

# Small Game Hunting

## REGULATIONS

Regulations in red are new this year.

**A CURRENT AND** valid hunting license (Bow and Arrow, Firearm or All-Around Sportsman) is required to pursue any small game species. See page 26 for *General Hunting Regulations*. **The season for ruffed grouse is closed statewide.** The use of dogs, unless specifically stated otherwise, is permitted to pursue any small game species, except wild turkey. Hunting for those species shown on page 57 is prohibited during the statewide Six-day Firearm (deer) Season and on the Wednesday of the Permit Shotgun (deer) Season that immediately follows the Six-day Firearm Season. For exceptions, see *Coyote and Fox* and *Semi-wild and Commercial Preserve Hunting* sections below. **Sunday hunting is prohibited;** see *Raccoon and Opossum*, page 56 plus *Semi-wild and Commercial Shooting Preserves* for exceptions.

**Season Dates and Bag Limits:** The *Small Game Hunting Seasons* table on page 57 lists dates, hunting hours and daily bag limits for all small game species open for hunting.

**General Small Game Hunting Methods:** Properly licensed hunters may hunt small game with shotguns or bow and arrow and limited hunting with small caliber rifles; see air gun and coyote/fox regulations. See also *General Hunting Regulations*, page 26.

**Shotgun:** Unless specifically stated otherwise, shotguns for small game hunting may be single or double barrel, rifled or smoothbore and not larger than 10-gauge or smaller than .410 caliber and capable of holding no more than three shells.

**Shot:** Unless specifically stated otherwise, shot size for small game hunting may be no larger than #4 fine shot.

**Bow and Arrow:** All bows must meet the requirements specified in *General Hunting Regulations*, page 26. **For taking game birds in flight, arrows equipped with an edged head are prohibited. Flu flu arrows are required for taking game birds in flight.**

**Air gun:** Air guns may be used for taking cottontail rabbit, hare and gray squirrel using ammunition not smaller than .177 caliber or larger than .22 caliber. Air gun BBs are not legal for hunting. See also *Air Guns* under *Firearms and Missiles*, page 27.

**Muzzleloading Rifles:** For limited small game rifle hunting, see below for *Coyote and Fox—Special Permit Season, Squirrel—Muzzleloading Rifle Season* and *Woodchuck* for restrictions.

**Wildlife Damage:** Property owners or their agents, and occupants of dwellings that are suffering damage from coyote, fox, opossum, raccoon, skunk, squirrel, weasel or woodchuck may control them by lawful means at any time subject to local ordinances.

**Stealing Traps or Trapped Animals:** It is illegal to take, carry away or unlawfully remove or steal a trap belonging to another person that is set along, by or in public or private property, ditch, stream, pond or water in this state and which has been set for the purpose of catching any of the furbearing animals species for which a legal season is established. It is also illegal to remove, alive or dead, any animal from the trap of another person.

### Firearm Ammunition Legal for Hunting Coyote and Fox in New Jersey

Scan this QR code or visit us at [NJFishandWildlife.com/coyote-fox\\_ammunition.htm](http://NJFishandWildlife.com/coyote-fox_ammunition.htm) for a reference chart useful for coyote-fox hunting during seasons that overlap other game species.



