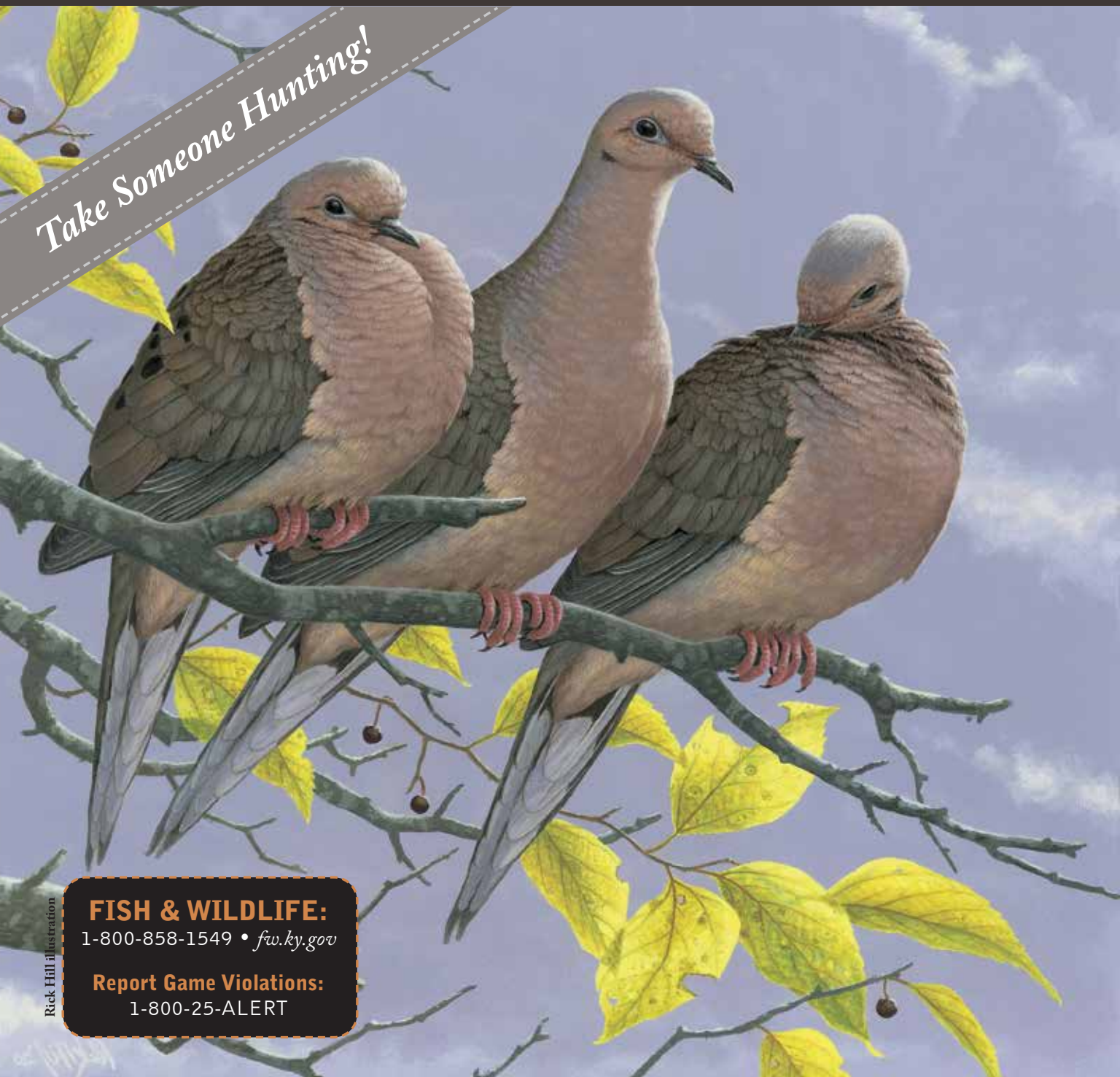




KENTUCKY HUNTING GUIDE

for DOVE, EARLY WATERFOWL,
WOODCOCK, SNIPE and CROW

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GENERAL REGULATIONS

HUNTING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

License: Unless license exempt, hunters must possess a valid Kentucky hunting license when hunting the species listed in this guide.

A Kentucky Migratory Bird/Waterfowl Hunting Permit, along with a federal migratory bird stamp, authorize the holder to hunt all types of migratory game birds including waterfowl (ducks, geese, coots, mergansers).

