

2025 Dove Hunt

Canvasback Gun Club

Day/Date	Draw Time	Shooting Hours
Monday, September 1, 2025	5:00 AM	5:53 AM to 7:24 PM
No draw for remainder of season	Shooting time is ½ hour before sunrise	

2025 Mourning Dove Season - Season opens on Monday, September 1st. We will close the dove season at sunset on Sunday, September 28th in advance of Duck Season, which opens Saturday October 11, 2025. From October 11th – October 31st you can dove hunt only on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday by draw only.

Limit

Mourning Dove - 15 per day, 45 in possession
 Eurasian Collared Dove - No limit and open season all year

Potential Hunts

Draws holding high bird counts will be posted at the Clubhouse before the draw
 As a reminder, all the club is open to dove hunting

Safety Rule

- Maximum of seven (7) hunters in one or more groups for hunt areas
- Straight-line configuration of hunters along field or pond edges and no mid field positions or angle setups
- Shot size limited to 7½ and smaller with steel or lead shot allowed

Other Considerations

All hunters 12 and older need hunting license
 HIP #s are required
 License in possession while in the field
 Three (3) shell limit in guns

EVERYONE who comes to the Club (members, family, shooting rights holders and ALL guests) whether hunting or not, must sign the new Liability release if they haven't already done so. The new release is available at stillwaterfarmsdocusign@gmail.com. *Please complete the release in advance.*

Guest Fees are **WAIVED** for this activity, BUT **GUEST SIGN-IN** is required at City Hall any time a member brings a guest during the Dove season.

For the safety of our members and guests during the Dove Season, and the desire to create a quality hunting experience for everyone using the Club, the Board of Directors has adopted the following rules.

Cultivated fields that have a minimum of 200 yards of pellet drop zone may be able to support two draw areas, which can accommodate two hunt groups. These areas will be identified at the time of the draw. For example, Walther field is 300-yards wide between the NW and SW corners. This allows hunting along the north and south borders with an adequate pellet drop zone mid-field.

Small hunt areas are single group draws, with all safety rules in effect. An example of this is John's Pond.

Safety

All hunters are required to wear a high-vis hat, (hunter orange, chartreuse yellow or green, etc.) and additional outer garments of high-vis material are encouraged.

Shooting lanes

Hunt areas and straight-line formations are set up to shoot at birds only when they are in front of hunters. Shooting at birds behind the hunter, or too close to adjacent hunters is prohibited. To counter this, all shots should be taken in front of the line and into the pellet drop zone.

Bird Retrieval

Shooting at other birds while retrieving downed birds is prohibited.

Hunt group size:

There is a maximum of seven (7) hunters per group. Cultivated fields with a minimum of 200 yards separation (pellet drop zone) between designated hunting areas can safely accommodate two groups, or a maximum of 14 hunters. An example is Walther Field where the north and south field borders can be safely hunted by two groups because of the >200-yard distance (pellet drop zone) between the two areas. Conversely, the ditch along the west side of Walther field and the blind mid-field are within the 200-yard pellet drop zone and therefore not designated hunt areas.

Formation:

All hunting will be done from the edge of the cultivated fields with hunters formed in a straight line. No one should set up inside a cultivated field, or hunt from an existing tank.

Angle hunting formations of any design are not permissible.

Spacing between hunters along a shooting line should be decided by those in the group, as circumstances are different in each situation. For example, someone might have a young hunter who needs closer attention than a seasoned shooter. In all situations, cooperation and communication between hunters and hunting groups is encouraged to ensure everyone has a quality hunt in a safe environment.

No defense draws:

Prime hunting areas are limited, so share the experience with others. You should not cover more than one draw for AM or PM hunts.