

2023 WATERFOWL, CANADA GOOSE, TUNDRA SWAN



APPLICATION DEADLINE

Resident Special Unit Canada Goose.....	July 13, 8 a.m. CDT
Nonresident Waterfowl.....	July 7, 8 a.m. CDT
Nonresident Youth Waterfowl.....	July 7, 8 a.m. CDT
Resident & Nonresident Tundra Swan.....	August 15, 8 a.m. CDT
Nonresident September Goose	No Deadline

LANDOWNER PERMISSION REQUIRED

Permission is required to hunt private land in South Dakota. Every year Game, Fish and Parks receives complaints from hunters who drew a license and couldn't obtain permission to hunt private land once the season opened. Do not apply just because licenses are available. Have permission to hunt before you apply. If you don't receive permission before you apply, you may not be able to obtain permission during the season.

APPLY ONLINE: gfp.sd.gov

Visit gfp.sd.gov, click "Licenses," and then "Purchase License." From there, the system walks you through step by step. If you do not already have an account, you will be required to create one. You will begin by selecting a season to apply for and your first-choice hunting unit. Please note that you are required to provide a credit or debit card number to finish the transaction. Upon completion and submission of your application, you are then placed directly into the drawing for the unit you selected. Preference points are automatically included if you had any from previous years.

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

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Drawing Statistics: Applicants may access last year's drawing results online gfp.sd.gov. Past drawing information will be available from 2022 seasons, and the 2023 information will be available once the drawing is complete.

Residency

To apply for a resident license, a person must:

- Have a domicile (a person's established, fixed, and permanent home to which the person, whenever absent, has the present intention of returning) within South Dakota for at least 90 consecutive days immediately preceding the date of application for purchasing, or attempting to purchase any hunting, fishing, or trapping license/permit, and;
- Make no claim of residency in any other state or foreign country for any purpose;
- Claim no resident hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges in any other state or foreign country;
- Prior to any application for any license, transfer to South Dakota the person's driver's license and motor vehicle registrations.

EXCEPTION: The following persons are eligible for resident licenses:

- Any person who previously had a domicile in South Dakota who is absent due to business of the United States or South Dakota, or is serving in the armed forces of the US or the spouse of an active duty military person;
- Any person who previously had a domicile in this state who is absent due to regular attendance at a post-high school institution as a full-time student or in a medical or dental residency program;
- Any person in the active military of the U.S. or that person's spouse who is continuously stationed in South Dakota;
- Any patient in any war veterans' hospital within South Dakota;
- Any employee of the veterans' administration or any veterans' hospital in South Dakota;
- Any person residing on restricted military reservations in South Dakota;
- Any person attending regularly a post-high school institution in South Dakota as a full-time student for 30 days or more immediately preceding the application;
- Any foreign exchange student over 16 years of age attending a public or private high school who has resided in the state for 30 days or more preceding the application;
- Any foreign exchange student who is between the ages of 12 and 16 who has completed GFP's course of instruction in the safe handling of firearms and has been issued a certificate of competency upon completion of instruction and who has resided in South Dakota for 30 days or more preceding application for a license;
- Any person who is a minor dependent of a resident of South Dakota.

Termination of Residency

A person (*other than a person who fits into one of the previous EXCEPTIONS*) is deemed to have terminated their South Dakota resident hunting, fishing, and trapping status if the person does any of the following:

- Applies for, purchases, or accepts a resident hunting, fishing, or trapping license issued by another state or foreign country;
- Registers to vote in another state or foreign country;
- Accepts a driver's license issued by another state or foreign country;
- Moves to any other state or foreign country and makes it the person's domicile or makes any claim of residency for any purpose in the other state or foreign country.

However, a person who has lawfully acquired a resident hunting, fishing, or trapping license and who leaves the state after acquiring the license to take up residency elsewhere may continue to exercise all the privileges granted by the license until the license expires if the person's respective privileges are not revoked or suspended.

Social Security Number

The last four digits of your Social Security Number are required. The Social Security Number information is required from all U.S. residents before this application will be processed [SDCL 25-7A-56.2]. This information will be kept confidential. The information is required to be in compliance with state law on collection of delinquent child support payments.

