a lifetime small-game and fishing license. Small-game hunters must register with HIP before their first hunt. See details in the “Harvest Information Program” section below.
5. To hunt Eurasian Collared-Doves, and other invasive species, you must have a hunter education card. A license and Habitat Stamp will not be required after Sept. 1, 2014.
6. To hunt furbearers, you must have a small-game or furbearer license.
7. To hunt common snapping turtles, you need a small-game license or fishing license.
8. You can hunt coyotes without a small-game license during 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. Once the big-game license has been filled, hunters must purchase a small-game license to continue hunting coyotes. If you’re not hunting big game, a small-game license is required to hunt coyotes.
9. 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.
10. New! To hunt band-tailed pigeons and sandhill cranes, a separate federal permit number, available through HIP, is required. Beginning in 2016, a band-tailed pigeon permit will be required in addition to the small-game license.
11. If a license is restricted to a specific area, you can hunt only that area.
12. Licenses are not transferable.
13. False statements made in buying a license and altering a license are illegal and void the license.
14. Lost or destroyed licenses can be replaced by buying a new one or signing an affidavit and paying a fee. Forms are available at CPW offices and license agents.

HABITAT STAMPS ARE REQUIRED FOR HUNTERS
Habitat Stamps are $10 and only one is required per person per year for anyone ages 18-64. Stamps are valid April 1- March 31.
» You must purchase a stamp before buying or applying for a preference point or a hunting or fishing license.
» A lifetime stamp is $300.25.
» Anyone buying a one-day or additional-day license for fishing and/or small game is exempt from purchasing the Habitat Stamp with the first two of these licenses. The habitat fee will be assessed when a third one-day or additional-day license is purchased for fishing or small game.
» Anyone who holds a free Lifetime Fishing License, a Veteran’s Lifetime Combination Small-Game Hunting/Fishing License, or are approved for the Big Game Mobility Impaired Hunting Program is exempt from the Habitat Stamp requirement. See cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/Accessibility.aspx.

HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM (HIP)
Small-game, furbearer and migratory bird hunters, including falconers, must sign up with HIP each year before their license is valid.
Write the new HIP number on your license.
To sign up with HIP, call 1-866-265-6447 (1-866-COLOHIP) or go to www.colohip.com. You will be asked for basic information, including how many birds you harvested the previous season and species you plan to hunt this year. The HIP phone line and website run 24 hours daily.

CHILD-SUPPORT DELINQUENCY
State law requires a Social Security number to buy a license. 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 suspended for noncompliance with child support. In addition, any current licenses become invalid if held by someone noncompliant with child support.

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.

WALK-IN ACCESS PROGRAM (WIA)
The Walk-In Access Program provides opportunities to hunt small game, migratory game birds and furbearers on enrolled properties. The regular season properties are open Sept. 1 through the end of February. The late cropland season properties are open from October harvest dates listed on pages 3-5) to March 31 of the following year. Life time small-game and fishing combination licenses become invalid if held by someone noncompliant with child support.

Attention: Snow goose hunters
If you removed the plug from your shotgun to hunt during the 2015 Spring Conservation Action, remember to replace the plug before hunting in the fall small-game and waterfowl seasons.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS
The requirements to qualify as a Colorado resident to buy a hunting license:
1. You must live in Colorado at least 6 consecutive months immediately before applying for or buying a license, and must intend to make Colorado home (except No. 3 and No. 4 below.) The residence address you give to buy or apply for a license must be the same as on your Colorado income tax return.
2. A valid Colorado driver’s license or Colorado ID is proof of residency if issued at least 6 months prior to buying or applying for a license. If your ID or driver’s license was issued or renewed less than 6 months prior, you must provide documentation that proves you have been a resident for the required 6-month period.
3. U.S. military 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 military and maintain Colorado as their home of record, and their dependents (who keep Colorado as their home of record.) 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, National Guard or government contractors.
4. Full-time students enrolled and attending an accredited Colorado college, university or trade school at least 6 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Except as in No. 3 and No. 4 above, you lose your Colorado residency if you apply for, buy or accept a 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.
ABERT’S SQUIRREL
SEASON: Nov. 15-Jan. 15, 2016
DAILY BAG LIMIT: 2
POSSESSION LIMIT: 4

BEAVER
BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS: Unlimited

BOBCAT
BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS: Unlimited

COMMON SNAPPING TURTLE
SEASONS: April 1-Oct. 31
BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS: Unlimited

COTTONTAIL, SNOWSHOE HARE, WHITE-TAILED & BLACK-TAILED JACKRABBIT
DAILY BAG LIMIT: 10 of each species
POSSESSION LIMIT: 20 of each species

COYOTE
SEASON: Year-round
BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS: Unlimited

FOX & PINE SQUIRRELS
DAILY BAG LIMIT: 5 of each species
POSSESSION LIMIT: 10 of each species