## Coyote / Fox Season

Dates	Bow Only Season: Sept. 28–Nov. 8 (except Sundays)	General Season Firearm or Bow: Nov. 9–Mar. 14 (except Sundays and Dec. 9–14, 18)	Special Permit Season: Jan. 1 – March 14 (except Sundays*)  (Permit required with shot larger than #4 fine thru #3 Buck sizes and/or nighttime hunting and/or using a muzzleloading rifle other than incidental to deer hunting and/or using a modern rifle)
Hours	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset, except 8 a.m. start on Nov. 9	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset
Weapon Type and Projectiles Permitted	<b>Bow:</b> long, recurve, compound or crossbow  See <i>General Small Game Hunting Methods</i> , column two above.	<b>Bow:</b> long, recurve, compound or crossbow. See <i>General Small Game Hunting Methods</i> , above.  <b>Shotgun:</b> single or double barrel. Not smaller than 20 gauge or larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than 3 shells.  <b>Shot:</b> Not larger than #4 fine.  <b>Rifles Prohibited</b> during the general season, including centerfire, rimfire and muzzleloading types.	<b>Bow:</b> long, recurve, compound or crossbow See <i>General Small Game Hunting Methods</i> , above.  <b>Shotgun:</b> single or double barrel. Not smaller than 20 gauge or larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than 3 shells.  <b>Shot:</b> Not smaller than BB or larger than #3 Buck. Pellets must be lead or a tungsten-nickel-iron hybrid.  <b>Muzzleloading rifle:</b> single-shot, single barrel no less than .44 caliber. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted, loaded only with a single projectile, either round ball or conical bullet. Electronic ignitions prohibited.  <b>Centerfire rifles:</b> From .17 to maximum of .25 caliber with soft point or hollow point bullets and maximum of 80 grains.  <b>Rimfire rifles:</b> From .17 to maximum of .22 caliber with soft point or hollow point bullets and maximum of 50 grains.  A modern rifle magazine need not be pinned (plugged), but may be loaded with no more than three cartridges.
Notes	<b>Manner:</b> Call, stalk or stand <b>Method:</b> Ground, elevated or other structure <b>Bait:</b> 300 ft when hunter elevated or in other structure <b>Predator Call:</b> Allowed (manual/electronic) <b>Decoys:</b> Allowed (no live decoys) <b>Dogs:</b> Use prohibited <b>Hunter Orange:</b> Optional <b>Daily Bag:</b> Unlimited	<b>Manner:</b> Call, hound, stalk or stand <b>Method:</b> Ground, elevated or other structure <b>Bait:</b> not closer than 300 ft when hunter elevated or in other structure <b>Predator Call:</b> Allowed (manual/electronic) <b>Decoys:</b> Allowed (no live decoys) <b>Dogs:</b> Allowed (except Dec. 9–14, 18) <b>Hunter Orange:</b> Required <b>Daily Bag:</b> Unlimited	<b>Note:</b> Apprentice license holders prohibited from using any rifle and from nighttime hunting during the Special Permit Season. <b>Manner:</b> Call or stand <b>Method:</b> Ground, elevated or other structure <b>Bait:</b> Use prohibited <b>Predator Call:</b> Required (manual/electronic) <b>Decoys:</b> Allowed (no live decoys) <b>Dogs:</b> Use prohibited <b>Hunter Orange:</b> Optional <b>Daily Bag:</b> Unlimited

½ hour **after** sunset to ½ hour **before** sunrise\*  
  
**Shotgun:** single or double barrel. Not smaller than 20 gauge or larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than 3 shells.  
  
**Shot:** sizes not smaller than #4 fine shot or larger than T  
  
\* Hunting must cease at 11:59 p.m. Saturday evening.

### Coyote and Fox, General and Special Permit Seasons

See chart on page 54 for the bow only, general and special permit season regulations for coyote and fox. **NOTE: All coyote and GRAY fox harvests must be reported within 24 hours. Hunters must report their harvest by calling (609) 748-2058 and leave their name, CID# and daytime phone number. Once Fish and Wildlife's new license/harvest report system is operational (late in 2019; check our website for updates), all coyote and gray fox harvest reports will be handled through that system as follows.** Reports can be made via mobile phone or computer at [www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com](http://www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com) or calling 1-855-1 HUNT NJ (1-855-448-6865). Hunters should use the same location information used for deer hunting; see page 36 or go to [www.NJFishandWildlife.com/ahrs\\_deer\\_viewer.htm](http://www.NJFishandWildlife.com/ahrs_deer_viewer.htm). Red fox harvests do NOT need to be reported.

In addition to the general coyote and fox seasons described in the table on page 54, properly licensed turkey hunters may legally harvest coyotes if encountered incidental to legal turkey hunting. Turkey hunters shall not actively pursue coyotes or have coyote calls or decoys in possession. Also, properly licensed persons hunting deer during the Six-day Firearm, Permit Muzzleloader or Permit Shotgun

deer seasons may kill coyote or fox if the coyote or fox is encountered before the hunter has taken the season bag limit of deer. However, after the hunter has taken a *daily* bag limit of deer, they must cease hunting immediately. Incidental hunting of coyote or fox while deer hunting may resume the following day (provided the season remains open and the season bag limit of deer has not been reached.) Only applicable projectiles approved for deer hunting may be used to take coyote and fox incidental to deer hunting during the deer seasons described above. See *Firearms, Bow and Ammunition* chart, page 34.

