

NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife
2018-2019 MIGRATORY BIRD SEASONS

PRIMARY WATERFOWL SEASONS

NORTH ZONE

Ducks & Brant:	Oct. 13 – Oct. 20	Nov. 10 – Jan. 10
Canada Goose:	Nov. 10 – Nov. 24	Dec. 8 – Jan. 19
Youth days:	Oct. 6 & Feb. 2	

SOUTH ZONE

Ducks & Brant:	Oct. 20 – Oct. 27	Nov. 17 – Jan. 17
Canada Goose:	Nov. 17 – Dec. 1	Dec. 8 – Jan. 19
Youth days:	Oct. 13 & Feb. 2	

COASTAL ZONE

Ducks & Brant:	Nov. 10 – Nov. 13	Nov. 22 – Jan. 26
Canada Goose:	Nov. 10 – Nov. 13	Nov. 19 – Feb. 15
Youth days:	Nov. 3 & Feb. 9	

Daily bag limits

Ducks: 6 ducks which may NOT include more than: 4 mallards (not more than 2 hen mallards), 2 black ducks, 3 wood ducks, 2 pintails, 2 scaup, 2 redheads, 2 canvasbacks, 4 long-tailed ducks, 4 eiders, and 4 scoters. Coot 15.

Mergansers: 5 mergansers although not more than 2 hooded mergansers. Merganser limits are in addition to regular ducks.

Brant: 2

Canada geese (Regular season):

North and South Zones: 3
Coastal Zone: 5

Canada goose bag limit is singly or in aggregate to include cackling and white-fronted geese

Youth days: 6 ducks with same species restrictions, 2 brant, 3 (North and South Zones) or 5 (Coastal Zone) Canada geese, 25 light geese.

CANADA GOOSE

September Season (Statewide)

Sept. 1 - Sept. 29

Daily bag limit: 15 Canada geese

The following special regulations apply:

1. Electronic calls permitted
2. Shotguns capable of holding no more than 7 shells (including magazine and chamber) are permitted.
3. Hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to **1/2 hour after sunset.**

NOTE: THESE SPECIAL REGULATIONS ONLY APPLY TO THE SEPTEMBER CANADA GOOSE SEASON

CANADA GOOSE

Special Winter Season (Two Distinct Zones)

Jan. 21 – Feb. 15

Daily bag limit: 5 singly or in aggregate to include cackling and white-fronted geese

SEA DUCKS; SEA DUCK AREA ONLY

Nov. 3 – Jan. 11

Daily bag limit: 5 in total to include long-tailed ducks, eiders and scoters; except no more than 4 long-tailed ducks, 4 eiders, or 4 scoters in aggregate.

LIGHT GOOSE

Regular Season

Statewide: Oct. 17 – Feb. 15

Daily bag limit: 25, singly or in aggregate to include greater and lesser snow geese and Ross's geese

Conservation Order

Statewide: Feb. 16 – Apr. 6

Daily bag limit: None; includes greater and lesser snow geese and Ross's geese

The following special regulations apply:

1. Electronic calls permitted
2. Shotguns capable of holding no more than 7 shells (including magazine and chamber) are permitted.
3. Hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to **1/2 hour after sunset.**

NOTE: THESE SPECIAL REGULATIONS ONLY APPLY TO THE LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER

WOODCOCK

North Zone: Oct. 20 – Nov. 3
Nov. 6 – Dec. 1

South Zone: Nov. 10 – Dec. 1
Dec. 13 – Jan. 1

Daily bag limit: 3

RAILS AND GALLINULE

Sept. 1 – Nov. 21

Daily bag limit: Sora and Virginia rails 25 total or aggregate; gallinule and clapper rail 10

SNIPE

Sept. 15 – Jan. 18

Daily bag limit: 8

CROWS (Mon., Thur., Fri., & Sat.)

Aug. 13 – Dec. 1

Dec. 10 – Mar. 16

Daily bag limit: None