

- Open Areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically opened in these Commission Orders) or areas closed to hunting under A.R.S. Sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-321, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.
- The Bill Williams River, Cibola, Imperial, Buenos Aires, Havasu, Leslie Canyon, and San Bernardino National Wildlife Refuges (NWR) are open to mourning dove and white-winged dove hunting EXCEPT for posted portions. Cabeza Prieta NWR is open to mourning dove hunting during the late season only. Eurasian collared doves may be hunted year-round on Buenos Aires and Cabeza Prieta. Eurasian collared-doves may be taken only during the mourning and white-winged dove seasons and not year-round at Bill Williams River, Cibola and Leslie Canyon NWR. Collared-doves may be hunted September 1 to March 15 on Havasu and may not be hunted on San Bernardino or Imperial NWR. Pneumatic weapons are not permitted in the take of Eurasian collared-doves at Bill Williams River or Leslie Canyon NWR. Check refuge regulations for hunting activities allowed with dogs. A fee may be required for hunting on National Wildlife Refuges, see refuge regulations. The use or possession of other than non-toxic shot is prohibited in the Bill Williams River, Cibola, Havasu, and Imperial NWR.
- The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
- The following parks and preserves in Maricopa County are open to hunting: Lake Pleasant, White Tank Mountains, McDowell Mountain, and Estrella Mountain Regional parks. Hunting in parks and preserves opened by this Commission Order is not permitted within ¼ mile of any developed picnic area, developed camp ground, shooting range, occupied building, boat ramp, or golf course. Developed areas do not include trails.
- The following Pima County parks and preserves are open to hunting: A-7 Ranch in Units 32 and 33, Oracle Ridge Property in Unit 33, Six Bar Ranch in Unit 33, Emperita Ranch in Unit 34B, Bar V Ranch in Unit 34B, Sands Ranch in Unit 34B, Clyne Ranch in Unit 34B, Diamond Bell Ranch in Unit 36A, Marley Ranch in Units 36A and 36B, Rancho Seco in Units 36A and 36B, Kings 98 Ranch in Unit 36C, Old Hayhook Ranch in Unit 36C, Verdugo in Unit 36C, Bee Ranch in Unit 37A, Mordka Ranch in Unit 37A, Buckelew Ranch in Unit 37A, Carpenter Ranch in Unit 37A, Cochie Canyon Ranch in Unit 37A, Lords Ranch in Unit 37A, and Tortolita Mountain Park in Unit 37A. Hunting is not permitted in County Parks within ¼ mile of any developed picnic area, developed camp ground, shooting range, occupied building, boat ramp, or golf course. Developed areas do not include trails.
- Except for Department-sanctioned hunter event(s), the following area is closed to hunting from September 1 until

the Monday morning following the youth-only dove hunt: All Robbins Butte Wildlife Area (RBWA) property west of and including the property manager’s residence and workshop to the property fence near the base of Robbins Butte; all RBWA property south to and along West Robbins Butte Game Road and north to and along the fenced RBWA boundary approaching the Gila River.

- Within Unit 25M as described in R12-4-108, all incorporated lands, including private property within municipal boundaries, are closed to hunting unless opened under Commission Order. Incorporated includes all municipal and corporate limits. County islands are open to hunting provided the hunter does not discharge a firearm within ¼ mile of an occupied farmhouse, residence, cabin, lodge, or building without permission of the owner or resident. Privately held lands within county islands may be closed by the landowner.
- Hunting is not permitted in Unit 26M in the following described area: Those private lands lying just north of the Town of Cave Creek in Sections 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 of Township 6 North, Range 4 East.
- The following City of Tucson Water Properties located in Avra Valley are open to dove hunting: the Duval property in Unit 36C and the Buckalew, Flying E Bar, Ed Anway, Kai, Tucker, and Trust 205 properties in Unit 37A; all other Tucson Water Properties are closed to hunting. All open City of Tucson properties are foot access only at designated entry points. Please sign in and out at sign-in boxes located at designated entry points.
- Hunting is not permitted in Unit 36B in the following described area: in the posted portion of Sopori Ranch south of Arivaca Road in Sections 14 and 15, Township 20 South, Range 11 East. The remainder of Sopori Ranch is open to hunting.
- Hunting is not permitted in Unit 37A in the following described area in the Town of Marana: beginning at the intersection of Sanders Road and Avra Valley Road; north on Sanders Road to the Santa Cruz River; southeast along the Santa Cruz River to the Central Arizona Project Canal; southwest along the Central Arizona Project Canal to Avra Valley Road; west on Avra Valley Road to the intersection of Sanders Road.
- Hunting is not permitted in Units 43A and 44B in the following described area in the Town of Quartzsite: Sections 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35, Township 4 North, Range 19 West and Sections 2, 3, and 4, Township 3 North, Range 19 West.
- Rogers Lake Coconino County Natural Area in Unit 6B is open to hunting; this area is closed to all vehicle access and is closed to motorized big game retrieval. Hunting is not permitted within ¼ mile of any occupied building, wildlife viewing platform, picnic area, or developed trailhead.
- Camp Navajo is closed to all dove and band-tailed pigeon hunting.