For those who hunt migratory birds other than waterfowl, only a Kentucky Migratory Bird/Waterfowl Permit is required. **Before hunting migratory birds, hunters must go online and fill out the Harvest Information Program (HIP) survey before they are legal migratory bird hunters.**

The process takes less than 5 minutes. Go to “My Profile” to fill out the survey. This takes you to a page that asks for some basic information to confirm your identity. After completing the HIP survey, you will receive a confirmation number that must be written on your hunting license or Kentucky Migratory Bird/Waterfowl Hunting permit.

BAITED FIELDS

It is illegal to hunt doves or waterfowl over a “baited” field. Baited fields are areas where grain, salt or other attractants have been placed other than those that occur by legitimate agricultural practices. Mature wildlife food plots grown to attract doves are legal hunting areas, as long as no additional attractants have been placed on these areas.

Areas manipulated for dove hunting are not legal for waterfowl hunting.

FIELD DRESSING

When field dressing, or otherwise preparing for transportation, any of the species in this guide, except doves, one fully feathered wing or the head must be left on each bird for identification.

HUNTING REQUIREMENTS

All shotguns used to hunt any game species in Kentucky (except deer) must be plugged to hold three shells total; one in the chamber and two in the magazine. Shotguns of 10 gauge or smaller are permitted.

TAGGING

No person shall give, put or leave any migratory game birds at any place or in the custody of another unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following: 1) The hunter’s signature and address; 2) The total number of birds involved, by species; 3) The dates such birds were taken. Tagging is required if birds are being transported by another person for the hunter, or if birds have been left for cleaning, storage (including temporary storage), shipment or taxidermy services.

WANTON WASTE

All migratory game birds shall be retrieved, if possible, and retained in the custody of the hunter in the field.

NON-TOXIC SHOT

Possession or use of any lead shot while hunting or attempting to take waterfowl or sandhill cranes is prohibited statewide. Non-toxic shot is required to hunt waterfowl. Most major manufacturers offer non-toxic shotshells. A list of non-toxic shot currently approved by the USFWS can be found at <https://www.fws.gov/birds/bird-enthusiasts/hunting/nontoxic.php>

Only USFWS-approved non-toxic shot may be possessed and used to hunt doves, gallinules, rails, woodcock, snipe or other migratory birds on Ballard, Boatwright, Doug Travis, Duck Island, Kaler Bottoms, Kentucky River, Ohio River Islands, Sloughs, South Shore, Yatesville Lake WMAs and Clarks River NWR and other areas as posted by signs.

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This is a **SUMMARY** of the laws regarding migratory bird hunting. This guide is intended solely for informational use. It is not a reprint of any referenced statute or regulation in its entirety and should not be used as such. Questions about the information contained in this guide should be directed to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources **BEFORE** engaging in the activities referenced. Actual wording of any Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) or Kentucky Administrative Regulation (KAR) can be viewed at www.lrc.state.ky.us/kar/frntpage.htm.

WHICH LICENSE OR PERMIT DO YOU NEED?

NOTE: Licenses and permits are not required for kids under the age of 12.

KENTUCKY RESIDENTS	Ages 12-15	Ages 16-64	Ages 65 and over OR Disabled
Migratory Birds (dove, snipe, woodcock, rails, gallinules, sandhill cranes)	Youth Hunting License*	Annual† or 1-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Migratory Bird/Waterfowl Permit†	Senior/Disabled License
Waterfowl (ducks, geese, coots and mergansers)	Youth Hunting License*	Annual† or 1-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Migratory Bird/Waterfowl Permit† + Federal Duck Stamp	Senior/Disabled License + Federal Duck Stamp

NONRESIDENTS (must buy nonresident licenses/permits)	Ages 12-15	Ages 16 and over
Migratory Birds (dove, snipe, woodcock, rails, gallinules, sandhill cranes)	Youth Hunting License	Annual, 1-Day or 7-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Migratory Bird/Waterfowl Permit
Waterfowl (ducks, geese, coots and mergansers)	Youth Hunting License	Annual, 1-Day or 7-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Migratory Bird/Waterfowl Permit + Federal Duck Stamp

*Included in Youth Sportsman's License

†Included in Resident Sportsman's License



HIP survey required (also required for Resident Sportsman's License)

(See preceding page and back cover for new procedures on HIP survey)

HUNTING SEASONS

See next page for further details about these hunting seasons.

