

6234.0800 HUNTING BY FALCONRY.

Subpart 1. **Bag limits.** A person may not take more than three small game animals per day in the aggregate or possess more than six small game animals in the aggregate, other than rabbits and squirrels. A person may take and possess the limits of rabbits and squirrels allowed under parts 6234.0600 and 6234.0700.

Subp. 2. **Possession of firearms and bows and arrows prohibited.** A person may not hunt by falconry while in possession of, or having under control, any firearm or bow and arrow.

Subp. 3. **Open season and hours for nonmigratory small game.** Nonmigratory small game may be taken by falconry from September 1 to the last day in February. Falconry hunting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, except that pheasants may not be taken before 9:00 a.m.

Subp. 4. **Open season and hours for migratory game birds.** Woodcock, sora and Virginia rails, mourning dove, and common snipe may be taken by falconry from September 1 to December 16. Ducks, coots, and moorhens (*Gallinules*) may be taken by falconry from the Saturday nearest October 1 to the Saturday nearest January 14. Geese may be taken by falconry during any open goose season. Crows may be taken by falconry during the open season. Falconry hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, except during the regular waterfowl season when falconry hours are the same as waterfowl shooting hours.

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