

LEGAL GAME SPECIES, MEANS AND METHODS, BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS

All public users must obey regulations listed in the Map Booklet or posted at an area. Regulations concerning seasons, bag and possession limits, and the means and methods of taking wildlife resources, will generally conform to those established by the TPW Commission or the Executive Director, along with those in effect for the county or counties where individual units are located except where specific exceptions are made in this publication or posted at an area. Additional information concerning **hunting seasons, bag and possession limits, and lawful means and methods** are found in the current Texas Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Annual, Migratory Game Bird Digests, and Furbearing Animal Regulation Leaflet. Updates will be posted on the TPWD Web site as they become available: www.tpwd.state.tx.us. Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification is required for hunting any type of migratory game birds.

LEGAL GAME LEGENDS

Each map has a Legal Game legend or Legal Game box, which will list the legal species that may be hunted, special regulations, and important notices about access to the unit. In some cases, there may be more than one legend or box on the map. These regulations may, in some cases, vary from those established for the county in which the property lies. It is important to read and follow the Prohibited Acts and the information in the Legal Game legends to insure a safe and legal hunting experience on public hunting lands.

LEGAL GAME AVAILABLE

White-tailed Deer	Feral Hogs	Turkey
Dove	Waterfowl	Sandhill Crane
Rail, Snipe, Gallinule, and Woodcock	Quail	Pheasant
Chachalaca	Furbearers	Squirrel
Predators (bobcats and coyotes only)	Rabbits and Hares	Frogs
Fish	Crayfish	

Not all species may be taken on all units. Refer to the Legal Game legends on individual unit maps to determine which species may be taken on each unit. **If a species or season is not listed in the Legal Game box, there is no hunting allowed for that species or by that particular means on the unit.** Example, if under deer there is only an archery season listed, then there is no gun hunting allowed for deer on that area.

White-tailed deer bag limits are **the total number of deer that may be harvested for all seasons combined.** You must have the appropriate license tag available for use in order to take a deer from these units. Several public hunting areas have **antler restrictions.** Refer to the individual unit maps for more information.

On most U.S. Forest Service units during the general (gun) season, an antlerless deer may be taken only with a **USFS Antlerless Deer Permit** or a **Youth Only USFS Antlerless Deer Permit** obtained in advance from the U.S. Forest Service. The Youth Only USFS Antlerless Deer Permit is not required during the Special Youth Only deer seasons. See "Additional Restrictions in Effect on U.S. Forest Service Units" on pages xiii-xiv for more information. **Antlerless white-tailed deer** may be taken on most units during the archery only season, youth only seasons, and during the special muzzleloader season.

The **Youth Waterfowl Season** refers to the special season for youth hunters age 15 years or younger established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. For those units designated "**Waterfowl: specified days only, legal hours until noon only,**" the legal shooting hours for waterfowl will begin 30 minutes before official sunrise and end at noon. All species of waterfowl may be taken during the listed times and dates provided there is an open season established for those species. Dates shown in the Legal Game boxes of individual unit maps for hunting all migratory game birds are tentative pending approval of hunting seasons by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification is required for hunting any type of migratory game birds.

On units which have a spring season for **Eastern turkey**, all harvested turkey must be checked at an Eastern turkey check station within 24 hours of harvest. Harvested turkey may be field dressed but must otherwise remain intact. For a listing of turkey check stations, contact a local TPWD office or visit the TPWD Web site at: www.tpwd.state.tx.us.

Refer to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Annual for more information about the additional permit that is required to hunt **sandhill cranes.**

Unless otherwise specified for a specific unit, **shooting hours for feral hogs, rabbits, and hares** will be restricted to daylight hours only, and furbearers and predators may be taken anytime day or night (unless restricted in the Legal Game box).

The bag limit for **frogs** per 24-hour period (midnight to midnight) is 25 frogs of all species combined.

Black bears have been seen on or around some public hunting lands in East and West Texas. Hunters are reminded that black bears are protected and may not be harmed or killed. Please report black bear sightings or mortalities to the appropriate wildlife district office.

DEFINITIONS

The following abbreviations, words and terms, when used in this publication, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

Airboat—A boat propelled mechanically by movement of air, including, but not limited to a fan, propeller, or jet.