SPECIES	Season Dates	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
Dove	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26, Nov. 25 - Dec. 5, 2021 and Dec. 18, 2021 - Jan. 9, 2022	15 (including white-winged dove)	45
Wilson's Snipe	Sept. 15 - Oct. 24, 2021 and Nov. 25, 2021 - Jan. 30, 2022	8	24
Virginia & Sora Rail	Sept. 1 - Nov. 9, 2021	25 singly or combined	75
Purple & Common Gallinule	Sept. 1 - Nov. 9, 2021	3 singly or combined	9
American Woodcock	Oct. 23 - Nov. 12 and Nov. 15 - Dec. 8, 2021	3	9
Crow	Sept. 1 - Nov. 7, 2021 and Jan. 4 - Feb. 28, 2022	none	none
Early Wood Duck & Teal (includes blue-winged, green-winged and cinnamon teal)	Sept. 18-22, 2021	6 birds with no more than 2 wood ducks	18 birds with no more than 6 wood ducks
Teal Only	Sept. 23-26, 2021	6	18
September Canada Goose	Sept. 16-30, 2021	5	15
Youth Waterfowl Days	Eastern Zone: Nov. 6-7, 2021 Western Zone: Feb. 5-6, 2022	Same as duck and goose seasons	

SHOOTING HOURS	
Dove, private land	Sept. 1: 11 a.m. to sunset. Remainder of dove season: one-half hour before sunrise to sunset
Dove, public land (WMAs, leased fields)	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26: 11 a.m. to sunset. Second and third segments of dove season: one-half hour before sunrise to sunset
All other species	one-half hour before sunrise to sunset

DAILY BAG LIMIT

The total of a specific migratory game bird species that may be taken during legal shooting hours for one calendar day. Migratory birds harvested in another state count toward a hunters' daily and possession limits.

POSSESSION LIMIT

The total limit of a specific migratory game bird species that may be in your possession at any time, whether on your person or stored at another location, including your home or taxidermist.

OTHER SEASON NOTES

DOVE

Eurasian collared doves resemble mourning doves but possess a black slash across the back of their necks. Hunters should not continue to hunt for Eurasian collared doves after reaching the 15-bird daily dove bag limit. Eurasian collared doves cleaned in the field count toward the 15-bird daily dove bag limit. If the head and/or wing remains attached during transport or in the field, hunters may take unlimited numbers of Eurasian collared doves.

CROW

Mechanical devices and electronic attracting devices for crow hunting may only be used during the open season. Crows observed committing or about to commit acts of depredation may be taken year-round; however, persons attempting to take depredating crows **must use U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approved non-toxic shot**, shall not use blinds, decoys, calls or other lures to attract birds into shooting range during the closed season.

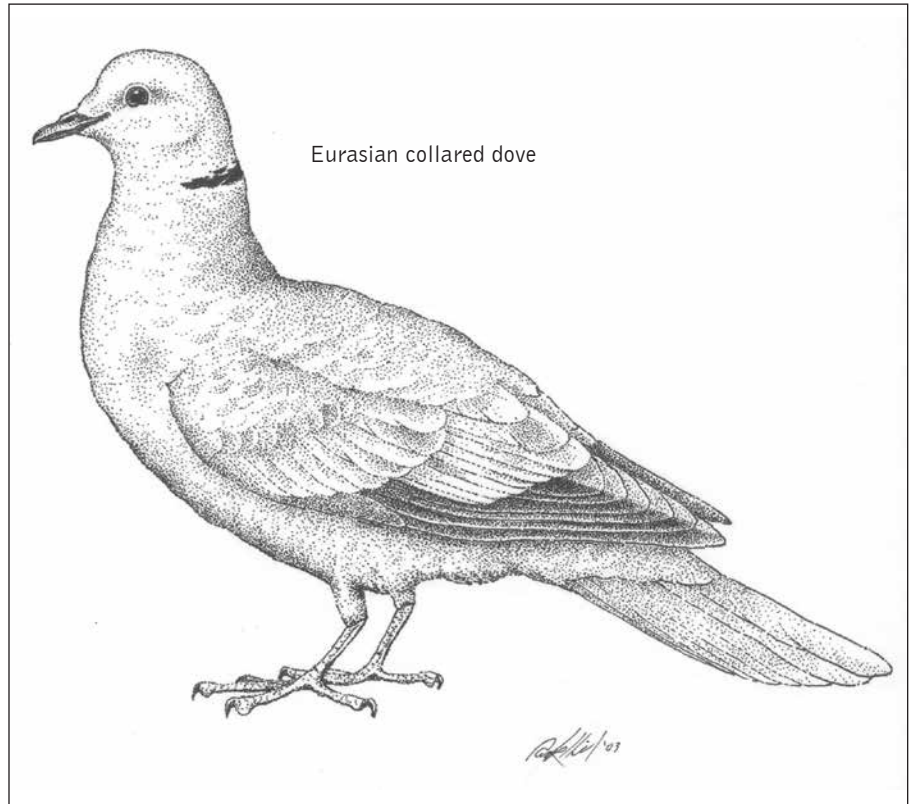
EARLY WOOD DUCK, TEAL and CANADA GOOSE

USFWS-approved non-toxic shot no larger than size T is required for all waterfowl hunting. Hunters may not possess or use lead shot while hunting or attempting to take waterfowl.

