

## **Migratory Gamebird Tagging Requirements**

**If you are in possession of untagged ducks, geese, doves or other migratory gamebirds, the law assumes that they are yours and you are subject to possession limits for those species. If the birds were taken by another person, make sure that they are properly tagged so they can be identified as such. Section 251.7 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations provides the following:**

### **§251.7. Possession, Transportation and Importation of Game Birds.**

- (a) No person may possess any birds taken in this state in excess of the daily bag and possession limits. The exception to this is for the purpose of transportation, cleaning, storage (including temporary storage), shipment, or taxidermy services, where an individual may possess game birds taken by another hunter provided that they are tagged by the hunter who has lawfully taken them. *The tag must contain the hunter's name, address, hunting license number, kinds and numbers of game birds taken, date and location of kill, and signature.*
- (b) All birds, including migratory game birds, possessed or transported within California must have a fully feathered wing or head attached until placed into a personal abode or commercial preservation facility or being prepared for immediate consumption. Doves must have a fully feathered wing attached.
- (c) Migratory game birds imported into California shall be accompanied by a declaration of entry as prescribed in Section 2353 of the Fish and Game Code.
- (d) Only one possession limit of migratory game birds may be possessed per individual after the close of the season for that species.

**Remember, tagging requirements also apply to your own migratory game birds if they do not have the head or a wing attached if processed at a migratory bird preservation facility or if you leave them for storage (e.g. at a common area of your duck club etc or any place other than in your personal vehicle until you reach your personal abode). In addition, if you are in possession of other people's birds, (this includes breast meat that is taken to the butcher after the season to be processed into sausage or jerky, for example) the birds must be tagged to show they do not all belong to you!**