

SPECIES	Open Season (both dates inclusive)	Bag and Possession Limits
Sea ducks (long-tailed duck, white-winged, surf, black scoters and common eider)	SPECIAL SEA DUCK AREA Sept. 24 - Jan. 26	7 daily; 14 possession (No more than 4 of which may be scoters)
Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days (See Notes and Exceptions section page 6)	NORTH ZONE Oct. 3 SOUTH ZONE Nov. 6 & 7 COASTAL ZONE Oct. 31	Ducks: 6; with duck limits on Pg. 6 Brant: 2 Light geese: 15 Canada geese: 3
Ducks	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	6 daily; 12 possession (See duck limits on page 6 for further restrictions)
Coot		15 daily; 30 possession
Mergansers		See merganser bag limits on page 6.
Brant	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	2 daily; 4 possession
Canada goose September Season	STATEWIDE Sept. 1-30	15 daily; 30 possession - See page 6 for special regulations.
Canada goose, Cackling goose, White-fronted goose Regular Season	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	3 daily, singly or in aggregate; 6 possession, singly or in aggregate
Canada goose, Cackling goose, White-fronted goose Special Winter Season	SPECIAL WINTER CANADA GOOSE HUNTING AREA Jan. 19 - Feb. 15	5 daily, singly or in aggregate; 10 possession, singly or in aggregate
Light goose (greater and lesser snow goose and Ross's goose) Regular Season	STATEWIDE Oct. 15 - Feb. 15	15 daily singly or in aggregate; No possession limit
Light Goose (greater and lesser snow goose and Ross's goose) Conservation Order	STATEWIDE Feb. 16 - Apr. 10	None (See page 3 for additional information.)
Sora rail Virginia rail	STATEWIDE Sept. 1 - Nov. 8	25 daily or in possession singly or in aggregate
Common gallinule (Moorhen) Clapper rail	STATEWIDE Sept. 1 - Nov. 8	10 daily each; 20 possession of each species
Common snipe	STATEWIDE Sept. 18 - Jan. 2	8 daily; 16 possession
Crows	STATEWIDE Aug. 10 - Dec. 5 Dec. 14 - Mar. 20 Mon., Thur., Fri. and Sat.	None
Woodcock	WOODCOCK NORTH ZONE Oct. 15 - Nov. 7 WOODCOCK SOUTH ZONE Nov. 7 - Nov. 28 Jan. 1 - Jan. 2	3 daily; 6 possession

**Report Hunting Violations—24-Hour - 877-WARNDEP
Operation Game Thief (800) 222-0456 (Anonymous)**

Notes and Exceptions

Closed Season: For all swans, harlequin ducks, king rails and mourning doves.

Sea Duck Limit—Daily bag limit in the special sea duck area and during the sea duck season is 7 sea ducks including scoters, long-tailed ducks and eiders, no more than 4 of which may be scoters. Outside the special sea duck area and during the regular duck season, sea ducks are included in the daily bag limit of six (6) ducks.

Daily Duck Bag Limit is 6 ducks and it may not include more than:		
4 mallards (including no more than 2 hens)	6 gadwall	6 wigeon
4 scoters	6 goldeneye	6 bufflehead
1 pintail	2 redheads	6 blue-winged teal
1 black duck	3 wood ducks	6 green-winged teal
2 scaup	1 canvasback	6 ring-necked duck
		6 long-tailed duck

Merganser Bag Limits (Common, red breasted and hooded) Daily bag limit is 5 mergansers, only 2 of which may be a hooded mergansers. Possession limit is 10, except hooded mergansers which is 4 birds. Merganser limits are in addition to duck limits.

Special September Canada Goose Season Regulations in effect September 1-30, 2009 only.

- Electronic calls are permitted
 - Shotguns capable of holding no more than 7 shells (including magazine and chamber) are permitted.
 - Hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to **1/2 hour after sunset**.
- Falconry (Hawking)** - Special Season dates and bag limits. Contact NJ Div. of Fish and Wildlife, Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days
Open only for holders of valid youth hunting licenses 15 years old or younger and accompanied by a non-shooting individual at least 21 years of age with a hunting license. Each youth may participate in 1 to 4 days.

HUNTING HOURS - See page 90 of Fish and Wildlife Digest for sunrise/sunset table.

- Ducks, geese, brant, coots, rails, moorhens, snipe—**1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset**. For example, if sunrise is 6:30 AM and sunset is 5:00 PM, hunting hours for these species are 6:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
- Woodcock—**sunrise to sunset**.
- Crows—**sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset**.
- September Canada goose and the Spring Light goose Conservation Order ONLY- **1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset**.

MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING IS NOT PERMITTED ON SUNDAYS IN NEW JERSEY.

WHAT DO I NEED TO HUNT MIGRATORY BIRDS IN NEW JERSEY?

Species Hunted	Hunting License	HIP Certification	NJ Stamp Certification	Federal Stamp
Crows	X			
Woodcock, rails, moorhens, snipe	X	X		
Ducks, brant, geese	X	X	X	X

WATERFOWL STAMPS – A NJ Waterfowl Stamp Certification and Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp are required for all waterfowl hunters except youth hunting license holders and must be signed in ink. New Jersey Stamp Certifications (the state stamp itself no longer exists) are available from license agents and from the “Licenses and Permits” page on the Division’s web site. Federal stamps are available from some US Post Offices and online at <http://www.fws.gov/duckstamps/Stamps.htm>.

HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM (HIP)

Hunters must obtain a HIP certification **before** hunting ducks, geese, brant, coot, woodcock, rails, snipe, or gallinules. Migratory bird hunters can get their HIP certification one of three ways:

- Online at the license sales page at: <http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/als/websalesintro.htm>
- From a license agent.
- By calling the toll-free NJ telephone sales line at 888-277-2015.

All 3 methods allow hunters to go hunting immediately after registering. Online and license agent HIP certifications will cost \$2.00 while telephone HIP certifications will include a shipping/handling fee and cost \$5.13. Internet HIP certifications can be printed on a home computer. Telephone HIP certifications will be received in about 1 week; however, hunters can begin hunting immediately by recording their HIP certification number. HIP certification should be carried in the hunter’s license holder. HIP certifications are valid from Sept. 1, 2009 to March 10, 2010. Information collected for HIP is confidential and used by the USFWS for conducting migratory bird harvest surveys.



NEW JERSEY 2009-2010 MIGRATORY BIRD REGULATIONS



(See 2009-2010 Fish & Wildlife Digest for Additional Hunting Regulations)

MAJOR CHANGES FOR THE 2009-10 SEASON

- Brant season will be closed during part of the duck season in all zones. The brant daily bag limit was reduced to 2 birds.
- There will be a Conservation Order season for light geese from Feb. 16 - Apr. 10, 2010. See page 3 for details.
- Canvasback season will be open for the duration of the duck season with a 1-bird bag limit.
- Scaup season will be open for the duration of the duck season with a 2-bird bag limit.
- The wood duck daily bag limit was increased to 3 birds in 2008-2009 and remains the same for the 2009-2010 season.

REPORT BANDED BIRDS

WWW.REPORTBAND.GOV OR (800) 327- BAND

Hunters reporting via the web will receive immediate feedback on where and when the bird was banded, as well as species, age and sex of the bird. Bands can also be reported by phone at 1-800-327-BAND or via postal service at the address inscribed on the band.

STATE REGULATIONS

State laws and regulations may be more stringent but not more lenient than those prescribed in the federal code (Title 50).

Restrictions:

- Should any open season on migratory game birds, including waterfowl, be set by Federal regulation which would include the date of November 7, 2009, the starting time on such date will be 8:00 A.M. to coincide with the opening of the small game season on that date. However, this shall not preclude the hunting of migratory game birds, including waterfowl, on the tidal marshes of the State as regularly prescribed throughout the season by Federal regulations.
- There shall be no open season for hunting any game birds or animals including migratory waterfowl:
 - In or on the shores of the Shark River in Monmouth County.
 - In that portion of the Manasquan River from the ocean inlet upstream to Route 70 bridge.
 - On Herring Island and that portion of Barnegat Bay lying between northern and southern tips of Herring Island easterly to adjacent shoreline of Mantoloking Boro, Ocean County.
 - On Parker Creek and Oceanport Creek, Monmouth County, or the shores thereof, southwest or upstream of the Conrail R.R. bridge.
- (c) Waterfowl hunting on Delaware River is governed by State boundaries and restricted to respective state seasons.
- Permanent blinds may not be constructed on some State Wildlife Management Areas. See page 82 of the 2009-10 NJ Fish and Wildlife Digest.
- Hunting with firearms is prohibited on November 6, 2009 on those State Wildlife Management Areas designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp areas except in tidal marsh open to an ongoing waterfowl season. See page 60 of the 2009-10 NJ Fish and Wildlife Digest for these areas.
- Nontoxic shot is required for rail, snipe and moorhen hunting AT ALL TIMES. See page 3 for nontoxic shot regulations.



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SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

In addition to State regulations, the following Federal rules apply to the taking, possession, shipping, transporting, and storing of migratory game birds.