South Dakota law prohibits the issuance or renewal of any hunting or fishing license if an individual owes \$1,000 or more in past-due child support unless the individual enters into a repayment agreement with the Dept. of Social Services for payment of the delinquent child support [SDCL 25-7A-56; 25-7A-1(28)]. There is a requirement to enter into a repayment agreement with the Dept. of Social Services even if the individual is presently making child support payments, or if child support is being withheld from wages or income. To enter into the required repayment agreement, individuals must contact the Dept. of Social Services - Office of Child Support Enforcement, 700 Governor's Drive - Kneip Building, Pierre SD 57501, or call 605.773.6456.

Age Eligibility

- Residents and nonresidents must be 12 years old by Dec. 31, 2023.
- Residents under age 16 must successfully complete a HuntSAFE course.
- Nonresidents under age 16 must include the certificate number from their hunter safety card, or a current or previous hunting license issued to them from any state.
- Residents and nonresidents who have not completed the HuntSAFE course at the time of application must leave their HuntSAFE number blank within their profile, but they can still apply. If successful in the draw, their license will be held until the GFP License Office is notified of the HuntSAFE card number once the course has been successfully completed.

Fees

Payment for online applications must be made with a valid credit/debit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express). Your credit/debit card will not be charged the full fee until, and only if you are successful in the drawing. Nonpayment in the form of a cancelled credit/debit card will result in your license being withheld and the blocking of any future license purchases until the unpaid fee, along with any penalties, is paid in full.

Application Rules

- Individuals may submit only one application per season for the first drawing and receive no more than one license. See “Application Deadlines” for rules allowing additional licenses.
- Licenses may not be transferred to another person.
- Applicants wishing to receive a preference point for seasons in which they are unsuccessful in their first choice, must select the option to purchase a preference point during the application process.

Group Applications

- Applications with matching first and second choices, submitted in the same group, will be treated as a group application. All applicants will either be successful or unsuccessful in the drawings.
- No more than six applications may be submitted in the same group.
- Applicants with preference points should be aware when applying with applicants with fewer preference points, the lowest preference point balance is then represented in the entire group.

- Residents and nonresidents may apply together in the same group when licenses are available for each. Either all in the group will be drawn together or all will be rejected. Residents will be charged the resident fee and nonresidents will be charged the nonresident fee. This is valid only in seasons and units where both resident and nonresident licenses are available for a specific drawing. It should be noted that in most instances, residents who apply with nonresidents will have a diminished chance of drawing a first-choice license.

Submitting Applications

Applications must be submitted online. If you do not have internet access you can apply by calling 605.223.7660 or visiting any GFP Wildlife Division office.

Successful Applicants

Successful applicants for limited licenses are selected at random by computer lottery.

Unsuccessful Applicants

Unsuccessful applicants' credit/debit cards will only be charged for a preference point if it was selected during the application process.

SEASON APPLICATION INFORMATION

A person 18 years of age or older is required to purchase a Habitat Stamp (\$10 for residents and \$25 for nonresidents) when applying for or purchasing any hunting, fishing, or trapping license. A person is not required to purchase more than one Habitat Stamp within a license year.

License fees include a \$6 surcharge established by the South Dakota Legislature. Surcharge monies are divided between programs for wildlife damage management and public hunting land access, programs that benefit both landowners and hunters.

TRIBAL LANDS. State licenses are valid on private, deeded lands within the exterior boundaries of Indian reservations. Persons planning to hunt on tribal lands should contact the appropriate tribal office concerning tribal hunting licenses.

NONRESIDENT WATERFOWL

Duck Daily Bag Options for Hunters: Starting in 2021, hunters have two options for duck daily bag regulations in South Dakota. Option 1, Traditional license: Normal daily bag with all applicable species and sex restriction. Option 2, Three-Duck license: Three ducks per day of any species or sex. This choice is selected during the purchase of a State Migratory Bird Certificate and applies to the entire season.

Season Dates: See respective season or hunting license. In addition, waterfowl hunting season dates will be published in the 2023 Hunting and Trapping Handbook and are available online.

