

Central Area -- WATERFOWL

Crook and Jefferson Counties

Mallards and Canada geese are the most common waterfowl species in these counties. Hunting opportunities are limited due to the lack of wetlands, marshes, and access, especially on public lands – but hunters could try hunting the limited BLM along the Crooked River or the Prineville Reservoir. Most of the better hunting is associated with private agricultural lands where gaining access can be difficult.

Deschutes County

Duck and geese hunting should be average for local birds prior to freezing up. Canada geese numbers have increased over past survey years. Low water levels can result in challenging access early in the season around the large reservoirs and other forest lakes with large expanses of beach exposed. Hunters in the upper Deschutes River area should remember that Deschutes County Ordinance prohibits the discharge of firearms in portions of the river between Sunriver and Fall River, [see map](#).