Baiting for coyote/fox is prohibited while hunting elevated in a standing tree or in a structure of any kind within 300 feet of a baited area.

**Coyote and fox hunting are allowed on WMAs including all legal sporting arms listed in the table on page 54.**

Further, in addition to the general Coyote and Fox seasons plus the incidental harvest of coyote or fox while deer hunting, a Special Permit Coyote and Fox Season runs concurrent with the regular small game coyote and fox season. A Fish and Wildlife-issued permit is required to hunt coyote or fox under the provisions (see table, page 54) of the Special Permit Coyote and Fox Season; as follows:

**A permit to hunt coyote or fox is required 1.) to hunt at night and/or 2.) to use shot sizes larger than #4 fine and up to size #3 Buck, and/or 3.) to**

**use a rifle for coyote or fox other than incidental to deer hunting (see Table / QR Code on preceding page). Sunday hunting is not legal.**

Apprentice License holders may **not** hunt coyote or fox.

### Special Coyote, Red and Gray Fox Hunting Permits

- A \$2 permit is required to hunt coyote, red or gray fox during the special permit season from Jan. 1–March. 14.
- Permits will be available at any license agent or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site beginning on or about Dec. 2, 2019. A 2020 hunting license must be purchased prior to, or in conjunction with, the purchase of a 2020 Special Season Coyote/Fox Permit.

### Pheasant

See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 57 for season dates and bag limits. See exceptions page 56 for semi-wild and commercial preserve hunting.

**Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas:** Anyone aged 16 and over (except 16 year olds whose Youth License remains valid until Dec. 31 in the year they reach 16 years of age) hunting or possessing pheasant or quail on the following designated wildlife management areas shall have in possession a current and valid

### Pheasant Stocking Schedule 2019

(Birds stocked the evening prior to the hunting dates listed.)

		Sat	Tues	Thurs	Sat	Tues	Thurs	Sat	Tues	Thurs	Sat	Thurs	Sat	Tues	Sat	Tues	Season
		11/9	11/12	11/14	11/16	11/19	11/21	11/23	11/26	11/28	11/30	12/5	12/21	12/24	12/28	12/31	Total
Northern Region	Berkshire Valley	70	40	40	60	40	30	40	30	70	30	30	30	40	40	30	620
	Black River	320	160	160	270	160	140	160	140	300	140	140	140	190	160	140	2,720
	Clinton	370	190	190	310	190	160	190	160	340	160	160	160	220	190	160	3,150
	Delaware Water Gap N.R.A.*	590	290	290	490	290	240	290	240	540	240	240	240	340	290	240	4,850
	Flatbrook	390	190	190	320	190	160	190	160	350	160	160	160	220	190	160	3,190
	Pequest	320	160	160	270	160	130	160	130	290	130	130	130	190	160	130	2,650
	Walpack	70	40	40	60	40	30	40	30	70	30	30	30	40	40	30	620
Central Region	Whittingham	310	150	150	260	150	130	150	130	280	130	130	130	180	150	130	2,560
	Assunpink	600	300	300	500	300	250	300	250	550	250	250	250	350	300	250	5,000
	Colliers Mills	370	180	180	310	180	150	180	150	340	150	150	150	220	180	150	3,040
	Greenwood-Howardsville Section	90	50	50	80	50	40	50	40	80	40	40	40	50	50	40	790
	Manahawkin	70	40	40	60	40	30	40	30	70	30	30	30	40	40	30	620
	Manasquan	210	100	100	170	100	90	100	90	190	90	90	90	120	100	90	1,730
	Medford	150	80	80	130	80	60	80	60	140	60	60	60	90	80	60	1,270
Southern Region	Stafford Forge	270	140	140	230	140	110	140	110	250	110	110	110	160	140	110	2,270
	Fort Dix	60	0	0	50	50	70	60	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	350
	Dix	240	120	120	200	120	100	120	100	220	100	100	100	140	120	100	2,000
	Glassboro	180	90	90	150	90	80	90	80	170	80	80	80	110	90	80	1,540
	Heislerville	70	40	40	60	40	30	40	30	70	30	30	30	40	40	30	620
	Mad Horse	170	90	90	140	90	70	90	70	160	70	70	70	100	90	70	1,440
	Millville	640	320	320	530	320	270	320	270	580	270	270	270	370	320	270	5,340
Statewide Totals	Nantuxent	210	100	100	170	100	90	100	90	190	90	90	90	120	100	90	1,730
	Port Republic	70	40	40	60	40	30	40	30	70	30	30	30	40	40	30	620
	Tuckahoe	200	100	100	160	100	80	100	80	180	80	80	80	110	100	80	1,630
	Winslow	250	130	130	210	130	100	130	100	230	100	100	100	150	130	100	2,090
	<b>Statewide Totals</b>	<b>6,290</b>	<b>3,140</b>	<b>3,140</b>	<b>5,250</b>	<b>3,190</b>	<b>2,670</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>2,660</b>	<b>5,730</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>3,630</b>	<b>3,140</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>52,440</b>

