

# Waterfowl & Migratory Game Birds Management Plan

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# Review Draft Issue Statements

# Terms (RCW)

## RCW 77.08.010: Definitions

(71) "Wild birds" means those species of the class Aves whose members exist in Washington in a wild state.

## RCW 77.08.045: Migratory waterfowl terms defined.

(1) "Migratory waterfowl" means members of the family Anatidae, including brants, ducks, geese, and swans;

(2) "Migratory bird" means migratory waterfowl and coots, snipe, doves, and band-tailed pigeon;



# Terms (WAC)

WAC 220-400-030: Classification of wild birds.

(1) Game birds include:

Common Name	Scientific Name
migratory waterfowl	<i>Anatidae</i>
American coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>
common snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>
band-tailed pigeon	<i>Columba fasciata</i>
mourning dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>

\*Five of 19 are *migratory* game birds.

Consistent with 16 USC Chapter 7 and 50 CFR 20.11a



# Terms (FEDERAL)

## 50 CFR § 20.11

**(a) *Migratory game birds*** means those migratory birds included in the terms of conventions between the United States and any foreign country for the protection of migratory birds, for which open seasons are prescribed in this part and belong to the following families:

- (1) Anatidae (ducks, geese [including brant] and swans);
- (2) Columbidae (doves and pigeons);
- (3) Gruidae (cranes);
- (4) Rallidae (rails, coots and gallinules); and
- (5) Scolopacidae (woodcock and snipe).



# Waterfowl & Migratory Game Birds

In Washington state\*,  
includes 39 regularly encountered species:

Common Name	Scientific Name	# species (populations)
migratory waterfowl	<i>Anatidae</i>	35 (16)
American coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>	1
common snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	1
band-tailed pigeon	<i>Columba fasciata</i>	1
mourning dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	1

\* Washington state is part of the Pacific Flyway, one of four administrative/biological flyways in North America.



# Issue Statement #1

## Habitat Management

Historical loss and continued degradation of habitats important to waterfowl, mourning dove, band-tailed pigeon, coot, and snipe caused by development, land use changes, natural succession, invasive species, aging infrastructures, competing conservation priorities, and climate change pressures have impacted the ability to meet seasonal habitat requirements for these migratory game bird species throughout Washington.



# Issue Statement #2

## Population Management

Documentation of population status, distribution, movements, habitat use, and mortality factors through coordinated monitoring and research efforts are essential to understanding and informing migratory game bird ecology, conservation, and management.





# Issue Statement #3

## Recreation Management

Waterfowl and other migratory game birds are a co-management responsibility, guided by international treaties, federal and state laws and regulations, and flyway-level management plans that facilitate cooperative management through partnerships, and provide frameworks for harvest regulations incorporating regional resource considerations.



# Issue Statement #4

## Information and Education

It is imperative to future migratory game bird conservation and flyway-level management that information about this diverse suite of species, their habitat requirements, and management issues is made available to members of the general public, recreational users, and conservation partnerships.



# Questions?



# Sample table

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