

# 2017-18 Big Game, Turkey, and Furbearer Seasons Summary

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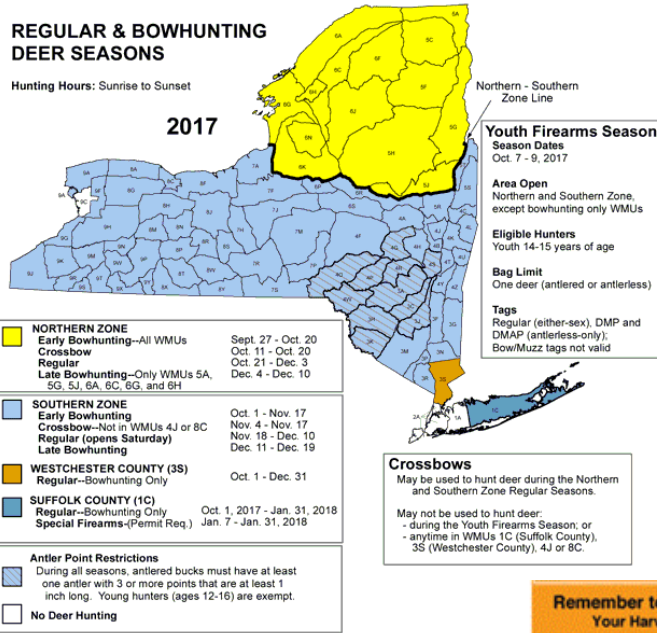


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## REGULAR & BOWHUNTING DEER SEASONS

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

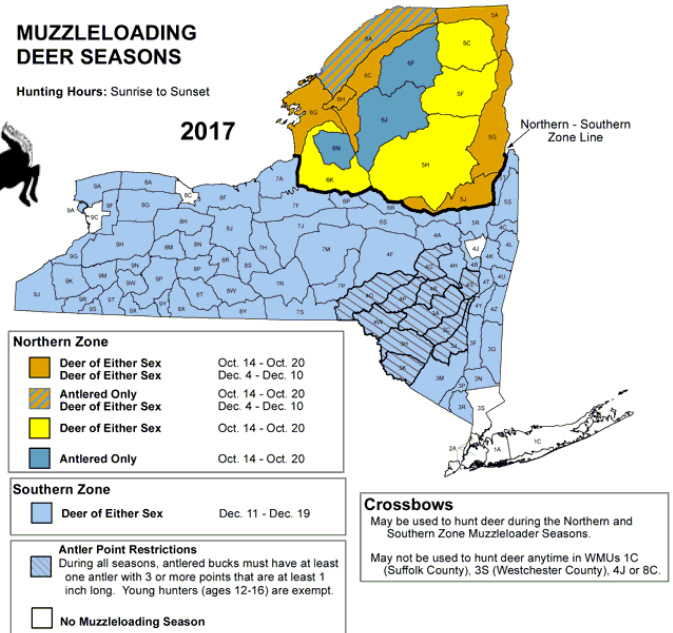
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## MUZZLELOADING DEER SEASONS

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

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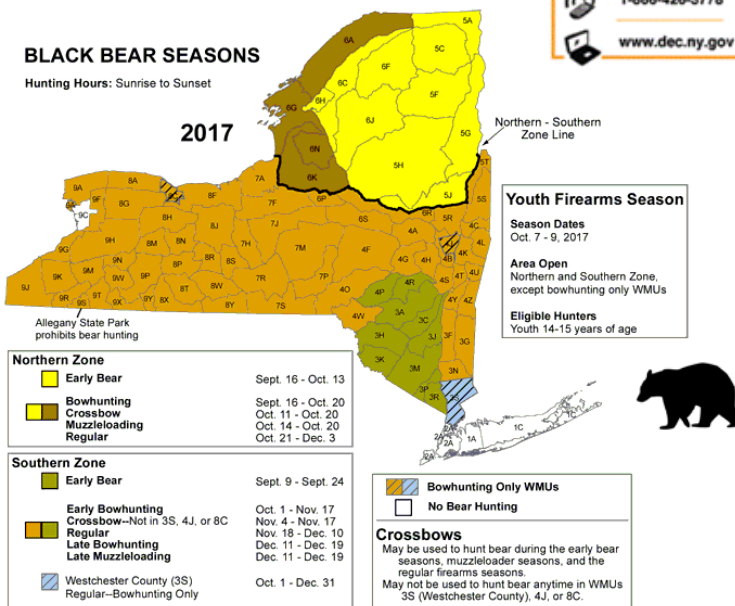


