

This conservation order is open statewide Feb. 16 – March 31, 2026.

- Legal species include snow geese and Ross' geese (white and blue phases of both species are legal).
- Whooping cranes are often found in the same areas as snow geese during fall and winter. Whooping cranes are large white birds, standing up to five feet tall, with black wing tips. They are federally endangered and harming them is a serious offense. Only shoot when you are absolutely sure of your target.
- You must have an Indiana hunting license and an Indiana waterfowl stamp to participate. Neither a federal waterfowl stamp nor an HIP number is required.
- You must also have a special free permit to participate. These permits will be available beginning in early January at Indiana Fish & Wildlife areas, or via the website beginning in December.
- Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. (Shooting hours end at 3 p.m. at Goose Pond FWA).
- It is legal to take light geese during the conservation order using electronic callers and/or shotguns capable of holding more than three shells.
- The shell limit in effect during the teal, duck, and dark goose seasons does not apply during the conservation order at Goose Pond FWA.
- There is no bag or possession limit for light geese during the conservation order.
- Please report any banded geese taken. You may report these bands by calling toll-free 1-800- 327-BAND, or online.

