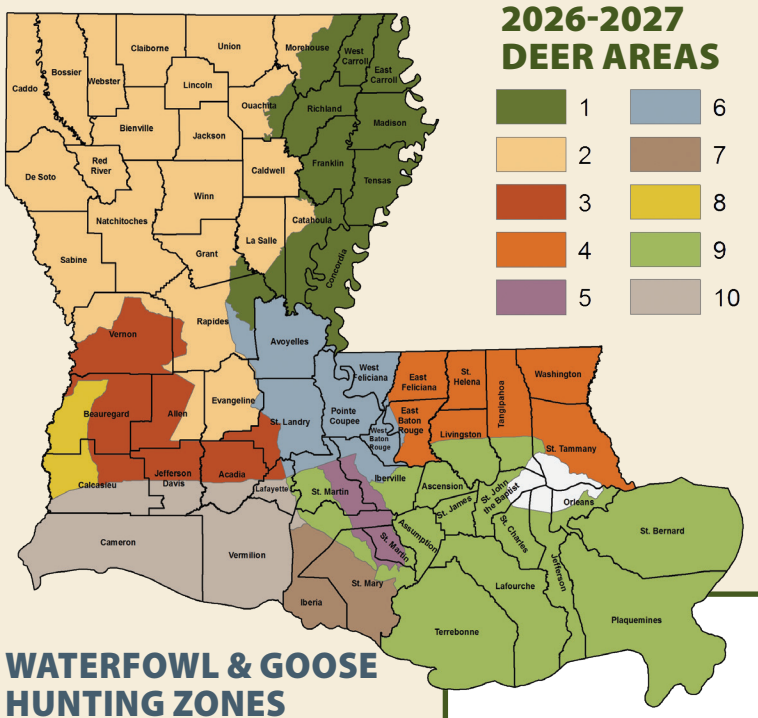
2026-2027 LOUISIANA HUNTING SCHEDULES

For more information and precise hunting regulations, please refer to the 2026-2027 LDWF Hunting Regulation pamphlet.

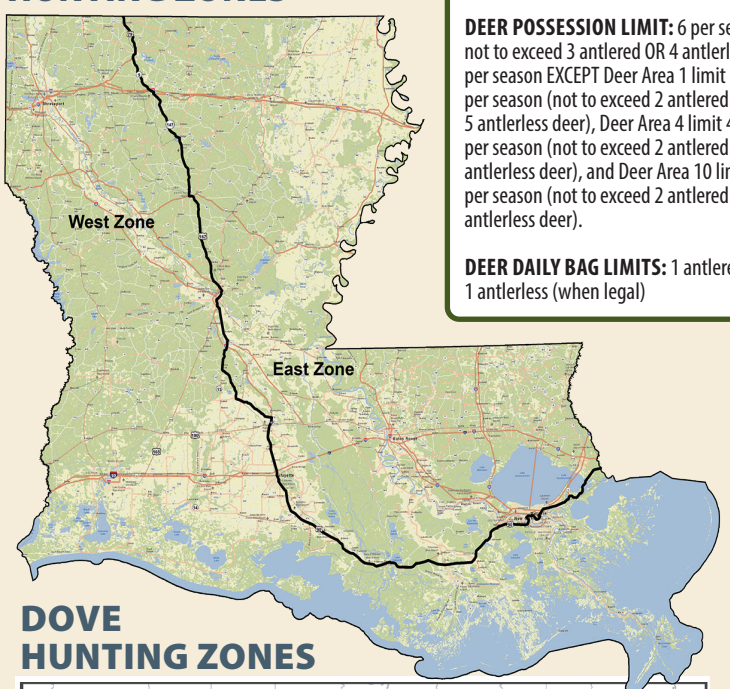
2026-2027 DEER AREAS



DEER POSSESSION LIMIT: 6 per season, not to exceed 3 antlered OR 4 antlerless per season EXCEPT Deer Area 1 limit 6 per season (not to exceed 2 antlered or 5 antlerless deer), Deer Area 4 limit 4 per season (not to exceed 2 antlered or 2 antlerless deer), and Deer Area 10 limit 3 per season (not to exceed 2 antlered or 2 antlerless deer).