### Quail Stocking Schedule 2019

(Birds stocked the evening prior to the hunting dates listed.)

Statewide	Sat	Tues	Thurs	Sat	Tues	Thurs	Sat	Thurs	Sat	Sat	Tues	Thurs	Sat	Thurs	Sat	Season
	11/9	11/12	11/14	11/16	11/19	11/21	11/23	11/26	11/28	11/30	12/5	12/21	12/24	12/28	12/31	Total
Greenwood	600	280	260	400	280	400	400	280	600	260	260	400	400	280	400	5,500
Peaslee	600	280	260	400	280	400	400	280	600	260	260	400	400	280	400	5,500

For maps showing the areas to be stocked with pheasants during the small game season, visit [NJFishandWildlife.com/smggame\\_info.htm](http://NJFishandWildlife.com/smggame_info.htm).

\* Number stocked subject to change based on pre-season farming practices and field conditions. Check for updates at the DFW website link, above.

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Pheasant and Quail Stamp (Youth Hunting licenses include pheasant and quail stamp): Assunpink, Berkshire Valley, Millville (Bevan), Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Dix, Flatbrook, Glassboro, Greenwood (including Howardsville), Heislerville, Tuckahoe (MacNamara), Mad Horse, Manahawkin, Manasquan River, Medford, Nantuxent, Peaslee, Pequest, Port Republic, Rockport, Stafford Forge,

### Quail Season Closed

**In an effort to reverse the decline of quail in New Jersey, the statewide quail hunting season is closed except at Peaslee WMA and Greenwood Forest WMA where Fish and Wildlife will provide hunters and falconers the opportunity to hunt for quail.**

No person may release quail for dog training purposes on the following WMAs: Buckshutem, Dix, Egg Island, Fortescue, Millville (Bevans), Nantuxent, New Sweden and Stafford Forge.

See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 57 for season dates and bag limits. Exception: This statewide closure does not apply to certain semi-wild and commercial shooting preserves that were permitted to stock quail during the 2009–10 season.

### Squirrel Muzzleloading Rifle Season Zones

For a complete description of the squirrel hunting areas, scan this QR code with your mobile device or go to [NJFishandWildlife.com/qr/squirrelzones.htm](http://NJFishandWildlife.com/qr/squirrelzones.htm).



Walpack, Whittingham and Winslow. A current and valid Pheasant and Quail Stamp is also required at the Delaware River National Recreation Area.

### Pheasant and Quail Stocking

Wearing a hunter orange hat is required for all firearm small game hunters on wildlife management areas stocked with pheasant or quail.

Fish and Wildlife anticipates pheasant and quail releases to follow as shown in the table on page 55. However, the stocking schedule is not finalized until approved by the Fish and Game Council in October when it will be published on our website at the link below. Also, the schedule is subject to pheasant production issues and may change due to rain or emergency weather conditions. For these unplanned stocking schedule changes or other necessary adjustments, visit our website at [NJFishandWildlife.com/smgame\\_info.htm](http://NJFishandWildlife.com/smgame_info.htm).

Pheasants are stocked after dark, precluding interaction between Fish and Wildlife personnel and hunters or the chance of prematurely harvesting a pheasant before the season opens.