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## BLACK BEAR SEASONS

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

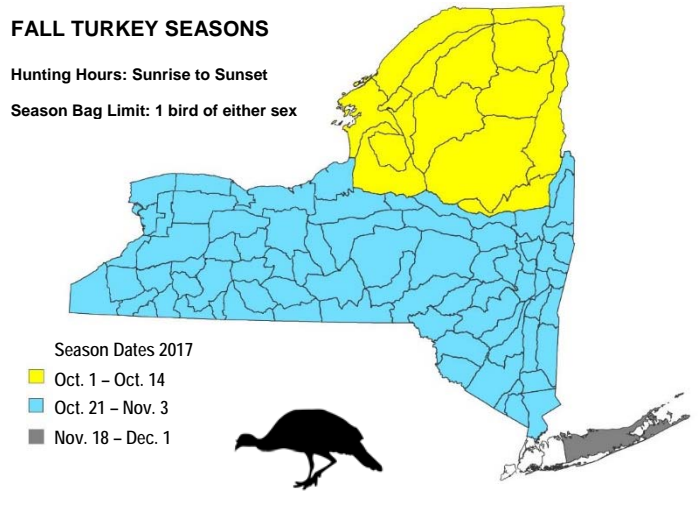
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## FALL TURKEY SEASONS

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Season Bag Limit: 1 bird of either sex



## SPRING TURKEY SEASON (no map)

Hunting Hours  
One half - hour before sunrise to noon

**Area Open**  
All of upstate New York north of the Bronx-Westchester County boundary

**Season Dates**  
May 1 - May 31

**Season Bag Limits**  
Two bearded turkeys (one bird per day)

## SPRING YOUTH HUNT

Season Dates  
April 21 - 22, 2018

**Area Open**  
Same as regular spring season  
Plus Suffolk County (WMU 1C)

**Eligible hunters**  
Youth 12 - 15 years of age

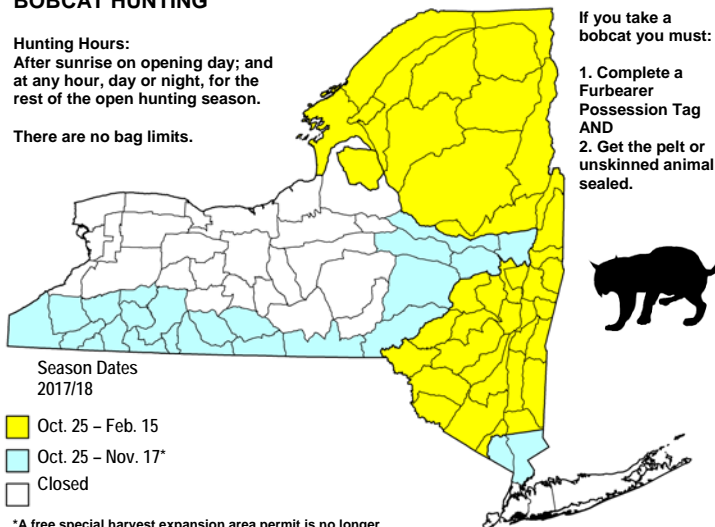
## BOBCAT HUNTING

**Hunting Hours:**  
After sunrise on opening day; and at any hour, day or night, for the rest of the open hunting season.

There are no bag limits.

If you take a bobcat you must:

1. Complete a Furbearer Possession Tag AND
2. Get the pelt or unskinned animal sealed.



## WEASEL, OPOSSUM, RACCOON, SKUNK, AND FOX HUNTING

Long Island: Nov. 1 - Feb. 25

All other areas of New York:  
Oct. 25 - Feb. 15.