DEER DAILY BAG LIMITS: 1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal)

WATERFOWL & GOOSE HUNTING ZONES



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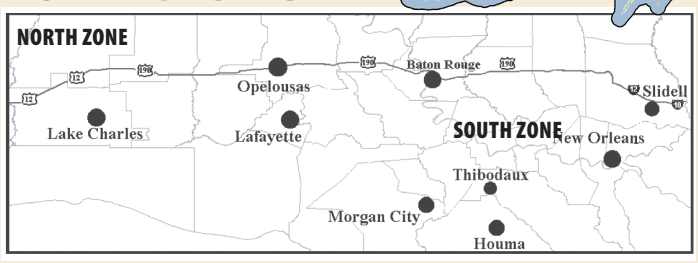
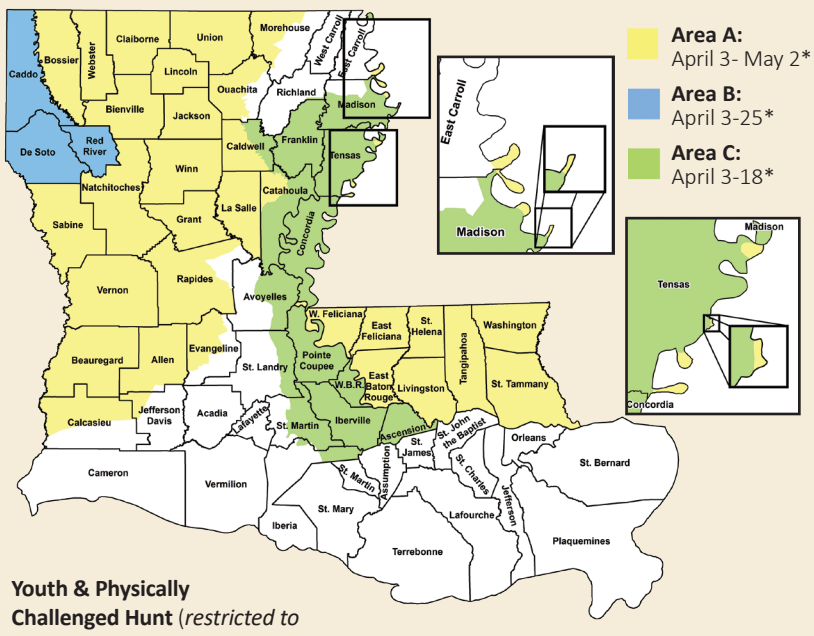


2027 TURKEY AREA SCHEDULES



Youth & Physically Challenged Hunt (*restricted to youth and wheelchair confined physically challenged hunters - Areas A, B and C on private land only*)**:** March 26-28

**Seasons Open in Areas A,B and C, on private lands only. See separate WMA Schedules, National Wildlife Refuge Schedules, and Federal Lands Schedules for season dates on those areas.*

LDWF FIELD OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION		
	Hammond Office	985-543-4777
	Lake Charles Office	337-491-2575
	Lafayette Office	337-262-2080
	Minden Office	318-371-3050
	Monroe Office	318-343-4044
	Pineville Office	318-487-5885

2026-2027 DEER HUNTING SCHEDULE

AREA	ARCHERY	ARCHERY (only within the CWD Management Zone)	PRIMITIVE FIREARMS	FIREARMS (Still-hunt only)	FIREARMS (With or w/o dogs)
1	*Either-sex:* Oct. 1 - Jan. 31	*CWD Zone Bucks Only (with or without velvet):* Sept. 12-20	*Either-sex:* Nov. 14-20 Jan. 25-31	*Either-sex:* Nov. 21 - Dec. 11 Jan. 4-24	*Either-sex:* Dec. 12 - Jan. 3
2	*Either-sex:* Oct. 1 - Jan. 31	*CWD Zone Bucks Only (with or without velvet):* Aug. 29 - Sept. 6	*Either-sex:* Oct. 24-30 Jan. 18-24	*Either-sex:* Oct. 31 - Dec. 9	*Either-sex:* Dec. 10 - Jan. 17
3	*Either-sex:* Sept. 19 - Jan. 15	n/a	*Either-sex:* Oct. 10-16 Jan. 4-10	*Either-sex:* Oct. 17 - Nov. 29	*Either-sex:* Nov. 30 - Jan. 3
4	*Either-sex:* Oct. 1 - Jan. 31	n/a	*Either-sex:* Nov. 14-20 Jan. 25-31	*Either-sex:* Nov. 21 - Dec. 11 Jan. 4-24	*Either-sex:* Dec. 12 - Jan. 3
5	Either-sex (*unless a Bucks Only season is in progress*): Oct. 16 - Feb. 15 *Bucks Only:* Oct. 1-15	n/a	*Either-sex:* Nov. 14-20 *Bucks Only:* Jan. 25-31	*Either-sex:* Nov. 21-22 Nov. 27-29 *Bucks Only:* Nov. 23-26 Nov. 30 - Dec. 11	*Either-sex:* Dec. 12-13 Dec. 19-20 *Bucks Only:* Dec. 14-18 Dec. 21 - Jan. 24
6	*Either-sex:* Oct. 16 - Feb. 15 *Bucks Only:* Oct. 1-15	*CWD Zone Bucks Only (with or without velvet):* Sept. 12-20	*Either-sex:* Nov. 14-20 Jan. 25-31	*Either-sex:* Nov. 21 - Dec. 11	*Either-sex:* Dec. 12 - Jan. 24
7	*Either-sex:* Sept. 19 - Jan. 15	n/a	*Either-sex:* Oct. 10-16 Jan. 4-10	*Either-sex:* Oct. 17 - Nov. 29	*Either-sex:* Nov. 30 - Jan. 3
8	*Either-sex:* Sept. 19 - Jan. 15	n/a	*Either-sex:* Oct. 10-16 Jan. 4-10	*Either-sex:* Oct. 17 - Nov. 29	*Either-sex:* Nov. 30 - Jan. 3
9	*Either-sex (unless a Bucks Only season is in progress):* Oct. 16 - Feb. 15 Bucks Only: Oct. 1-15	n/a	*Either-sex:* Nov. 14-20 *Bucks Only*: Jan. 25-31	*Either-sex:* Nov. 21-22 Nov. 27-29 *Bucks Only:* Nov. 23-26 Nov. 30 - Dec. 11	*Either-sex:* Dec. 12-13 Dec. 19-20 *Bucks Only:* Dec. 14-18 Dec. 21 - Jan. 24
10	*Either-sex:* Sept. 19 - Jan. 15	n/a	*Either-sex:* Oct. 10-16 Jan. 4-10	*Either-sex:* Oct. 17 - Jan. 3	n/a

