



2020 – 2021 MIGRATORY GAME BIRD SEASON DATES & BAG LIMITS



	SEASON DATES	BAG	POSSESSION
Sora Rail	Sep. 1 – Nov. 7	5	15
Virginia Rail	Sep. 1 – Nov. 7	10	30
Snipe	Sep. 1 – Dec. 16	8	24
Woodcock	Oct. 1 – Nov. 21	3	9
Ducks ^A			
Berkshire:	Oct. 12 – Nov. 28	6*	18*
	Dec. 7 – Dec. 26	6*	18*
Central:	Oct. 13 – Nov. 28	6*	18*
	Dec. 14 – Jan. 4	6*	18*
Coastal:	Oct. 16 – Oct. 24	6*	18*
	Nov. 26 – Jan. 25	6*	18*
	Jan. 1 – Jan. 23 (Scaup with 2-bird daily bag, Coastal Zone only)		
American Coot	Same as ducks	15	45
Mergansers ^B	Same as ducks	5*	15*
Regular Goose (except Snow & Blue)			
Berkshire:	Oct. 12 – Nov. 14	2	6
Central:	Oct. 13 – Nov. 28	2	6
	Dec. 14 – Jan. 4	2	6
Coastal:	Oct. 16 – Oct. 24	2	6
	Nov. 26 – Jan. 25	2	6
Early Canada Goose (Statewide) ^C	Sep. 8 – Sep. 25	15	45
Late Canada Goose (Central Zone)	Jan. 15 – Feb. 15	5	15
(North Coastal Zone)	Jan. 26 – Feb. 15	5	15
Snow & Blue Goose	Same as ducks	15	45
Late Snow & Blue Goose (Central / North Coastal Zones)	Same as Late Canada Goose	15	45
Sea Ducks ^D	Nov. 17 – Jan. 25	5**	15**
Brant (Coastal Zone Only)	Nov. 28 – Jan. 25	2	6
Falconry (Ducks & Coot only, no geese)	Oct. 8 – Feb. 8	3*	9*
Youth Waterfowl Hunt (Statewide)	Sep. 26 & Oct. 10	6*	18*
Veteran Waterfowl Hunt (Statewide, New Season)	Oct. 3 & Jan. 30	6*	18*

* Singly or in the aggregate

** In Sea duck zone: 5 singly or in the aggregate, but no more than 4 Scoter, 4 Eider (one female), 4 Long-tailed duck [Oldsquaw] in the daily bag. 15 in possession, but no more than 12 Scoter, 12 Eider (3 females), 12 Long-tailed ducks.

A. The daily bag may contain no more than 6 ducks, and no more than 4 of any species not additionally restricted (see below):

American Black Duck	2	Hooded Merganser	2	Redhead	2
Canvasback	2	Mallard	2 (only 1 female)	Scaup	1 (See Coastal Season)
Fulvous Whistling	1	Mottled	1	Wood Duck	3
Harlequin	NONE	Northern Pintail	1	All other duck species	4

Possession limits are triple the daily bag. (e.g., Mallards — possession limit is 6 of which only 3 may be female).

B. Daily bag of mergansers may not include more than 2 Hooded Mergansers; no more than 6 Hooded in possession.

C. For Early Canada Goose season only. Hunting hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

D. Scoter, Eider, and Long-tailed duck [Oldsquaw] may be hunted only in coastal waters and rivers and streams seaward of the first upstream bridge. They count as regular ducks in the Berkshire and Central zones.

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