MARMOT
SEASON: Aug. 10-Oct. 15
DAILY BAG LIMIT: 2
POSSESSION LIMIT: 4

PRAIRIE DOGS: WHITE-TAILED, BLACK-TAILED GUNNISON’S
PRIVATE LAND SEASON: Year-round
BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS: Unlimited

PRAIRIE RATTLESNAKE
SEASON: June 15-Aug. 15
DAILY BAG LIMIT: 3
POSSESSION LIMIT: 6

WYOMING (RICHARDSON’S) GROUND SQUIRREL
SEASON: Year-round
BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS: Unlimited

BADGER, MINK, PINE MARTEN, GRAY FOX, RED FOX, SWIFT FOX, RACCOON, RING-TAILED CAT, STRIPED SKUNK, WESTERN SPOTTED SKUNK, LONG-TAILED WEASEL, SHORT-TAILED WEASEL, OPOSSUM, MUSKRAT
BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS: Unlimited

HUNTING WITH HAWKS & FALCONS
» REGULATIONS FOR USING HAWKS AND FALCONS TO HUNT SMALL GAME, see pages 8-9.

COTTONTAIL, SNOWSHOE HARE, WHITE-TAILED & BLACK-TAILED JACKRABBIT
SEASON: Sept. 1-March 31, 2016
AREA: Statewide
DAILY BAG LIMIT: 10 of each species
POSSESSION LIMIT: 20 of each species

CHUKAR
SEASON: Sept. 1-March 31, 2016
AREA: Statewide, except hunting is closed in GMUs 9, 19, 191
DAILY BAG LIMIT: 4
POSSESSION LIMIT: 12

EUROPEAN STARLING, ENGLISH OR HOUSE SPARROW
SEASON: Year-round
AREA: Statewide
BAG, POSSESSION LIMITS: Unlimited

FOX & PINE SQUIRRELS
SEASON: Sept. 1-March 31, 2016
AREA: Statewide
DAILY BAG LIMIT: 5 of each species
POSSESSION LIMIT: 10 of each species

DAILY BAG LIMIT: 2 birds only in GMUs 6, 16, 17, 161, 171; 4 birds in all other GMUs

GROUSE: MOUNTAIN SHARP-TAILED
SEASON: Sept. 1-March 31, 2016
AREA: GMUs 4, 5, 12, 13, 14, 131, 211, 214, 441
DAILY BAG LIMIT: 2 birds
POSSESSION LIMIT: 4 birds

PHEASANT
SEASON: Sept. 1-March 31, 2016
AREA: Statewide
DAILY BAG LIMIT: 3 birds
POSSESSION LIMIT: 9 birds

QUAIL: NORTHERN BOBWHITE, SCALED, GAMBEL’S
SEASON: Sept. 1-March 31, 2016
AREA: Statewide
DAILY BAG LIMIT: 8 of each species
POSSESSION LIMIT: 24 of each species

WHITE-TAILED PTARMIGAN
SEASON: Sept. 1-March 31, 2016
AREA: Statewide
DAILY BAG LIMIT: 3
POSSESSION LIMIT: 6

Note: Falconry bag and possession limits are not in addition to gun bag limits.
HABITAT RANGES
OF COMMON SMALL-GAME BIRDS

The ranges of popular Colorado birds to hunt are shaded in orange below. The red lines through the state indicate I-70 east and west, I-25 north and south and I-76 northeast from Denver.

**PHEASANT:**

**SCALED QUAIL:**

**BOBWHITE QUAIL:**

**DUSKY GROUSE:**

**BAND-TAILED PIGEON**

**SEASON:** Sept. 1-14

**AREA:** Statewide

**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 2

**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 6

**NOTE:** Permit required through HIP. See “License Requirements,” page 2, for more. Beginning in the 2016 hunting season, a band-tailed pigeon permit will be required in addition to the small game license.

**CHUKAR**

**SEASON:** Sept. 1-Nov. 30

**AREA:** Statewide, except hunting is closed in GMUs 9, 19, 191

**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 4

**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 12

**CROW**

**SEASON:** Nov. 1-end of Feb. 2016

**AREA:** Statewide

**BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:** Unlimited

**NOTE:** Recorded or electronically amplified calls may be used during this season.

**DOVES: MOURNING, WHITE-WINGED**

**SEASON:** Sept. 1-Nov. 9

**AREA:** Statewide

**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 15 singly or in aggregate for either species

**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 45 of either species

**NOTE:** See “Species Identification” on page 6 for transit requirements. See Eurasian note on this page for influence on bag limits.

**DOVES: EURASIAN COLLARED**

**SEASON:** Year-round

**AREA:** Statewide

**DAILY BAG, POSSESSION LIMITS:** Unlimited

**NOTE:** Eurasians must be fully feathered while in the field and during transport, unless counted as part of the mourning and/or white-winged dove bag limits. See page 6.