SEPTEMBER CANADA GOOSE

The following areas are closed during this season:

1. Cave Run Lake: Cave Run Lake and



Eurasian collared dove

the public land inside the boundary of KY 801, KY 1274, KY 36, KY 211, U.S. 60 and KY 826 remain closed during the September Canada Goose season. The other areas of the Northeast Goose Zone are now open to hunting during the September Canada Goose season.

2. Ballard Zone: The portion of Ballard County north or west of the Ballard-McCracken County line to Hwy. 358; Hwy. 358 to U.S. 60; U.S. 60 to the city limits of Wickliffe; the city limits of Wickliffe to the center of the Mississippi River. Private lands in this zone are open to this season, public lands re-

main closed.

3. West Kentucky WMA: This wildlife management area is closed to the September Canada Goose season.

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YOUTH WATERFOWL DAYS

Two weekends, one in each duck zone, have been designated for youth only to waterfowl hunt. Hunters under age 16 may take a legal limit of ducks, coots, mergansers and geese on these days. See the Waterfowl Hunting section online for additional information.

PUBLIC HUNTING

2021 PUBLIC DOVE FIELDS

WMAs and Cooperative Fields

Cooperative fields in the cooperative dove field program are open for public dove hunting Sept. 1, but will be closed Sept. 2 - 3, reopening Sept. 4 - Oct. 26, 2021. Private cooperative fields are closed to public access except on the dates listed above.

Prior to the season, hunters may drive by private cooperative fields but may not leave their vehicles to scout.

Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) are open during regular seasons under statewide regulations unless otherwise specified in this guide. Field conditions may vary considerably, even on the same WMA. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife recommends hunters scout fields to ensure they are ready for the time you plan to

hunt. All public WMA dove fields will be closed to all access from Aug. 15 until sun-

Dove fields near you

Click on the "More" tab, followed by "Maps", "Game Maps," then "Public Dove Fields." You may also find them using this link: <https://arcg.is/1DLrni0>

rise Sept. 1. All scouting must be done from the road or parking lot.

When hunting a public area, hunt safely and be courteous of others. Do not leave trash behind. The future of the cooperative dove field program depends on you.

WESTERN KENTUCKY

Ballard County

- Ballard WMA: Five fields. Travel approximately 16 miles on U.S. 60 west from Paducah, then turn right onto KY 310. Travel about 6 miles to stop sign and cross KY 358, continuing on KY 310 to stop sign at KY 1105. Cross KY 1105 onto Mitchell Lake Rd (Turner Landing Road) then travel about 1 mile. Go through the gate at Oscar. Field 1 is a wheat field on the right. Field 2 is a wheat field next to a grain bin. Field 3 is the wheat field to the north of Field 1. Field 4 is a millet field. Travel past Field 1, crossing Mitchell Lake Dam, and turn right at the crossroads. Field is ¼ mile on the right. Field 5 is a wheat field. Travel past field 1, crossing Mitchell Lake Dam, the field is just past Lower Beaver Dam Slough on the left. Signs will be posted for all fields. *U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS)-approved, non-toxic shot only for all fields.*
- Boatwright WMA (sunflower field): Take U.S. 60 west from Paducah to Barlow. At the blinking light in Barlow, turn right onto N 4th St. Go one block (0.1 miles) and turn left on Holloway Landing Road. Stay on it 2.8 miles, then turn right on Sallie Crice Rd. In 1.6 miles, turn left at Olmsted unit sign and follow for 0.9 miles to yellow gate. Parking lot is on left. Walk through the gate and field is on the right. *USFWS-approved, non-toxic shot only.*

Carlisle County

- Doug Travis WMA (10 acres, sunflowers): From Bardwell, take KY 123 west to Berkley, then turn right on Fish Lake Road for 5.3 miles. Turn right onto gravel WMA road for 0.3 miles. Field is on the right. *USFWS-approved, non-toxic shot only.*

Graves County

- VPA Cooperator Field, 47 acres hemp: From Mayfield, travel south on KY 303 for approximately 11 miles and turn right onto Elmos Rd. Continue 1.9 miles; field will be on the left. Field opens Sept. 4 and will remain open until Oct. 26.

Special closings



Indicates a Mentor/Youth Hunt site, where all or part of the area is reserved for Mentor/Youth Hunt participants on certain dates. Reservations are required for these hunts. See page 6 for more information, or call 1-800-858-1549 or visit fw.ky.gov.

