



Game Warden Talks Hunting Season

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Hunting season is just around the corner!

Mills County Game Warden Vance Flowers said dove season will get underway with opening day on Sept. 1, going into Labor Day weekend.

Flowers suggested hunters familiarize themselves with the migratory game bird portion of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Outdoor Manual for rules and regulations related to the coming hunting season.

Our area falls in the North Zone, he said, which means the dove season will go from Sept. 1 to Nov. 4, and then again from Dec. 21 to Jan. 14.

The daily bag limit for dove is 15, and the possession limit is 45, Flowers noted.

While hunters can buy a hunting license without having completed a hunter's education course, those born on or after Sept. 2, 1971 must have completed the course in order to hunt.

Anyone 17-years old or older can take the course online, and can find out more information by calling 1-800-792-1112, or visiting tpwd.tx.gov/oa/huntered.

Completion of the course is required in order to hunt, and hunters must have some proof of completion until their documentation arrives in the mail, he said.

Flowers went on to say the local deer population has suffered as a result of the drought.

"Many of our fawns have expired or are in poor shape right now," he said. They just don't have the food to browse like normal. "Pray for rain," he added, saying the young deer are feeding nearly exclusively off feeders right now.

Flowers also cautioned locals against picking up fawns and taking them home. This is illegal, he stressed.

If anyone sees a fawn and is certain there is no mother, he or she can contact Flowers to see about getting the fawn to a "rehabber" in Brown County.

Submit Your Photos to THE EAGLE

Email us your trophy photo this hunting season to goldnews@centex.net.

Please include the hunter's name, date taken, location of harvest and any interesting facts about the hunt. Also, if the landowner desires recognition, please include the ranch name.

Visit Local Safari & RV Park Near Evant

Buena Vista Wildlife Safari and RV Park will open this fall to visitors. The park will initially offer over 20 exotic and native wildlife animals for viewing. There will also be a petting zoo for the little ones, a stocked lake for catch and release fishing and horsehoe pitching area.

Construction began at Buena Vista Wildlife Safari and RV Park in the spring of 2018. When it opens, Buena Vista will feature a natural environment, drive-through wildlife safari with over twenty species of animals - including zebra, llama, many different antelope and deer, bison, wildebeest, and more.

The RV Park will have full hook-ups, pull-through spaces, a bath house with laundry facilities, a



clubhouse, and even covered horse pens. There are also three fully furnished cabins, all with great views of the Wildlife Park. A petting zoo and gift shop will also be on site.

For information about the Preview-Fest event, visit the Safari's website at www.buonavistawildlifesafari.com.

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