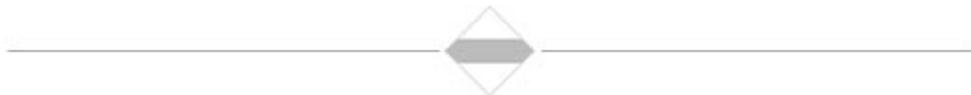




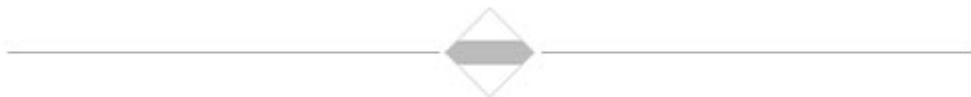
## **Wildlife Commission Sets 2019-20 Migratory Game Bird Seasons**

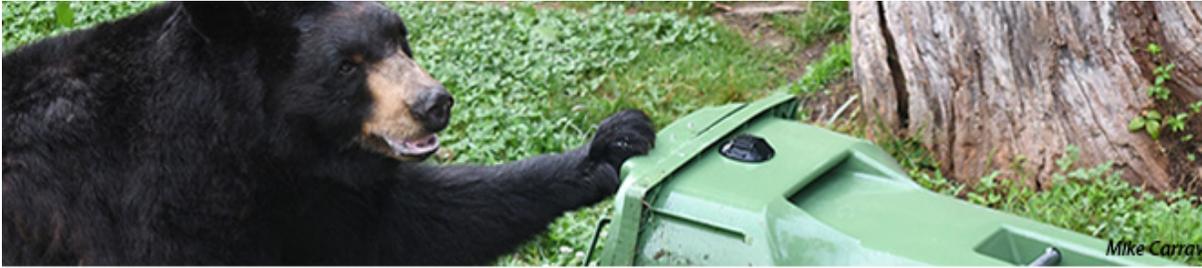
On Thursday, Wildlife Commissioners set the season dates, bag limits and application regulations for the 2019-20 waterfowl, webless migratory game birds (including doves) and extended falconry seasons. While many seasons remained the same, there are some notable changes this year. [MORE](#)



## **Be Bat-Friendly During Bat Pup-Rearing Season**

The beginning of May through the end of July marks the timeframe when female bats are raising their young—called pups. Homeowners should avoid closing up holes or installing eviction devices during this time, as young bats, like other mammals, depend on their mother for survival during the first few weeks of life. Learn more about these important mammals and how you can be "bat friendly." [MORE](#)





## See a Bear? Wildlife Commission Offers Tips on How to Be BearWise

The Wildlife Commission is offering tips on how to become BearWise now that the weather is warm and bears are on the move. While bears are not inherently dangerous and are rarely aggressive toward people, biologist are urging people to be cautious and follow the [six BearWise Basics](#) to reduce potential conflicts and live responsibly with black bears.



## Tips with Living with Backyard Wildlife

Seeing wild animals in your backyard can be disconcerting for some people. However, the Wildlife Commission has some tips on how you and wildlife can live harmoniously together. [Learn what to do - and what not to do](#) — if you encounter snakes, coyotes, foxes and songbirds in your backyard.



## **Small Game Award Nomination Period Extended until May 31**

The Wildlife Commission has extended its nomination period for its Lawrence G. Diedrick Small Game Award until May 31, due to an incorrect email address listed for nomination submissions due May 1. Those who submitted nominations previously should re-submit to [stacey.thorp@ncwildlife.org](mailto:stacey.thorp@ncwildlife.org). The award recognizes an individual or organization whose actions that have significantly and positively impacted North Carolina's small game populations through habitat management, education, research, the Hunting Heritage Program or other efforts. [MORE](#)



## **Educational Fishing Trail at Lake Reidsville Now Open**

The Wildlife Commission, along with [N.C. B.A.S.S.](#) and the [City of Reidsville](#), recently opened an educational fishing trail on [Lake Reidsville](#) to help anglers learn how to catch largemouth bass and other sport fish during different times of the year. The N.C. Fishing Trail at Lake Reidsville consists of nine fishing sites scattered around the 750-acre reservoir, which is located in [Rockingham County](#). Each site is enhanced with fish attractors to attract largemouth bass and other sport fishes. [MORE](#)





## Becoming an Outdoors-Woman Program Offers Events in May and June

The Wildlife Commission invites women 18 years and older to participate in events in May and June offered through its Becoming an Outdoors-Woman program. The events are a fly-fishing weekend, May 3-5, at North Mills Recreation and Campground in Henderson County and a Shooting Sports workshop on June 22 at the Wake County Wildlife Club in Durham. [REGISTER](#)



## Species Spotlight - Coyote



Coyotes are one of the most adaptable mammals on the continent. In North Carolina, coyotes are found in all 100 counties and in a range of habitats — from agricultural fields to forests, to suburban and urban environments. While they often get negative attention because they prey on livestock and

domestic pets, they are valuable in keeping prey species, such as rodents and groundhogs, in check. Their ability to adapt to a wide range of habitats, along with human population growth, has led to an increase in sightings. In most cases they are harmless; however, people can take steps to prevent conflicts with them.

Learn more about the wary and wily coyote on the Wildlife Commission's [Coyote web page](#).



## **Other News and Events**

[Free Fishing Programs Offered in Fayetteville in April](#)

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