**2020 REGULAR & BOWHUNTING DEER SEASONS**

**Hunting Hours:** Sunrise to Sunset

**Northern Zone**
- Earl Bear: Sept 16 – Oct 15
- Bowhunting Only: Oct 16 – Nov 20
- Rut Bounding: Nov 21 – Dec 7
- Late Rut Bounding: Dec 10 – Dec 24

**Southern Zone**
- Early Bear: Sept 16 – Oct 15
- Rut Bounding: Nov 21 – Dec 7

**2020 MUZZLELOADING DEER SEASONS**

**Hunting Hours:** Sunrise to Sunset

**Northern Zone**
- Deer of Either Sex: Oct 17 – Oct 23
- Antlered Only: Oct 24 – Dec 15

**Southern Zone**
- Deer of Either Sex: Oct 17 – Oct 23
- Antlered Only: Oct 24 – Dec 15

**2020 BLACK BEAR SEASONS**

**Hunting Hours:** Sunrise to Sunset

**Northern Zone**
- Early Bear: Sept 16 – Oct 15
- Rut Bounding: Nov 21 – Dec 4

**Southern Zone**
- Early Bear: Sept 16 – Oct 15

**FALL TURKEY SEASONS**

**Hunting Hours:** Sunrise to Sunset

**Youth Firearms Season**
- Season Dates: Oct 10 – 12, 2020
- Area Open: Northern and Southern Zone except bowhunting only WMAs
- Eligible Hunters: Youth 14–19 years of age
- Bag Limit: One deer (antlered or antlerless)

**Tags:**
- Regular (antlerless), DPMP and DPMP (antlerless only), Bow/MASS tags are not valid

**Crossbows:**
- May be used to hunt deer during the Northern and Southern Zone Regular Season.
- May not be used to hunt during the Wild Turkey Season or anyone in WMA #1C (Suffolk County), 31 (Westchester County), or All BC.

**Black Bear Season:**
- Northern Zone, Oct 1 – Dec 15
- Southern Zone, Oct 21 – Dec 15

**Remember to Report Your Game Harvest**

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Most regulations are in effect September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021.

For complete rules and regulations see [www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/37136.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/37136.html)
RACCOON, FOX, SKUNK, OPOSSUM, & WEASEL HUNTING

Long Island: Nov. 1 – Feb. 25

All other areas of New York: Oct. 25 – Feb. 15

There are no bag limits for these species. They may be hunted during the day or night, except weasel which may only be hunted from sunrise to sunset.

COYOTE HUNTING

Statewide except Long Island and New York City: Oct. 1 – Mar. 28

There are no bag limits for coyotes. They may be hunted during the day or night.

COTTONTAIL RABBIT HUNTING

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

BOBCAT HUNTING

Hunting Hours: After sunrise on opening day; and at any hour, day or night, for the rest of the open hunting season.

BOBWHITE QUAIL HUNTING

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

GRAY, BLACK & FOX SQUIRREL HUNTING

Daily bag limit of 6 total, regardless of species.

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Long Island: Nov. 1 – Feb. 28

All other areas of New York: Sept. 1 – Feb. 28

RUFFED GROUSE HUNTING

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

COYOTE HUNTING

Statewide except Long Island and New York City: Oct. 1 – Mar. 28

There are no bag limits for coyotes. They may be hunted during the day or night.

PHEASANT HUNTING

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

VARYING HARE HUNTING

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

COTTONTAIL RABBIT HUNTING

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

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BOBCAT HUNTING

There are no bag limits.

Hunting Hours: After sunrise on opening day; and at any hour, day or night, for the rest of the open hunting season.

†No Youth Hunt in WMU 2A / *Youth Hunt / **Regular Hunt

Junior hunters (ages 12-15) must be accompanied by a licensed adult hunter. Only the junior hunter may carry a firearm.
BOBCAT TRAPPING
There are no bag limits.

Season Dates 2020/21
- Oct. 25 – Feb. 15
- Oct. 25 – Nov. 20*
- Closed

* A free special harvest expansion area permit is no longer required

Reminder
If you take a fisher, marten, bobcat, or river otter, YOU MUST
1. Complete a Furbearer Possession Tag AND
2. Get the pelt or unskinned animal sealed.

