FREE DOVE HUNTING PERMIT
INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING ONLINE AT
www.dnr.illinois.gov

APPLICATION DATES
Internet applications from Illinois residents will be accepted from when available through July 2 for the first lottery. The second lottery deadline date is July 16 for those unsuccessful resident applicants from the first lottery, residents who did not apply in the first lottery and non-residents. Hunters can acquire their first or second permit on a first-come first served basis beginning at 8:00 AM, July 30th. Permits will remain available until reserved permit quotas are depleted or until 48 hours prior to any hunt date whichever comes first.

APPLICATION INFORMATION
All initial applications for the Free Dove Hunting Permit program must be made via the Internet accessible at www.dnr.illinois.gov Click on the ‘Hunting’ link and select ‘Dove Hunting Permit Instruction’. If you do not have a computer, ask for assistance from a relative, friend or neighbor, or go to a Public Library.

APPLY FOR MULTIPLE SITES
Applicants may choose up to five (5) sites and dates to hunt. Drawings for permits at specific sites may be canceled at any time due to flooding, weather, staff shortages or other conditions beyond DNR's control. Hunters are urged to select additional sites on their permit application.

APPLY WITH PARTNER
Applicants can list a partner on an application. If the applicant is successfully drawn, both the applicant and partner will receive a permit for the same date and hunting area. Partners cannot: 1) already have applied or 2) apply later on another application.

• Applicants submitting more than one application in each of the OPEN, YOUTH/ADULT and YOUTH categories prior to the first-come first-served period will be rejected and/or revoked.
• Successful applicants will be notified by email or may access the reservation inquiry system to print out the permit and regulations for the site.
• Permits are not transferable.

Call (217) 782-7305 if you have any questions. (TTY - (217) 782-9175)

HOW TO FIX YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION ERRORS
If you made a mistake on any portion of your application, mistakenly applied twice or need to cancel an application, notify DNR as soon as possible one of two ways:

1. E-mail DNR.Permits1@illinois.gov and include your name, birth date and a detailed explanation of what needs to be changed (Example: Change my Hunt Area Choice from Coffeen Lake to Horseshoe Lake).

2. Fax the request along with the printed receipt to the Permit Department at (217) 782-5016 (no cover sheet needed but include notation “Attn: Permit Dept”). Cross out the incorrect information and write the correct information next to it. Sign the receipt.

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR HUNTING AREAS AND INFORMATION
FREE DOVE HUNTING PERMIT AREAS AND HUNTING INFORMATION

Dove hunting at the areas listed is by permit only for the first five days of the season, Sept. 1-5. Thereafter, no permits from Springfield Office are required. Note that some sites require wind shield permits for hunting after Sept. 5 which can be obtained online or from the site. The Youth and Youth/Adult hunt is on Sept. 1.

HUNTING INFORMATION (ALL AREAS)

- **NONTOXIC SHOT ONLY** at Big Bend SF&WA, Des Plaines, Green River, Horseshoe Lake SP (includes Chouteau Island & Bend Road), Kankakee River, Mackinaw River, Mt. Vernon Game Farm, Sam Parr, Sangchris Lake and Silver Springs.
- **Shot size:** 71/2, 8 or 9 lead or 6 non-toxic steel or smaller or 71/2 bismuth or smaller.
- **Hunting hours:** Noon - 5 p.m.
- **Permits are not transferable.**
- **All hunters must wear a back patch, issued at the area.**
- **Dove daily limit:** 15 (1)
- **Dove possession limit:** 30 after the first hunting day (1)

(1) The daily bag and possession limits include mourning doves and white-winged doves in the aggregate. There is no bag limit on Eurasian-collared doves and ringed turtle doves, but they may be taken only during the established season dates and hours and using only legal methods for mourning doves. Hunters may not remain in the field for the purpose of taking Eurasian-collared doves or ringed turtle doves after they reach their daily bag limit for mourning/white-winged doves.

OPEN (all ages)

- **Check in time:** 9-11 a.m.
- **Stand-by permits:** Openings after 11 a.m. will be filled by a daily drawing if there are more stand-by hunters than openings available.
- **Permits void after 11 a.m.**
  - Big Bend - Whiteside Co. (a)
  - Coffeen Lake SF&WA
  - Des Plaines SF&WA (a)
  - Edward R. Madigan (Railsplitter) SP
  - Green River SWA (a)
  - Horseshoe Lake SP – Madison Co. (Bend Road Unit) (a)
  - Horseshoe Lake SP – Madison Co. (Chouteau Island Unit) (a)
  - Jim Edgar Panther Creek SF&WA (e)
  - Kankakee River SP (a)
  - Mackinaw River SF&WA (a)(b)
  - Matthiessen SP (a)
  - Ramsey Lake SP
  - Sangchris Lake SP Field (a)
  - Silver Springs SF&WA

YOUTH ONLY & YOUTH/ADULT (permit required) (c)(d)

- **Check in time:** 10-11 a.m.
- **Stand-by permits available at the site by lottery drawing if vacancies occur.**
- **Each youth must be accompanied by a supervising adult.**
- **Permit for Youth/Adult areas entitles supervising adult to hunt.**
- **Permits void after 11 a.m.**

(YOUTH AND ADULT ALLOWED TO HUNT)

- Kankakee River SP (a)
- Mackinaw River SF&WA (a)
- Mt. Vernon Game Farm (a)
- Ramsey Lake SP
- Sam Parr SF&WA (a)
- Sangchris Lake SP (a)
- Silver Springs SF&WA (a)

(YOUTH ONLY ALLOWED TO HUNT)

- Horseshoe Lake SP – Madison Co. (Bend Road Unit) (a)
- Stephen A. Forbes SP

H.I.P. REGISTRATION

Annual registration with HIP (National Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program) is a requirement for all dove hunters in Illinois. HIP registration is free and available at IDNR Direct Automated License System agents, www.dnr.illinois.gov or 1-888-6Permit.

HABITAT STAMP

Before any person 16 years of age or older takes, attempts to take or pursues any species of wildlife protected by the Wildlife Code, except migratory waterfowl, coots and hand reared birds on licensed game breeding and hunting preserves and areas and state controlled pheasant hunting areas, he or she shall first obtain a State Habitat Stamp. Disabled veterans, former prisoners of war and persons who obtained a Lifetime License before Jan. 1, 1993, are not required to obtain a State Habitat Stamp.

LICENSE INFORMATION

You must have a valid Illinois Hunting, Sportsmen’s or Apprentice License unless you are:
- an Illinois resident who is disabled and have a State disabled person I.D. card (available from the Secretary of State through the driver's license examining station) showing a P2, P2A, H2 or H2A disability.
- an Illinois resident on active duty and on leave from the U.S. Armed Forces.
- a disabled veteran with a veteran's disability card (at least 10% service related), available from local Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs offices.

Hunters born on or after Jan. 1, 1980 must show proof that they have successfully completed the DNR Hunter Safety Training Course. To obtain information about Hunter Safety Education classes scheduled in your area, visit www.dnr.illinois.gov/safety or call the Safety Education Unit 1-800-832-2599.

ILLINOIS YOUTH AND APPRENTICE HUNTING LICENSE

Any resident youth hunter age 16 and under may purchase a Youth Hunting License, which does not require the hunter to have a Hunter Education Card. A youth hunter with this license must hunt while supervised by a parent, grandparent or guardian who is 21 years of age or older and has a valid Illinois hunting license. An Apprentice Hunting License is also available and allows persons age 17 and under to hunt with a parent, grandparent or guardian. For additional information, please see footnote 12 on page 8 of the Hunting Digest.