



# TWRA NEWS

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**EARLY WOOD DUCK SEASON TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 13**

Tennessee’s early wood duck season will open thirty minutes before sunrise on Saturday, September 13, 2008, according to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA). The early wood duck season is set each year to coincide with the migration of blue-winged teal through the state.

Blue-wing teal migrate south earlier than any other North American duck, so the hunting season is usually set around the middle of September. Since wood ducks breed and nest in the state, they are present in large numbers and are included in the early season.

Tennessee’s early season will be September 13 through September 17, 2008. Shooting hours are one half hour before sunrise until sunset. Non-toxic shot is required and all shotguns must be plugged to hold no more than three shells. The limit is four ducks, but no more than two of the four may be wood ducks.

Tennessee residents must have either a Lifetime or Sportsman license or the Hunting and Fishing Combination license and a State waterfowl license. Nonresidents are required to have the appropriate nonresident license.

Youths 13 through 15 years of age must have a Junior Hunting license but are not required to have a State Waterfowl license. All hunters, sixteen years old and older, must have a Federal Migratory Waterfowl Stamp. All hunters born on or after January 1, 1969 must possess proof that they have successfully completed a hunter education course.

All migratory bird hunters (resident and nonresident) age 13-64 are required to have the Tennessee Migratory Bird Permit. This permit is available anywhere hunting and fishing licenses are sold.

For all information on hunting in Tennessee, go to [www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org).

### **TENNESSEE'S DEER ARCHERY SEASON OPENS SEPTEMBER 27**

Tennessee's 2008 deer archery season will open across the state on Saturday morning, September 27, according to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA).

The archery season dates in Unit A and Unit L (Middle and West Tenn.) this year will be September 27 – October 24, October 27-October 31, November 10-21 and December 15 - December 19.

Unit B (East Tenn.) will be September 27 – October 24, October 27 - October 31 and November 10-21.

The TWRA urges all archery hunters to pick up a *2008 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide* to review and become familiar with the counties and bag limits for each of the different deer management units.

Hunters are reminded that they must possess the appropriate licenses and permits.

Hunters born on or after January 1, 1969 must also have, in their possession, proof they have successfully completed a hunter education course.

Check out the TWRA web page ([www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org)) for a list of classes.

### **FIRST SEGMENT OF DOVE SEASON CLOSES SEPTEMBER 26**

The first segment of the 2008 dove season comes to a close on September 26, 2008. The second segment will begin on October 11th.

The majority of doves harvested in Tennessee are taken the first week of the season. Results this year have been mixed. Opening day results were good in some areas and poor in others.

The remaining statewide dove seasons for 2008 - 2009 are:

October 11 - October 26, bag limit 15  
December 19 - January 15, 2009, bag limit 15

For all information on the 2008-2009 small game seasons, pick up a 2008 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide. Guides are available at all locations that sell hunting and fishing licenses and at all TWRA Regional Offices. Or go online at [www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org)