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## 2010-2011 Hunting Seasons Calendar

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### Proposed 2010-2011 Hunting Seasons

<b>Alligator</b>	22 core counties (by permit only) Remainder of the state	Sept. 10-30 Apr. 1-Jan. 30
<b>Pronghorn Antelope</b>	by permit only	Oct. 2-10
<b>Dove</b> (Please report leg bands to 1-800-327-BAND) <b>see Important Notice</b>	North Zone and Central Zone	Sept. 1-Oct. 24, Dec. 25-Jan. 9
	South Zone	Sept. 17-Oct. 31, Dec. 25-Jan. 18
	Special White-winged Dove Zone	Sept. 4, 5, 11, 12, Sept. 17-Oct. 31, Dec. 25-Jan. 14
<b>Early Teal-Only</b>	Statewide <b>see Important Notice</b>	Sept. 11-26
<b>White-tailed deer</b>	Archery General: <b>*Special Youth Season</b>	Oct. 2-Nov. 5 Oct. 30-31, Jan. 3-16
	<b>North Texas</b> (206 counties) <b>South Texas</b> (30 counties) <b>Late Antlerless and Spike</b> Edwards Plateau (39 counties) South Texas (30 counties) Muzzleloader (57 counties)	Nov. 6-Jan. 2 Nov. 6-Jan. 16 Jan. 3-16 Jan. 17-30 Jan. 3-16
<b>Mule deer</b>	Archery General: <b>Panhandle</b> (38 counties) <b>SW Panhandle</b> (10 counties) <b>Trans-Pecos</b> (19 counties)	Oct. 2-Nov. 5 Nov. 20-Dec. 5 Nov. 20-28 Nov. 26-Dec. 12
<b>Javelina</b>	(43 counties) (50 counties)	Oct. 1-Feb. 27 Sept. 1-Aug. 31
<b>Squirrel</b>	<b>**Special Youth Season</b> <b>East Texas</b> (51 counties)	Sept. 25-26 Oct. 1-Feb. 6, May 1-31
	<b>Other Open counties</b> (see County Listings in current Outdoor Annual)	Sept. 1-Aug. 31

<b>Lesser Prairie Chicken</b>	<b>There is no open season for Lesser Prairie Chicken</b>
<b>Pheasant</b>	<b>Chambers, Jefferson and Liberty counties</b> Oct. 30-Feb. 27
	<b>Panhandle</b> (37 counties) Dec. 4-Jan. 2
<b>Quail</b>	<b>Statewide</b> Oct. 30-Feb. 27
<b>Rio Grande Turkey</b>	Archery Fall Season: <b>*Special Youth Season</b>
	Oct. 30-31, Jan. 15-16
	<b>North Zone</b> (122 counties) <b>South Zone</b> (26 counties) <b>Brooks, Kenedy, Kleberg and Willacy counties</b>
	Nov. 6-Jan. 2 Nov. 6-Jan. 16 Nov. 6-Feb. 27
	Spring Season: <b>North Zone (NZ)</b> (101 counties) <b>*Special Youth Season NZ</b>
	Apr. 2-May 15 Mar. 26-27, May 21-22
	<b>South Zone (SZ)</b> (54 counties) <b>*Special Youth Season SZ</b>
	Mar. 19-May 1 Mar. 12-13, May 7-8 Apr. 1-30
	<b>1-Turkey Bag Limits</b> (11 counties)
<b>+Eastern Turkey</b>	<b>Spring Season Only</b> <b>East Texas</b> (43 counties) Apr. 1-30
<b>Chachalaca</b>	<b>Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr and Willacy counties</b> Oct. 30-Feb. 27
<b>Rabbits and Hares</b>	No closed season.

\* In all counties that have an open season for those species.  
\*\* In all counties that have a Oct. 1-Feb. 6 and May 1-31 Open Squirrel Season.  
+ Rio Grande and Eastern Turkey may be hunted in these counties.  
**Important Notice:** Texas dove dates are tentative, pending federal approval. Final dove seasons and September Teal Season dates will be posted on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Web site soon after federal approval has been received sometime after mid-July.

