

White Mountain Apache Tribe Game & Fish Department 2017-2018 Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations

Waterfowl

A. Ducks

1. **Season Dates:** Scaup:
November 4, 2017 through January 28, 2018

Ducks (including Canvasback and Pintail):
October 14, 2017 through January 28, 2018.
2. **Open Areas:** The length of the Black River west of the Bonito Creek/Black River confluence and the entire length of the Salt River forming the southern boundary of the reservation; the Whiter River, extending from the Canyon Day Stockman Station to the Salt River; and all stock tanks located within Wildlife Management Units 4, 5, 6 and 7. Tanks located below the Mogollon Rim, within Wildlife Management Units 2 and 3 will be open to waterfowl hunting during the 2017-2018 season. The length of the Black River east of the Black River/Bonito Creek confluence is **CLOSED** to waterfowl hunting. The remaining reservation waters are **CLOSED** to waterfowl hunting during the 2017-2018 season, (Please refer to map).
3. **Legal Game:** Ducks, Geese, Mergansers, Coots, Moorhens and Gallinules.
4. **Bag Limit:**
 - A. The daily bag limit of ducks, including Mergansers, is seven (7).
 1. Two (2) may be Redheads;
 2. One (1) Pintail;
 3. Two (2) Canvasback;
 4. 3 Scaup;
 5. Seven (7) Mallards of which no more than Two (2) may be hen Mallards.
 - B. The daily bag limit of coots, moorhens and gallinules will be 25 per day singly or in the aggregate.
5. **Possession Limit:** The possession limit of ducks, including merganser, coots and gallinules will be twice the daily bag limit. The possession limit shall not include more than One (1) daily bag limit which has been taken in any one day.

B. Geese

1. **Season Date:** October 14, 2017 through January 28, 2016, inclusive.
2. **Open Areas:** Same as for ducks.
3. **Legal Game:** Canada geese **ONLY**, other species of dark and white geese are not legal.
4. **Bag Limit:** Three (3) per day.
5. **Possession Limit:** The possession limit for geese shall be twice the daily bag limit.

C. Sandhill Crane, Rails and Snipe

1. **Season Dates:** Closed.

D. Regulations

1. All persons 10 years and older must have in their possession a valid Federal Duck Stamp while hunting waterfowl on the reservation. Tribal member hunters born after December 31, 1980 and non-tribal member hunters born after December 31, 1960 must present a certificate or other proof of successful completion of an approved Hunter Education course.
2. **Licenses Required:**
 - A. **Non-Tribal Members:** All non-tribal member waterfowl hunters must have in their possession a valid White Mountain Apache, Yearly or Daily Small Game Permit and a White Mountain Apache Special Waterfowl Permit.
 - B. **Tribal Members:** Tribal members are not required to possess a Small Game Permit or a Special Waterfowl Permit, however, all tribal member waterfowl hunters, 10 Years and older, **must have in their possession**, a Federal Duck Hunting Stamp.
3. **Shooting Hours:** One half hour before sunrise until sunset.
4. **Methods of legally taking Waterfowl:**
 - A. Migratory birds may be taken only with shotguns shooting shot or with a bow and arrow not prohibited in section B.
 - B. The following devices and ammunition are prohibited for the taking of **ANY**

migratory birds and may not be possessed in the field while hunting.

1. Shotguns larger than 10 gauge; or shotguns capable of holding more than two (2) shells in the magazine, unless plugged with a one-piece filler incapable of removal without disassembling the gun.
 2. Contrivances designed to silence, muffle or minimize the report of a firearm.
 3. Poisoned arrows or arrows with explosive tips.
 4. Crossbows and other bows having devices attached to hold the bow in a drawn position.
 5. The use of artificial light to spotlight wildlife or birds.
 6. Lead shot.
- C. No person may take waterfowl from any motorized vehicle, including aircraft.
- D. **Water Craft Restrictions:** Waterfowl may be hunted from watercraft (except a sink box), including those propelled by motor as long as; the motor has been shut of and/or the sails have been furled and its progress, therefore, has ceased. The watercraft may be drifting as a result of current or moored, resting on anchor, or may be propelled by paddle, oars or pole. A watercraft under power may be used to retrieve dead or wounded waterfowl, but no shooting is permitted while the watercraft is underway. It is illegal to drive or rally game birds towards hunters by use of any motor driven conveyance or sailboat.
- E. **Decoys, Calls and Baiting:** Waterfowl may not be taken with the aid of live decoys, recorded birdcalls or electronically amplified bird calls. It is illegal to shoot waterfowl over baited areas. An area is considered baited for five (5) days after a bait has been removed. Hunters need not know an area has been baited to be in violation.
- F. **Retrieval and Tagging:** All downed birds must be retrieved if possible and retained in the possession of the hunter in the field. Crippled birds must be killed immediately. Any birds given to or left with another person must be tagged by the hunter with a tag clearly showing his/her name, address and the number of species of birds contained in the parcel. Packages in which migratory game birds are shipped must show the names of the sender and the receiver and the number and species of

birds contained in the parcel.