New maps showing the specific field locations for every stocked wildlife management area are now available here: [NJFishandWildlife.com/pheasmaps.htm](http://NJFishandWildlife.com/pheasmaps.htm).

### Stocking Maps

Scan this QR code or follow the link for maps of the pheasant and quail stocked fields for each stocked WMA. Go to [NJFishandWildlife.com/pheasmaps.htm](http://NJFishandWildlife.com/pheasmaps.htm).



### Quail, Northern Bobwhite

Northern bobwhite quail are native to the southern half of New Jersey. In recent years, quail populations have declined throughout their range including New Jersey.

### Rabbit and Hare

The rabbit and hare hunting season will begin the last Saturday in September. The early opening date allows for hunting opportunity when rabbit populations are at their peak. Air guns may be used for taking cottontail rabbit and hare using ammunition not smaller than .177 caliber or larger than .22 caliber. See also *Air Guns* under *Firearms and Missiles*, page 27 and *General Small Game Hunting Methods*, page 54.

See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 57 for season dates and bag limits.

### Raccoon and Opossum

See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 57 for season dates and bag limits.

**Hours:** Hunting may not begin until one hour after sunset on the opening day of the season. On all other days open during the season, the hours of hunting are one hour after sunset to one hour before

sunrise. Persons may hunt raccoon and opossum on Sunday mornings only between the hours of 12:01 a.m. and one hour before sunrise during the prescribed season.

**Hunting methods:** Portable lights are permitted. Fluorescent orange is encouraged but not required on outer clothing while hunting raccoon and opossum. A current and valid Rifle Permit is required when possessing a .22 caliber rifle while hunting raccoon and opossum. Only .22 caliber shorts are permitted.

Apprentice License holder are not permitted to use rifles, obtain rifle permits or hunt at night.

**Dog Training:** Dogs may be trained during the month of September and from March 2 to May 1, inclusive. The training hours are one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise.

### Ruffed Grouse

Ruffed grouse rely on young forest habitat which currently comprise only 5% of state forest lands. This lack of habitat has caused grouse populations to decline below the level necessary to support a hunting season. In an effort to reduce the decline, the grouse hunting season is closed statewide. No exceptions.

### Semi-Wild and Commercial Preserve Hunting

Hunting for pheasant, quail and partridge is allowed from Nov. 9 to March 15 on semi-wild and from Sept. 1 through May 1 on commercial shooting preserves (which also allows mallards) that are properly licensed for the taking of such species. These game birds may be hunted on Sunday only on semi-wild or commercial shooting preserve lands.

Youth hunters (in possession of a valid Youth Hunting License and accompanied by a licensed, non-shooting adult) will be permitted to hunt pheasant, quail and partridge on licensed semi-wild preserves on Saturday, Nov. 2—the Youth Upland Bird Hunting Day.

All game taken on semi-wild or commercial preserves must be properly tagged before being transported off the licensed property.

A person may legally hunt on semi-wild or commercial preserves for game birds during deer seasons, but no shot larger than #4 fine may be used. There are no daily bag or seasonal limits for pheasant, quail, partridge or mallards taken on commercial preserves. There are no daily bag limits for pheasant, quail or partridge taken on semi-wild properties. Seasonal harvests on semi-wild properties may not exceed the number of birds to be stocked as indicated on the semi-wild permit application.

### Squirrel, Regular Season

Air guns may be used for taking squirrel using ammunition not smaller than .177 caliber or larger than .22 caliber. See also *Air Guns* under *Firearms and Missiles*, page 27 and *General Small Game Hunting Methods*, page 54. See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 57.

