

Hunting Seasons & Limits

		OPEN SEASON (All Dates Inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT	SEASON LIMIT
UPLAND GAME BIRDS*					
Crow		Jan. 1 – Apr. 10 Jul. 2 – Apr. 10, 2013	–	–	–
Pheasant		Oct. 13 – Nov. 24	2	4	6
	Youth Hunt	See complete 2012 Massachusetts Guide to Hunting, Fishing & Trapping.			
Quail		Oct. 13 – Nov. 24	4	8	20
Ruffed Grouse		Oct. 13 – Nov. 24	3	6	15
Wild Turkey	Spring: Zones 1–13	Apr. 30 – May 26	See complete 2012 Massachusetts Guide to Hunting, Fishing & Trapping.		
	Fall: Zones 1–9; 13	Oct. 29 – Nov. 3			
	Youth Hunt: Zones 1–13	April 28 (special restrictions apply**)			
BEAR (Bear hunting closed during shotgun deer season)					
Black Bear	Zones 1–9	Sept. 4 – Sept. 22 Nov. 5 – Nov. 24	See complete 2012 Massachusetts Guide to Hunting, Fishing & Trapping.		1
FURBEARERS					
Bobcat	Zones 1–8	Jan. 1 – Mar. 8 Dec. 20 – Mar. 8, 2013	–	–	–
Coyote		Jan. 1 – Mar. 8	–	–	–
		Oct. 13 – Mar. 8, 2013	–	–	–
Fox (red or gray)		Jan. 1 – Feb. 29	–	–	–
		Nov. 1 – Feb. 28, 2013	–	–	–
Raccoon		Jan. 1 – Jan. 31	3	–	–
		Oct. 1 – Jan. 31, 2013	–	–	–
Opossum		Jan. 1 – Jan. 31	–	–	–
		Oct. 1 – Jan. 31, 2013	–	–	–
DEER					
Deer	Archery	Oct. 15 – Nov. 24	See complete 2012 Massachusetts Guide to Hunting, Fishing & Trapping.		2 Antlered deer + antlerless deer by permit
	Shotgun	Nov. 26 – Dec. 8			
	Primitive Firearms	Dec. 10 – Dec. 31			
RABBITS & SQUIRRELS					
Cottontail Rabbit	Zones 1–12	Jan. 1 – Feb. 29 Oct. 13 – Feb. 28, 2013	5	10	–
	Zones 13 and 14	Jan. 1 – Feb. 29 Nov. 15 – Feb. 28, 2013	5	10	–
Snowshoe Hare	Zones 1–4	Jan. 1 – Feb. 29 Oct. 13 – Feb. 28, 2012	2	4	–
	Zones 5–12	Jan. 1 – Feb. 4 Oct. 13 – Feb. 2, 2013	2	4	–
	Zones 13 and 14	Jan. 1 – Feb. 2 Nov. 15 – Feb. 2, 2013	2	4	–
Jackrabbit	Zone 14	Nov. 15 – Dec. 31	1	2	–
Gray Squirrel	Zones 1–9	Sept. 10 – Jan. 2, 2013	5	10	–
	Zones 10–14	Oct. 3 – Jan. 2, 2013	5	10	–
REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS					
Bullfrog and Green Frog		Jul. 16 – Sept. 30	12	24	–
Snapping Turtle		Jan. 1 – Dec. 31	–	–	–

Upland game bird hunting is closed during shotgun deer season.

* Migratory game birds (includes waterfowl, woodcock, snipe, rails): Seasons set annually. see *Migratory Bird Abstracts*.

** Must have completed the youth turkey hunt program.