**NOTE:** A license is not required, these are considered an invasive species. See page 6.

**EUROPEAN STARLING, HOUSE (ENGLISH) SPARROW**

**SEASON:** Year-round

**AREA:** Statewide

**BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:** Unlimited

**NOTE:** A license is not required, these are considered an invasive species. See page 6.

**GREATER PRAIRIE-CHICKEN**

**SEASON:** Oct. 1-Jan. 3, 2016

**AREA:** Only GMUs 93, 97, 98, 100, 101, 102

**BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT:** 2 birds per year

**GROUSE: DUSKY**

**SEASON:** Sept. 1-Nov. 15

**AREA:** West of I-25

**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 3

**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 9

GREATER SAGE-GROUSE HUNTING

The areas of the state open to greater sage-grouse hunting were recently modified based on grouse populations. Units open to greater sage-grouse hunting include GMUs 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 13, part of 18, 27, part of 28, 37, 181, 211, 301 and 441.

Also, the North Park season is open in units 6, 16, 17, 161 and 171.
There are three types of doves in Colorado.

Knowing how to identify each is important to avoid violating the law while hunting.

White-winged doves are not common in Colorado and live mostly along the Front Range. The white-winged dove is pioneering new habitats north of its historic range in the southwest U.S. Eurasian collared-doves are sporadic throughout the state. It is an exotic introduced into the United States and is considered an invasive species.

**DOVE BANDING**

 Mourning doves are banded in Colorado and other states as part of a program to monitor their status. Hunters should report banded mourning doves to the USGS Bird Banding Lab, www.reportband.gov or call 1-800-327-BAND.
**SMALL-GAME SURVEYS**

Colorado Parks and Wildlife 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 the CPW website at [cpw.state.co.us/thin gs-stodo/Pages/SmallGameStatistics.aspx](http://cpw.state.co.us/things-stodo/Pages/SmallGameStatistics.aspx) and updated reports are available after annual surveys conclude. Hunters are selected randomly to participate. Small-game surveys are by telephone or by e-mail. If contacted, your participation is not required, but responding — even if you did not hunt or harvest an animal — helps CPW manage small game.

**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. Eurasian collared-doves must be fully feathered while in the field or during transport at all other times.

**HUNTING INVASIVE SPECIES**

As of Sept. 1, 2014, Eurasian collared-doves, European starlings and house (English) sparrows are considered invasive species in Colorado. Because of this designation, these species may be hunted year-round. No license or Habitat Stamp is required to hunt invasive species, however hunters must have and carry with them a hunter education card.

Hunters may harvest any number of each of these species and by any method of take approved for big- or small-game hunting. These species may be taken at night with the use of artificial light and night vision equipment.

Commercial hunting of invasive species is prohibited, as is receiving or attempting to receive compensation by hunting these species.

Eurasian collared-doves must remain fully feathered while in the field or during transport, except when counted as part of the mourning or white-winged dove bag and possession limit during the dove season that runs from Sept. 1-Nov. 9.

**BOBCAT SEALS**

All bobcats or their pelts must be personally presented by the hunter for inspection and sealing by CPW within 30 days after take or within five days after the season closes, whichever is sooner. Any bobcat hide/pelt without a seal within five 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 affixed 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 nearby CPW office for details.

**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 is required in commercial wildlife parks, field trials and dog-training while hunting captive-reared mallards.


4. It is illegal to have or use nontoxic shot larger than size T to hunt ducks, geese or coots.

**HUNTING TERMS AND DEFINITIONS**

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

**CANADA LYNX RECOVERY AREA:** in San Juan and Rio Grande national forests, and associated land above 9,000 feet, west from a north-south line passing through Del Norte and east from a north-south line passing through Dolores; and from New Mexico north to the Gunnison basin, including Taylor Park east to the Collegiate Range. The recovery area includes Game Management Units 55, 65-68, 70, 71, 74-81, 551, 681, 711 and 751.

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

**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** maximum number of wildlife you can take in a day, including any consumed or donated during day taken.

**FALCONRY (OR HAWKING):** hunting with a 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 or 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:** maximum number of wildlife you can have at any time, including in the field, in transport, at home or in storage.

**RELOCATION:** moving live wildlife to a site not contiguous to the capture site.

**RIFLE:** firearm fired from the shoulder with a rifled bore, 16-inch or longer barrel, 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 band attached to arms or attachment points for propelling stones or metal projectiles.

**SMALL-GAME BIRDS:** grouse, ptarmigan, pheasant, quail, partridge, greater prairie-chicken, chukar.

**SMALL-GAME MAMMALS:** cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare, jackrabbit, marmot, fox squirrel, pine squirrel, Abert's squirrel, prairie dog, Wyoming (Richardson's) ground squirrel.

**OTHER SMALL GAME:** prairie rattlesnake, common snapping turtle.

**TRAPPING:** taking or attempting to take wildlife with a trap.
LEGAL HUNTING HOURS
Legal times to hunt small game are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. An exception is made for furbearers, which can be hunted from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

Raccoons, coyotes, bobcats, striped skunks, beavers and red, gray and swift foxes can be hunted at night. See “Furbearers: Legal Hunting Methods” on page 8 for details.

