

decoys powered or operated by batteries or any other source of electricity is unlawful in Pennsylvania, except during the light goose conservation seasons. Also, the use of any sort of artificial substance or product as bait or an attractant is prohibited.

**Webless Migratory Game Bird Seasons**

As usual, Sept. 1 will mark the beginning of dove season statewide. The first segment of the season will run through Oct. 7, with shooting hours from noon until sunset throughout this segment. It will then re-open on Oct. 14, which is the first day of the statewide openers for squirrels, rabbits and ruffed grouse, and run through Nov. 25, which is the closing day for squirrels, rabbits, grouse, and pheasants. The final dove season segment runs from Dec. 23 through Jan. 1. Dove hunting hours during the second and third season segments are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. For all three segments the daily bag limit has been set at 15, with a possession limit of 45.

Pennsylvania's woodcock and common snipe seasons both open on Oct. 14 and close on Nov. 25. Daily limits are 3 woodcock and 8 snipe, with possession limits three times the respective daily bag limits.

Virginia and sora rail hunting will run from Sept. 1 to Nov. 9. Bag limits, singly or combined, are three daily and nine in possession. The season for king and clapper rails remains closed.

Hunting for gallinules also runs from Sept. 1 to Nov. 9, and the bag limits are 3 daily and 9 in possession.

Migratory game bird hunters, including those afield for doves and woodcock, are required to obtain and carry a Pennsylvania migratory game bird license (\$3.90 for residents, \$6.90 for nonresidents), as well as a general hunting, combination or lifetime license.

Hunting hours for woodcock, snipe, rails, and gallinules are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

**PHEASANT:** Special season for eligible junior hunters, with or without required license – Oct. 7-14 (2 daily, 6 in possession). Male pheasants only in WMUs 2A, 2C, 4C, 4E, 5A and 5B. Male and female pheasants may be taken in all other WMUs. There is no open season for taking pheasants in Wild Pheasant Recovery Areas, except within the Central Susquehanna Wild Pheasant Recovery Area, as authorized by executive order.

**PHEASANT:** Male only in WMUs 2A, 2C, 4C, 4E, 5A and 5B. Male and female may be taken in all other WMUs – Oct. 21-Nov. 25, Dec. 11-23 and Dec. 26-Feb. 28 (2 daily, 6 in possession). There is no open season for taking pheasants in Wild Pheasant Recovery Areas, except within the Central Susquehanna Wild Pheasant Recovery Area, as authorized by executive order.

**BOBWHITE QUAIL:** Oct. 14-Feb. 28 (8 daily, 24 possession).

**WISCONSIN**

**Adopt a Wildlife Area helps Wisconsin Waterfowl Association volunteers receive valuable training**

Wisconsin Waterfowl Association volunteers received valuable training to assist Department of Natural Resources staff with management efforts at Rome Pond Wildlife Area through the Adopt a Wildlife Area program.

As part of the training, volunteers from Jefferson, Waukesha and West Bend received instruction in proper chainsaw use and techniques. Following training, brush and willow removal took place near the north launch of Rome Pond.



**WWA volunteers, including TJ Schnulle, Todd Berger, Brent Berger, Greg Tubbs, Tom Seibert, Don Guenther, Ron Churchill, Anne Churchill, and Kevin Banaszak received chainsaw training from a certified instructor to help with management efforts at Rome Pond Wildlife Area. Photo Credit: DNR**

“Every volunteer walked away with invaluable instruction and a feeling of great accomplishment helping this state-owned wildlife area.” said Mike Alaimo, a WWA member. “The six hours of instruction and continued field training led to the completion of an important project.”

Adopt a Wildlife Area provides a positive impact to the environment while giving people of all ages and interests an opportunity to participate in hands-on conservation work. Future improvements at Rome Pond Wildlife Area and other DNR properties are planned as this great partnership continues to grow.

**Adopt a Wildlife Area**

Wisconsin State Fisheries Areas, Wildlife Areas, Flowages, Wild Rivers and Riverways provide critical fish and wildlife habitat along with outstanding nature based recreation. Adopt a Wildlife Area participants receive a firsthand look at how the department uses management goals to maintain thousands of acres of property throughout Wisconsin and play a key role in enhancing wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities for others to enjoy.

Key adoption activities include habitat enhancements, invasive species control, nest box construction, trail and facility maintenance, and more. All safety and maintenance equipment, training, and certification is provided by the department.

Those interested in adopting a State Fish or Wildlife Area can participate individually, or as part of a group - please submit an application [PDF] at the nearest DNR office location.

To learn more about adopting a Wisconsin Wildlife Area, visit the department website, [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov), and search keyword “volunteer.”

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