Duck

High Plains Zone: Oct. 14, 2023 – Jan. 18, 2024

Low Plains North & Middle Zone: Sept. 23 – Dec. 5, 2023

Low Plains South Zone: Oct. 28, 2023 – Jan. 9, 2024

Goose

Early Fall Canada Goose: Sept. 1-30, 2023

Goose Unit 1: Oct. 1 – Dec. 16, 2023

Goose Unit 2: Nov. 6, 2023 – Feb. 18, 2024

Goose Unit 3: Jan. 13-21, 2024

Light Goose: Sept. 30, 2023 – Jan. 12, 2024

White-fronted Goose: Sept. 30 – Dec. 12, 2023

Additional Permits: All nonresidents must purchase a State Migratory Bird Certificate. Hunters 16 and older must have a valid, signed Federal Waterfowl Stamp in possession to be legal. A separate Nonresident Small Game license is required to hunt small game such as pheasants and grouse.

Individual License Quota: Applicants may receive:

- No more than one Nonresident Waterfowl license before Nov. 1.
- Beginning Nov. 1, there is no limit to the number of Nonresident Waterfowl licenses a hunter may possess.
- Applicants are also eligible for one Nonresident September Canada Goose license, which does not count against the quota of regular Nonresident Waterfowl licenses.

Start Date Requirements: Nonresident Waterfowl licenses in Units NRW-00B and NRW-11A are valid for two 5-day periods, and those in NRW-00V, NRW-00X, NRW-00Y and NRW-00Z are valid for 3 consecutive days, all beginning on the “Start Date” you provide on this application. If you are unsure of your start date, leave the start date blank. When a date is established, you may set (or change at any time before the start date on your license commences) your start dates online. Sign back into your license profile on the GFP online license system, under “Current Licenses/Permits,” click the “Date Exchange” button on the right-hand side, then select your new start dates. You may then print your license for use. You also have the option to email wildinfo@state.sd.us or call GFP at 605.223.7660 with your start date.

NONRESIDENT WATERFOWL

APPLICATION DEADLINES

First Deadline - Apply online by 8 a.m. CDT July 7. Applicants may submit one application. Results available online by July 13.

Second Deadline - Apply online by 8 a.m. CDT August 2. Those who do not already have a license may submit one application for one license. Results available online by Aug. 7.

Leftover Licenses - After the second deadline drawing, licenses remaining will be issued first-come first-served. You may check for leftover licenses online at gfp.sd.gov/leftovers.

SEASON/UNIT/TYPE CHOICES

NRW-00A-86: BON HOMME, CHARLES MIX, CLAY, UNION, and YANKTON counties. License valid for entire season.

250 nonresident licenses available (\$116)

NRW-00B-86: STATEWIDE, except area in units NRW-00A and NRW-11A. License valid for up to two 5-day periods.

3,925 nonresident licenses available (\$116)

NRW-11A-86: BENNETT CO. License valid for two 5-day periods. Oct. 21-Dec. 24, 2023, or from Jan. 13-21, 2024, in this unit. Successful applicants will receive two tags. Canada geese may be taken according to daily and possession limits.

25 nonresident licenses available (\$116)

NRW-00V-86: License valid on private land only in Brown, Campbell, Edmunds, Faulk, McPherson, and Walworth counties. License valid for 3 consecutive days.

550 nonresident licenses available (\$81)

NRW-00X-86: License valid on private land only in Hughes, Lyman, Potter, Stanley, and Sully counties. License valid for 3 consecutive days.

750 nonresident licenses available (\$81)

NRW-00Y-86: License valid on public and private land in Clark, Codington, Day, Deuel, Grant, Hamlin, Marshall, Roberts, and Spink counties. License valid for 3 consecutive days.

500 nonresident licenses available (\$81)

NRW-00Z-86: STATEWIDE, except area in units 00A, 00X, 00V, 00Y and 11A. Valid on private land only. License valid for 3 consecutive days.

300 nonresident licenses available (\$81)

Preference Points: People can purchase preference points (\$10 Nonresident) from September 15 - December 15, 2023, through GFP's online licensing system at gfp.sd.gov/hunt-fish-license.

NONRESIDENT YOUTH WATERFOWL

Season Dates: Nonresident Youth Waterfowl season dates are September 9 and 10 only.

License Eligibility: Nonresidents who have not reached the age of 18 by September 9, 2023, are eligible for this license.

Additional Permits: All nonresidents must purchase a State Migratory Bird Certificate. Hunters 15 and younger do not need a Federal Waterfowl Stamp in possession to be legal. A separate Nonresident Small Game license is required to hunt small game such as pheasants and grouse.