- VPA Cooperator Field, 58 acres hemp, 9 acres tobacco field sown with cover crop: From Mayfield, travel south on KY 303 for approximately 16.2 miles; fields will be on both sides of road. Field opens Sept. 4 and will remain open until Oct. 26.

McCracken County

- West Kentucky WMA, Tract 1 (10 acres, sunflowers): From Paducah, U.S. 60 west to Future City, turn right (north) onto KY 996 for 1½ miles. Left at stop sign onto KY 725 for 1 mile; field on right. Tract 4 and 4A (Tract 4, 10 acres, sunflowers; Tract 4A, 6 acres, burned wheat): From Paducah, U.S. 60 west for 10½ miles from I-24, turn right (north) onto Bethel Church Rd, travel about 3¼ miles, turn right onto gravel WMA road for 0.6 mile to mobility-impaired accessible pond. Fields are directly north and east of pond. Hunters in Tract 4A must sign in at check-in box at field before hunting. Tract 5 (two fields, 12 acres and 11 acres, both sunflowers): From Paducah, take U.S. 60 west to Future City, then right (north) onto KY 996, for 3½ miles, then left (west) onto KY 358 for 1.7 miles. Turn right (north) onto Boldry School Rd for about 1 mile, turn left onto first gravel WMA road for ¼ mile. First field is on the right. Second field is about ¼ mile farther north on Boldry School Road, on the right (east) side.
- Cooperator Field: Take Exit 11 off I-24 at Paducah and travel south on KY 1954 (Husband Rd) approximately ½ mile and turn left onto Lyndon Rd. Travel 1.94 miles to intersection at the stop sign. Continue straight ahead onto Sheehan Bridge Rd. Dove field parking area will be 1.1 miles ahead on the left. Field will be open Sept. 1, but will be closed Sept. 2-3. Field reopens Sept. 4 and will remain open until Oct. 26.
- VPA Cooperator Field, 19 acres mixed hemp/grain/other habitat: From I-24 in Paducah, take Exit 3 and go west on KY 305 (Cairo Rd/Old Cairo Rd) for

1.8 miles. Turn right onto KY 358 W then continue for 3.4 miles to the stop sign at the T-intersection. Turn right onto KY 996/KY 358W for 0.3 miles; turn left onto KY 358 W and continue for 7.5 miles. Turn left onto Vaughn Rd; field will be 0.6 miles on the left. Field will be open Sept. 1, but will be closed Sept. 2-3. Field reopens Sept. 4 and will remain open until Oct. 26.

Livingston County

- Livingston County WMA: From Salem, take KY 133 N (Lola Rd) 13.8 miles. Turn left on Hughes Rd and parking area will be approximately ½ mile through the yellow gate and on the right. From Smithland, take U.S. 60 E for 3.3 miles and turn left onto KY 137 towards Birdsville/Bayou. Continue 15.3 miles; at the stop sign, turn right onto KY 133 S/KY 137 (Lola Rd). In approximately 1.3 miles, turn right onto Hughes Rd. Parking area will be ½ mile ahead, through yellow gate on right.

WEST CENTRAL KENTUCKY

Barren County

- Barren River Lake WMA (25 acre field): From U.S. 31 E, turn north on Hwy 1318 towards Lucas, turn left on S. Lucas Rd. Travel 1.6 miles to the Goose Island Unit entrance on the right.

Breckinridge County

- Yellowbank WMA: 20 miles north of Hardinsburg on KY 259; 20 miles west of Brandenburg on KY 144 to KY 259. Two fields, see map at Information Station. Tract 1 is 18 acres; Tract 4 field is 15 acres. *USFWS-approved, non-toxic shot only on Tract 4.*

Crittenden County

- Big Rivers WMA (25 acre field): From Sturgis, take KY 365 South 2½ miles into Crittenden County. Field will be on the right, 100 yards south of the WMA office.


Henderson County

- Sloughs WMA: Field 1 (34 acres): From the Sloughs WMA office, field is located across the road from office on the north side of KY 268. Parking available within office parking lot and along boat ramp access road which is ¼ mile on right past WMA office off KY 268. Field 2 (25 acres): From Mt Vernon/Uniontown Rd, turn on Grant Line Road heading toward Grassy Pond. Travel ½ mile; field will be on the right. Parking available along gravel road. *USFWS-approved, non-toxic shot only.*

Muhlenberg/Ohio counties

- Peabody WMA: Sinclair Unit, three fields (24 acres); Ken Unit, three fields (33 acres). User permit required for Peabody WMA access. Call (270) 476-1889 for more information.

