

**CHAPTER 6240**  
**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**MIGRATORY BIRDS**

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**6240.1000 TAKING GEESE IN SOUTHEAST GOOSE ZONE.**

**Subpart 1. Zone.** The Southeast Goose Zone is comprised of Isanti, Chisago, Washington, Anoka, Hennepin, Carver, Scott, Ramsey, Dakota, Rice, Goodhue, Wabasha, Winona, Olmsted, Dodge, Steele, Freeborn, Mower, Fillmore, and Houston counties.

**Subp. 2. Seasons.** Canada and white-fronted geese and brant may be taken during the 70-day period beginning the Saturday on or nearest October 1. In Olmsted County and in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Goose Zone, Canada geese may also be taken in the late season as provided in part 6240.1900, subpart 3.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97B.731; 97B.803*

**History:** *20 SR 2287*

**6240.1100 TAKING GEESE IN REMAINDER OF STATE.**

The remainder of the state consists of all areas not within the Southeast, Northwest, and West Goose Zones. Canada and white-fronted geese and brant may be taken during the 50-day period beginning the Saturday on or nearest October 1.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97B.731; 97B.803*

**History:** *20 SR 2287*

**6240.1150 TAKING SNOW, BLUE, and ROSS' GEESE.**

Snow, blue, and Ross' geese may be taken statewide during the 80-day period beginning the Saturday on or nearest October 1, except that the season in the Lac qui Parle Goose Zone will be closed when the season for Canada and white-fronted geese is closed.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97B.731; 97B.803*

**History:** *20 SR 2287*

**6240.1850 GAME REFUGES OPEN TO THE TAKING OF GEESE.**

The Douglas County Goose Refuge in Douglas County, the Otter Tail County Goose Refuge in Otter Tail County, the Fox Lake Game Refuge in Martin County, the Sauk Rapids-Rice Goose Refuge in Benton County, and the St. James Game Refuge in Watonwan County are open to Canada goose hunting during the early goose season and as follows:

A. The Douglas County Goose Refuge, the Otter Tail County Goose Refuge, and the Sauk Rapids-Rice Goose Refuge are open to goose hunting during the 50-day period beginning the Saturday on or nearest October 1. Those portions of the Douglas County Goose Refuge and Otter Tail County Goose Refuge south of Interstate Highway 94 are closed to Canada goose hunting when the West Goose Zone is closed. Taking waterfowl from public roads and their rights-of-way is prohibited.

B. The Fox Lake Game Refuge and the Saint James Game Refuge are open to goose hunting during the last eight days of the goose season in the remainder of the state as described in part 6240.1100.

C. The Douglas County Goose Refuge and the Otter Tail County Goose Refuge are open to Canada goose hunting during the late goose season in the Fergus Falls/Alexandria Zone as described in part 6240.1900, subpart 3. Taking waterfowl from public roads and their rights-of-way is prohibited.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97B.731; 97B.803*

**History:** *20 SR 2287*

**6240.1900 LATE SEASON FOR TAKING GEESE.**

*[For text of subps 1 and 2, see M.R.]*

Subp. 3. **Seasons.** Canada geese may be taken in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Canada Goose Zone and in Olmsted County from December 15 through December 24. Canada geese may be taken in the Fergus Falls/Alexandria Goose Zone during the ten-day period beginning the second Saturday in December. Taking Canada geese on or within 100 yards of all surface waters, excluding ice, is prohibited in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Canada Goose Zone during the late season.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97B.731; 97B.803*

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