



2021 Mourning Dove Hunting Fact Sheet

The 2021 Nebraska dove season (mourning dove, Eurasian collared-dove, and white-winged dove) is Sept. 1 through Oct. 30.

- The aggregate daily bag and possession limits are 15 and 45, respectively.
- Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset, and doves must be shot in flight.
- Resident dove hunters 16 years and older, and all nonresidents, are required to have a 2021 small game hunting license and habitat stamp, as well as a 2021 Harvest Information Program registration number.
- HIP numbers are free and can be obtained by registering at OutdoorNebraska.org/hip/ or by contacting any Nebraska Game and Parks Commission district office or service center.
- State and federal duck stamps are NOT required to hunt doves.
- Eurasian collared-doves may be harvested between Oct. 31 and Aug. 31, with bag and possession limits of 15 and 45, respectively.

Dove hunters are encouraged to look for leg bands on any doves they harvest. Biologists in Nebraska and from across the country placed bands on thousands of doves during summer 2021, and hunters can play a vital role in dove management by reporting any bands they recover. To report recovered bands, visit reportband.gov. Nebraska is also partnering with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in collecting mourning dove wings from hunters. Randomly selected dove hunters from the HIP database will be asked to save one wing from each dove they harvest during the first week of the season and mail them, postage free, to the USFWS.

Sunflowers, millet, or wheat, which generally provide good dove hunting opportunities, have been planted at the wildlife management areas listed below. *Preseason scouting will improve your hunting success and is highly recommended.* Publicly accessible lands, including federal, state, and private lands enrolled in the Open Fields and Waters Program, can be found in the 2021-22 *Public Access Atlas*, which is available online at OutdoorNebraska.org/PublicAccessAtlas.

➤ **North-Central:**

- Bobcat – 12 acres millet, sunflower, soybeans and annual weeds
- Calamus Reservoir – 15 acres of milo, soybeans and annual weeds in 5 fields
- Fred Thomas – stock tank overflow
- Harold W. Andersen – 2 acres sunflowers and annual weeds in 2 fields
- Keller – stock tank overflow
- Leonard A. Koziol – 10 acres annual weeds, 2 acres sunflowers and annual weeds
- Myrtle Hall – 96 acres harvested millet planted to cover crops in 3 fields
- Pine Glen – 7 acres sunflowers, soybeans and annual weeds on east side
- Plum Creek Valley – stock tank overflow east of county road
- Pressey – 20 acres annual weeds, 4 acres sunflowers
- Sherman Reservoir – 23 acres sunflowers, 100 acres annual weeds

- Thomas Creek – 5 acres milo, soybeans and annual weeds

➤ **Northeast:**

- Black Island – 2 acres sunflowers, millet, milo and annual weeds
- Council Creek – 10 acres millet, milo and annual weeds
- Don Dworak – 30 acres millet, milo, sunflowers and annual weeds
- Elk Point Bend – 50 acres sunflowers, millet, milo and annual weeds
- George D. Syas – 30 acres millet, milo, sunflowers and annual weeds, 5 acres wheat stubble
- Grove Lake – 2 acres wheat stubble, 20 acres annual weeds milo and oats
- Oak Valley – 20 acres sunflowers, millet, milo and annual weeds, 4 acres wheat stubble
- Thompson-Barnes – 8 acres sunflowers, millet, milo and annual weeds
- Wilkinson – 30 acres millet, milo, sunflowers and annual weeds, 5 acres wheat stubble, non-toxic shot only
- Wood Duck – 30 acres sunflowers, millet, milo and annual weeds, 3 acres wheat stubble