Union County

-  Higginson-Henry WMA: *Mentor/Youth Field (28 acres; 25 slots, apply online Aug. 2-13). Field is closed by signs through Sept. 3 for the Mentor/Youth hunt held on Sept. 4. Field opens to the general public on Sept. 5.* From the intersection of KY 56 and KY 141, go south on KY 141 for 0.6 mile. Field is on the right. Field 2 (19 acres): From the intersection of KY 56 and KY 141, go east on KY 56 for 0.8 mile and turn left on gravel road. Travel ¾ miles and turn left at signs that lead to field.
- Big Rivers WMA (50 acres): From Sturgis, take KY 109 west. Turn left (west) onto KY 1508. Travel 1.4 miles, field will be located on the left.

CENTRAL KENTUCKY

Franklin County

- T.N. Sullivan WMA: From Frankfort, take U.S. 127 north for 4.1 miles to a right onto Steele Branch Rd. and proceed to the "T" with Old Owenton Rd. Turn left and travel 0.4 mile to a right onto KY 1262 (Sullivan Lane) for ¾ mile to WMA. Follow signs to field.

Grant County

- Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA: Two fields. Take Crittenden exit from I-75. Follow U.S. 25 south to KY 491, turn left across railroad tracks and take immediate right onto Wildlife Rd.

Harrison County

- Griffith Woods WMA: From I-75, take Georgetown Exit 126 and travel east on U.S. 62 toward Cynthiana. Field is on the left ½ mile past KY 353/Russell Cave Rd. Located approximately 15 miles east of Georgetown and 25 miles northeast of Lexington.

Henry County

- Kentucky River WMA, Welch Tract: U.S. 421 to KY 561, 1 mile west of Gest (near Lock 3). *USFWS-approved, non-toxic shot only.*

LaRue County

- Rolling Fork WMA: Take Exit 21 off Bluegrass Parkway for U.S. 31E, turn left off exit ramp towards Hodgenville, and travel south for 18 miles. Turn left onto KY 84E; in 12 miles turn right onto KY

462. Travel 6.8 miles then turn right onto Levelwoods Rd. Field is on the left in 3.2 miles, just past Warren Rd.

Madison County

- Miller Welch-Central Kentucky WMA: 9 miles southeast of Richmond. From U.S. 421 at Kingston, take a left (east) onto KY 3376 (Dreyfus Rd) for about 2 miles. Turn right (south) onto Muddy Creek Rd (just past WMA office) to dove fields on right.


Mercer County

- Cooperator Dove Field: Take Exit 59A off Bluegrass Parkway (toward Harrodsburg/Danville), travel south on U.S. 127 for 2 miles. Turn right onto Wheat School Rd and travel 1.4 miles; turn right onto Bondville Rd. Travel approximately 2 miles, turn right onto Hawkins Lane. Follow signs to field on the right. Field will be open Sept. 1, but will be closed Sept. 2-3. Field reopens Sept. 4 and will remain open until October 26.
- Cooperator Dove Field: Take exit 59A off Bluegrass Parkway (toward Harrodsburg/Danville), travel south on U.S. 127 for 3.8 miles and turn right onto Kirkwood Road. Travel ¼ mile and turn right onto Bondville Road, then turn right onto Crews Street. Field will be on the right. Field will be open Sept 1, but will be closed Sept. 2-3. Field reopens Sept. 4 and will remain open until Oct. 26.

Nelson County

- Rolling Fork WMA: Take Exit 21 off Bluegrass Parkway for U.S. 31E, turn left off exit ramp towards Hodgenville, and travel south for 18 miles. Turn left onto KY 84E, field will be on the right in 8½ miles.

Owen County

-  Kentucky River WMA: Gilbert Tract: *Mentor/Youth Field (20 slots, apply online Aug. 2-13). Field is closed by signs through Sept. 3 for the Mentor/Youth hunt held on Sept. 4. Field opens to the general public on Sept. 5.* From U.S. 127, take KY 355. Travel 5½ miles and turn onto Browns Bottom Road. Travel 2.4 miles to WMA and follow signs to parking. *USFWS-approved, non-toxic shot only.* Roberts Tract: From U.S. 127 take KY 355 and turn onto Old Landing Rd. Travel approx. 1 mile to WMA parking area on the left. Follow signs for parking. *USFWS-approved, non-toxic shot only.* Chesney Tract: From U.S. 127 take KY 355. Travel 2.6 miles to parking area on the left. *USFWS-approved, nontoxic shot only.*

Shelby County

- Cooperator Dove Field: U.S. 60 to KY 395, travel north about 3 miles, take left onto KY 1005 for 2 miles, then left onto Harley Thompson Rd for ¼ mile to field on right. Field will be open Sept 1, but will be closed Sept. 2 and 3, reopening Sept. 4 and remaining open until Oct. 26.

