

## NEW JERSEY 2012-13 MIGRATORY BIRD SEASONS

**August 14, 2012**

**NOTE:** Although the following selections are expected to be approved by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, they will not be formally finalized through the Federal Register process until the conclusion of the public comment period in September 2012.

### **DUCKS (60 days)**

North Zone: Oct. 13 – Oct. 25      Nov. 10 – Jan. 5  
South Zone: Oct. 20 – Nov. 3      Nov. 17 – Jan. 10  
Coastal Zone: Nov. 10 – Nov. 17      Nov. 22 – Jan. 22

*Daily bag limit: 6 ducks which may **NOT** include more than: 4 mallards (not more than 2 hen mallards), 1 black duck, 3 wood ducks, 2 pintails, 4 scaup, 2 redheads, 1 canvasback and 4 scoters.*

*Mergansers: 5 mergansers although not more than 2 hooded mergansers. Merganser limits are in addition to regular ducks.*

### **BRANT (50 days)**

North Zone: Oct. 13 – Oct. 25      Nov. 22 – Jan. 5  
South Zone: Oct. 20 – Nov. 3      Nov. 17 – Dec. 29  
Coastal Zone: Nov. 10 – Nov. 17      Nov. 22 – Jan. 10

*Daily bag limit: 2*

### **CANADA GOOSE**

#### **September Season** (Statewide)

Sept. 1 - Sept. 29

*Daily bag limit: 15 Canada geese*

The following special regulations apply:

1. Electronic calls permitted
2. Shotguns capable of holding no more than 7 shells (including magazine and chamber) are permitted.
3. Hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

***NOTE: THESE SPECIAL REGULATIONS ONLY APPLY TO THE SEPTEMBER CANADA GOOSE SEASON***

#### **Regular Season (50 days)**

North Zone: Nov. 10 – Nov. 24      Dec. 15 - Jan. 26  
South Zone: Nov. 17 – Dec. 1      Dec. 15 - Jan. 26  
Coastal Zone: Nov. 22 – Dec. 1      Dec. 6 - Jan. 22

*Daily bag limit: 3 singly or in aggregate to include cackling and white-fronted geese*

#### **Special Winter Season** (Two Zones)

Jan. 28 – Feb. 15

*Daily bag limit: 5 singly or in aggregate to include cackling and white-fronted geese*

**LIGHT GOOSE**

**Regular Season (107 days)**

Statewide: Oct. 17 – Feb. 15

*Daily bag limit: 25, singly or in aggregate to include greater and lesser snow geese and Ross's geese*

**Conservation Order**

Statewide: Feb. 16 – Apr. 6

*Daily bag limit: None; includes greater and lesser snow geese and Ross's geese*

The following special regulations apply:

4. Electronic calls permitted
5. Shotguns capable of holding no more than 7 shells (including magazine and chamber) are permitted.
6. Hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

***NOTE: THESE SPECIAL REGULATIONS ONLY APPLY TO THE LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER***

**YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS**

North Zone: Oct. 6 & Nov. 3

South Zone: Oct. 13 & Nov. 10

Coastal Zone: Oct. 27 & Nov. 3

*Daily bag limit: 6 ducks with species restrictions; 3 Canada geese; 2 brant, 25 light geese*

**WOODCOCK (36 days)**

North Zone: Oct. 20 – Nov. 24

South Zone: Nov. 10 – Dec. 1

Dec. 19 – Jan. 1

*Daily bag limit: 3*

**SEA DUCKS; SEA DUCK AREA ONLY (107 days)**

Sept. 20 – Jan 22

*Daily bag limit: 7 singly or in aggregate to include long-tailed ducks, eiders and scoters; except no more than 4 scoters*

**RAILS AND MOORHEN (70 days)**

Sept. 1 – Nov. 9

*Daily bag limit: Sora and Virginia rails 25 total or aggregate; moorhen and clapper rail 10*

**SNIPE (107 days)**

Sept. 17 – Jan. 1

*Daily bag limit: 8*

**CROWS (Mon., Thur., Fri., & Sat.)**

Aug. 13 – Dec. 1

Dec. 10 – Mar. 16

*Daily bag limit: None*