Mourning Dove



White-winged Dove



Eurasian Collared-dove

2026-2027 Arizona Dove and Band-tailed Pigeon Regulations

Dove: Commission Order 19 Statewide Early Dove Season

Sept. 1–15, 2026
Mourning and white-winged doves

Statewide Late Dove Season

Nov. 20, 2026–Jan. 3, 2027
Mourning and white-winged doves

For both the early and late seasons, the daily bag limit is fifteen (15) Mourning and White-winged Doves in the aggregate. Possession limit is forty-five (45) Mourning and White-winged Doves in the aggregate. No more than 15 doves may be taken in any one day.

Statewide Eurasian Collared-Dove Season

Sept. 1, 2026–Aug. 31, 2027
Unlimited daily bag and possession limit.

Restrictions apply to open and closed areas for doves. See notes for details.

Band-tailed Pigeon: Commission Order 20 Statewide Band-tailed Pigeon Season

Sept. 25–Oct. 8, 2026
Daily bag limit: 2
Possession limit: 6

Please report any bands to **reportband.gov** and return transmitters to the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department receives Federal assistance The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AGFD) prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, or disability in its programs and activities. This agency receives Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Under Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. The U.S. Department of the Interior prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. If anyone believes that they have been discriminated against in any of the AGFD’s programs or activities, including its employment practices, the individual may file a complaint alleging discrimination directly with the AGFD Ombudsman, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086, (623) 236-7373 or Office of Civil Rights, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240.

For complete dove hunting
information, visit:
www.azgfd.gov/dove



LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

Adults 18 and older must have in their possession a valid hunting or combination license and an Arizona migratory bird stamp per R12-4-203.

Youth ages 10 to 17 must have in their possession a valid youth combination license only.

Falconers must also be licensed per R12-4-422 or exempted per R12-4-407.

Do Not:

- Shoot within ¼ mile (440 yards) of an occupied structure while hunting unless you have permission.
- Shoot from, across or into roads or railways.
- Leave shotgun shells or other litter on the ground.
- Hunt over waters all day – allow time for livestock to access water.
- Consume drugs or alcohol while hunting or handling firearms.
- Hunt over baited areas. An area is considered baited for 10 days after the bait has been removed, and a hunter need not know an area has been baited to be in violation. It is legal to take doves on or over lands or areas that are not otherwise baited areas, and where grain or other

feed has been distributed or scattered solely as the result of manipulation of an agricultural crop or other feed on the land where grown, or solely as the result of a normal agricultural operation.

Do:

- Leave one fully feathered wing attached to the bird for identification until you reach your permanent residence or where the wildlife will be consumed.
- Keep individual limits of birds separate from others while in the field, in the cooler and in transit.
- Respect postings on private land and leave gates as found.
- Make a reasonable effort to retrieve all downed birds.
- Report violations to Operation Game Thief, 800-352-0700
- Remember to check the legs on all migratory birds for leg bands. If you get a banded bird, learn more about the bird and where it was banded by submitting the number information to: reportband.gov

Migratory game birds may be taken only with a 10-gauge or smaller shotgun capable of holding no more than three shells

(two in the magazine and one in the chamber), unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun, so its total capacity does not exceed three shells. Birds also may be taken by falconry, by bow and arrow, or crossbow. Pneumatic weapons are legal only for use on Eurasian collared-doves. An Arizona migratory bird stamp is not required for the take of Eurasian collared-doves.

