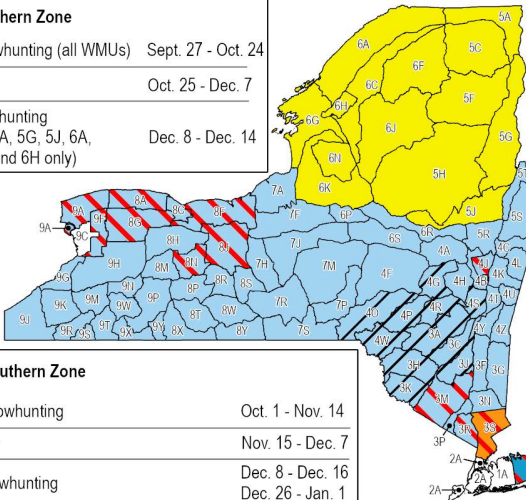




Regular & Bowhunting Deer Seasons

Hunting Hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset

Table with 2 columns: Zone and Season Dates. Northern Zone: Early Bowhunting (all WMUs) Sept. 27 - Oct. 24, Regular Oct. 25 - Dec. 7, Late Bowhunting (WMUs 5A, 5G, 5J, 6A, 6C, 6G, and 6H only) Dec. 8 - Dec. 14



Youth Firearms

Season Dates Oct. 11 - 13, Area Open All open areas, except bowhunting only WMUs, Eligible Hunters - Youth 14-15 yrs, - Youths 12-13 yrs (select counties, see dec.ny.gov), Bag Limit One deer, Tags Regular (either sex), DMP and DMAP (antlerless only); Bow/Muzz tags are not valid

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Antler Point Restrictions: During all seasons, antlered bucks must have at least 1 antler with 3 or more points that are at least 1 inch long. Young hunters (ages 12-16) are exempt. Closed

Muzzleloading Deer Seasons

Hunting Hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset

Table with 2 columns: Zone and Season Dates. Northern Zone: Deer of Either Sex Oct. 18 - Oct. 24, Dec. 8 - Dec. 14; Deer of Either Sex Oct. 18 - Oct. 24; Antlered Deer Only Oct. 18 - Oct. 24

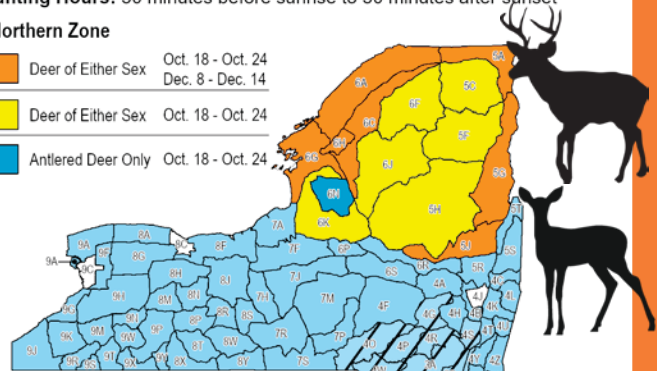


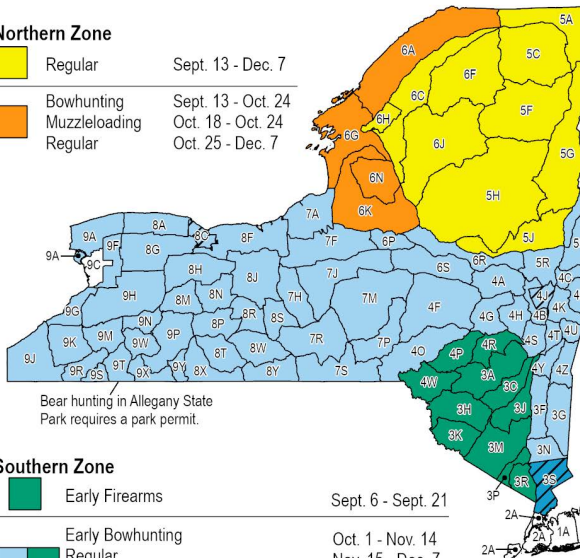
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Crossbows may be used wherever and whenever bowhunting occurs, including the archery only portions of Albany and Monroe counties and in Westchester and Suffolk counties. To hunt deer or bear with a crossbow during the bowhunting seasons, hunters must have a hunting license and bowhunting privilege.

