New York Hunting & Trapping
2020-2021 Official Summary of the Laws & Regulations
For complete rules and regulations see www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/37136.html

Remember to Report Your Game Harvest
HuntFishNY Mobile App * 1-866-426-3778 * www.dec.ny.gov
Most regulations are in effect September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021

2020 REGULAR & BOWHUNTING DEER SEASONS
Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

2020 MUZZLELOADING DEER SEASONS
Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

2020 BLACK BEAR SEASONS
Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

FALL TURKEY SEASONS
Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

SPRING TURKEY SEASON (no map)
Hunting Hours: One hour before sunrise to noon

SPRING YOUTH HUNT
Season Dates: May 1 – May 31
Season Bag Limits: Two bearded turkeys (one per day)

How To Properly Fill Out Your Carcass Tag and Report Your Harvest

Reporting Your Game Harvest
• Deer, Bear and Turkey harvests must be reported within 7 days of take.
• You can report your harvest by phone, online or through our new mobile app (see page 8 for details).
• Reporting online and through the new mobile app is simple, fast and convenient!
RACCOON, FOX, SKUNK, OPOSSUM, & WEASEL 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, except weasel which may only be hunted from sunrise to sunset.

COYOTE HUNTING

Statewide except Long Island and New York City: Oct. 1 – Mar. 28

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

BOBCAT HUNTING

There are no bag limits.

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

If you take a bobcat, you MUST:

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

*A free special harvest expansion area permit is no longer required. You must still have a valid hunting license.
BOBCAT TRAPPING
There are no bag limits.

Season Dates 2020/21
- Oct. 25 – Feb. 15
- Oct. 25 – Nov. 20*
- Closed

*A free special harvest expansion area permit is no longer required.

Attention
To trap fisher and/or marten, you must obtain a special free trapping permit from a Regional Wildlife Office.

Season Dates 2020/21
- Nov. 1 - Nov. 30 Fisher and Marten
- Oct. 25 - Oct. 30 Fisher only
- Oct. 25 - Dec. 10 Fisher only
- Closed

Reminder
If you take a fisher, marten, bobcat, or river otter, YOU MUST
1. Complete a Furbearer Possession Tag AND
2. Get the pelt or unskinned animal sealed.

FISHER AND MARTEN TRAPPING
To trap fisher and/marten, you must obtain a special free trapping permit from a Regional Wildlife Office.

Season Dates 2020 Species
- Nov. 1 - Nov. 30 Fisher and Marten
- Oct. 25 - Oct. 30 Fisher only
- Oct. 25 - Dec. 10 Fisher only
- Closed

BEAVER TRAPPING
There are no bag limits.

Season Dates 2020/21
- Nov. 1 - Apr. 7
- Nov. 10 - Apr. 7
- Nov. 25 - Feb. 15
- Nov. 25 - Mar. 15
- Closed

MINK AND MUSKRAT TRAPPING
There are no bag limits.

Season Dates 2020/21
- Oct. 25 - Apr. 15
- Nov. 10 - Apr. 7
- Nov. 25 - Feb. 15
- Dec. 15 - Feb. 25

**There are pending regulations to revise mink, muskrat, & beaver season dates. Check the DEC website for final season dates before going afield.

RIVER OTTER TRAPPING
There are no bag limits.

Season Dates 2020/21
- Nov. 1 – Apr. 7
- Nov. 10 – Feb. 28
- Closed

*In the Northern Zone body-gripping traps set on land may not be set with bait or lure if the fisher and marten season is closed.

RACCOON, RED FOX, GRAY FOX, SKUNK, COYOTE, OPOSSUM & WEASEL TRAPPING
There are no bag limits for these species.

Season Dates 2020/21
- Oct. 25 - Feb. 15*
- Oct. 25 - Feb. 15
- Nov. 1 - Feb. 25, except closed for coyote

*There are pending regulations to revise mink, muskrat, & beaver season dates. Check the DEC website for final season dates before going afield.

There are no bag limits.

Season Dates 2020/21
- Nov. 1 – Apr. 7
- Nov. 10 – Feb. 28
- Closed

There are no bag limits.
**2020-2021 Waterfowl Seasons**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Region</th>
<th>Youth Days</th>
<th>Ducks** and Coots</th>
<th>Scaup (2/day)</th>
<th>Snow Goose***</th>
<th>Brant</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Western</td>
<td>Oct. 3 &amp; 4</td>
<td>Oct. 17 - Nov. 8</td>
<td>Dec. 15 - Jan. 3</td>
<td>Oct. 1 - Apr. 15</td>
<td>Oct. 3 - Nov. 21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Southeastern</td>
<td>Youth Days*</td>
<td>Oct. 17 - Nov. 29</td>
<td>Dec. 5 - Dec. 20</td>
<td>Oct. 1 - Apr. 15</td>
<td>Oct. 3 - Nov. 21</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Northeast**
- Youth Days*: Sept. 19 & 20
- Ducks** and Coots: Oct. 3 - Oct. 25
- Scaup (2/day): Nov. 17 - Dec. 6
- Snow Goose***: Oct. 1 - Apr. 15
- Brant: Dec. 10 - Jan. 2

**Lake Champlain**
- Youth Days*: Sept. 26 & 27
- Ducks** and Coots: Oct. 10 - Nov. 1
- Scaup (2/day): Oct. 10 - Oct. 25
- Snow Goose***: Oct. 1 - Dec. 31
- Brant: Oct. 10 - Nov. 28

**Eastern**
- Ducks** and Coots: Oct. 10 - Nov. 1
- Snow Goose***: Jan. 29 - Mar. 31

**Central**
- Ducks** and Coots: Sept. 10 - Nov. 14
- Scaup (2/day): Nov. 28 - Dec. 22
- Snow Goose***: Jan. 29 - Mar. 31

**West Central**
- Ducks** and Coots: Oct. 24 - Nov. 4
- Scaup (2/day): Nov. 17 - Dec. 6
- Snow Goose***: Oct. 1 - Apr. 15

**Northern**
- Ducks** and Coots: Oct. 24 - Nov. 14
- Snow Goose***: Dec. 22 - Jan. 31

**Southern**
- Ducks** and Coots: Oct. 24 - Nov. 14
- Snow Goose***: Jan. 29 - Mar. 31

**Bag Limits**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Species</th>
<th>Daily Limit</th>
<th>Possession Limit</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Ducks**</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Coot</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>45</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Canada Goose</td>
<td>See map</td>
<td>Three times the daily limit</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Snow Goose**</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>No limit</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brant</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

a The daily limit of 6 ducks includes all mergansers and sea ducks (scoters, eiders and long-tailed ducks) and may include no harlequin ducks and no more than 2 mallards (1 of which may be a hen), 3 wood ducks, 2 black ducks, 1 pintail, 1 scaup (2 scaup are allowed during the special 20 days specified above for each zone), 2 redheads, 2 canvasback, 4 scoters, 4 eiders, 4 long-tailed ducks or 2 hooded mergansers. For all other duck species found in New York, the daily limit is no more than 6.
b Cackling geese and white-fronted geese may be taken as part of the Canada goose daily and possession limits. Snow goose and Ross’ goose may be taken as part of the snow goose limits.