RIVER OTTER TRAPPING
There are no bag limits.

Season Dates 2020/21
- Nov. 1 – Apr. 7
- Nov. 10 – Feb. 28
- Closed

There are no bag limits.

FISHER AND MARTEN TRAPPING
To trap fisher and/or marten, you must obtain a special free trapping permit from a Regional Wildlife Office.

Season Dates 2020/21
- Species
  - Nov. 1 - Nov. 30 Fisher and Marten
  - Oct. 25 - Oct. 30 Fisher only
  - Oct. 25 - Dec. 10 Fisher only
- Closed

There are no bag limits for fisher. Season limit of 6 martens.

BEAVER TRAPPING
There are no bag limits.

Season Dates 2020/21
- Nov. 1 - Apr. 7
- Nov. 10 - Apr. 7
- Nov. 25 - Feb. 15
- Dec. 15 - Feb. 25
- Closed

"There are pending regulations to revise mink, muskrat, & beaver season dates. Check the DEC website for final season dates before going afield.

RACCOON, RED FOX, GRAY FOX, SKUNK, COYOTE, OPOSSUM & WEASEL TRAPPING
There are no bag limits for these species.

Season Dates 2020/21
- Oct. 25 - Feb. 15*
- Oct. 25 - Feb. 15
- Nov. 1 - Feb. 25, except closed for coyote

* In the Northern Zone body-gripping traps set on land may not be set with bait or lure if the fisher and marten season is closed.

MINK AND MUSKRAT TRAPPING
There are no bag limits.

Season Dates 2020/21
- Oct. 25 - Apr. 15
- Nov. 10 - Apr. 7
- Nov. 25 - Feb. 15
- Dec. 15 - Feb. 25
Species

Oct. 1 – Nov. 14
Closed

SNIPE, RAILS AND GALLINULES

Sept. 1 – Nov. 9
Closed

CROW

Sept. 1 – Mar. 31
(Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays only)
Closed

A migratory duck stamp is not required to hunt these three groups of birds.

HIP registration is required for each of these species except crow. To register:
www.newyorkhip.org or 1-888-427-5447.

WOODCOCK

Oct. 1 – Nov. 14
Closed

SNIPERAILS AND GALLINULES

Sept. 1 – Nov. 9
Closed

A migratory duck stamp is not required to hunt these three groups of birds.

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2020-2021 Waterfowl Seasons

** Youth hunters, 12 to 15 years of age, possessing a junior hunting license and HIP registration, may hunt ducks, mergansers, Canada goose, brant, gallinules, and coot on two (2) special days in each zone. Daily bag limits for all species are the same as those allowed during the regular hunting season for all species. Youth hunters must be accompanied by a licensed (including current HIP registration and duck stamp) adult hunter, but the adult hunter may only shoot migratory game birds if the respective hunting season is open for hunters of all ages.

** Crippled sea ducks may be taken under power in the Special Sea Duck area, only. The Special Sea Duck Area is defined as all coastal waters and all waters of rivers and streams in New York State seaward from the first upstream bridge.

*** Snow goose seasons include both the regular hunting season and the Conservation Order that runs from January 16 – April 15 in all zones (except Long Island).

Bag Limits

The daily bag limit is the maximum number of birds of each species that any person may take or possess in the field during any one day. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit for all migratory game birds except snow geese.

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a The daily limit of 6 ducks includes all mergansers and sea ducks (scoters, eiders and long-tailed ducks) and may include no harlequin ducks and no more than 2 mallards (1 of which may be a hen), 3 wood ducks, 2 black ducks, 1 pintail, 1 scaup (2 scaup are allowed during the special 20 days specified above for each zone), 2 redheads, 2 canvasback, 4 scoters, 4 eiders, 4 long-tailed ducks or 2 hooded mergansers. For all other duck species found in New York, the daily limit is no more than 6.

b Cackling goose and white-fronted goose may be taken as part of the Canada goose daily and possession limits. Snow goose and Ross' goose may be taken as part of the snow goose limits.