Black Bear Hunting

Hunting Hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset

Table with 2 columns: Zone and Season Dates. Northern Zone: Regular Sept. 13 - Dec. 7; Bowhunting Muzzleloading Sept. 13 - Oct. 24, Regular Oct. 25 - Dec. 7



Youth Firearms

Season Dates Oct. 11 - 13, 2025, Area Open All open areas, except bowhunting only WMUs, Eligible Hunters Youth 14-15 yrs

Table with 2 columns: Zone and Season Dates. Southern Zone: Early Firearms Sept. 6 - Sept. 21; Early Bowhunting Oct. 1 - Nov. 14, Regular Nov. 15 - Dec. 7, Late Bowhunting Dec. 8 - Dec. 16, Late Muzzleloading Dec. 8 - Dec. 16; Westchester County (3S) Regular - bowhunting Only Oct. 1 - Dec. 31

Bowhunting Only WMUs, Closed

Fall and Spring Turkey Seasons

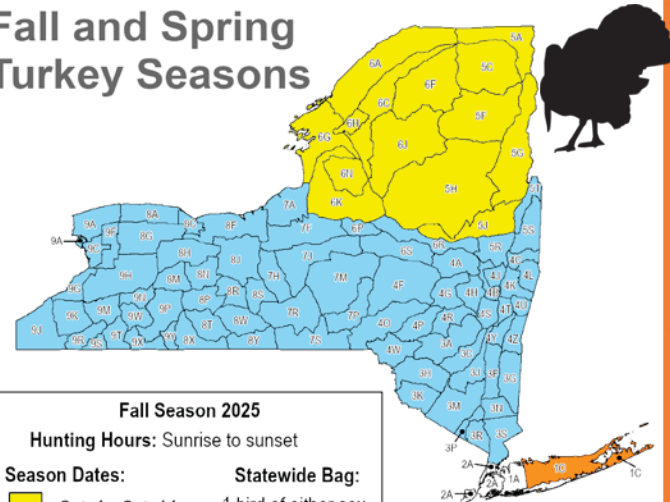


Table with 2 columns: Season Dates and Statewide Bag. Fall Season 2025: Hunting Hours: Sunrise to sunset; Season Dates: Oct. 1 - Oct. 14, Oct. 18 - Oct. 31, Nov. 15 - Nov. 28; Statewide Bag: 1 bird of either sex

Table with 2 columns: Season Dates and Statewide Bag. Spring Season 2026: Hunting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to noon; Season Dates: May 1 - May 31; Statewide Bag: - 2 bearded birds, no more than 1 per day, - No more than 1 in WMU 1C

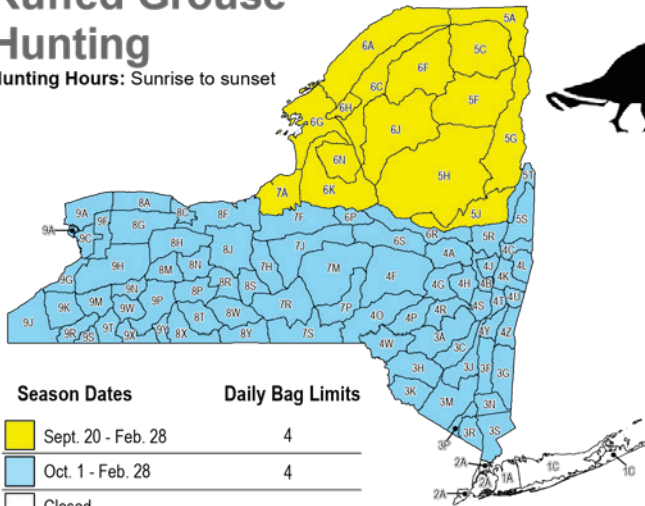
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## Ruffed Grouse Hunting

