

## NEW JERSEY 2015-16 MIGRATORY BIRD SEASONS SUMMARY

**August 11, 2015**

**NOTE:** 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.

### PRIMARY WATERFOWL SEASONS

#### NORTH ZONE

Ducks:	Oct. 10 – Oct. 22	Nov. 14 – Jan. 9
Brant:	Nov. 14 – Nov. 28	Dec. 22 – Jan. 9
Canada geese:	Nov. 14 – Nov. 28	Dec. 12 – Jan. 23
Youth days:	Oct. 3 & Oct. 31	

#### SOUTH ZONE

Ducks:	Oct. 17 – Oct. 24	Nov. 14 – Jan. 14
Brant:	Oct. 17 – Oct. 24	Nov. 14 – Dec. 10
Canada geese:	Nov. 14 – Nov. 28	Dec. 12 – Jan. 23
Youth days:	Oct. 10 & Nov. 7	

#### COASTAL ZONE

Ducks:	Oct. 31 – Nov. 3	Nov. 26 – Jan. 30
Brant:	Nov. 26 – Dec. 5	Dec. 19 – Jan. 12
Canada geese:	Oct. 31 – Nov. 3	Nov. 26 – Feb. 15
Youth days:	Nov. 7 & Feb. 13	

#### Daily bag limits

Ducks: 6 ducks which may **NOT** include more than: 4 mallards (not more than 2 hen mallards), 1 black duck, 3 wood ducks, 2 pintails, 2 scaup, 2 redheads, 2 canvasbacks and 4 scoters.

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

Brant: 1

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, 1 brant, 3 (North and South Zones) or 5 (Coastal Zone) Canada geese, 25 light geese.

**CANADA GEESE**

**September Season** (Statewide)

Sept. 1 - Sept. 30

*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**

**Special Winter Season** (Two Distinct Zones; see Migratory Bird Regulations)

Jan. 25 – Feb. 15

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

**SEA DUCKS; SEA DUCK AREA ONLY**

Sept. 29 – Jan 30

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

NOTE: Outside of the Sea Duck Area, sea duck seasons are the same as regular ducks and sea ducks are included as part of the regular bag limit of 6 ducks.

**LIGHT GEESE**

**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. 9

*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. 17 – Nov. 21

South Zone: Nov. 7 – Nov. 28

Dec. 19 – Jan. 1

*Daily bag limit: 3*

**RAILS AND MOORHEN**

Sept. 1 – Nov. 7

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

**SNIPE**

Sept. 18 – Jan. 2

*Daily bag limit: 8*

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

Aug. 10 – Dec. 5

Dec. 14 – Mar. 19

*Daily bag limit: None*

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