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### 2019–20 Small Game Hunting Seasons

Species (alphabetical)	Inclusive Dates	Hunting Hours	Daily Limits	Notes
Bobwhite (quail)	Closed statewide; except at Peaslee & Greenwood WMA (see Notes) <b>At Peaslee &amp; Greenwood WMAs ONLY:</b> Nov. 9–Dec. 7; Dec. 16, 17 & 19–31, to Jan. 31 (except Sundays)	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	4	8 a.m. start on Nov. 9 <b>Quail may be hunted ONLY at Peaslee and Greenwood Forest WMAs. Pheasant and Quail Stamp required.</b> <b>Season closed in remainder of the state. (See exceptions under <i>Semi-Wild and Commercial Preserve Hunting</i>, page 56.)</b>
Coyote* and Fox*, General  All coyote must be reported within 24 hrs.	<b>Bow and Arrow only:</b> Sept. 28–Nov. 8  <b>Firearm or Bow and Arrow:</b> Nov. 9–Dec. 7; Dec. 16, 17 & 19–31, to Mar. 14 (except Sundays)	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	No limit	8 a.m. start on Nov. 9 Deer hunters may harvest coyote and fox during all open deer seasons with restrictions as specified under Small Game Hunting, <b><i>Coyote and Fox</i></b> , page 54. <b>Rifle Permit required in possession when hunting with rifle (allowed only incidental to deer hunting).</b>
Coyote* and Fox*, Special Permit Season  All coyote must be reported within 24 hrs.	<b>Firearm or Bow and Arrow:</b> Jan. 1–Mar. 14 (except Sundays) (permit required)	Permit holders may hunt day and night with certain restrictions; see <b>Notes</b> at right.  <b>Sunday hunting for coyote/fox is not legal. All such hunting must end at 11:59 p.m. Saturday night and may resume at 12:01 a.m. Monday morning.</b>	No limit	For complete details, and for when a permit is required, see Small Game Hunting, <b><i>Coyote and Fox</i></b> , page 55. Calling and standing hunting only. Predator calling device must be in possession. See <b><i>Coyote/Fox Season</i></b> table, page 54, for firearm and ammo restrictions. <b>Rifle Permit required in possession when hunting with any legal rifle, allowed only during daytime hunting hours.</b> During night hunting (½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise), only 10–20 gauge shotguns are permitted. See pellet restrictions in table on page 54. <b>Coyote/fox Permit required.</b>
Crow** (Mon., Thurs., Fri., Sat.)	Aug. 12–Dec. 7** and Dec. 16, 2019–Mar. 21, 2020 (See <b>Notes</b> .)	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	No limit	8 a.m. start on Nov. 9 Maximum shot size is #4
Grouse, Ruffed	<b>Closed statewide</b> <b>No exceptions</b>	<b>Season closed</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Ruffed grouse may not be harvested anywhere in the state. See page 56.</b>
Opossum, Raccoon	Oct. 1–Mar. 1 (except Sunday evenings)	1 hour after sunset to 1 hour before sunrise	No limit	<b>Rifle Permit required when hunting with rifle.</b> 7:41 p.m. start on Oct. 1. Closed Dec. 9–14 and 18
Pheasant & Partridge	Nov. 9–Dec. 7; Dec. 16, 17 & 19–Feb. 17 (except Sundays)	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	Partridge — 7 Pheasant — 2	8 a.m. start on Nov. 9 Pheasant and Quail Stamp required on designated areas (see <b><i>Small Game Hunting</i></b> page 55).
Rabbit, Hare & Jackrabbit	Sept. 28–Dec. 7; Dec. 16, 17, 19–31 to Feb. 22 (except Sundays)	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	Cottontail — 4 Hare — 1 Jackrabbit — 1	8 a.m. start on Nov. 9. Air guns are legal to harvest rabbits, hare and jackrabbit. See <b><i>Rabbit and Hare</i></b> , page 56.
Squirrel, Gray	Sept. 28–Dec. 7; Dec. 16, 17 & 19–31 to Feb. 22 (except Sundays)	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	5	8 a.m. start on Nov. 9. Air guns are legal to harvest squirrel. See <b><i>Squirrel, Regular Season</i></b> page 56.
Squirrel, Gray: Muzzleloading Rifle (.36 caliber or smaller)	Sept. 28–Nov. 8 and Jan. 4–Feb. 22 (except Sundays)	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	5	<b>Rifle permit required.</b> Designated areas only (see <b><i>Squirrel, ML Rifle Season</i></b> page 58).
Turkey (Fall, Either-Sex)	(Period N) Oct. 26 & Oct. 28–Nov. 2, 2019	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.	1 Turkey (either sex) per permit	Permit required. All Turkey Hunting Areas statewide are now open to fall hunting.
Turkey (Spring Gobbler)	(Periods A to E) April 20–May 22, 2020	½ hour before sunrise to noon; starting May 11, hours are ½ hour before sunrise to sunset	1 Male Turkey per permit	Permit required. See turkey hunting regulation, page 58.
Turkey (Spring Gobbler, Youth)	(Period Y) April 18–May 22, 2020	½ hour before sunrise to noon; starting May 11, hours are ½ hour before sunrise to sunset	1 Male Turkey per permit	Permit required. See turkey hunting regulation, page 58.
Woodchuck: Bow, Rifle or Shotgun	Mar. 1–Sept. 25, 2019 (except Sun.) Mar. 2–Sept. 30, 2020 (except Sun.)	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	No limit	<b>Rifle Permit required when hunting with rifle.</b> Rifle hunting prohibited on state property (see <b><i>General Hunting Regulations</i></b> , page 26 and <b><i>Woodchuck</i></b> , page 58).
Woodchuck: Bow or Shotgun	Sept. 28–Dec. 7; Dec. 16, 17 & 19–31 to Feb. 17 (except Sundays)	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	No limit	8 a.m. start on Nov. 9
Woodcock**	<b>North of Rt. 70:</b> Oct. 19–Nov. 2; Nov. 5–30 (except Sundays) <b>South of Rt. 70:</b> Nov. 9–30 & Dec. 12–31 (except Sundays)	Sunrise to sunset	3 daily; 6 possession	<b>HIP number required (see page 65).</b> 8 a.m. start on Nov. 9
Youth Turkey Day	April 18, 2020	½ hour before sunrise to noon	1 Male Wild Turkey	<b>Permit required.</b>
Youth Upland Bird Days	Nov. 2 & 4–8	8 a.m. to sunset	Pheasant — 2 Quail — 4	Selected WMAs and licensed semi-wilds (see page 25).