➤ **Southeast:**

- Alexandria – 13.7 acres sunflowers in 3 fields
- Alexandria SW – 9.5 acres sunflowers in 4 fields
- Branched Oak – 11 acres wheat in 1 field, 25 acres sunflowers in 6 fields
- Dry Sandy – 4 acres sunflowers in 1 field
- Flathead – 6 acres sunflowers in 1 field
- Little Blue – 4 acres sunflowers in 1 field
- Little Salt Creek West – 3.5 acres sunflowers in 1 field, non-toxic shot only
- Meridian – 2.2 acres sunflowers in 2 fields
- Osage – 36.8 acres sunflowers in 6 fields, 28 acres wheat stubble in 1 field
- Pawnee – 7 acres sunflowers in 2 fields, 1 acre wheat in 2 fields
- Rake's Creek – 5 acres sunflowers in 4 fields
- Rose Creek – 5.8 acres sunflowers in 2 fields
- Rose Creek West – 10.2 acres sunflowers in 2 fields
- Schilling – 19 acres sunflowers
- Sora – 40 acres wheat stubble and annual weeds in 1 field
- Twin Lakes – 17 acres sunflowers in 3 fields, 14.5 acres wheat in 4 fields
- Twin Oaks – 8 acres sunflowers in 1 field
- Wildwood – 11 acres sunflowers in 3 fields, 10 acres wheat in 2 fields
- Yankee Hill – 17 acres sunflowers in 3 fields

➤ **Southwest:**

- Cedar Valley – 8 acres milo, 1 acre sunflowers, 10 acres annual weeds, 3 stock tanks and 1 stock pond with adjacent annual weeds
- Clear Creek – 96 acres rye and triticale stubble, 50 acres milo, 16 acres millet, 100-plus acres annual weeds, non-toxic shot only
- Enders Reservoir – 6 fields of annual weeds, 5-20 acres in size
- Medicine Creek – 20 fields of wheat stubble, 6-25 acres in size; marijuana patches in grazed pastures, 2-3 acres
- North River – 8.5 acres milo and annual weeds, 60 acres annual weeds

- Red Willow Reservoir – marijuana patches in grazed pastures, 2-3 acres; 5 acres ragweed and annual weeds
 - Swanson Reservoir – 12 fields of wheat stubble, 5-24 acres in size; marijuana patches in grazed pastures, 2-3 acres; 10 acres milo
 - Wapiti – 6 acres milo, 100-plus acres annual weeds, 13 stock tanks and 1 stock pond with adjacent annual weeds
- **South-Central:**
- Bassway Strip – 100 acres annual weeds
 - Bittern’s Call – 50 acres annual weeds, non-toxic shot only
 - Cornhusker – 160 acres annual weeds, 8 acres sunflowers in 2 fields
 - Cozad – 25 acres annual weeds
 - Dogwood – 60 acres annual weeds
 - Pintail – 15 acres milo and annual weeds in 5 fields, non-toxic shot only
 - Narrows WMA – 10 acres milo and annual weeds in 3 fields
 - Elm Creek – 5 acres milo and annual weeds
 - Sacramento-Wilcox – 78 acres wheat stubble, 40 acres annual weeds, non-toxic shot only
- **Panhandle:**
- Arnold Trupp – 1 acre sunflowers
 - Bighorn – 27 acres rye and wheat
 - Bordeaux Creek – 130 acres grass planting with annual weeds, 15 acres millet and milo, 15 acres rye, 26 acres oats
 - Box Butte Reservoir – 75 acres grass planting with annual weeds
 - Buffalo Creek – 5 acres millet and milo in 4 fields
 - Chadron Creek Ranch – 12 acres rye
 - Fort Robinson WMA – 8 acres rye
 - Gilbert-Baker – 9.5 acres rye
 - Metcalf – 11 acres rye
 - Nine Mile Creek – 7 acres millet and milo in 3 fields
 - Petersen – 32 acres grass planting with annual weeds, 11.5 acres oats, milo and sunflowers, 9 acres rye
 - Ponderosa – 10 acres grass planting with annual weeds, 2.5 acres millet/milo, 33 acres rye
 - Williams Gap and Cedar Canyon can also provide good hunting opportunities around stock ponds or tanks

Other public and private lands throughout the state can provide good dove hunting opportunities depending on local conditions. Contact your nearest Game and Parks district office or service center for area-specific information. Remember that hunters must obtain landowner permission prior to accessing privately-owned lands in Nebraska.