



2022 Mourning Dove Hunting Fact Sheet

The 2022 Nebraska dove season (mourning dove, Eurasian collared-dove, and white-winged dove) starts Sept. 1 and runs through Oct. 30, with aggregate daily bag and possession limits of 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 2022 small game hunting license and habitat stamp, as well as a 2022 Harvest Information Program registration number. HIP numbers are free and can be obtained by registering at OutdoorNebraska.org/hip/ or by contacting any Game and Parks 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 2022, and hunters can play a vital role in dove management by reporting any bands they recover. To report recovered bands, visit reportband.gov. Nebraska also is partnering with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in collecting mourning dove wings. 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 2022-23 Public Access Atlas, which is available at OutdoorNebraska.org/PublicAccessAtlas.

Northeast District

Bobcat

- milo/millet/annual weeds, 12 acres

Black Island

- millet/milo/annual weeds, 5 acres

Calamus Reservoir

- annual weeds, 17.5 acres; milo/millet/cane, 12 acres

Council Creek

- millet/milo/sunflower/annual weeds, 2 acres

Davis Creek

- milo/millet, 15 acres

Don Dworak

- millet/milo/sunflower/annual weeds, 5 acres

Dr. Bruce Cowgill

- millet/milo/sunflower/annual weeds, 5 acres

Elk Point Bend

- sunflower/milo/millet/annual weeds, 20 acres, with stock tank overflow

George D. Syas

- millet/milo/sunflower/annual weeds, 5 acres

Grove Lake

- wheat, 4 acres;
milo/millet/sunflowers/annual weeds, 12 acres

Hackberry Creek

- milo/millet/sunflowers/annual weeds, 2 acres

Keller

- sunflowers/annual weeds, 10 acres

Myrtle E. Hall

- milo/millet, 99 acres

Oak Valley

- sunflower/milo/millet/annual weeds, 10 acres

Pine Glen

- milo/millet/annual weeds, 7 acres

Plum Creek Valley

- Stock tank overflow, 1 east of county road; Stock tank overflow, 1 north of access trail to middle parking

Red Fox

- annual weeds, 2 acres

Red Wing

- milo/millet/sunflowers/annual weeds, 2 acres

Scotia Canal

- millet, 12 acres

Thompson-Barnes

- sunflowers/milo/millet/annual weeds, 5 acres

Thomas Creek

- milo/millet/wheat stubble/annual weeds, 6 acres (3 fields)

Wilkinson (Non-toxic shot only)

- millet/milo/sunflower/annual weeds, 10 acres

Wood Duck

- sunflowers/milo/millet, 5 acres; annual weeds, 10 acres

Southwest District

Bassway Strip

- annual weeds, 100 acres

Bittern's Call (Non-toxic shot only)

- annual weeds, 50 acres

Cedar Valley

- milo, 8 acres; sunflowers, 1 acre; annual weeds, 10 acres; annual weeds with water sources, 4 acres

Clear Creek (Non-toxic shot only)

- rye/triticale stubble, 96 acres; milo, 20 acres; sunflowers, 60 acres; cane, 95 acres; annual weeds, 100-plus acres

Cornhusker

- annual weeds, 15 acres; milo, 15 acres

Cozad

- annual weeds, 25 acres

Dogwood

- annual weeds, 60 acres

Harold W. Andersen

- annual weeds, 2 acres (2 fields)

Leonard A. Koziol

- annual weeds, 10 acres

Medicine Creek

- wheat stubble, 20 fields (5-24 acres each); marijuana patches, in pastures (2-3 acres each)

Narrows

- annual weeds, 10 acres (3 fields)

North River

- milo, 8.5 acres; annual weeds, 60 acres

Pintail (Non-toxic shot only)

- annual weeds, 15 acres (5 fields)

Pressey

- annual weeds, 20 acres; sunflowers, 4 acres

Red Willow Reservoir

- marijuana patches, in pastures (2-3 acres each); milo, 10 acres

Sacramento-Wilcox (Non-toxic shot only)

- wheat stubble-78 acres; annual weeds, 40 acres

Sherman Reservoir

- annual weeds, 75 acres

Swanson Reservoir

- wheat stubble, 12 fields (5-24 acres each); marijuana patches, in pastures (2-3 acres each); milo, 10 acres

Wapiti

- milo, 6 acres; annual weeds, 100-plus acres; annual weeds with water sources, 14 acres

Southeast District

Alexandria

- sunflowers, 8 acres (3 fields)

Alexandria SW

- sunflowers, 11 acres (3 fields)

Branched Oak

- wheat, 15 acres (4 fields)
- sunflowers, 19 acres (3 fields)
- idle crops, 13 acres (3 fields)

Dry Sandy

- sunflowers, 4 acres (1 field)

Flathead

- sunflowers, 4 acres (1 field)

James N. Douglas

- sunflowers, 5.8 acres (1 field)

Little Blue

- sunflowers, 4 acres (1 field)

Little Salt Creek

- sunflowers, 4 acres (1 field)

Meridian

- sunflowers, 1.7 acres (2 fields)

Olive Creek

- sunflowers, 3.5 acres (2 fields)

Osage

- sunflowers, 30.5 acres (5 fields)

Pawnee Lake

- sunflowers, 7.4 acres (2 fields); wheat, 1 acre (2 fields); idle crop ground, 3.5 acres (1 field)

Rakes Creek

- sunflowers, 4 acres (2 fields)

Randall W. Schilling

- sunflowers, 18 acres (4 fields)

Rose Creek

- sunflowers, 7.4 acres (3 fields)

Rose Creek West

- sunflowers, 10.5 acres (3 fields)

Twin Lakes

- sunflowers, 21 acres (3 fields); wheat, 12 acres (3 fields); idle crop ground, 5 acres (4 fields)

Wildwood

- sunflowers, 7.1 acres (3 fields); wheat, 4.4 acres (2 fields); idle crop ground, 5 acres (3 fields)

Yankee Hill

- sunflowers, 17 acres (3 fields)

Northwest District

Arnold Trupp

- millet/milo, 5 acres

Bighorn

- rye/wheat, 27 acres

Bordeaux

- millet/milo, 15 acres; rye, 15 acres; millet, 26 acres

Box Butte Reservoir

- grass planting with annual weeds, 75 acres

Buffalo Creek

- millet/milo, 5 acres (4 fields)

Chadron Creek Ranch

- rye, 12 acres

Fort Robinson

- rye, 8 acres

Gilbert-Baker

- rye, 9.5 acres

Metcalf

- rye, 11 acres

Nine Mile Creek

- millet/milo, 7 acres (3 fields)

Peterson

- grass planting with annual weeds, 70 acres; oats/milo/sunflowers, 11.5 acres; rye, 9 acres

Ponderosa

- oats/millet, 5 acres; rye, 33 acres