The sunrise/sunset chart below lists time in Denver. Subtract 1 minute for each 1 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.)

See “Furbearers: Legal Hunting Methods” on page 8 for details.

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ATTENTION HUNTERS!
CPW has released Canada lynx in southwest Colorado, which may be found elsewhere in the state. If you see one, please report it to a CPW 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 BELLY FUR** on a lynx is tawny colored. On a bobcat, it is white.
- **LYNX TRACKS** are 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 inches wide. Bobcat tracks are smaller than 2 1/2 inches wide.

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 CPW 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 CPW 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 percent 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.

DONATING WILDLIFE
You can donate edible parts of wildlife to a like-license holder anywhere or to anyone at the recipient’s home. Bag and possession limits apply to donors and recipients and birds must be properly tagged. See “Migratory Bird Transporting, Shipping” on page 9.

WILDLIFE CAUSING DAMAGE
Colorado law allows landowners to protect private property from most wildlife damage. For information, call (303) 297-1192.
GENERAL HUNTING LAWS

1. Colorado Parks and Wildlife 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.

CALIBER RESTRICTION
It is illegal to hunt game birds, small-game mammals or furbearers with a centerfire rifle larger than .22 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.

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, CPW encourages you to wear fluorescent orange clothes for safety.
8. You must stop at CPW check stations when told to do so.
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 CPW.
11. During deer, elk, pronghorn and bear seasons, firearms (except handguns) must be unloaded in the chamber and magazine when carried on an off-highway vehicle (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 SMALL-GAME HUNTING METHODS:

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

FOR GAME BIRDS (EXCEPT MIGRATORY BIRDS)
1. Rifles or handguns allowed for dusky grouse and ptarmigan.
2. 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.
3. Hand-held bows and crossbows.
4. Pellet guns and slingshots allowed for dusky grouse and ptarmigan.
5. Hawking.

FOR FURBEARS
1. Any rifle, handgun, shotgun, handheld bow or crossbow or live traps — limited to cage or box traps.
2. Use of bait. It 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 longnose suckers, and inedible parts of legally obtained game mammals, birds or game fish.
3. Use of electronic calls.
4. You must check traps in person, at least daily. In lynx recovery areas, or where lynx are, you must check traps every 24 hours. More on lynx: cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/SOC-LynxResearch.aspx.
5. Any accidentally captured live animals for which trapping season is open must be killed or released immediately upon checking the trap.
6. If wildlife (except Canada lynx, see No. 7 in this list) 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 CPW officer or office within 5 days. Failing to do so is evidence of illegal possession of wildlife. Trappers who comply will not be charged with illegal possession.

FOR ORNAMENTAL BIRDS
1. The use of toxics, drugs, explosives, stupefying substances or leghold traps, instant kill traps, etc are illegal, except with permits issued by CPW or the Colorado Department of Agriculture.
2. Use of electronic calls is not allowed to hunt small game. (Electronic calls are legal to hunt furbearers.)
3. Use of any artificial light as an aid in hunting wildlife, except as in “Legal Hunting Methods,” (above) is not allowed.
4. Use of bait to hunt small-game mammals, game birds and migratory birds is not allowed.
5. Use of visual lures, fresh meat baits, fish oil and anise oil lures to attract felids in lynx recovery areas or where lynx are is not allowed.
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. It is illegal to destroy or damage beaver or muskrat houses, dens or dams, except to maintain water flow or prevent property damage.

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AIDS IN HUNTING SMALL GAME
1. 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 on land where any regular deer, elk, pronghorn or moose season is in progress.
2. Artificial decoys are permitted.
3. European ferrets are permitted for hawking. Ferrets must be neutered, tattooed on left retrieve, flush or point. It is illegal to use dogs to and furbearers but only to pursue, bring to bay, and make calls.
4. Mechanical devices designed to call wildlife are allowed. Electronic calls can be used to hunt furbearers.
5. You can hunt migratory game birds over standing crops or feed used in the course of agricultural planting, harvesting or other normal agricultural practices.

GENERAL HUNTING LAWS
FOR HAWKING & FALCONRY
1. Apprentices cannot hunt with more than one falconer at a time.
2. A falconry license is required for residents.
3. Nonresident falconers must buy either:
   a. A nonresident annual falconry license from CPW’s Special Licensing section or,
   b. A nonresident small-game license and have proof that they possess a valid falconry license in their home state.
4. Hunter education certificate is not necessary with a resident 3-year falconry license or a nonresident annual raptor license. State and federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamps are required for hunting migratory waterfowl.
5. Falconers must comply with HIP.
6. Firearms prohibited while hawking.
7. Hawking prohibited from a public road.
8. Hawking on private property is illegal without permission from owner or person in charge.
9. Nonresidents bringing birds into the state 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 is required.
10. Import permit applications and permits are available on the CPW website.

MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING LAWS

LEGAL HUNTING METHODS
1. Shotguns cannot be larger than 10 gauge. They cannot be capable of holding more than three shells in magazine and chamber combined. They must be fired from the shoulder. To reduce capacity of shotguns that hold more than three shells in the chamber and magazine combined, the magazine must be cut off, altered or plugged with a one-piece filler that cannot be removed unless the gun is disassembled. Slugs are illegal to hunt waterfowl.
2. Hand-held bows are 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 Parks and Wildlife Commission.
3. It is illegal 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 slightly 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 known 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 baited or carried, baited area.
   b. Batting means directly or indirectly placing, exposing, distributing or scattering salt, grain of other feed as an attraction for migratory game birds to, on or over where hunters are trying to hunt.
   c. It is illegal to take migratory birds, including waterfowl, cottots and cranes, on or over the following lands not otherwise baited: standing or flooded standing crop lands; 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 or solely by a hunter entering or exiting an area, placing decoys or retrieving downed birds.
   d. It is illegal to take migratory birds, except waterfowl, cottots 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 sink boxes) with motors or sails if 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 are 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.

GENERAL 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.
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. Strict regulations may apply on wildlife refuges. Contact: Alamosa and Monte Vista NWR, (719) 589-4021; Browns Park NWR, (970) 365-3613; Arapaho NWR, (970) 723-8202.
4. In the areas bounded on north by Wyoming; east and south by I-70, I-76, Hwy. 71, US. 36 and I-70; and west by the Continental Divide and Larimer-Jackson county line; and in Bent, Crowley, Kiowa, Mesa, Otero and Prowers counties;
   a. It’s 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. See www.fws.gov/hunting/whatsre.html for more.
6. You cannot 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 for 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.

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 bird by species.

IMPORTING (HARVESTED BIRDS)
In 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 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出具 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.
LAND-USE RULES

**ANDRICK PONDS SWA, MORGAN CO.**
1. Public access is limited to 3 a.m.-9 p.m. Sat., Sun., Wed. and legal holidays only. Access is by foot only, through designated parking areas. Night hunting is prohibited.
2. Hunting reservations required, see “Reservation Procedures” (at right) for details. Maximum 4 hunters per area at any time. Hunters must follow check-in and check-out procedures as posted.
   - Hunters with reservations may not check in until 3 a.m. before the hunt, and may only hunt the area specified on the reservation or for which they check into.
   - Reservations valid until sunrise. Hunters may check in on a first-come, first-served basis after a hunter with a reservation checks out, or after sunrise, if there is no check-in card in the check station.
   - From Sept. 1 through end of goose season, maximum of three reservations per hunter each year.
3. From the Thurs. before Sept. 1 through the end of spring turkey season, scouting permitted from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Thurs. that are not open to hunting in and prior to waterfowl and turkey seasons. All people scouting must check in and out at check station. Firearms, dogs not allowed during scouting.
4. From Sept. 1-end of regular duck season, only open for migratory bird hunting within designated hunting areas.
5. No hunting on Clark Lake.
6. Mandatory check in and check out as posted.

**ATWOOD STL, LOGAN CO.**
3. Reservations are required for small-game and waterfowl hunting. See “Reservation Procedures” (this page) for details. Hunters may hunt only area specified on reservation. Mandatory check in and check out as posted.
4. Three reservations may be issued per day on the upper west side of Hwy. 63; two for the general public; one for hunters with mobility impairments. No more than four people per reservation.
5. Launching or take out of vessels prohibited from first day of teal season through dark goose season.

**ATWOOD SWA, LOGAN CO.**
1. Public access by foot only, through designated parking. No reservations needed for small game or waterfowl hunting.
2. Launching or take out of vessels prohibited from first day of teal season through dark goose season.

**BANNER LAKES SWA, WELD CO.**
1. Access by foot only, through designated parking areas.
2. Open for waterfowl hunting only from the first day of regular waterfowl season to the day before opening of pheasant season. Hunting only on Sat., Sun., Mon. and legal holidays.
   - Reservations available for waterfowl, not required. See “Reservation Procedures” (this page) for details.
   - Hunters can only hunt the area specified on the reservation. Maximum 4 hunters per reservation.
3. Reservations valid all of 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. If a reserved area is not claimed by legal sunrise, or if no reservation exists for a hunt area, hunters may check in after midnight the morning before the hunt.
4. Waterfowl hunters must check in and check-out procedures as posted.
5. From the Thurs. before Sept. 1 through the end of dark goose season, scouting permitted from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Thurs. that are not open to hunting in and prior to waterfowl seasons. Must have reservation confirmation number or letter from CPW. All people must check in and out at check station. Firearms, dogs not allowed during scouting.

**BRAVO STL, LOGAN CO.**
1. Access from designated parking at Bravo SWA only.
2. Waterfowl and small-game hunters on the trust land must check out at the SWA check station before leaving property.
3. Launching or take out of vessels prohibited from first day of teal season through dark goose season.

