

2023 SPRING CONSERVATION GOOSE SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS



The giant Canada goose population in southern Manitoba has been growing substantially since 1990. The breeding population is now estimated at 234,600, the highest recorded since 1955. Environment and Climate Change Canada declared the breeding population of Canada geese in southern Manitoba (GBHZ 3 & 4) as overabundant. This declaration has enabled Manitoba to implement a Spring Conservation Canada Goose Season. Hunting is considered the most efficient means to reduce the population size of an overabundant population.

To participate in these seasons, hunters require the previous year's (2022) Canada Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp and a no charge 2023 Manitoba Spring Conservation Goose Licence. These licences are available online at permis-permits.ec.gc.ca and manitobaelicensing.ca

The 2023 Manitoba Spring Conservation Goose Licence should be available on line February 21, 2023.

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Resident, non-resident and foreign resident				
Goose Species	Game Bird Hunting Zone (GBHZ)*	Season Dates	Bag Limit (All Zones)	
			Daily	Possession
Snow, Blue and Ross's Geese	GBHZ 1	April 1 – June 15	50	No limit
	GBHZ 2, 3 & 4	March 15 – May 31	50	No limit
Canada Geese	GBHZ 3 & 4	March 1 – April 10	8	24

Electronic calls are allowed for both spring conservation seasons.

Hunters should still refer to the 2022 Manitoba Hunting Guide for other regulatory information.