There are no bag limits for these species. They may be hunted during the day or night.

## COYOTE HUNTING

Statewide except Long Island and New York City: Oct. 1 - Mar. 25

There are no bag limits for coyotes. They may be hunted during the day or night.

# 2017-18 Small Game Seasons Summary

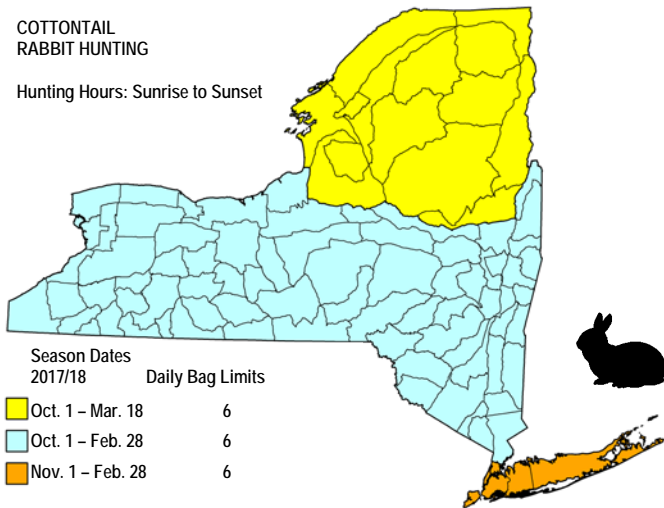
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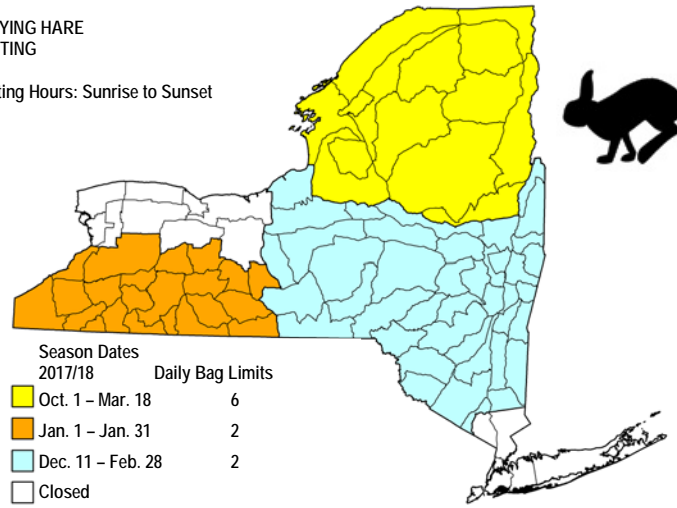
## COTTONTAIL RABBIT HUNTING

