

NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife
2020-2021 MIGRATORY BIRD SEASONS

PRIMARY WATERFOWL SEASONS

NORTH ZONE

Ducks:	Oct. 10 – Oct. 17	Nov. 7 – Jan. 7
Scaup:	Oct. 10 – Oct. 17	Nov. 7 – Dec. 15 (1 bird)
Scaup:		Dec. 16 – Jan. 7 (2 birds)

Brant:	Oct. 10 – Oct. 17	Nov. 7 – Dec. 26
Canada Goose:	Nov. 26 – Nov. 28	Dec. 26 – Jan. 26

Youth Day:	Oct. 3
Youth and Veterans/Military Day:	Feb. 6
Veterans/Military Day:	Feb. 13

Hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset

SOUTH ZONE

Ducks:	Oct. 17 – Oct. 24	Nov. 14 – Jan. 14
Scaup:	Oct. 17 – Oct. 24	Nov. 14 – Dec. 22 (1 bird)
Scaup:		Dec. 23 – Jan. 14 (2 birds)

Brant:	Oct. 17 – Oct. 24	Nov. 14 – Jan. 2
Canada Goose:	Nov. 26 – Nov. 28	Dec. 26 – Jan. 26

Youth Day:	Oct. 10
Youth and Veterans/Military Day:	Feb. 6
Veterans/Military Day:	Feb. 13

Hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset

COASTAL ZONE

Ducks and Canada goose:	Nov. 14 – Nov. 17	Nov. 26 – Jan. 30
Scaup:	Nov. 14 – Nov. 17	Nov. 26 – Jan. 7 (1 bird)
Scaup:		Jan. 8 – Jan. 30 (2 birds)

Brant:	Nov. 14 – Nov. 17	Nov. 26 – Jan. 19
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Youth Day:	Nov. 7
Youth and Veterans/Military Day:	Feb. 6
Veterans/Military Day:	Feb. 13

Hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset

Daily bag limits

Ducks: 6 ducks which may NOT include more than: 2 mallards (not more than 1 hen mallard), 2 black ducks, 3 wood ducks, 1 pintail, 2 redheads, 2 canvasbacks, 4 long-tailed ducks, 4 eiders, 4 scoters, and scaup: 1 scaup/day for first 40 days in each zone; 2 scaup/day for last 20 days
Coot 15.

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

Brant: 2

Canada geese (Regular season): 2, all zones, singly or in aggregate including cackling geese and white-fronted geese.

Youth and Veterans/Military Days: To include ducks, geese, brant, mergansers, coots, and gallinules. Bag limits are the same as those allowed in the regular season in each zone except for scaup which is 2 scaup per day.

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 for Canada Goose Conservation Order: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

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

CANADA GOOSE

Special Winter Season (Two Distinct Zones)

Jan. 27 – Feb. 15

Daily bag limit: 5 singly or in aggregate including cackling and white-fronted geese.

Hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset

SEA DUCKS; SEA DUCK AREA ONLY

Nov. 7 – Jan. 15

Daily bag limit: 5 in total to include long-tailed ducks, eiders and scoters; except no more than 4 long-tailed ducks, 4 eiders, or 4 scoters in aggregate.

Hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset

LIGHT GOOSE

Regular Season

Statewide: Oct. 16 – Feb. 15

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

Hunting hours for Light Goose: 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset

Conservation Order

Statewide: Feb. 16 – Apr. 3

Daily bag limit: None; includes greater and lesser snow geese and Ross's 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 for Light Goose Conservation Order: 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. 17 – Oct. 31

Nov. 3 – Nov. 28

South Zone: Nov. 7 – Dec. 1

Dec. 17 – Jan. 2

Daily bag limit: 3

Hunting hours for Woodcock: sunrise to sunset

RAILS AND GALLINULE

Sept. 1 – Nov. 20

Daily bag limits: Sora and Virginia rails: 25 total or aggregate;

Clapper rail: 10

Gallinule: 1

Hunting hours for Rails and Gallinule: 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset

SNIPE

Sept. 12 – Jan. 14

Daily bag limit: 8

Hunting hours for Snipe: 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset

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

Aug. 10 – Dec. 5

Dec. 14 – Mar. 20

Daily bag limit: None

Hunting hours for Crows: sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.