**BRAVO SWA, LOGAN CO.**
1. Access from designated parking only.
2. Launching or take out of vessels prohibited from first day of teal season through dark goose season.
3. During regular duck season, waterfowl and small-game hunters must check out at mandatory check station.

**SCALVA PARCEL:** All public access requires a reservation. See “Reservation Procedures” (this page) for details. Limited to 3 groups of 4 hunters each per day.
   - Access by foot only 4 a.m.-9 p.m. through designated parking and mandatory check station.
   - From Sept. 1-May 31, only hunting is allowed and is limited to archery, muzzleloading and shotgun during established seasons. Hunting is only on Sat., Sun., Wed., Labor Day, Columbus Day (observed), Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year’s Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Presidents Day.

**RESERVATION PROCEDURES**

For properties that specify reservations are available or required, call 1-800-846-9453 (1-800-UGO-WILD)

- **RESERVATIONS NOT ACCEPTED MORE THAN 14 DAYS IN ADVANCE** of hunt date nor after noon the day before the hunt date, or noon Friday for hunts on Sundays and holidays falling on Monday.
- **TO CANCEL**, hunters must do so by noon the day before the hunt date. Failing to cancel reservations or follow check-station procedures may result in losing future reservation rights for the rest of the hunting season.
- **MAXIMUM 1 RESERVATION PER HUNT DATE** and 1 reservation per phone call. Reservations are not transferable. To make the reservation, a person must have a valid license for the species to be hunted and must be at the property the day of the hunt. Hunters with reservations may only hunt the area specified on the reservation.

**BRUSH SWA, MORGAN CO.**
1. Public access only from 3 a.m.-9 p.m., except with night-hunting permit. Access from designated parking only.
2. No reservations needed for small game or waterfowl hunting.
3. Launching or take out of vessels prohibited from first day of teal season through dark goose season.

**BRUSH PRAIRIE PONDS SWA, MORGAN CO.**
1. Public access only from 3 a.m.-9 p.m., except with night-hunting permit. Parking in designated areas only.
2. All land users must check in and check out at the designated check station at Brush Memorial Park. Maximum 4 hunters allowed in each area.
3. When open to hunting, only one vehicle allowed for each group. Before Dec. 1, hunters must park in the area they check into.
4. Two hunting areas are reserved for residents of the city of Brush and are awarded through lottery system. Applications to enter lottery available at the CPW office in Brush after the August Commission meeting. Hunters must have valid license for species to be hunted to enter the drawing. For complete application and hunt reservation details, call the CPW office in Brush, (970) 842-6300.
5. From Sept. 1-Nov. 30, only migratory-bird hunting allowed and only on Sat., Sun., Wed., Columbus Day (observed), Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving Day.
6. From Sept. 1-Dec. 1, reservations required until sunrise. See “Reservation Procedures” (above) for details. Maximum 3 reservations per hunter annually. Reservations valid until sunrise, hunters may only hunt area specified on reservation or where they check into. Hunters with reservations may not check in until midnight the morning before the hunt.
   - Hunters may check in on first-come, first-served basis after a hunter with a reservation checks out, or after sunrise if there is no check-in card in the check station.
7. From Dec. 1 through the last day of regular goose season, only hunting is allowed. Reservations required until sunrise to hunt on Dec. 1 (first day for small-game and big-game hunting). Reservations not available from Dec. 2-end of dark goose season. Hunters may check in at one of five hunting areas on a first-come, first-served basis, after midnight the morning before the hunt. Hunters properly checked in to any of these areas may hunt anywhere on the property.

8. From the Thurs. before opening of teal season until Nov. 30, scouting permitted from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Thurs. that are not open to hunting in and prior to waterfowl seasons. Must have reservation number or letter from CPW. All people must check in and out at check station. Firearms, dogs not allowed during scouting.

**CENTENNIAL VALLEY SWA, WELD CO.**
1. During waterfowl season, small-game and waterfowl hunting is only in designated zones.
2. Parking only in designated areas. No motor vehicle access outside of parking area.
3. During regular duck seasons, open only Sat., Sun., Mon. and legal holidays.
4. During regular duck seasons, reservations are required for waterfowl and small-game hunting. See “Reservation Procedures” (at left) for details. Hunters with reservations can only hunt the area specified on the reservation. Maximum 4 hunters per reservation. Mandatory check-in and check-out procedures as posted.
5. If no reservation exists for a hunt area, hunters may check in on a first-come, first-served basis after 5 a.m. or after another hunter checks out.
6. Dogs allowed only as aid to hunting.

