

NEW JERSEY 2009-10 MIGRATORY BIRD SEASON DATES

Although the following selections are expected to be approved by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, they will not be formally finalized through the Federal Register process until the conclusion of the public comment period in September 2009.

DUCKS (60 days)

North Zone:	Oct. 10 – Oct. 31	Nov. 17- Jan. 2
South Zone:	Oct. 17 - Oct. 31	Nov. 14 - Jan. 7
Coastal Zone:	Nov. 7 - Nov. 14	Nov. 26 - Jan. 26

*Daily bag limit: 6 ducks which may **NOT** include more than: 4 mallards (not more than 2 hen mallards), 1 black duck, 3 wood ducks, 1 pintail, 2 scaup, 2 redheads, 1 canvasback and 4 scoters.*

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

BRANT (50 days)

North Zone:	Oct. 10 – Oct. 29	Nov. 26- Jan. 2
South Zone:	Oct. 17 - Oct. 31	Nov. 26 - Jan. 7
Coastal Zone:	Nov. 7 - Nov. 14	Nov. 26 - Jan. 14

Daily bag limit: 2

YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS

North Zone:	Oct. 3
South Zone:	Nov. 6-7
Coastal Zone:	Oct. 31

Daily bag limit: 6 ducks with species restrictions; 3 Canada geese; 2 brant, 15 light geese

CANADA GOOSE

September Season (Statewide)

Sept. 1 - Sept. 30

Daily bag limit: 15

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

Regular Season (45 days)

North Zone: Nov. 14 – Nov. 28 Dec. 12 - Jan. 18
South Zone: Nov. 14 – Nov. 28 Dec. 12 - Jan. 18
Coastal Zone: Nov. 26 – Dec. 5 Dec. 8 - Jan. 18

Daily bag limit: 3 singly or in aggregate to include Canada, cackling and white-fronted geese

Special Winter Season (Two Zones):

Jan. 19 – Feb. 15

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

SEA DUCKS; SEA DUCK AREA ONLY (107 days)

Sept. 24 - Jan 26

Daily bag limit: 7 singly or in aggregate to include long-tailed ducks, eiders and scoters, except no more than 4 scoters

RAILS AND MOORHEN (70 days)

Sept. 1 – Nov. 8

Daily bag limit: Sora and Virginia rails 25 singly or in aggregate; moorhen and clapper rail 10

SNIPE (107 days)

Sept. 18 - Jan. 2

Daily bag limit: 8

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

Aug. 10 - Dec. 5

Dec. 14 - Mar. 20

Daily bag limit: None

WOODCOCK (24 days)

North Zone: Oct. 15 - Nov. 7

South Zone: Nov. 7 - Nov. 28 Jan. 1 - Jan. 2

Daily bag limit: 3

LIGHT GOOSE REGULAR SEASON (107 days)

Statewide: Oct. 15 – Feb. 15

Daily bag limit: 15, singly or in aggregate to include greater and lesser snow geese and Ross's geese

LIGHT GOOSE Conservation Order

Statewide: Feb. 16 – Apr. 10

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.**
4. Special Permit needed from NJDFW.