

2026 TUNDRA SWAN PERMIT



Draw	Application Opens	Application Closes	Results Available
First	06/10/2026	07/01/2026, 08:00 AM CDT	07/07/2026
Second	08/19/2026	09/03/2026, 08:00 AM CDT	09/08/2026
Leftovers	09/10/2026	01/08/2026, 08:00 AM CDT	

PERMIT AVAILABILITY

Unit <small>General Area</small>	Type	Resident	Nonresident
<i>Unit description below</i>	81	1100	200

Tundra Swan Permit valid in:

Aurora, Brule, Beadle, Brookings, Brown, Buffalo, Campbell, Clark, Codington, Davison, Day, Deuel, Edmunds, Faulk, Grant, Hand, Hamlin, Hanson, Hughes, Hyde, Jerauld, Kingsbury, Lake, Marshall, McCook, McPherson, Miner, Minnehaha, Moody, Potter, Roberts, Sanborn, Spink, Sully, and Walworth counties

IMPORTANT SEASON INFORMATION

Hunters may have a maximum two tundra swan permits.

MUST READ - Additional License Requirements

- 1) Migratory Bird Certificate:** For the 2026 season, certificates must be purchased on or after July 1, 2026.
- 2) Federal Waterfowl Stamp:** Required for hunters 16 and older. The Federal Waterfowl Stamp is valid from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. An electronic Federal Waterfowl Stamp can be presented to a wildlife conservation officer upon request via the states' licensing system under which it was purchased. Alternatively, a paper license (issued to the hunter/purchaser) that includes the purchase of an electronic Federal Waterfowl Stamp can be presented. To be legal, physical Federal Waterfowl Stamps in possession must be signed.

NONRESIDENTS

Nonresidents must also possess a valid NRW-00B, NRW-00V, NRW-00X, or NRW-00Y license to receive a tundra swan permit.

A nonresident tundra swan permit is valid:

- within the geographic area of the hunter's regular Nonresident Waterfowl license
- for the duration of the hunter's regular Nonresident Waterfowl license

For example, a nonresident with a NRW-00B license who chose a start date of November 1 may hunt tundra swan and other waterfowl from November 1-10 and is restricted to the 00B area.

NOTE: All applications must be submitted [online](#).

FEE SCHEDULE

Permit Types	Resident	Nonresident
81 - tundra swan	\$21	\$40

RETURN POLICY *(NEW FOR 2026)*

Return Deadline: August 1, 2026

Return Fee: \$10 - Residents | \$30 - Nonresidents

A fee will be assessed if a customer returns their permit. They will also be ineligible for any subsequent draws that year for that respective season.

SEASON DATES

October 3, 2026 - January 8, 2027

DRAW GUIDELINES

First - Applicants may submit one application.

Second - Those who do not already have a permit may submit one application for one permit.

Leftovers - Remaining permits will be issued first-come, first-served. Nonresidents must either possess a valid Nonresident Waterfowl (NRW) license or apply for a leftover NRW license when applying for a tundra swan permit.

GENERAL APPLICATION INFORMATION

Visit <https://gfp.sd.gov/hunt-fish-license/> to view application information, residency and age requirements, landowner preference, preference points, and license fee explanations.

[Unit Descriptions and Map](#)
[Interactive Hunting Unit Map](#)

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