

NEW JERSEY 2011-12 MIGRATORY BIRD SEASONS

July 28, 2011

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 2011.

DUCKS (60 days)

North Zone:	Oct. 8 - Oct. 27	Nov. 12 - Dec. 31
South Zone:	Oct. 15 - Oct. 29	Nov. 15 - Jan. 7
Coastal Zone:	Nov. 5 - Nov. 12	Nov. 24 - Jan. 24

*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, 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.

YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS

North Zone:	Oct. 1; Nov. 5
South Zone:	Nov. 11-12
Coastal Zone:	Oct. 22; Oct. 29

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

BRANT (50 days)

North Zone:	Oct. 8 - Oct. 27	Nov. 24 - Dec. 31
South Zone:	Oct. 15 - Oct. 29	Nov. 19 - Dec. 31
Coastal Zone:	Nov. 5 - Nov. 12	Nov. 24 - Jan. 12

Daily bag limit: 2

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

Regular Season (45 days)

North Zone: Nov. 12 – Nov. 26 Dec. 10 - Jan. 16

South Zone: Nov. 19 – Dec. 3 Dec. 10 - Jan. 16

Coastal Zone: Nov. 24 – Dec. 3 Dec. 6 - Jan. 16

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

Special Winter Season (Two Zones):

Jan. 17 – 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. 15 – 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. 7

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: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

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

WOODCOCK (36 days)

North Zone: Oct. 15 - Nov. 19

South Zone: Nov. 12 – Dec. 3

Dec. 17 – Dec. 30

Daily bag limit: 3

SEA DUCKS; SEA DUCK AREA ONLY (107 days)

Sept. 22 - Jan 24

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. 16 - Dec. 31

Daily bag limit: 8

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

Aug. 8 - Dec. 3

Dec. 12 - Mar. 17

Daily bag limit: None