

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

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**6240.0250 TAKING MOURNING DOVES.**

Subpart 1. **Open season.** Mourning doves may be taken during the 60-day period beginning September 1.

Subp. 2. **Daily limit.** A person may not take more than 15 mourning doves per day during the open season.

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

**History:** *35 SR 505*

**6240.0400 TAKING OF RAILS.**

Subpart 1. **Open season.** Sora and Virginia rails may be taken from September 1 to the end of woodcock season as prescribed under part 6240.0300. King rails may not be taken or possessed.

*[For text of subp 2, see M.R.]*

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

**History:** *34 SR 621*

**6240.0500 TAKING OF COMMON SNIPE.**

Subpart 1. **Open season.** Common snipe may be taken from September 1 to the end of woodcock season as prescribed under part 6240.0300.

Subp. 2. **Daily limit.** A person may not take more than eight common snipe per day during the open season.

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

**History:** *34 SR 621*

**6240.0610 YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS.**

Subpart 1. **Dates, eligibility, and license requirements.** Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and Canada geese may be taken statewide on the Saturday nearest September 17 by hunters 15 years of age or younger. An adult mentor 18 years of age or older, who is authorized by the youth's parent or guardian, must accompany the youth hunter at all times during the hunt. The accompanying adult may not hunt. No hunting license or waterfowl stamps are required.

*[For text of subps 2 and 3, see M.R.]*

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97B.112*

**History:** *34 SR 621*

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## 6240.1200 SPECIAL PROVISIONS ON TAKING GEESE DURING EARLY SEASONS.

Subpart 1. **Taking near water.**

A. Taking Canada geese during the early seasons is prohibited on or within 100 yards of all surface waters in the following areas:

- (1) the Northwest Goose Zone;
- (2) all of the Carlos Avery Wildlife Management Area, including that portion outside the Twin Cities Metro Goose Zone;
- (3) the Swan Lake area in Nicollet County, within the boundary described as follows:

Beginning at the junction of State Trunk Highway (STH) 14 and County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 12 north along CSAH 12 to CSAH 5; thence east along CSAH 5 to CSAH 13; thence south along CSAH 13 to STH 99; thence west along STH 99 to CSAH 17; thence south along CSAH 17 to STH 14; thence northwest and west along STH 14 to CSAH 12; and

- (4) Ocheda Lake Game Refuge, Nobles County.

*[For text of item B, see M.R.]*

*[For text of subp 2, see M.R.]*

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97A.091; 97B.803*

**History:** *35 SR 505*

## 6240.1700 TAKING GEESE IN SOUTHEAST ZONE EARLY SEASON.

*[For text of subp 1, see M.R.]*

Subp. 2. **Daily limit.** A person may not take more than five Canada geese per day during the early season.

*[For text of subp 3, see M.R.]*

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

**History:** *35 SR 505*

## 6240.1750 TAKING GEESE IN NORTHWEST GOOSE ZONE.

Subpart 1. **Open season.** The open season for taking Canada geese in the Northwest Goose Zone, described in part 6240.0860, begins the first Saturday in September, except the season begins on Sunday, September 1, in any year when the first Saturday falls on September 7. The season closes on September 22.

Subp. 2. **Daily limits.** A person may not take more than five Canada geese per day during the early season.

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

**History:** *34 SR 621*

## 6240.1850 REFUGES OPEN TO THE TAKING OF GEESE.

*[For text of subp 1, see M.R.]*

Subp. 2. **Game refuges.** The Fox Lake Game Refuge in Martin County and the Saint James Game Refuge in Watonwan County are open to goose hunting during the first three days of the regular goose season in the respective zones in which they are located. The Fox Lake Game Refuge is open to goose hunting from the last Saturday of the December Canada goose season to the end of the goose season in the zone in which it is located, except there is no goose hunting within 100 yards of Fox and Temperence Lakes.

Subp. 3. **Waterfowl refuges.** The Harstad Slough Waterfowl Refuge in Stevens County is open to Canada goose hunting during the early September goose season. The Mud-Bardwell Waterfowl Refuge in Martin County is open to Canada goose hunting from

the Saturday on or nearest November 1 to the end of the goose season in the zone in which it is located, except there is no goose hunting within 100 yards of Mud and Bardwell Lakes. The Rickert Lake Waterfowl Refuge in Steele County is open to Canada goose hunting during the early September goose season. The waterfowl sanctuary within this refuge is closed to hunting and trespass, as posted.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97A.091; 97B.803*

**History:** *34 SR 621*

**6240.2100 DESIGNATED MIGRATORY WATERFOWL FEEDING AND RESTING AREAS.**

Subpart 1. **Designation of entire lakes.** The following lakes are designated as migratory waterfowl feeding and resting areas:

	Name	Location	County
A.	Bakers Lake	T.114N; R.29W	McLeod
B.	Bear Lake	T.101N; R.22W	Freeborn
C.	Big Rice Lake	T.140, 141N; R.26W	Cass
D.	Cottonwood Lake	T.106N; R.25W	Blue Earth
E.	Diamond Lake	T.110N; R.23W	Le Sueur
F.	Dora Lake	T.110N; R.23W	Le Sueur
G.	Lake Johanna	T.123N; R.36W	Pope
H.	Lake Lillian	T.117N; R.33, 34W	Kandiyohi
I.	Little Puposky Lake	T.149N; R.33, 34W	Beltrami
J.	Mud Lake	T.131N; R.43W	Otter Tail
K.	Mud Lake	T.114N; R.26W	Sibley
L.	Nelson Lake	T.124N; R.38W	Pope
M.	Oakleaf Lake	T.110N; R.26W	Nicollet
N.	Pleasant Lake	T.113N; R.23W	Scott
O.	Puposky Lake	T.149N; R.33, 34W	Beltrami
P.	Rice Lake	T.148, 149N; R.27W	Itasca
Q.	Rice Lake	T.111N; R.23W	Le Sueur
R.	Sanborn Lake	T.112N; R.23W	Le Sueur
S.	Scotch Lake	T.110N; R.25W	Le Sueur
T.	Squaw Lake	T.148, 149N; R.27W	Itasca
U.	Tiger Lake	T.115N; R.26W	Carver
V.	Turtle Lake	T.148N; R.39W	Polk
W.	Unnamed Lake	T.114N; R.29W; S.28	McLeod
X.	Upper Rice Lake	T.145N; R.36, 37W	Clearwater
Y.	Wagonga Lake	T.118, 119N; R.34, 35W	Kandiyohi

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Z.	Washington Lake	T.114N; R.26W	Sibley
AA.	Goose Lake	T.143N; R.23W	Cass
BB.	Lake Henry	T.110N; R.25W	Le Sueur
CC.	Mud Lake	T.144N; R.23W	Cass
DD.	Thielke Lake	T.122N; R.46W	Big Stone

*[For text of subps 2 to 9, see M.R.]*

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97A.045; 97A.095*

**History:** *34 SR 621*