Individual License Quota: Applicants may submit one application and receive one license for this season. The fee applies to nonresident youth who draw a license valid for the youth season only. Youth who receive a nonresident license valid during the regular season would continue to pay the same fee as adults.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

First Deadline - Apply online by 8 a.m. CDT July 7. Applicants may submit one application. Results available online by July 13.

Second Deadline - Apply online by 8 a.m. CDT August 2. Those who do not already have a license may submit one application for one license. Results available online by August 7.

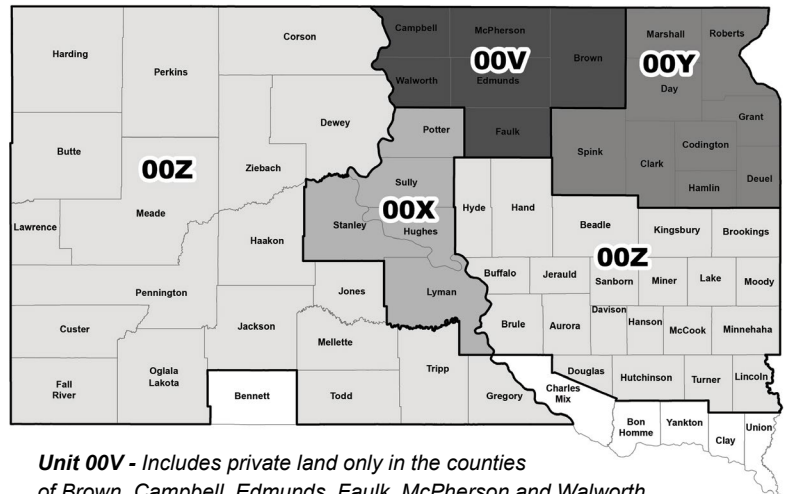
Leftover Licenses - After the second deadline drawing, licenses remaining will be issued first-come first-served. You may check for leftover licenses online at gfp.sd.gov/leftovers.

SEASON/UNIT/TYPE CHOICES

NYW-YW1-86: License is valid statewide anywhere the Nonresident Youth Waterfowl season is open.

100 Nonresident Youth Waterfowl licenses available (\$5)

Nonresident 3-Day Waterfowl Unit Map



Unit 00V - Includes private land only in the counties of Brown, Campbell, Edmunds, Faulk, McPherson and Walworth.

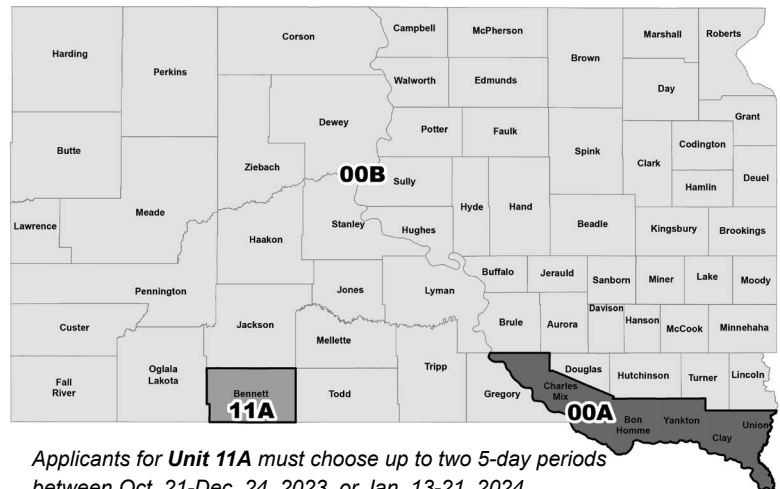
Licenses valid for 3 consecutive days.

Unit 00X - Includes private land only in the counties of Hughes, Lyman, Potter, Stanley and Sully. Licenses valid for 3 consecutive days.

Unit 00Y - Includes private land and public land in the counties of Clark, Codington, Day, Deuel, Grant, Hamlin, Marshall, Roberts and Spink. Licenses valid for 3 consecutive days.

Unit 00Z - STATEWIDE, except area in units 00A, 00X, 00V, 00Y and 11A. Valid on private land only. License valid for 3 consecutive days.

Nonresident 10-Day and Season-Long Waterfowl Unit Map



Applicants for **Unit 11A** must choose up to two 5-day periods between Oct. 21-Dec. 24, 2023, or Jan. 13-21, 2024.