**COLORADO RIVER ISLAND SWA, MESA CO.**
1. Only waterfowl hunting, and only from designated blinds.
2. Hunting by reservation only. See “Reservation Procedures” (at left) for details. Hunters may only hunt the area specified on the reservation. Mandatory check-in and check-out procedures as posted.
3. If no reservation exists for a hunt area, hunters may check in on a first-come, first-served basis after 5 a.m. the day of the hunt. Reserved areas not claimed by 7 a.m. will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. But, any area must be yielded upon request of the hunter holding a valid and active reservation for that area.
4. Dogs allowed only as aid to hunting.

**ELLIOTT SWA, MORGAN CO.**
1. Open to public 3 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. Open other hours only for hunters with night-hunting permit.
2. Launching or take out of vessels prohibited from first day of teal season through dark goose season.
3. On Union Tract:
   - Open only for waterfowl hunting from designated blinds or as posted. Maximum 4 hunters per area.
   - Access from designated parking area only.
   - From teal season through end of regular duck season, waterfowl hunting allowed on Sat., Sun., Weds., Columbia Day (observed), Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year’s Day.
   - During regular duck season, small-game hunters are not allowed to hunt outside of parking area. Firesarms, dogs not allowed during scouting.
4. Hunting reservations are required until sunrise, see “Reservation Procedures” (at left) for details. Only three reservations per hunter each year. All hunters must check in and out as posted.
5. With reservations may not check in until 3 a.m. before the hunt, and may only hunt the area specified on the reservation or for which they check into.
6. Reservations are valid until sunrise. Hunters may check in on a first-come, first-served basis after a hunter with a reservation checks out, or after sunrise, if there is no check-in card in the check station. Reservations will not be posted at the check station.
7. Hunting by reservation only. See “Reservation Procedures” (at left) for details. Hunters may only hunt the area specified on the reservation. Mandatory check-in and check-out procedures as posted.
8. No public access north of Poudre River.

**FRANK SWA, WELD/LARIMER CO.**
1. Property closed to hunting.
2. Dogs allowed only as aid to hunting.

**FRANKLIN ISLAND SWA, MESA CO.**
1. Only waterfowl hunting, and only from designated blinds. Maximum 4 hunters per blind.
2. Hunting by reservation only. See “Reservation Procedures” (at left) for details. Hunters may only hunt the area specified on the reservation. Mandatory check-in and check-out procedures as posted.
3. If no reservation exists for a hunt area, hunters may check in on a first-come, first-served basis after 5 a.m. the day of the hunt. Reserved areas not claimed by 7 a.m. will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. But, any area must be yielded upon request of the hunter holding a valid and active reservation for that area.
4. Dogs allowed only as aid to hunting.

**HIGHLAND LAKE STATE PARK, MESA CO.**
1. Waterfowl hunting Mon.-Fri. and only in designated blinds. Maximum 4 hunters per blind.
2. Hunting by reservation only. See “Reservation Procedures” (at left) for details. Hunters may only hunt the area specified on the reservation. Mandatory check-in and check-out procedures as posted.
3. If no reservation exists for a hunt area, hunters may check in on a first-come, first-served basis after 5 a.m. the day of the hunt. Reserved areas not claimed by 7 a.m. will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. But, any area must be yielded upon request of the hunter holding a valid and active reservation for that area.

**JACKSON LAKE SWA, MORGAN CO.**
1. Access only from designated parking areas.
2. During regular duck season, all hunters must check in and check out at check station.
3. Hunters may only hunt the area they check into. Hunters may check in on a first-come, first-served basis after 3 a.m. or after another hunter checks out of an area.
4. During regular duck season, small-game hunters are not allowed to hunt around ponds occupied by waterfowl hunters.
5. Waterfowl hunting boat reservations are no longer in place. Hunting is still allowed from boats until Nov. 1.

**JAMES M. ROBB COLORADO RIVER STATE PARK, MESA CO.**
1. Park in designated parking areas only.
2. Waterfowl hunting only, and limited to designated blinds, maximum 4 hunters per blind.
3. Hunting by reservation only. See “Reservation Procedures” (at left) for details. Hunters may only hunt the area specified on the reservation. Mandatory check-in and check-out procedures as posted.
4. If no reservation exists for a hunt area, hunters may check in on a first-come, first-served basis after 5 a.m. the day of the hunt. Reserved areas not claimed by 7 a.m. will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. But, any area must be yielded upon request of the hunter holding a valid and active reservation for that area.

**JEAN K. TOOL SWA, MORGAN CO.**
1. Open from 3 a.m.-9 p.m., open later only with night-hunting permit.

**LAND CLOSURES IN DEER SEASON (OPENING WEEKEND)**
All recreational activities except deer hunting prohibited on the following lands during opening weekend of regular plains rifle deer season and on opening day and first weekend of late plains rifle deer season:

**STATE TRUST LANDS (STL):** Atwood, Ford Bridge, Overland Trail and Red Lion Ranch

**STATE WILDLIFE AREAS (SWA):** Atwood, Bravo (and Scalva parcel), Brush, Centennial Valley, Cottonwood, Dune Ridge, Elliott, Jean K. Tool, Knudson, Messex, Overland Trail, Pony Express, Sedgwick Bar and Tamarack Ranch.
1. Dove hunting allowed by permit only. Permits issued free in a drawing process. Details and applications available at CPW, (303) 291-7227. Application due third Mon. in August.