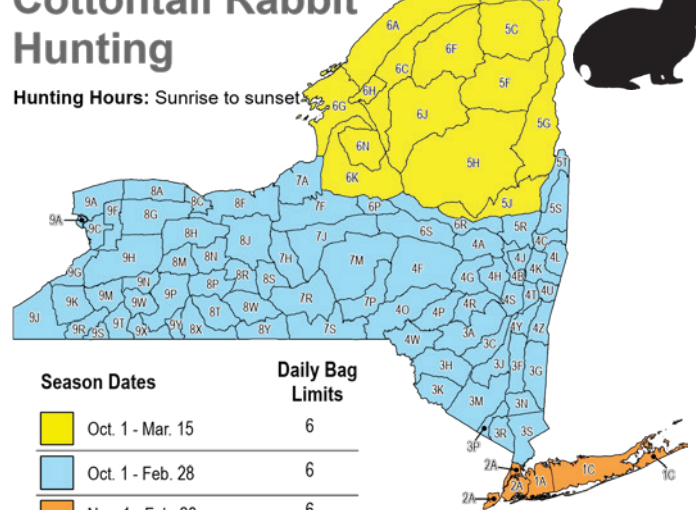
Hunting Hours: Sunrise to sunset



Season Dates	Daily Bag Limits
Sept. 20 - Feb. 28	4
Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	4
Closed	

## Cottontail Rabbit Hunting

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to sunset

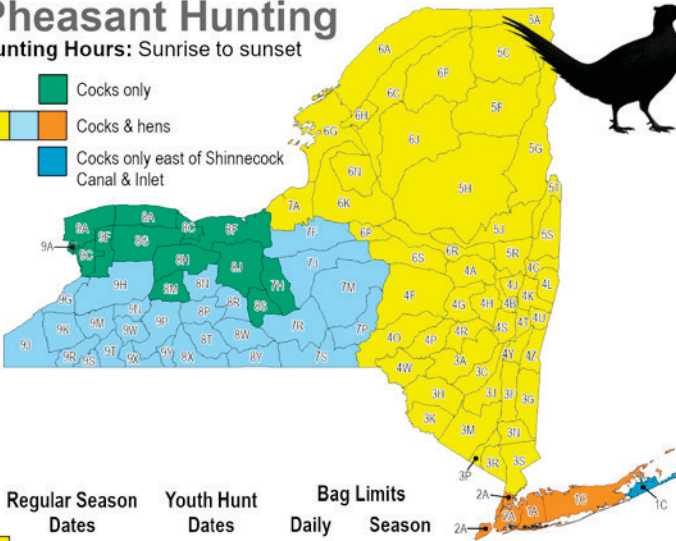


Season Dates	Daily Bag Limits
Oct. 1 - Mar. 15	6
Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	6
Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	6

## Pheasant Hunting

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to sunset

- Cocks only
- ■ ■ Cocks & hens
- Cocks only east of Shinnecock Canal & Inlet



Regular Season Dates	Youth Hunt Dates	Bag Limits	
		Daily	Season
Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	Sept. 27 & 28	2	--
Oct. 18 - Feb. 28	Oct. 11 & 12	2	--
Oct. 18 - Dec. 31	Oct. 11 & 12	2	--
Nov. 1 - Dec. 31	Oct. 25 & 26 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup> /4 <sup>**</sup>	30
Nov. 1 - Dec. 31	Oct. 25 & 26	2 <sup>1</sup> /4 <sup>**</sup>	30

<sup>1</sup>In WMU 2A no youth hunt; hunting is by falconry only  
<sup>\*\*</sup>Youth hunt  
<sup>\*\*</sup>Regular season

## Bobwhite Quail Hunting

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to sunset



Season Dates	Bag Limits	
	Daily	Season
Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	4	10
Nov. 1 - Dec. 31	6	40
Closed		



## Raccoon, Fox, Skunk, Opossum & Weasel Hunting

Long Island & NYC: 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

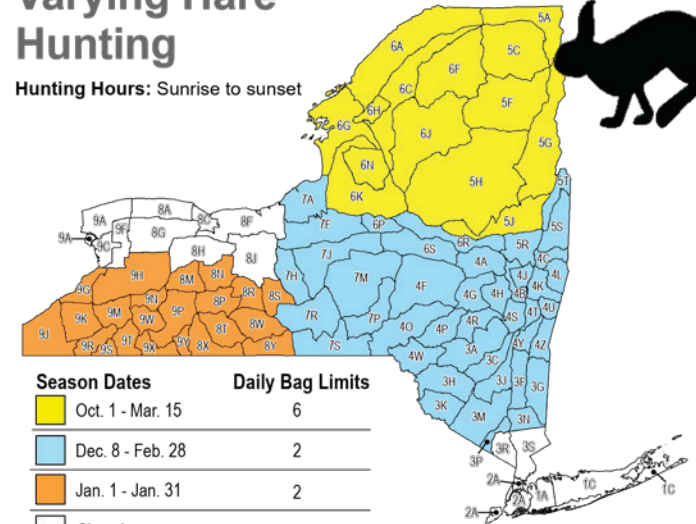
Statewide except Long Island & NYC: Oct. 1 Mar. 29