\* All harvested coyotes and GRAY fox must be reported using the electronic license system within 24 hours. See page 55 for details.

\*\* The starting time to hunt migratory birds on Nov. 9 only on those WMAs designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas shall be 8 a.m. See list of areas, page 55.

## Squirrel, Muzzleloading Rifle Season

Persons holding a current and valid firearm license and rifle permit may hunt for squirrels from sunrise to ½ hour after sunset with a muzzleloading rifle (.36 caliber or smaller loaded with a single projectile) during the periods Sept. 28–Nov. 8 and Jan. 4–Feb. 22. See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 57.

Hunting for squirrel in the manner described above is restricted to the areas described.

## Woodchuck

All persons in possession of a rifle (including a muzzleloading rifle) while hunting woodchuck must have a current and valid rifle permit in addition to the current hunting license. **Rifle hunting (of any kind) for woodchuck is prohibited on state wildlife management areas, state parks, state forests or state recreation areas.** Farmers and their agents may use shot not larger than #4 buckshot to control woodchuck causing damage. Hours of hunting are sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. See chart above for woodchuck hunting details. 🦫

## Woodchuck Season

Dates	Weapon Type Permitted	Gauge, Caliber or Weight	Projectile(s)
March 1 to Sept. 25, 2019	Center-fire rifle	.25 caliber or less	Hollow point, soft point or expanding lead core bullets of any weight.
		Larger than .25 caliber	Hollow point, soft point or expanding lead core bullets of any weight not exceeding 80 grains in weight.
March 2 to Sept. 30, 2020	Rim-fire rifle	.25 caliber or less	Hollow point or soft point of any weight not exceeding 50 grains in weight.
	<b>Muzzleloading rifle:</b> single-shot, single barrel. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted.	No restriction	Must be loaded with a single projectile, either round ball or conical bullet.
	<b>Bow:</b> long, recurve, compound or crossbow	35 pounds pull at archers draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow); 75 pounds pull for crossbow	Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of ¾"
	<b>Shotgun:</b> single or double barrel, rifled bore or smoothbore	Not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than 3 shells	Shot – sizes not larger than #4 fine shot
Sept. 28–Dec. 7 and Dec. 16, 17, 19–31, 2019	<b>Bow:</b> long, recurve, compound or crossbow	35 pounds pull at archers draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow); 75 pounds pull for crossbow	Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of ¾"