

Dove Draw Information Gamebird Habitat Areas

This page includes information and instructions for those interested in or selected to participate in an Indiana Dove Hunt Draw. It is important to note that areas participating in reserved 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.

Restrictions:

Allowed Equipment:

- Non-toxic shot is required on all Gamebird Habitat Areas for all dove hunting.
- All dove hunters are limited to a maximum of 50 shells per hunter.
- Common shotguns used are .410, 20 gauge, 12 gauge. Common shot sizes are 6, 7, 7 1/2.
- An HIP number is required to hunt doves. Hunters must register [online](#) or by calling 260-323-5378. There is no cost to register.

Bag Limit:

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

Hunting Hours:

- Sept 1 and Sept 10 begin at 1:00 p.m. and end at 6:00 p.m. ET
- Sept 11 and Sept 20 begin at 1:00 p.m. and end at 7:00 p.m. ET
- Sept 21 and Sept 30 begin at 1:00 p.m. and end at sunset.

Hunt Information: Drawn hunters may enter the field beginning at noon eastern time or at any time during the hunting hours for the day of their hunt. Hunters may begin their hunt at 1:00 p.m. eastern time.

Area Information:

The Game Bird Habitat Area (GBA) program began in 1985 with the first parcel purchased in Benton County. In the early years, the program consisted primarily of leased farm ground. Throughout the years, the program has transitioned away from land leases and is now 100% state-owned property. There are 33 GBAs that make up the traditional program. These properties are in Benton, Jasper, Newton, Warren, and White counties and total approximately 3,850 acres.

These parcels focus primarily on game birds. They are managed for Northern bobwhite quail, ring-necked pheasants, and mourning doves. Although these species are the primary species in the area, countless other species call these properties home, including badgers, Kirtland's snakes and Franklin's ground squirrels, as well as other rare and unusual bird species.

The Gamebird Areas will have roughly 40 individuals drawn for each hunt date. The actual number may vary depending on the quality of sunflowers. Fields will be assigned randomly to the chosen hunters. The assigned field could be located in Benton, Jasper, Newton, Warren or White County.

A secondary drawing will be held at Willow Slough FWA on the second Saturday in August at 10 a.m. eastern time to fill any remaining spots.

Contact:

If you have further questions, please contact the Willow Slough FWA property office at 219-285-2704.

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