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



## Varying Hare Hunting

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to sunset



Season Dates	Daily Bag Limits
Oct. 1 - Mar. 15	6
Dec. 8 - Feb. 28	2
Jan. 1 - Jan. 31	2
Closed	

## Gray, Black & Fox Squirrel Hunting

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to sunset

Long Island & NYC: Nov. 1 Feb. 28  
 All other areas of New York: Sept. 1 Feb. 28

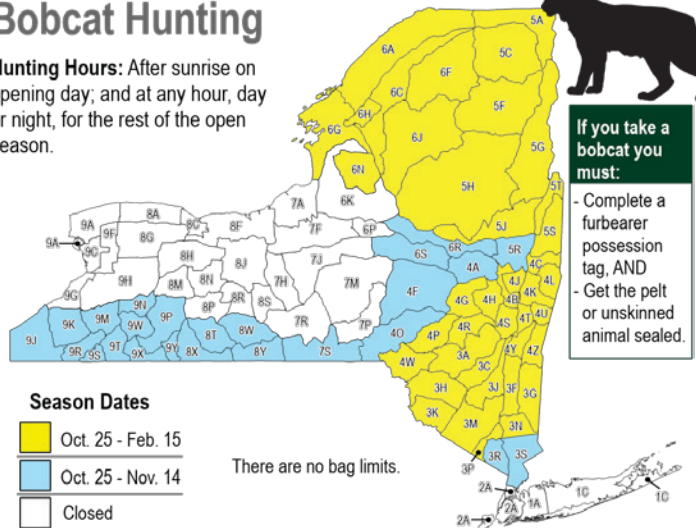


Red squirrels are unprotected, and may be hunted at any time without limit.

Daily bag limit of 6 total, regardless of species

## Bobcat Hunting

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



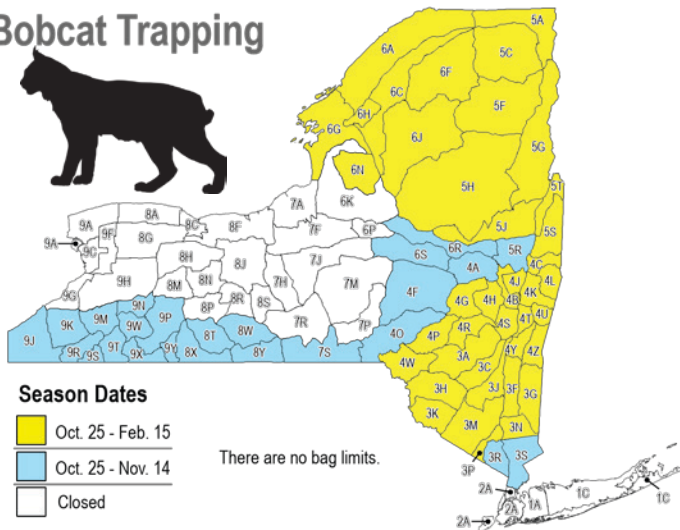
Season Dates
Oct. 25 - Feb. 15
Oct. 25 - Nov. 14
Closed

There are no bag limits.