RESIDENT SPECIAL CANADA GOOSE UNIT

Season Dates: Oct 21 - Dec. 24, 2023 and Jan. 13-21, 2024

License Eligibility: South Dakota residents only.

Individual License Quota: Applicants may have a maximum of three (3) licenses. See Application Deadline rules.

Limit Restrictions: Hunters must obey the state daily and possession limits for geese.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

First Deadline - Apply online by 8 a.m. CDT July 13. Applicants may submit one application. Results available online by July 18.

Second Deadline - Apply online by 8 a.m. CDT August 3. Those who do not already have a license may submit one application for one license. Results available online by August 14.

Leftover Licenses - After the second deadline drawing, unsold licenses will be issued first-come first-served. You may check for leftover licenses online at gfp.sd.gov/leftovers. Individuals may have a maximum of three licenses for this season.

SEASON/UNIT/TYPE CHOICE

SGW-11A-85: BENNETT CO. Season Dates Oct. 21-Dec. 24, 2023 and January 13-21, 2024; Valid for THREE Canada geese
800 resident licenses available (\$16)

NONRESIDENT SEPTEMBER CANADA GOOSE

Season Dates: September 1-30, 2023

License Duration: Valid for this entire season.

Additional Permits: All nonresidents must purchase a State Migratory Bird Certificate. Hunters 16 and older must have a valid, signed Federal Waterfowl Stamp in possession to be legal.

Individual License Quota: Applicants may submit one application and receive one license for this season. Nonresidents may receive this license and also one of the other Nonresident Waterfowl licenses. Licenses will be issued first-come, first-served beginning July 20.

SEASON/UNIT/TYPE CHOICES

NGW-ST1-86: The counties of Aurora, Beadle, Brookings, Brown, Butte, Campbell, Clark, Codington, Corson, Davison, Day, Deuel, Douglas, Edmunds, Faulk, Grant, Haakon, Hamlin, Hand, Hanson, Harding, Hutchinson, Jackson, Jerauld, Jones, Kingsbury, Lake, McCook, McPherson, Marshall, Meade, Mellette, Moody, Miner, Oglala Lakota, Roberts, Sanborn, Spink, Todd, Turner, Walworth, and Ziebach, that portion of Dewey County north of Bureau of Indian Affairs Road 8, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Road 9, and the section of U.S. Highway 212 east of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Road 8 junction, that portion of Potter County east of U.S. Highway 83, that portion of Sully County east of U.S. Highway 83, portions of Hyde, Buffalo, Brule, Charles Mix, and Bon Homme counties north and east of a line beginning at the Hughes-Hyde county line on State Highway 34, east to Lees Boulevard, southeast to the State Highway 34, east 7 miles to 350th Avenue, south to Interstate 90 on 350th Avenue, south and east on State Highway 50 to Geddes, east on 285th Street to U.S. Highway 281, north on U.S. Highway 281 to the Charles Mix-Douglas county boundary, the portion of Bon Homme County north of State Highway 50, the portions of Yankton and Clay counties north of County Highway 585 (306th Street) to U.S. Highway 81, then north on U.S. Highway 81 to 303rd Street, then east on 303rd Street to 444th Avenue, then south on 444th Avenue to 305th Street, then east on Bluff Road (305th Street) to County Highway 19, south to State Highway 50 and east to the Clay/Union County line, and the portion of Perkins County west of State Highway 75 and south of State Highway 20, that portion of Lincoln County west of State Highway 17 and south of County Highway 116 (Klondike Road), and the portion of Minnehaha County north of a line beginning at the junction of the South Dakota-Minnesota state line and County Highway 122 (254th Street) west to its junction with County Highway 149 (464th Avenue), the portion west of County Highway 149 (464th Avenue) to Hartford, the portion west of County Highway 151 (463rd Avenue) to State Highway 42, the portion south of State Highway 42 to State Highway 17, and the portion west of State Highway 17 to the Minnehaha-Lincoln county boundary.
License fee \$44.

RESIDENT TUNDRA SWAN

License Eligibility: South Dakota residents only. Nonresidents see “Nonresident Tundra Swan Season” information in this pamphlet.

Individual License Quota: Applicants may have up to two (2) Tundra Swan licenses taken in accordance with the “Application Deadline” rules below.

Season Dates: September 30, 2023 - December 12, 2023

APPLICATION DEADLINES

First Deadline - Apply online by 8 a.m. CDT August 15. Applicants may submit one application. Results available online by August 21.

