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from noon to sunset and the daily bag limit is 15 birds, to include not more than two mourning doves and two white-tipped doves.

Hunters are reminded that licenses are on sale now for the 2022-23 hunting seasons and can be purchased through the agency's 28 law enforcement field offices, at more than 50 state parks and over 1,700 retailers across the state.

Licenses may also be purchased online through the TPWD website or by phone at (800) 895-4248. Call center hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and there is a required \$5 administrative fee for each phone or online transaction. The online transaction system is available 24/7.

Enhancements have been made to make the licensing process simpler and faster.

"Expedited checkout" improves the process of purchasing the same license items bought most recently within the last three years. It's also now easier to show proof-of-license. Now hunters can use a digital image of their license as proof-of-license for any hunting that doesn't require a tag, like dove hunting. Accepted formats include: (1) a digital photo, (2) an emailed receipt, (3) within the Outdoor Annual app or the My Texas Hunt Harvest app, or (4) online purchase record.

For the first time, Texas

residents can purchase a digital Super Combo license (Items

111, 117 and 990) that will authorize digital tagging of harvested deer, turkey and oversized red drum. The digital license option is available

through online purchase only when licenses go on sale Aug. 15. A digital license holder will not receive a printed license or tags but must keep their digital license available while in the field. The license can be viewed through the TPWD Outdoor Annual and My Texas Hunt Harvest mobile apps.

In addition to a hunting license, anyone born after Sept. 1, 1971, must successfully complete a hunter education training course to hunt legally in Texas.

The TPWD Hunter Education certification is valid for life and is honored in all other states and provinces. Hunters can find more information or print a replacement at no cost online.

A Migratory Game Bird Endorsement (Stamp) and Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification are also required to hunt dove. HIP certification involves a brief survey of previous year's migratory bird hunting success and is conducted at the time licenses are purchased.

*Information courtesy: Texas Parks & Wildlife Department*

“Hunters will likely see larger concentrations of birds at watering holes...”

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