

2026 NONRESIDENT EARLY FALL GOOSE



Over the Counter	Purchases Open	Purchases Close
Early Fall (September) Canada Goose (NGW)	07/21/2026	09/30/2026, 12:00 AM CDT

LICENSE AVAILABILITY

Unit	Type	Nonresident	
NGW-ST1	Early Fall	Unlimited	—

LICENSE CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR

▲ Increase — No Change ▼ Decrease

INDIVIDUAL LICENSE QUOTA

- Hunters may obtain one (1) Nonresident Early Fall Canada Goose license, which does not count toward the pre-November 1st Nonresident Waterfowl license limit.

IMPORTANT SEASON INFORMATION

This license is valid to hunt Canada goose in Unit 1 only.

MUST READ - Additional License Requirements

In addition to a nonresident waterfowl license, the following two items are required:

- 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 Stamps are 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.

FEE SCHEDULE

License Types	Nonresident
86 - Early Fall Canada Goose	\$51

SEASON DATES

September 1-30, 2026

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