

# 2023 Dove Draw Information Jasper-Pulaski Fish & Wildlife Area

This page includes information and instructions for those interested or selected to participate in a 2023 Indiana Dove Hunt Draw. It is important to note that areas participating in reserve hunts are managed by various agencies and may have unique restrictions that each hunter must follow. Please read each area's information packet carefully before pursuing a hunt.

## **Applying:**

The application period for the 2023 Dove Hunt Draw is July 2 – Aug. 6, 2023. Late applications will not be accepted. You must obtain a valid hunting license and Game Bird Habitat stamp prior to applying. Each hunter is eligible to select one hunt date from any participating property when applying. There are no age restrictions on applying. Youth hunters may apply if they are properly licensed to hunt dove.

A HIP number is also required to hunt doves. Hunters must register at <u>indianaoutdoor.IN.gov</u> or by calling 866-671-4499. There is no cost to register.

### **Restrictions:**

### **Property Rules:**

- Non-toxic shot is required at Jasper-Pulaski FWA for all dove hunting.
- The shotgun used must not be capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler that cannot be removed without disassembling the gun.
- All dove hunters are limited to a maximum of 50 shells per hunter.
- All trash should be removed from the field after the hunt. Spent hulls and dove carcasses are considered trash.
- Do not shoot up, down, or behind the length of shooting strips. Only shoot over mowed flowers.
- Guns may not be carried from the shooting position into the field to retrieve birds.

#### **Bag Limit:**

• The daily bag limit is 15 mourning doves. The possession limit is 45 mourning doves.

### **Hunting Hours:**

- Sept. 1 4: noon to 5 p.m. CT (1 p.m. to 6 p.m.ET)
- Sept. 5 until the end of season: one half-hour before sunrise to sunset.

### **Hunt Information:**

Hunters chosen in the online reserve draw will select their dove field at 11 a.m. CT (noon ET) on Sept. 1 and 2 based on the order of choice numbers assigned by the preseason draw. Hunters may bring one hunting partner on their reserve hunt.

On Sept.3 and 4, hunters will be selected by an in-person drawing for choice each day at 11 a.m. CT (noon ET).

## **Standby Drawing:**

On Sept. 1 and 2, we will have a drawing to fill unclaimed reservations with standby hunters. **Standby hunters must be present by 11 a.m. CT (noon ET).** Hunters may draw with one hunting partner.

#### **Area Information:**

Jasper-Pulaski FWA, located six miles north of Medaryville, Indiana, provides quality outdoor recreational opportunities while maintaining 8,179 acres of wetland, upland, and woodland game habitat. It provides an ideal stopover for migratory birds.

The property has several managed dove fields available and will award reservations to around 50 hunters each of the first two days of season. Most of our dove fields can be accessed by a brief walk and all fields will have parking within a reasonable distance. We leave standing corn for hunter concealment; hunters must hunt from corn the first four days of season. The dove fields will differ in quality and size given the many factors that may affect the outcome of sunflower plantings.

Accurate field maps will be posted to the property webpage when we can determine the success of each field. Maps will be posted around one month before the season opens at on.IN.gov/jasperpulaskifwa.

The first few days of dove season are very popular at Jasper-Pulaski FWA, so we ask that each sportsman do their part to keep litter contained and showcase ethical hunting to help preserve our natural resources for generations to come.

#### **Contact:**

If you have further questions, please contact the property office at 219-843-4841 or <u>JasperPulaskiFWA@dnr.IN.gov</u>.