Spencer County

- Taylorsville Lake WMA: From Taylorsville travel east on KY 248 for 2.1 miles, turn right (south) onto KY 2239/Overlook Rd. Fields will be on the right with parking at first and second gravel lot.

NORTHEASTERN KENTUCKY

Bath County

- Clay WMA, Justice Tract: From I-64 at exit 110, take KY 11 north for 17.8 miles to a left onto Little Flat-Ledford Rd. Travel 0.7 mile to parking area on right.
- Cooperator Dove Field: From Owingsville, take KY 111 north for 6½ miles. Field on right on Old Wyoming Road. Field will be open Sept. 1, but will be closed Sept. 2 and 3, reopening Sept. 4 and remaining open until October 26.

Fleming County

- Clay WMA, Marietta Booth Tract: From Carlisle take KY 32 east for about 12 miles then right at WMA sign. Go 0.3 mile to WMA parking area on left.

Greenup County

- South Shore WMA: From South Shore take U.S. 23 east to a left (north) at the South Shore WMA sign for 0.4 mile. Field is adjacent to parking area. *USFWS-approved, non-toxic shot only.*

Johnson County

- Paintsville Lake WMA: From the Paintsville exit onto U.S. 23 in Johnson County, turn west onto KY 40 and travel 1.5 miles to the intersection with KY 172; turn right onto Route 172 West and travel 3.2 miles to Stonecoal Road; turn left on Stonecoal Road and travel 0.5 miles; then turn left onto Glade Branch Road and follow for 0.7 miles to where it dead ends at the WMA parking lot. The Auxier Flats fields are 1 mile beyond the gate at the Glade Branch parking lot. Gate will be open for vehicle access on Sept. 1 and Sept. 4-5. Four-wheel drive vehicles preferred. Walk-in access on other days. *USFWS-approved, non-toxic shot only.*

SOUTHEASTERN KENTUCKY

Adair County

- Cooperator Dove Field: From Columbia, take KY 551 north for 2.4 miles, turn left onto KY 682 (Holmes Bend Rd.) for 3.3 miles, turn left onto Demsey Lane and travel 0.4 miles to farm access at the end of the road. Field will be open Sept. 1, but will be closed Sept. 2 and 3, reopening Sept. 4 and remaining open until October 26.

Lincoln County

- Cooperator Dove Field: From Stanford, take U.S. 27 north for 0.16 mile to a left onto KY 590. Travel 1½ miles to a gravel

lane on left. Turn left and proceed to marked parking area. Field will be open Sept. 1, but will be closed Sept. 2 and 3, reopening Sept. 4 and remaining open until Oct. 26.

Green County



Mentor/Youth Field (25 slots, apply online Aug. 2-13). Field is closed by signs through Sept. 3 for the Mentor/Youth hunt held on Sept. 4. Field opens to the general public on Sept. 5 through Oct. 26. Take U.S. 68/70 south from Greensburg 5.9 miles; turn right onto KY 218 for 2 miles, then left onto Roy Bagby Rd. Field at the end of road on right.

Pulaski County

- Rockcastle River WMA: From Somerset, take KY 80 east for 13.2 miles, turn right onto Rocky Tree Road for 292 ft. and then turn left on KY 1675 for 4.7 miles to Acorn-Ano Road. Turn left on Acorn-Ano Road and travel 3.0 miles to the marked gravel parking area.

Taylor County

- Green River Lake WMA: From Campbellsville, take KY 70 east for 2.2 miles, turn left at bottom of hill onto dirt road (just before KY 76 intersection).

CLOSED AREAS

CLOSED TO MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING

1) The main block of Robinson Forest WMA; 2) the portion of Grayson Lake WMA within three-quarters of a mile of the dam, the Deer Creek Branch, the shores of Camp Webb and the state park; 3) the Greenbrier Creek Branch of Yatesville Lake, including all islands, north of the mouth of Greenbrier Creek Branch; 4) Land Between The Lakes NRA from Sept. 30 - Nov. 30.

CLOSED TO WATERFOWL HUNTING

All designated goose refuge lakes within the Western Kentucky coalfields region are closed to all waterfowl hunting.