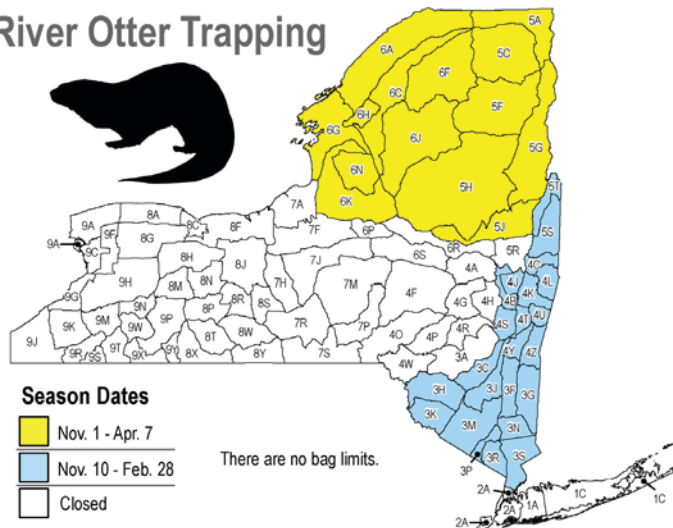
If you take a bobcat you must:

- Complete a furbearer possession tag, AND
- Get the pelt or unskinned animal sealed.

## Bobcat Trapping



## River Otter Trapping

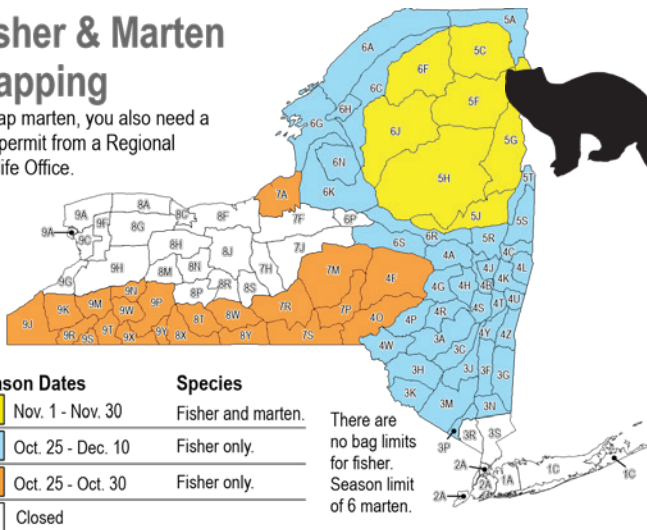


**!** If you take a bobcat, otter, fisher, or marten, you must:

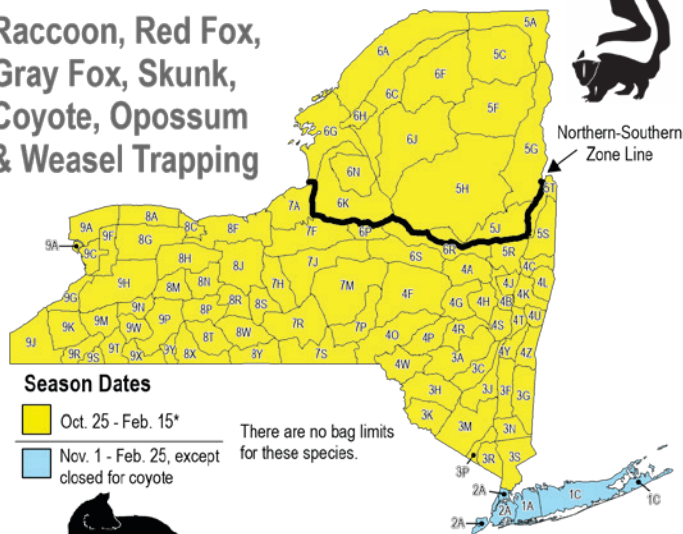
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## Fisher & Marten Trapping

To trap marten, you also need a free permit from a Regional Wildlife Office.

