

NEW JERSEY 2014-15 MIGRATORY BIRD SEASONS SUMMARY

August 5, 2014

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.

PRIMARY WATERFOWL SEASONS

NORTH ZONE

Ducks:	Oct. 11 – Oct. 23	Nov. 15 – Jan. 10
Brant:	Nov. 15 – Nov. 29	Dec. 23 – Jan. 10
Canada geese:	Nov. 15 – Nov. 29	Dec. 13 – Jan. 24
Youth days:	Oct. 4 & Nov. 1	

SOUTH ZONE

Ducks:	Oct. 18 – Oct. 25	Nov. 15 – Jan. 15
Brant:	Oct. 18 – Oct. 25	Nov. 15 – Dec. 11
Canada geese:	Nov. 15 – Nov. 29	Dec. 13 – Jan. 24
Youth days:	Oct. 11 & Nov. 8	

COASTAL ZONE

Ducks:	Nov. 1 – Nov. 11	Nov. 27 – Jan. 24
Brant:	Nov. 1 – Nov. 11	Dec. 20 – Jan. 13
Canada geese:	Nov. 27 – Dec. 6	Dec. 9 – Jan. 24
Youth days:	Oct. 25 & Feb. 7	

Daily bag limits

Ducks: 6 ducks which may **NOT** include more than: 4 mallards (not more than 2 hen mallards), 1 black duck, 3 wood ducks, 2 pintails, 2 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: 2

Canada geese (Regular season): 3 singly or in aggregate to include cackling and white-fronted geese

Youth days: 6 ducks with same species restrictions, 2 brant, 3 Canada geese, 25 light geese.

SEA DUCKS; SEA DUCK AREA ONLY

Sept. 23 – Jan 24

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

NOTE: Outside of the Sea Duck Area, sea duck seasons are the same as regular ducks and sea ducks are included as part of the regular bag limit of 6 ducks.

CANADA GOOSE

September Season (Statewide)

Sept. 1 - Sept. 30

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

Special Winter Season (Two Special Zones)

Jan. 26 – Feb. 14

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

LIGHT GOOSE

Regular Season

Statewide: Oct. 16 – Feb. 14

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. 4

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

The following special regulations are permitted:

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 LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER

WOODCOCK

North Zone: Oct. 18 – Nov. 22

South Zone: Nov. 8 – Nov. 29

Dec. 19 – Jan. 1

Daily bag limit: 3

RAILS AND MOORHEN

Sept. 1 – Nov. 8

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

SNIPE

Sept. 17 – Jan. 1

Daily bag limit: 8

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

Aug. 11 – Dec. 6

Dec. 15 – Mar. 21

Daily bag limit: None