

CHAPTER 97  
COMMON SNIPE, VIRGINIA RAIL AND SORA, WOODCOCK,  
RUFFED GROUSE, AND DOVE HUNTING SEASONS  
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**571—97.1(481A) Common snipe season.** Open season for hunting common snipe shall be from the first Saturday in September through November 30. Shooting hours shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day. Daily bag limit 8 birds; possession limit 16 birds. Entire state open.

**571—97.2(481A) Virginia rail and sora season.** Open season for hunting Virginia rail and sora shall be from the first Saturday in September and continue for 70 consecutive days. Shooting hours shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day. Daily bag limit 12 and possession limit 24 in aggregate of both species. Entire state open.

**571—97.3(481A) Woodcock season.** Open season for hunting woodcock shall be from the first Saturday in October and continue for 45 consecutive days. Shooting hours shall be from sunrise to sunset each day. Daily bag limit 3; possession limit 6. Entire state open.

**571—97.4(481A) Ruffed grouse season.** Open season for hunting ruffed grouse shall be from the first Saturday in October through January 31 of the succeeding year. Shooting hours shall be from sunrise to sunset each day. Daily bag limit 3; possession limit 6.

**97.4(1) Portion of the state open to hunting.** The area open to hunting shall be that portion of the state lying north and east of a line described as follows: beginning at Sabula, Iowa; thence west along State Highway 64 to U.S. Highway 151; thence west along U.S. Highway 151 to State Highway 13; thence north along State Highway 13 to U.S. Highway 20; thence west along U.S. Highway 20 to U.S. Highway 63; thence north along U.S. Highway 63 to the state line.

**97.4(2)** Reserved.

**571—97.5** Reserved.

**571—97.6(481A) Dove season.** Open season for hunting mourning doves and Eurasian collared-doves shall begin on September 1 and continue for 70 consecutive days. Shooting hours shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day. Daily bag limit is 15; possession limit is 30. The entire state is open. No person shall take a mourning dove or Eurasian collared-dove on any land or water of the state of Iowa while having in one's possession any shot other than nontoxic approved by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

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