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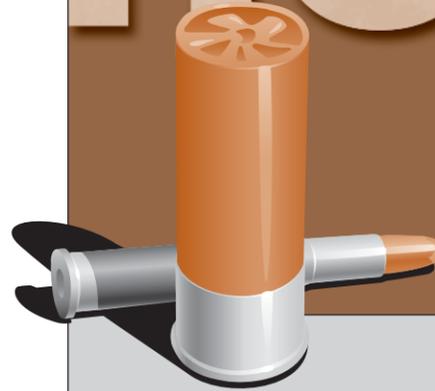
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Thanks are due to Toyota for providing funding to print this free newsletter for hunters and anglers. Since 2002 Toyota has provided critical funding for TPWD programs, including the ShareLunker program, TPWD conservation license plates, the Texas State Park Guide, park maps, Texas Outdoor Family workshops, hunting and fishing bag limit cards, the Archery in the Schools program, and the Life's Better Outside® campaign. The Toyota Texas Bass Classic is an annual event that provides hundreds of thousands of dollars in proceeds to fund fisheries management and youth fishing outreach. Toyota's longstanding and generous support provides much-needed dollars to help Texas Parks and Wildlife accomplish its mission of keeping Texas a great place to hunt, fish and enjoy the outdoors.

After all the score sheets are tallied and the sum of all your worldly possessions has been put on paper, whether you are rich or poor has nothing to do with dollars and cents.

Here in Texas, those who love and enjoy the outdoors know that richness of opportunity and the value of experience are worth far more than all the gold and silver in the world.

What really counts are the memories of a day spent catching a stringer full of pan fish with your youngster on his or her first freshwater fishing trip; the pounding of your heart as the biggest white-tailed buck you've ever seen cautiously approaches your ground blind.

These experiences, and countless others like them, are almost priceless.

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this country as the hunting and fishing paradise called the Lone Star State.

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If you love the Texas outdoors and want to preserve what we have for future generations, purchase a Super Combo or renew your Super Combo today.

Even if you don't have plans to hunt and fish this year, buying a license helps ensure that those opportunities will be there tomorrow. To purchase your license, visit [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/buy](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/buy) today.



## Keeping Texas fishing great: Fighting invasives, conserving watersheds

Texas is blessed with an extensive array of creeks, rivers, lakes, bays, estuaries, and Gulf waters. This aquatic diversity is a big part of why fishing is indeed world-class within the Lone Star State. And, thanks to your investment each year in the purchase of a hunting or fishing license, we are able to keep it that way.

Yet, there are troubling threats on the horizon for our fisheries, and we need your help to address them. For instance, more fish species are becoming imperiled today in Texas. In 1991, 25 percent of our 182 native freshwater fishes in Texas were imperiled. Today, that number has grown to 40 percent now in jeopardy or already lost to extinction or extirpation in their native waters.

One strategy to reverse this distressing trend is to refocus our fisheries conservation efforts, where appropriate, around bigger scales and to plan and act strategically at whole watersheds, such as the Nueces or the San Jacinto River basins. At TPWD, we have reshaped our Land and Water strategic plan to align with the state's major watersheds, so that we can give appropriate emphasis to water quality and quantity considerations that affect both the fisheries resource and recreational opportunities for anglers and boaters. We have also joined with more than 200 partner organizations to implement the National Fish Habitat Action Plan. The plan's focus is to voluntarily protect and restore important aquatic habitats to benefit species such as the Guadalupe bass and spotted sea trout.

One particular area where anglers and boaters can make a real difference is in helping to address the spread of aquatic invasive species. Unwelcome species such as water hyacinth, giant salvinia, hydrilla, and other invasive aquatic plants can reduce water quality, species diversity and the productivity of aquatic habitat. They can also block boating and fishing access to public waters, particularly in lakes.

