



## North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

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### Hunters Purchase Your License Online

With the opening of dove season on Sept. 2, the Wildlife Commission reminds hunters they can purchase their licenses online for immediate use in the field. Visit [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org) and hit the yellow "Purchase License & Permits" button; visit a local [wildlife service agent](#); or call the Commission at 1-888-248-6834, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday.



### First Segment of Dove Season Opens Sept. 2; Wildlife Commission Offers Safety Hunting Tips

The 2017-18 season for [mourning and white-winged dove](#) is separated into two segments: Sept. 2–Oct. 7 and Nov. 22–Jan. 15. The daily bag limit is 15 and the possession limit is three times the daily bag limit. All hunters must follow applicable licensing requirements and hunting regulations. Shooting hours are from 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset for the entire season, including opening day. Hunting of migratory game birds by any method is [not allowed on Sundays](#). Stay safe by [following these tips](#).



## Hunters Should Follow State and Federal Migratory Game Bird Laws

The Wildlife Commission reminds hunters that it is a violation of state and federal law to take migratory game birds with the use or aid of salt, grain, fruit or any other bait. To avoid a baiting controversy, hunters should inspect areas to be hunted for signs of baiting. Hunters also need to be aware that an area is considered baited for 10 days following the removal of all bait. The Wildlife Commission encourages hunters to ask landowners about agricultural processes for fields or if areas to be hunted have been baited. [MORE](#)



## Free Deer Hunting and Processing Seminars Scheduled for September

The Wildlife Commission and the N.C. Wildlife Federation are offering free deer hunting and processing seminars for novice and experienced hunters, in September. Topics include: deer biology, hunting methods and equipment, field care of deer, safe meat handling, processing, easy-to-follow recipes and taxidermy. Seminars are filling quickly so [register soon to reserve your space!](#)



## Free, Family-Friendly Outdoor Events Scheduled for Sept. 23

The Wildlife Commission is celebrating National Hunting and Fishing Day on Sept. 23 at six family-friendly events throughout the state. Most events are free. Activities vary from event to event but include air rifle range, archery, fishing, outdoor

cooking, identifying insects, lure making, beekeeping, dog retrieving demonstrations and much more! [MORE](#)



## **Wildlife Commission Receives Funding to Repair Damaged Rhodes Pond Dam and Two Others**

The Wildlife Commission will receive more than \$7.1 million in federal and state funds to help build a new dam for Rhodes Pond in Cumberland County, as well as add a new emergency spillway to Jessup's Mill Pond, also in Cumberland County, and replace a dike on White Oak Impoundment in Onslow County. All were affected by Hurricane Matthew in 2016. [MORE](#)



## **Wildlife Commission Elects New Leadership**

Wildlife Commissioners have elected John Coley IV, of Holly Springs, as their chairman and David Hoyle, of Dallas, as their vice-chair. Coley has been a Wildlife Commissioner since 2011, having also previously served two other terms. Hoyle, who was appointed by Gov. Roy Cooper, to a four-year term in July, previously served as a commissioner for 13 years. [MORE](#)



## **Forums Will Highlight the Importance of the Cape Fear River and Tributaries**

Want to learn more about the importance of the Cape Fear River and its tributaries? Wildlife Commission biologists will be at three Cape Fear River forums in September presenting information on striped bass management, aquatic wildlife diversity and conservation projects, as well as, [Green Growth Toolbox](#) issues within the Cape Fear Basin. The forums are being hosted by the Cape Fear River Assembly, which comprises environmental and conservation organizations, academia, small business, government agencies and the public. [Locations, dates and more information.](#)



## **Wildlife in North Carolina Magazine Launches Digital Edition**

The Wildlife Commission's award-winning magazine is now available in a digital edition. For just \$10 a year – or \$15 to receive the print magazine and digital edition – you can access all of the great content WINC has to offer on your computer, tablet or mobile device. [MORE](#)



## **Artists Sought for 2018 Duck Stamp Competition**

The Wildlife Commission and the Washington Tourism Development Authority are seeking artists for their annual N.C. Waterfowl Conservation Stamp Print competition. The winning artwork will be featured on the 2018-19 waterfowl conservation stamp, also known as the North Carolina duck stamp. Entries, along with a \$50 entry fee, must be submitted by 5 p.m., Jan. 19, 2018. [MORE](#)



## **Stop by Wildlife Commission's Exhibit at Mountain State Fair in September**

The Wildlife Commission will feature songbirds and trout at its exhibit during the Mountain State Fair, which runs from Sept. 8-17. The exhibit will be in the Davis Center exhibition building on the grounds of Western North Carolina Agricultural Center, located at 1301 Fanning Bridge Road, in Fletcher, which is just west of Asheville. Exhibit hours will be 3-10 p.m., Mon.-Thurs.; 9 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri.-Sun., except Sept. 17, when the exhibit will close at 9 p.m.



## 2018 Wildlife Calendar

## Get Your Wildlife Calendars Before They're Gone!



The 2018 Wildlife Calendar is now on sale. The calendar, which makes an excellent holiday gift, features outstanding wildlife art with profiles of each artist, fishing days with moon phase information, and more. Only \$9 each — get yours before they're gone! [Visit N.C. Wild Store.](#)

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### Other News and Events

[Coyote Management Workshops Held in Bladen County on Sept. 14 and Brunswick County on Sept. 19](#)

[Wildlife Commission Offers Free Wildlife Programs in Brevard in September](#)

[BLOG: Research Continues on North Carolina's Box Turtle](#)

[BLOG: Learn What's New in Fish and Game Regulations](#)

[BLOG: Taxidermists Can Help Prevent Chronic Wasting Disease in North Carolina](#)



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