NOTICE—The material below is only a summary. Each hunter should also consult the actual Federal regulations, which may be found in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20. For more information, call the US Fish and Wildlife Service Law Enforcement Office at 908-787-1321.

RESTRICTION—No person shall take migratory game birds:

- ◆ By the aid of baiting (placing, exposing, depositing, distributing or scattering salt, grain or other feed that could lure birds to an area), or on or over any baited area, where a person knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited. Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of all the bait. However, nothing in this paragraph prohibits taking migratory game birds over lands or areas where seeds or grains have been scattered solely as the result of a normal agricultural planting, harvesting, post-harvest manipulation or normal soil stabilization practice. Violators convicted of hunting over bait may be fined up to \$15,000 and individuals convicted of placing bait in an area may be fined up to \$100,000.
- ◆ With a trap, snare, net, crossbow, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10-gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, poison, drug, explosive, or stupefying substances.
- ◆ With a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler which is incapable of removal without disassembling the gun.
Exceptions: Shotguns capable of holding no more than 7 shells are permitted during the September Canada goose season and the Spring Light Goose Conservation Order.
- ◆ From a sink box (a low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water).
- ◆ From or with the aid or use of other motor-driven land conveyance, or any aircraft, except that paraplegics and single or double amputees of the legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance. "Paraplegic" means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body with involvement of both legs, usually due to disease of or injury to the spinal cord.
- ◆ From or by means of any motor boat or sail boat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled, and its progress therefrom has ceased.
- ◆ By the use or aid of live decoys. All live, tame or captive ducks and geese shall be removed for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to hunting, and confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such tame birds from the sight of migratory waterfowl.
- ◆ Using records or tapes of migratory bird calls or sounds, or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls. **Exception: crows, September Canada goose, Light Goose Conservation Order.**
- ◆ By driving, rallying, or chasing birds with any motorized conveyance or any sail boat to put them in the range of the hunters.

POSSESSION OF LIVE BIRDS—Wounded birds reduced to possession shall be immediately killed and included in the daily bag limit.

TAGGING—No person shall give, put or leave any migratory game birds at any place or in the custody of another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information:

1. The hunter's signature.
2. The hunter's address.
3. The total number of birds involved, by species.
4. The dates such birds were killed.

No person or business shall receive or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are properly tagged.

SHIPMENT—No person shall ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside with: (a) the name and address of the person sending the

birds, (b) the name and address of the person to whom the birds are being sent, and (c) the number of birds, by species, contained in the package.

DRESSING—No person shall completely field dress any migratory game bird (except doves and band-tailed pigeons) and then transport the birds from the field. The head or one fully feathered wing must remain attached to all such birds while being transported from the field to one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility.

NONTOXIC SHOT REGULATIONS—Nontoxic shot is required for hunting rails, snipe, moorhens, coot, and waterfowl in New Jersey. Nontoxic shot includes steel, bismuth, tungsten-iron, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-matrix, tungsten-nickel-iron (HEVI-SHOT), tungsten-iron-nickel-tin (TINT), tungsten-bronze and tungsten-tin-bismuth shot types. Shot size may not exceed Size T (0.200 inch).

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES—Some National Wildlife Refuges have portions of their property open for migratory bird hunting. Specific regulations may apply at each refuge. For details contact:

Edwin B. Forsythe NWR—609-652-1665
Supawna Meadows NWR—856-935-1487
Walkkill River NWR—973-702-7266
Cape May NWR—609-463-0994

2010 SPRING LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER - Feb. 16 - Apr. 10, 2010.

The Division expects the US Fish and Wildlife Service to authorize a spring Conservation Order for light geese. Special regulations apply:

1. Electronic calls are permitted.
2. Shotguns capable of holding no more than 7 shells (including magazine and chamber) are permitted.
3. Shooting hours: ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
4. A valid hunting license, federal and state duck stamps, and NJ Light Goose Conservation Order (CO) Permit (\$2.00) are required.
5. The NJ Light Goose CO Permit is available ONLY from the Division's web site or by mailing: Light Goose Permit, NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, PO Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625-0400. A request for mailed permits must include: 1) Photocopy of 2010 Hunting or All-Around Sportsmen license which clearly shows the Conservation ID Number and DOB, 2) Check or money order for \$2.00 payable to NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, 3) Self-addressed, stamped envelope, 4) Daytime telephone number. The light goose permit will not be available until January 2010. As part of the permit process, hunters will be required to report their activity and harvest as requested on the permit. Check the Division's web site in late winter for more details.