2. Vehicle use on marked roads that lead to parking. All other access by foot or horseback. Leave property gates as found.

3. Open to hunting two hours before sunrise to one hour after sunset.

LAKE DOROTHY, WALKER AND WINDY GAP SWAs

1. Access Lake Dorothy SWA by foot or horseback.

2. Trapping prohibited at all three SWAs.

3. Hunting prohibited at Walker and Windy Gap SWAs.

ORCHARD MESA SWA, MESA CO.

1. Open for public access July 15–March 14.

2. Only access from parking area on “C” Rd., between roads 30 and 31. Vehicles prohibited beyond parking area.

3. Waterfowl hunting only. Hunters must hunt from designated blinds or in the zone identified for each blind. Maximum 4 hunters per blind.

4. Must hunt with bows and/or shotguns with shotshells only.

5. Dogs allowed only as an aid to hunting.

6. Waterfowl hunting by reservation only. See “Reservation Procedures” (page 10) for details. Hunters may only hunt the area specified on the reservation. Mandatory check-in and check-out procedures as posted.

7. If no reservation exists for a hunt area, hunters may check in on a first-come, first-served basis after 5 a.m. the day of the hunt. Reserved areas not claimed by 7 a.m. will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. But, any area must be yielded upon request of the hunter holding a valid and active reservation for that area.

OVERLAND TRAIL SWA, LOGAN CO.

1. Foot access only, from designated parking area.

2. During regular duck season, waterfowl and small-game hunters must check out at designated check station.

3. Launching or take out of vessels prohibited from first day of teal season through dark goose season.

RED LION SWA, LOGAN CO.

1. Access from parking areas only.

2. Reservations no longer required to hunt.

3. Float tubes or carry-on craft propelled by hand allowed for fishing or hunting only. From Oct. 1–March 31, only boats allowed are hand-propelled crafts used to place or retrieve decoys or retrieve downed waterfowl.

TAMARACK RANCH SWA, LOGAN CO.

1. Hunters must park vehicle at parking area they are checked into and are restricted to that area until 9 a.m., at which time they may walk into and hunt adjacent areas.

2. Reservations are available but not required. See “Reservation Procedures” (page 10) for details. Reservations available for weekends and Columbus Day (observed), Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year’s Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Presidents Day.

3. 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. Hunters with reservations can only hunt area specified on reservation. Mandatory check-in and check-out as posted at station.

4. Launching or take out of vessels prohibited from first day of teal season through dark goose season.

5. ON AUGMENTATION PONDS:

a. Waterfowl hunting is by a limited draw lottery reservation system from the opening day of second duck season through the end of regular dark goose season.

b. Hunting allowed only on a specific pond/hunt areas on specific days. If a blind is provided, hunters must hunt from the blind. Shooting out of rear of the blind is prohibited.

Hunters must park in designated parking areas but may drop off and pick up decoys via existing 4-wheel-drive roads as posted. Hunters must stay on roads.

c. Maximum 4 hunters per group per hunt day. No hunters may fill a spot if a reservation holder does not use the reservation. No additional parties are allowed to hunt after the lottery hunter has completed their hunt for the day. The hunter drawing the access permit must be present for the hunt. All hunters must check in at the existing check station.

d. To enter drawing, send a postcard or letter with name, address, phone number, CID number and desired reservation dates to: CPW, Tamarack Ranch drawing, 122 E. Edison St., Brush, CO 80723. Must be postmarked by Sept. 30. Successful applicants notified by Oct. 21.

Hunters must possess a valid license for the species to be hunted or entered. Hunters may apply for multiple hunt dates on one postcard.

Failure to hunt a reserved area without prior cancellation, or to follow check station procedures, may disqualify a person from making reservations for the remainder of the hunting season.

e. Ponds open to hunting without a reservation during the spring light goose conservation order season. All hunters must follow check-in and check-out procedures as posted.

TWENTY MILE/GRASSY CREEK STLS, ROUSS CO.

1. Open for small-game hunting Aug. 15-end of February. During mountain sharp-tailed grouse season, hunting on weekends and Labor Day by permit only. On those days, maximum of 8 hunters allowed daily. Maximum 4 hunters allowed per permit. No limit on hunters on weekdays.

2. Permits are free. Apply by contacting Steamboat Springs CPW office, 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, LARIMER/WELD CO.

1. From first day of regular waterfowl season to first day of pheasant season open only on Sat., Sun., Mon. and legal holidays.

WHITEHORSE SWA, ADAMS CO.

1. Open only for youth/mentor waterfowl hunting when authorized by area wildlife manager as participants in CPW youth hunter program.

2. Reservations required. See “Reservation Procedures” (page 10) for details. 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.

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