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset



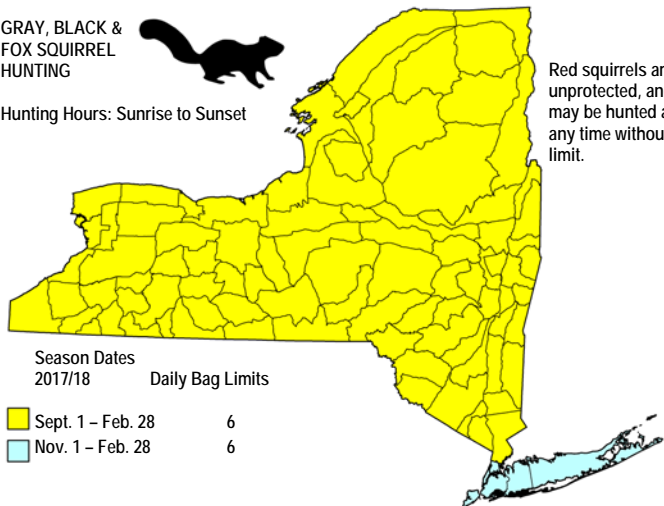
## VARYING HARE HUNTING

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset



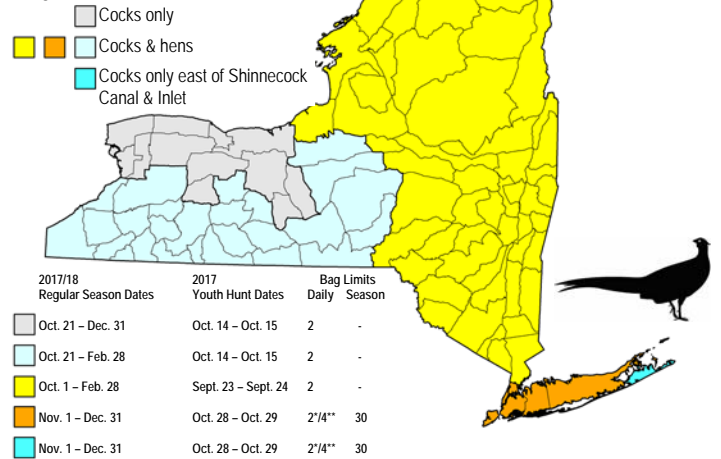
## GRAY, BLACK & FOX SQUIRREL HUNTING

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset



## PHEASANT HUNTING

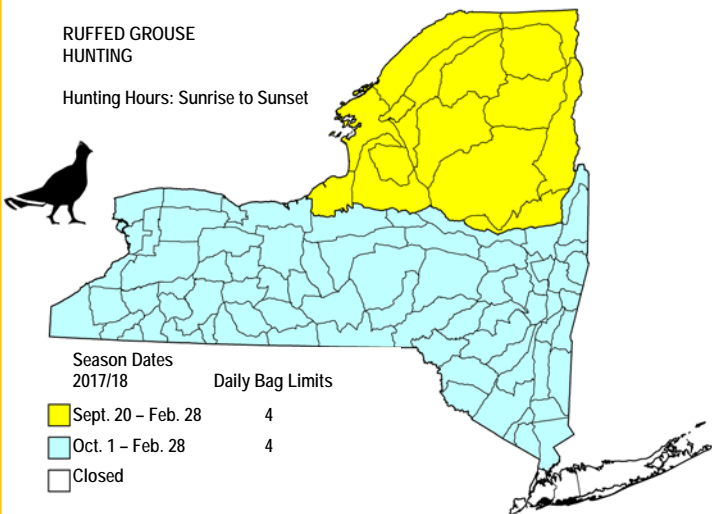
Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset



\*Youth Hunt/\*\*Regular Hunt  
 Junior hunters (ages 12-15) must be accompanied by a licensed adult hunter. Only the junior hunter may carry a firearm.

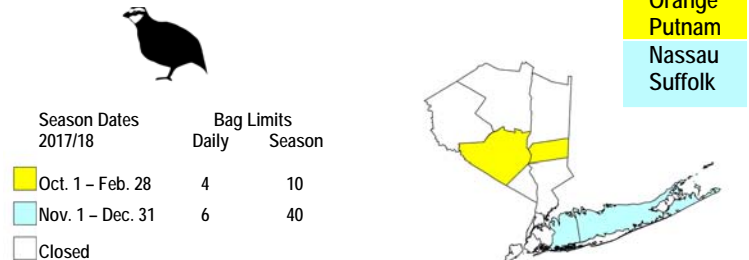
## RUFFED GROUSE HUNTING

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset



## BOBWHITE QUAIL HUNTING

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset



**WOODCOCK**  
 Oct. 1 – Nov. 14  
 Closed



**CROW**  
 Sept. 1 – Mar. 31  
 (Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays only)  
 Closed



**SNIPE, RAILS AND GALLINULES**  
 Sept. 1 – Nov. 9  
 Closed

A migratory duck stamp is not required to hunt these three groups of birds.

HIP registration is required for each of these species except crow. To register: [www.NY-HIP.com](http://www.NY-HIP.com) or 1-888-427-5447.

For seasons and bag limits for ducks and geese refer to the DEC website.