Special Winter Canada Goose Season Hunting Areas

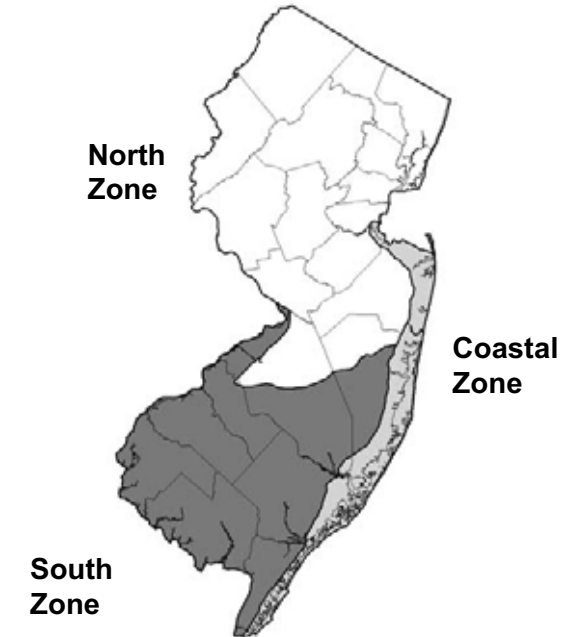
For the north, it is that portion of New Jersey within a continuous line that runs east along the New York boundary line to the Hudson River; then south along the New York State boundary to its intersection with Route 440 at Perth Amboy; then west on Route 440 to its intersection with Route 287; then west along Route 287 to its intersection with Route 206 in Bedminster (Exit 18); then north along Route 206 to its intersection with Route 94; then west along Route 94 to the toll bridge in Columbia; then north along the Pennsylvania State boundary in the Delaware River to the beginning point.

For the south, it is that portion of New Jersey within a continuous line that runs west from the Atlantic Ocean at Ship Bottom along Route 72 to Route 70; then west along Route 70 to Route 206; then south along Route 206 to Route 536; then west along Route 536 to Route 322; then west along Route 322 to Route 55; then south along Route 55 to Route 553 (Buck Rd.); then south along Route 553 to Route 40; then east along Route 40 to Route 55; then south along Route 55 to Route 552 (Sherman Ave.); then west along Route 552 to Carmel Rd.; then south along Carmel Rd. to Route 49; then east along Route 49 to Route 555; then south along Route 555 to Route 553; then east along Route 553 to Route 649; then north along Route 649 to Route 670; then east along Route 670 to Route 47; then north along Route 47 to Route 548; then east along Route 548 to Route 49; then east along Route 49 to Route 50; then south along Route 50 to Route 9; then south along Route 9 to Route 625 (Sea Isle City Blvd.); then east along Route 625 to the Atlantic Ocean; then north to the beginning point.



HUNTING ZONES

Waterfowl Zones (Applies to regular ducks, coots, mergansers, regular season Canada geese, brant, snow geese and Youth Days).



North Zone—That portion of New Jersey within a continuous line that runs east along the New York State boundary line to the Hudson River; then south along the New York State boundary to its intersection with Route 440 at Perth Amboy; then west on Route 440 to its intersection with the Garden State Parkway (GSP); then south on the GSP to its intersection with Route 70; then west on Route 70 to its intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike; then north on the Turnpike to its intersection with Route 206; then north on Route 206 to its intersection with Route 1, Trenton; then west on Route 1 to its intersection with the Pennsylvania State boundary; then north along the Pennsylvania boundary in the Delaware River to its intersection with the New York State boundary.

South Zone—That portion of New Jersey within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the Delaware River and Route 1; then east along Route 1 to its intersection with Route 206; then south along Route 206 to its intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike; then south along the Turnpike to its intersection with Route 70; then east along Route 70 to its intersection with the GSP; then south on the GSP to Cape May City; then south to the Delaware State boundary in Delaware Bay; then north along the Delaware State boundary in the Delaware Bay and Delaware River to the Pennsylvania boundary; then north along the Pennsylvania State boundary in the Delaware River to Route 1, Trenton.

Coastal Zone—That portion of New Jersey east of the GSP that is not within the North or South zones.

Woodcock Zones:

North Zone—North of Route 70 from Point Pleasant to Camden.

South Zone—South of Route 70 from Point Pleasant to Camden.

Special Sea Duck Area: Defined as any waters of the Atlantic Ocean and in addition any tidal waters of any bay which are separated by at least 1 mile of open water from any shore, island or emergent vegetation. In this area, hunters must limit their hunting to open water areas at least one mile from any land or emergent vegetation in any direction.