All terrain vehicle (ATV)—Any vehicle meeting the definition of an ATV under Transportation Code, §663.001. A defined ATV means a motor vehicle that is: equipped with a saddle for the use of the rider and a passenger, if the motor vehicle is designed by the manufacturer to transport a passenger; designed to propel itself with three or four tires in contact with the ground, designed by the manufacturer for off-highway use by the operator and not designed by the manufacturer for farming or lawn care.

Authorized supervising adult—A parent, legal guardian, or individual at least 18 years of age who assumes liability and responsibility for a minor.

Baiting—The placement of minerals, vegetative materials, or other food substances used as an attractant for wildlife.

Big game—Native species of deer, turkey, and exotic mammals.

Camping—the use of public hunting lands for overnight accommodation, which includes sleeping, the storage of unattended personal possessions, or the use of a motor vehicle as lodging.

Concurrent hunt—A hunt that maintains the same permit requirements, hunt dates, means and methods, or shooting hours or combinations thereof, for one or more species of animal, as designated and subject to any special provisions.

Daylight hours—The period from 30 minutes before official sunrise to 30 minutes after official sunset.

Designated campsite—An area identified by signs or Public Hunting Lands literature for camping and camping activities.

Designated road—A constructed roadway indicated as being open to the public by either signs posted to that effect or by current TPWD Public Hunting Lands maps and leaflets and not identified as a closed road by signs, gate, or blocked at entrance, but does not include county or state roads or highways.

Disabled person—A paraplegic or a person who possesses a state-issued placard or license plate issued to that person under the provisions of Transportation Code, Chapter 681.

Exotic mammals—Non-indigenous (non-native) wild mammals, including but not limited to exotic ungulates, feral goats, feral sheep, feral hogs, European wild hogs, and crosses thereof.

General season—A specified time period or designated days within a specified time period, during which any legal means or methods (as designated) may be used to take the designated species.

Hunt—To capture, trap, take or kill and includes any attempt to capture, trap, take or kill.

Immediate supervision—Control of the actions of a minor by an authorized supervising adult issuing verbal instruction in a normal voice level.

Limited Public Use (LPU) Permit—A permit, valid from issuance date through the following August 31, which allows access to designated wildlife management areas and public hunting lands at the same times that access is provided by an APH permit.

Loaded firearm—A firearm containing a live round of ammunition within the chamber and/or magazine or, if muzzleloading, one which has a cap on the nipple or a priming charge in the pan.

Minor age participant—An individual less than 17 years of age.

Motorboat—Any vessel being propelled by machinery, but does not include a boat being propelled solely by paddle, pole, oar, or wind.

Motor vehicle—A self propelled vehicle that can be used to transport persons or property on a highway as defined by Transportation Code, Chapter 541.

Off-highway vehicle (OHV)—An all-terrain vehicle (ATV), off-highway motorcycle, or any other four wheel drive vehicle not registered to be driven on a highway.

Off-road vehicle (ORV)—An ATV, a utility vehicle, a vehicle that may not lawfully be operated on a public roadway, or any vehicle that is manufactured or adapted for off-road use.

On-site registration—The requirement for public users to register at designated places upon entry and exit from specified public hunting lands.

Predatory animals—Bobcats and coyotes.

Recreational use—Any use or activity other than hunting or fishing.

Small game—Game birds (other than turkey), squirrel, rabbits and hares, furbearers, predatory animals, fish, frogs, crayfish, and other legal wild fauna not classified as big game.

SNA—State Natural Area.

SP—State Park.

Waterfowl—Ducks (including teal), mergansers, coots, and geese.

WMA—Wildlife Management Area.

Wildlife resources—Game animals, game birds, furbearing animals, alligators, marine mammals, frogs, fish, crayfish, other aquatic life, exotic animals, predatory animals, rabbits and hares, and other wild fauna.

Youth—Individuals age 16 or younger for hunting all species, except for waterfowl during the Special Waterfowl Season for Youth Hunters dates established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Youth hunters during these Special Waterfowl season dates must be age 15 or younger to participate.