WATERFOWL REFUGES

The following areas are waterfowl refuges: portion of Lake Cumberland WMA including Wesley Bend (bounded by Fishing Creek, Fishing Creek Road and Beech Grove Road) and Yellowhole (bounded by Fishing Creek Road and Hickory Nut Road) are closed to the public Oct. 15 - March 15. Ohio River Waterfowl Refuge (From Smithland Lock and Dam upstream to powerline crossing at river mile 911.5) is closed to hunting Oct. 15 - March 15 and Stewart Island is closed to the public Oct. 15 - March 15. On Peabody WMA, portions of Sinclair and Homestead mines as marked by signs are closed to the public Oct. 15 - March 15. On Sloughs WMA, the Sauerheber

Unit is closed to the public Nov. 1-March 15 except the Crenshaw and Duncan tracts which are open for waterfowl hunting only. The area of Yellowbank WMA posted by signs is closed to the public Oct. 15 - March 15.

REPORT A POACHER!

Call 1-800-25ALERT

(1-800-252-5378) to report wildlife law violators. This number is for reporting wildlife and boating violations or similar emergencies only. Operators are not equipped to handle routine requests for information or to transfer calls.

SPECIAL WMA RESTRICTIONS

Wildlife Management Areas not listed here or in the "Closed Areas" section are open under statewide regulations.

BALLARD WMA and SWAN LAKE PORTION of BOATWRIGHT WMA (Ballard County)

Dove: Sept. 1 - Oct. 13, 2021
Snipe: Sept. 18 - Oct. 13, 2021
Rails, Moorhens, Gallinules:
Sept. 1 - Oct. 13, 2021

No woodcock hunting permitted.

Areas designated by signs are closed to all hunting.

MILLER WELCH-CENTRAL KENTUCKY WMA

(Madison County)

Dove: Sept. 1 - Oct. 13, 2021
Snipe: Sept. 18 - Oct. 13, 2021

No woodcock hunting permitted.

PIONEER WEAPONS AREAS

Breech- and muzzle-loading shotguns

may be used to take wood ducks and teal on the shoreline portions of the Pioneer Weapons Areas at 1) Cave Run Lake, and 2) all waterfowl at Barren River Lake.

WEST KENTUCKY WMA (McCracken County)

Dove, snipe and woodcock: Open under statewide seasons, except closed during deer gun seasons. (WMA closed to September Canada goose season.)

OTHER HUNTING AREAS

The following areas have special seasons and regulations for all hunting. Contact the individual areas at the addresses and telephone numbers listed below.

FORT KNOX MILITARY RESERVATION

Hunt Control Office
4916 Wilson Road, Building 9297
Fort Knox, KY 40121
(502) 624-7311 or (502) 624-2712
<https://fiknox.isportsman.net>

FORT CAMPBELL MILITARY RESERVATION

6645 101st Airborne Division Road
Fort Campbell, KY 42223
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YOUTH HUNTING

MENTOR/YOUTH DOVE HUNTS

Fields set aside for Mentor/Youth hunts are open Sept. 4 only to pre-registered hunters. On this day, adult dove hunters can introduce a young hunter to the challenge and tradition of the early season dove hunt. Hunts require online pre-registration (see rules below for details). Thereafter, unreserved slots will be available on a first come, first served basis. Mentor/Youth dove fields on wildlife management areas reopen to the public Sept. 5. The following rules describe the hunt.

MENTOR/YOUTH HUNT RULES

1. Open only to adults accompanied by a youth (ages 15 and under), though not necessary for the youth to hunt.
2. Both mentor and youth can hunt, but must do so from the same field location

- (stake). All hunters must stay within 15 feet of their assigned shooting location. One adult may take two youths to these hunts. Two shotguns are allowed per stake. Each hunter is allowed 15 doves.
3. The number of hunters in Mentor/Youth Hunt fields will be strictly limited to ensure a safe and quality hunt.
4. Field slots will be available only by advanced registration ([click here](#)) from 8 a.m. EDT Aug. 2, until 4:30 p.m. EDT, Aug. 13. Unreserved slots will be available on a first come, first served basis at the field on the day of the hunt until all slots are filled.
5. Hunting groups *must check in prior to hunting and check out prior to leaving* the field with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife staff.
6. After the field is filled no new hunting groups will be allowed in.

7. Hunting groups in the field may move to different staked sites when the assigned group vacates that site.
8. Hunters *must* leave their guns at their shooting location (stake) when retrieving downed birds.
9. Shooting hours limited to 2-7 p.m., local time. All hunting groups must be out of the field by 7:30 p.m., local time.
10. All hunters will be responsible for cleaning up their shooting location (including empty shells) prior to leaving the field.
11. Mentors and youth must conduct themselves in a safe manner and abide by these and other rules posted at the hunt field. Failure to do so will result in termination of hunting privilege for that field that day.
12. Hunter education and licensing requirements apply.

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