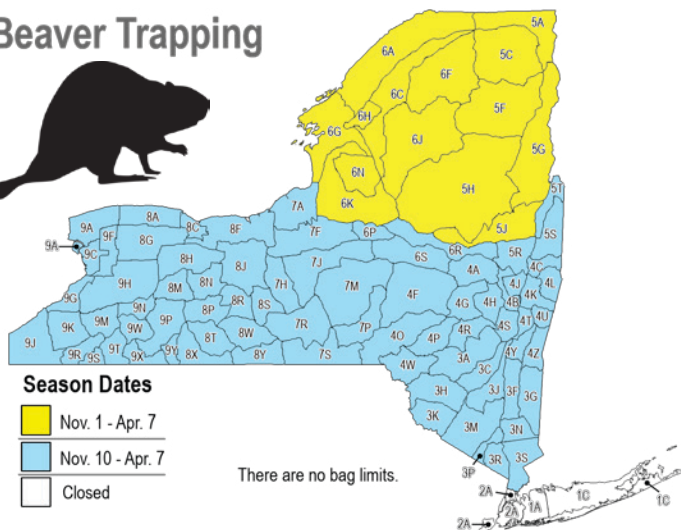


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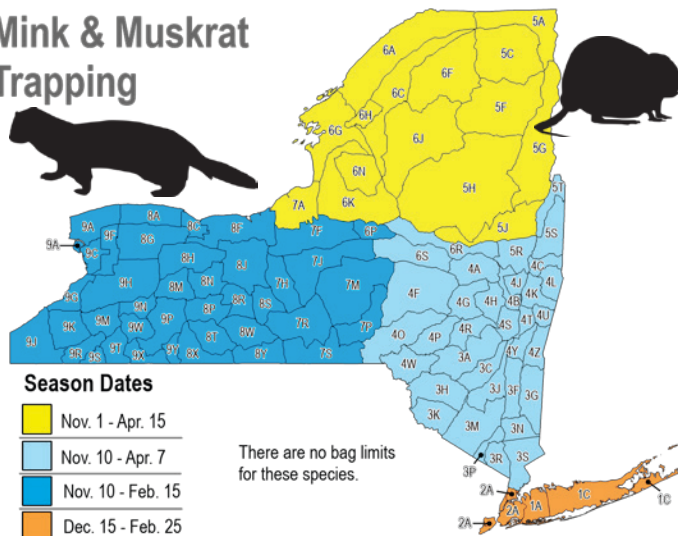


\*In the Northern Zone, body gripping traps set on land may not be set with bait or lure if the fisher and marten season is closed.

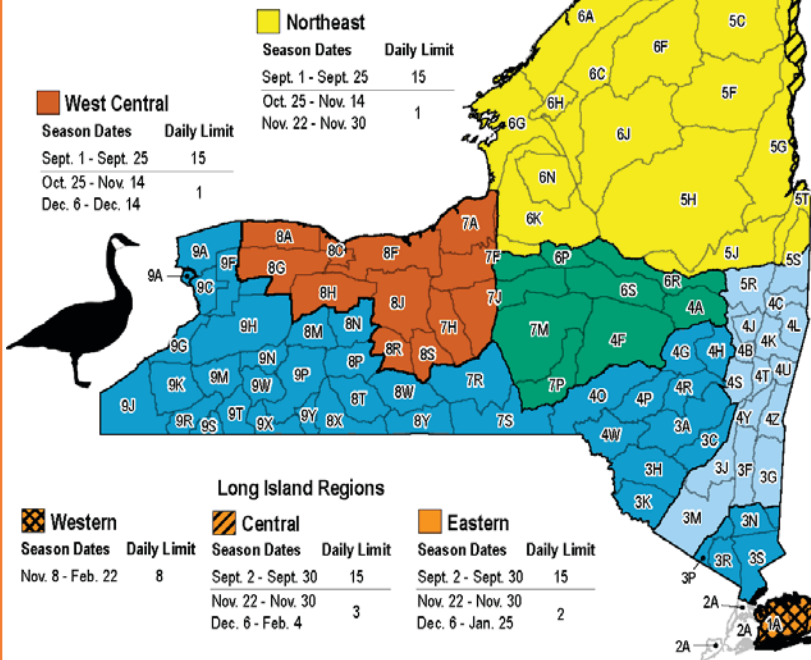
## Beaver Trapping



## Mink & Muskrat Trapping



# Canada Goose Hunting



**Lake Champlain**

Season Dates	Daily Limit
Sept. 1 - Sept. 25	8
Oct. 11 - Nov. 9	1
Dec. 1 - Jan. 19	5

**East Central**

Season Dates	Daily Limit
Sept. 1 - Sept. 25	15
Oct. 25 - Nov. 14	1
Nov. 22 - Nov. 30	1