- G. Bag Limit:** No person may, during any one day, take more than one bag limit in the field or while returning to the vehicle, hunting camp or home. One feathered wing must remain attached to all waterfowl in possession until they reach their final destination.
- H.** All hunters are required to complete and return hunter questionnaires to the White Mountain Apache Tribe Game & Fish Department, c/o Wildlife Biologist, P.O. Box 220, Whiteriver, AZ. 85941 at the conclusion of the waterfowl season. The deadline to return questionnaire is February 9, 2018.

Upland Birds

A. Bandtailed Pigeons

1. **Season Dates:** September 1 through September 15, 2017.
2. **Open Areas:** Wildlife Management Unit 10 and all areas south of Y-70 and Y-10 in Unit 7. All other areas are closed to hunting.
3. **Legal Game:** Bandtailed Pigeons.
4. **Bag Limit:** The daily bag limit shall be Three (3) bandtailed pigeons per day.
5. **Possessing Limit:** The possession limit will be twice the daily bag limit.

B. Mourning Doves

1. **Season Dates:** September 1 through September 15, 2017.
2. **Open Areas:** Wildlife Management Unit 10 and all areas south of Y-70 and Y-10 in Unit 7. All other areas are closed to hunting.
3. **Legal Game:** Mourning Doves.
4. **Bag Limit:** The daily bag limit will be Ten (10) morning doves per day.
5. **Possession Limit:** The possession limit will be twice the daily limit.

C. Regulations

1. Tribal member hunters born after December 31, 1980 and non-tribal member hunters born after December 31, 1960 must present a certificate or other proof of successful completion of an approved Hunter Education Course at the time of permit purchase.

2. Licenses Required:

- A. Non-Tribal Members:** All non-tribal members hunting mourning doves and bandtailed pigeons must have in their possession a valid White Mountain Apache Yearly or Daily Small Game Permit. In addition, all hunters hunting bandtailed pigeons must have in their possession a valid White Mountain Apache Special Bandtailed Pigeon Permit.
- B. Tribal Members:** Tribal members are not required to possess a Small Game Permit or the Special Bandtailed Pigeon Permit to hunt mourning doves or bandtailed pigeons.

3. Shooting Hours: One half hour before sunrise until sunset.

4. Methods of legally taking Migratory Upland Birds:

- A.** Migratory upland birds may be taken only with shotguns shooting shot.
- B.** The following devices and ammunition are prohibited for the taking of **ANY** Migratory birds and may not be possessed in the field while hunting.
- 1.** Shotguns larger than 10 gauge; or shotguns capable of holding more than two (2) shells in the magazine, unless plugged with a one-piece filler incapable of removal without disassembling the gun.
 - 2.** Contrivances designed to silence, muffle or minimize the report of a firearm.
 - 3.** Poisoned arrows or arrows with explosive tips.
 - 4.** Crossbows and other bows having devices attached to hold the bow in a drawn position.
 - 5.** The use of artificial light to spotlight wildlife or birds.
- C.** No person may take migratory game birds from any motor driven vehicle
- D. Decoys, Calls and Baiting:** Mourning doves and bandtailed pigeons may not be taken with the aid of live decoys, recorded bird calls or electronically amplified bird calls. It is illegal to shoot mourning doves and bandtailed pigeons over baited areas. An area is considered baited for five

(5) days after a bait has been removed. Hunters need not know an area had been baited to be in violation.

E. Retrieval and Tagging:

All downed birds must be retrieved if possible and retained in the possession of the hunter in the field. Crippled birds must be killed immediately. Any birds given to or left with another person must be tagged by the hunter with a tag clearly showing his/her name, address and the number of species of birds contained in the parcel. Packages in which migratory game birds are shipped must show the name of the sender and the receiver and the number and species of birds contained in the parcel.

F. Bag Limit:

No person may, during any one day, take more than One bag limit in the field or while returning to the vehicle, hunting camp or home. One feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory upland game birds in possession until they reach final destination.

G. While the Trophy Elk hunts are in progress, September 1 through October 4, 2017 Wildlife Management Units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12 and the area north of Y-10 in Unit 7 are closed to **ALL** hunting.

