This brochure is designed to provide the public with information and a summary of regulations pertaining to hunting and other recreational use on the DuPuis Dove Field Public Small Game Hunting Area. Regulations that are new or differ substantially from last year are shown in bold print. Area users should familiarize themselves with all regulations. For exact wording of the wildlife laws and regulations, see the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission’s wildlife code, on file with the Secretary of State and state libraries. This brochure and the Florida Hunting Regulations handbook should provide the information necessary for you to plan your hunting activities. These publications are available at MyFWC.com.

**Permit, Stamp and License Information:**
Persons using public small game hunting areas are required to have appropriate licenses, permits and stamps. The following persons are exempt from all license and permit requirements (except for the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp [federal duck stamp]): Florida residents who are 65 years of age or older; residents who possess a Florida Resident Disabled Person Hunting and Fishing Certificate; residents in the U.S. Armed Forces, not stationed in Florida, while home on leave for 30 days or less, upon submission of orders; and children under 16 years of age. Children under 16 years of age are exempt from the federal duck stamp.

Licenses and permits may be purchased from county tax collectors, license agents, by telephone at 1-888-486-8356 or at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com. A no-cost Migratory Bird Permit is available when purchasing a hunting license.

**Quota Permit Information:**
**Dove - 44, no-cost, quota permits (no exemptions) for each of 4 dove field hunts during phase 1 of dove season.** One youth under 16 years of age may accompany an adult dove permit holder and may hunt under the supervision and in the presence of the permit holder, provided that the permit holder and youth may each take one daily bag limit of doves. Permits are transferable. **NOTE: A quota permit is not required during dove field hunts during phase 2 and 3 of dove season.**

Permit applications: Hunters must submit electronic applications for quota and special-opportunity permits at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com. Worksheets listing hunts, application periods, deadlines and instructions are available at county tax collector’s offices, FWC offices or MyFWC.com. Quota application periods occur throughout the year beginning April 1; please refer to the hunting handbook or MyFWC.com for specific dates. Worksheets will be available about 2 weeks prior to each application period.

**General Area Regulations:** Please consult the 2019-20 John G. and Susan H DuPuis, Jr. Wildlife and Environmental Area brochure for a summary of all area specific regulations at MyFWC.com.
1. Public access to the dove field is prohibited except for dove hunters during established dove field hunts (Sundays only during dove season). **During phase 1 of dove season only quota permitted dove hunters and their guests may access the field**

2. The possession or consumption of intoxicating beverages is prohibited.

3. Hunting north of Jim Lake Grade is prohibited except within the posted dove field during dove hunts.

4. Hunter access to the field shall only be through the pedestrian gate at the corner of Jim Lake and DuPuis grades.

5. All vehicles should be parked completely off the graded road in the designated parking area.

**Hunters and Check Stations:**

1. **During phase 1 dove hunts** each permitted hunter may be accompanied by one youth hunter and one non-hunting guest. The non-hunting guest shall remain under the supervision and in the presence of the permitted hunter at all times during the hunt.

2. Dove hunters shall enter through Gate 1 only and check in at the check station when check station is staffed.

3. **During phase 1 dove hunts** permitted dove field hunters must check-in at the check station on the date of their hunt between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. or their dove field quota permit will be forfeited. Forfeited permits will be issued via random draw at the check station beginning at 3 p.m. the day of the hunt.

4. **During phase 1 dove hunts** check station hours are 11 a.m. until 1 hour after sunset. Hunt station assignments will be assigned at check-in and station assignment may be changed at the check station only.

5. **A quota permit is not required to hunt the dove field during phase 2 and 3 of dove season. During phase 2 and 3 it is each dove field hunter’s responsibility to station themselves a safe and respectful distance from other participants.**

6. **During phase 2 and 3 hunts, hunters may enter the field no earlier than noon and must exit the area no later than 1 hour after sunset.**

7. Only bird dogs may be used for hunting during dove field hunts.

**Guns:**

1. Hunting with firearms other than shotguns is prohibited.

2. Shotguns shall not be larger than 10 gauge and shall be incapable of holding more than 3 shells in the magazine and chamber combined.

3. Children under the age of 16 may not be in possession of a firearm unless in the presence of a supervising adult.

4. The discharge of a firearm outside of periods open to hunting or in areas closed to hunting is prohibited per s.790.15 FS.

5. No person shall discharge a firearm or have a loaded firearm in hand while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

**Bag and Possession Limits:**

Aggregate of mourning and white-winged dove - Daily limit 15.
Eurasian collared-dove and rock dove - no limit.
Only one daily bag limit may be possessed while in the field or returning from the field. A hunter may leave his or her birds with another person if the birds are tagged with the hunter’s signature and address, the total number of birds, by species, and the date birds were harvested.

**Dove Field Hunts (Sundays only):**

**Phase 1 (quota permit required) -** September 29 and October 6, 13, and 20.

**Phase 2 and 3 (quota permit NOT required) -** November 10, 17 and 24, December 1, 22 and 29, and January 5, 12, 19 and 26.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Quota permit (**Phase 1 hunts only**), hunting license, management area permit, and migratory bird permit.

Legal to Take - **Eurasian collared-dove**, mourning dove, **rock dove (common pigeon)** and white-winged dove only.

Shooting hours - Noon until sunset.

**Dove Field Location:** Dupuis Wildlife and Environmental Area is located off S. R. 76 approximately 3 miles from Port Mayaca in Martin County (see inset on reverse). From Okeechobee or West Palm Beach, take S.R. 710 (Beeline Highway) to S.R. 76 (just south of Indiantown). Go west on S.R. 76 approximately 5 miles for Gate 1 and 6 miles for Gate 3. The field is located north of the corner of Jim Lake and Dupuis Grades (see map).

**General Information:** Dupuis WEA was acquired under the Save Our Rivers (SOR) program. The purpose of a wildlife and environmental area is to conserve and protect unique and irreplaceable wildlife habitats, restore areas to their original condition as much as possible, and allow controlled multiple recreational and educational uses consistent with this purpose.

**Report a Band**

1. On the Internet: [www.reportband.gov](http://www.reportband.gov)

**Cooperation Requested:**

*If you spot law violators or suspicious activities, contact your nearest Commission regional office or call 1-888-404-FWCC. You may qualify for a cash reward from the Wildlife Alert Reward Association.*

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