Legal shooting and hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

The daily bag limit is the number of doves allowed to be harvested in one day.

The possession limit is the total number of harvested doves allowed to be possessed. This includes all doves harvested from previous days and those given to you by other hunters. This applies to all doves you have on your person, in your cooler, vehicle, any temporary lodging and at your place of residence.

In addition to state regulations, federal rules also apply. Visit ecfr.gov for a complete version of Title 50, Part 20 of the Code of Federal Regulations. When state law differs from federal law, hunters must follow the more restrictive law.

Statewide Falconry-only Dove Season

Sept. 16–Nov. 1, 2026
Mourning dove, white-winged dove, and Eurasian collared-dove
Daily bag limit: 3
Possession limit: 9

The daily bag limit for falconry of all migratory game birds is three in total, comprised of any combination of migratory game bird species for which a general season is open and falconry is a legal method of take, or falconry-only season is open. The possession limit is nine for all migratory game birds total in season after opening day, of which no more than three may be taken in any one day. Falconers should consult Commission Orders 19, 20, 21 and 22 for season dates and open areas. The daily bag limit and possession limit for falconry is not in addition to firearms limits. The falconry bag limit for Eurasian collared-doves is unlimited.

Falconry is not permitted on national wildlife refuges.

SUNRISE/SUNSET 2026-2027

DATE	EASTERN		CENTRAL		WESTERN	
	RISE	SET	RISE	SET	RISE	SET
Sept. 1	5:57	6:47	6:03	6:53	6:09	6:59
Sept. 5	5:59	6:42	6:05	6:48	6:11	6:54
Sept. 10	6:03	6:35	6:09	6:41	6:15	6:47
Sept. 15	6:06	6:28	6:12	6:34	6:18	6:40
Sept. 20	6:09	6:22	6:15	6:28	6:21	6:34
Sept. 25	6:13	6:15	6:19	6:21	6:25	6:27
Sept. 30	6:16	6:08	6:22	6:14	6:28	6:20
Oct. 1	6:17	6:06	6:23	6:12	6:29	6:18
Oct. 5	6:20	6:01	6:26	6:07	6:32	6:13
Oct. 10	6:23	5:55	6:29	6:01	6:35	6:07
Oct. 15	6:27	5:48	6:33	5:54	6:39	6:00
Oct. 20	6:31	5:43	6:37	5:49	6:43	5:55
Oct. 25	6:35	5:37	6:41	5:43	6:47	5:49
Oct. 30	6:39	5:32	6:45	5:38	6:51	5:44
Nov. 1	6:41	5:30	6:47	5:36	6:53	5:42
Nov. 5	6:45	5:27	6:51	5:33	6:57	5:39
Nov. 10	6:49	5:23	6:55	5:29	7:01	5:35
Nov. 15	6:54	5:20	7:00	5:26	7:06	5:32
Nov. 20	6:58	5:17	7:04	5:23	7:10	5:29
Nov. 25	7:03	5:15	7:09	5:21	7:15	5:27
Nov. 30	7:07	5:14	7:13	5:20	7:19	5:26
Dec. 1	7:08	5:14	7:14	5:20	7:20	5:26
Dec. 5	7:12	5:14	7:18	5:20	7:24	5:26
Dec. 10	7:16	5:15	7:22	5:21	7:28	5:27
Dec. 15	7:19	5:16	7:25	5:22	7:31	5:28
Dec. 20	7:22	5:18	7:28	5:24	7:34	5:30
Dec. 25	7:24	5:21	7:30	5:27	7:36	5:33
Dec. 30	7:26	5:24	7:32	5:30	7:38	5:36
Jan. 1	7:26	5:26	7:32	5:32	7:38	5:38
Jan. 5	7:27	5:29	7:33	5:35	7:39	5:41



Attention Band-tailed Pigeon Hunters!

To improve harvest estimates, band-tailed pigeon hunters age 16 and older are asked to submit their name and contact information via email to smallgame@azgfd.gov so that the Small Game Program can correspond with hunters about harvest efforts and success.

Youth-Only Hunting Opportunity
Available to ages 17 and younger
Robbins Butte Youth-Only Dove Fields
Sept. 5, 2026
For details and a list of dove hunt events, visit: www.azgfd.gov/OutdoorSkills