**Hudson Valley**

Season Dates	Daily Limit
Sept. 1 - Sept. 25	15
Nov. 8 - Dec. 7	1

**South**

Season Dates	Daily Limit
Sept. 1 - Sept. 25	15
Oct. 25 - Jan. 12	5

**Closed**



### WOODCOCK

Season Dates	Daily Limit
Oct. 1 - Nov. 14	1

**Closed**

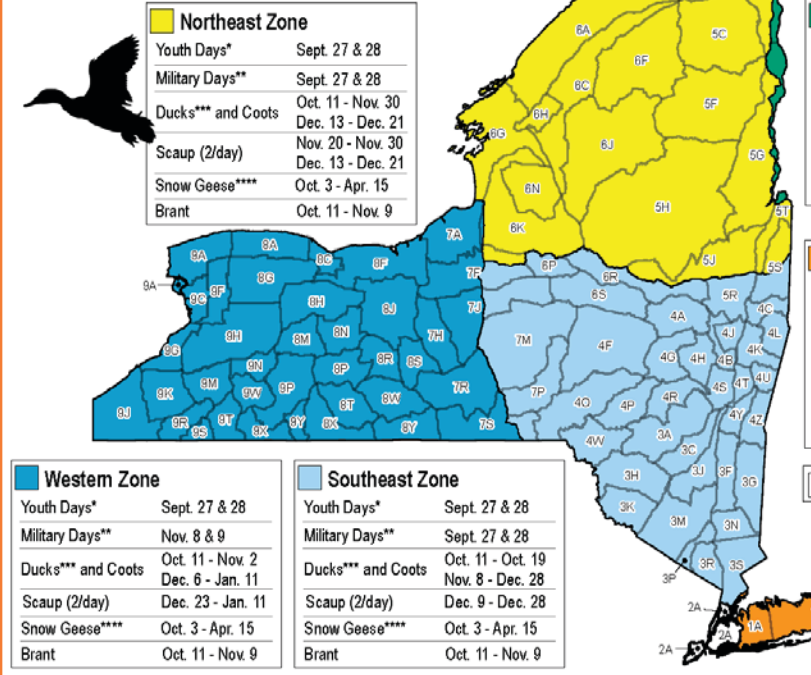


### CROW

Season Dates	Daily Limit
Sept. 1 - Mar. 31 (Fridays, Saturday, Sundays & Mondays Only)	1

**Closed**

# Waterfowl Hunting Seasons



**Lake Champlain Zone**

Season Dates	Daily Limit
Sept. 27 & 28	1
Oct. 11 - Nov. 2, Nov. 22 - Dec. 28	1
Dec. 9 - Dec. 28	2
Oct. 1 - Dec. 31, Jan. 16 - Apr. 15	1
Oct. 11 - Nov. 9	1

**Long Island Zone**

Season Dates	Daily Limit
Nov. 8 & 9	1
Nov. 22 - Nov. 30, Dec. 6 - Jan. 25	1
Jan. 6 - Jan. 25	2
Nov. 24 - Mar. 10	1
Dec. 27 - Jan. 25	1

**Closed**



### SNIPE, RAILS AND GALLINULES

Season Dates	Daily Limit
Sept. 1 - Nov. 9	1

**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.



## Bag Limits

The daily bag limit is the maximum number of birds of each species that any person may take or possess in the field during any one day. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit for all migratory game birds except snow geese.

Species	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
Ducks <sup>a</sup>	6	18
Coot	15	45
Canada Geese <sup>b</sup>	See Map	3 times the daily limit
Snow Geese <sup>b</sup>	25	No Limit
Brant	1	3

\* Youth days are additional days for junior hunters only. Young hunters, 12 to 15 years of age, possessing a junior hunting license may hunt ducks, coots, mergansers, Canada geese, and brant on 2 special days in each zone. Daily bag limits for all species are the same as those allowed during the regular season for all species (excludes September Canada goose bag limits). Youth hunters must be accompanied by a licensed (including current HIP registration and duck stamp) adult hunter, and the mentor may not carry a firearm. This prohibition does not apply to other hunters in the party that are not mentoring the youth.

\*\* Any person who meets the definition of active military or veteran (as defined in section 101 of title 38, United States Code) can participate. Daily bag limits for all species during the military hunting days are the same as those allowed during the regular season for all species.

\*\*\* Crippled sea ducks may be taken under power in the [special sea duck area](#), only.

\*\*\*\* Snow goose seasons include both the regular hunting season and the [Conservation Order](#) that runs from Jan. 16 - Apr. 15 in all zones (except Long Island).

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