In April, we announced a major public awareness campaign aimed at stopping the spread of an invasive aquatic plant that threatens lakes across Texas – giant salvinia. A native of Brazil, giant salvinia is a floating, rootless fern that can double its coverage area in less than a week. The threat to anglers is real. As our awareness campaign puts it, "Hello Giant Salvinia, Goodbye Texas Lakes." But, we need your help to make it work.

Giant salvinia is usually spread unwittingly by people moving their boats and other watercraft from lake to lake. The plant "hitches a ride" on boats, motors and trailers when individuals don't clean their equipment and gear. Spraying pesticides can knock it back, but once established it's very costly to treat and almost impossible to eradicate. The real key is enlisting public help to slow its spread or, better yet, to keep it from ever getting established.

The simple way to do this is to clean your boat, trailer and gear before moving from lake to lake. Anyone can visit [www.texasinvasives.org](http://www.texasinvasives.org) to learn how to identify and report giant salvinia and find out about other invasive species. Please help us spread the word about this important effort.

Thanks to your support and your actions, we can keep the best of Texas fisheries alive and well for future generations. I appreciate your caring about Texas' lands and waters. They need you more than ever.



Carter P. Smith, TPWD Executive Director



## Big Time Texas Hunts winner scores ram

Ty Chumley was due for a bit of luck after losing his home and most of his belongings to Hurricane Ike. Chumley, a tugboat operator from Nederland, bought one chance in last year's Big Time Texas Hunts Grand Slam category; it was the first time he'd ever entered. He won.

The winner of Big Time Texas Hunts' crown jewel, the Texas Grand Slam hunt package, received four separate guided hunts for Texas' most prized big game animals – desert bighorn sheep, white-tailed deer, pronghorn antelope and mule deer. Chumley harvested an impressive desert bighorn ram after three days of hunting on the Elephant Mountain WMA. The ram was 9-10 years of age and scored 164 4/8.

"I haven't hunted deer since I was a kid and I lost most of my guns in the hurricane," said Chumley. "I'm a fisherman, but this will definitely get me started back into hunting."

Chumley joins 16 other lucky sportsmen who made special plans for hunting season as winners of last year's Big Time Texas Hunts. The hunters were selected by random computer drawing from applicants in the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department program.

All told, hunters last year bought 72,732 Big Time Texas Hunt entries, generating about \$704,866 in gross revenue to support wildlife research, habitat management and public hunting. Big Time Texas Hunts entries for this year are on sale at [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/bigtime](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/bigtime) for \$9 each or for \$10 at retail locations where licenses are sold or by phone at (800) 895-4248.

## Toyota ShareLunker surpasses 500th entry

The Toyota ShareLunker Program was established in 1986 to promote catch-and-release of large fish and to selectively breed trophy largemouth bass. The first fish entered into the program was also a new state record, a 17.67-pounder caught from Lake Fork. Since then, more than 500 bass weighing over 13 pounds have been loaned to the program for research and hatchery production at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens, the offspring of which are then stocked back into Texas waters for the future enjoyment of anglers looking to catch the next big lunker bass.

ShareLunker 500 was caught by Corpus Christi angler Sam Callaway from O.H. Ivie Reservoir on April 9. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation will pay Callaway \$500 per pound for his catch, a total of \$6,670. Callaway has announced he will donate his winnings to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. To learn more, visit Toyota ShareLunker online at [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/sharelunker](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/sharelunker)

Toyota provides major funding for the ShareLunker program and is a long-time supporter of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation and many Texas Parks and Wildlife programs. Without the support of generous sponsors such as Toyota, TPWD would not be able to do the work it does today to conserve our natural resources and provide youth outreach and other important programs.



TPWD's Dave Campbell (right) presents a check to Toyota ShareLunker 500th entry angler Sam Callaway of Corpus Christi for \$6,670.

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