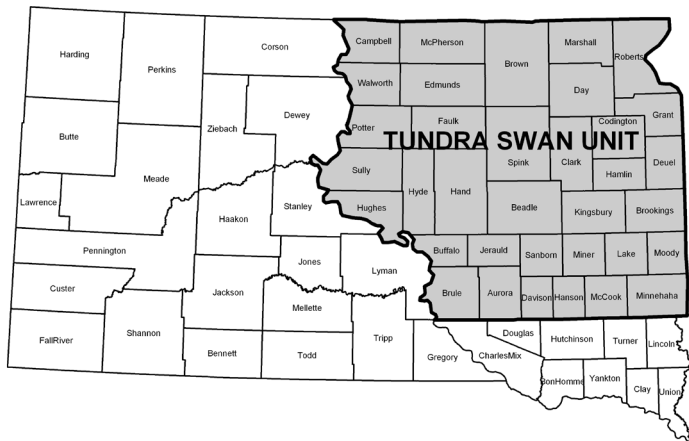
Second Deadline - Apply online by 8 a.m. CDT September 1. Those who do not already have a license may submit one application for one license. Results available online by September 7.

Leftover Licenses - After the second deadline drawing, unsold licenses will be issued first-come first-served with a maximum of two (2) licenses per hunter. You may check for leftover licenses online at gfp.sd.gov/leftovers.

SEASON/UNIT/TYPE CHOICES

TSW-00A-81: INCLUDES Aurora, Beadle, Brookings, Brown, Brule, Buffalo, Campbell, Clark, Codington, Davison, Day, Deuel, Edmunds, Faulk, Grant, Hamlin, Hand, Hanson, Hughes, Hyde, Jerauld, Kingsbury, Lake, McCook, McPherson, Marshall, Miner, Minnehaha, Moody, Potter, Roberts, Sanborn, Spink, Sully, and Walworth counties.

Valid for one Tundra Swan.; 1,100 resident licenses available (\$18).



NONRESIDENT TUNDRA SWAN

Requirements: Tundra swan permits are valid ONLY in the Tundra Swan hunting unit. Nonresidents must also have a valid NRW-00B, NRW-00V, NRW-00X, NRW-00Y or NRW-00Z license. Your tundra swan permit is valid only in the geographic area your regular Nonresident Waterfowl license is valid, and only for the date and number of days your Nonresident Waterfowl license is valid. The Tundra Swan deadline is at a later date than regular Nonresident Waterfowl licenses.

Season Dates: September 30, 2023 - December 12, 2023

Permit Duration: A nonresident Tundra Swan permit is valid only for the duration of the regular nonresident waterfowl license. For example, a nonresident with a NRW-00B license who has indicated a start date of Nov. 1 may hunt tundra swan and other waterfowl from Nov. 1-10.

Leftover Permits: No person may apply for and receive more than two (2) permits, taken in accordance with the “application deadline” rules below. If there are Tundra Swan permits leftover after the second drawing for residents, they will also become available to nonresidents. In order to receive one of these leftover permits, a nonresident must either possess a valid Nonresident Waterfowl license with a hunting period that has not expired, or apply for a leftover Nonresident Waterfowl license along with an application for the Tundra Swan permits.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

First Deadline - Apply online by 8 a.m. CDT August 15. Applicants may submit one application. Results available online by August 21.

Second Deadline - Apply online by 8 a.m. CDT September 1. Those who do not already have a license may submit one application for one license. Results available online by September 7.

Leftover Licenses - After the second deadline drawing, licenses remaining will be issued first-come first-served with a maximum of two (2) licenses per hunter. You may check for leftover licenses online at gfp.sd.gov/leftovers.

SEASON/UNIT/TYPE CHOICES

TSW-00A-81: INCLUDES Aurora, Beadle, Brookings, Brown, Brule, Buffalo, Campbell, Clark, Codington, Davison, Day, Deuel, Edmunds, Faulk, Grant, Hamlin, Hand, Hanson, Hughes, Hyde, Jerauld, Kingsbury, Lake, McCook, McPherson, Marshall, Miner, Minnehaha, Moody, Potter, Roberts, Sanborn, Spink, Sully, and Walworth counties.

Valid for one Tundra Swan.

200 nonresident licenses available (\$25)