Physically Challenged season on private land (Either-sex): Oct. 3-4
Youth and Honorably Discharged Veterans season on private land (Either-sex):
Areas 1, 4, 5, 6 & 9: Oct. 31 - Nov. 6; *Area 2*: Oct. 10-16; *Areas 3, 7, 8 & 10*: Sept. 26 - Oct. 2

2026-2027 MIGRATORY GAME BIRD SCHEDULE

SPECIES	SEASON DATES		DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Mourning and White-winged Doves and fully-dressed Eurasian Collared and Ringed Turtle Doves	*North Zone:* Sept. 5-27 Oct. 10 - Nov. 15 Dec. 19 - Jan. 17	*South Zone:* Sept. 5-20 Oct. 17 - Nov. 29 Dec. 12 - Jan. 10	15 in the aggregate	45 in the aggregate
Woodcock	Dec. 18 - Jan. 31		3	9
Teal (Blue-winged, Green-winged and Cinnamon)	Sept. 19-27		6	18
Black-bellied Whistling Duck	Oct. 3-11		4	12
King and Clapper Rails	Sept. 19-27 Nov. 7 - Jan. 6		15 in the aggregate	45 in the aggregate
Sora and Virginia Rails	Sept. 19-27 Nov. 7 - Jan. 6		25 in the aggregate	75 in the aggregate
Gallinules	Sept. 19-27 Nov. 7 - Jan. 6		15	45
Snipe	Oct. 31 - Jan. 10 Jan. 25 - Feb. 28		8	24
Canada Geese*	*East Zone:* Nov. 14 - Dec. 6 Dec. 19 - Feb. 7	*West Zone:* Nov. 14 - Dec. 6 Dec. 19 - Feb. 7	1	3
Light Geese (Snow, Blue & Ross')			20	None
White-fronted Geese			3	9
Conservation Order for Light Geese (Snow, Blue and Ross')	*East Zone:* Dec. 7-18 Feb. 8 - March 7	*West Zone:* Dec. 7-18 Feb. 8 - March 7	No bag or possession limit. See "Geese" section for more detail	
Falconry for Ducks	*East Zone:* Nov. 5-20 Dec. 7-18	*West Zone:* Nov. 5-13 Dec. 7-18 Jan. 25-31	Falconry daily bag and possession limit for all permitted migratory game birds must not exceed 3 and 9 birds respectively, singly or in aggregate, during the extended falconry seasons and regular hunting seasons.	
Falconry for Rails and Gallinules	Nov. 1 - Jan. 31			
Falconry for Woodcock	Nov. 1 - Jan. 31			
Extended Falconry for Mourning Doves	Sept. 21 - Oct. 7			
Ducks, Coots and Mergansers	*East Zone:* Nov. 14 & Feb. 6 (Youth and Veterans only) Nov. 21 - Dec. 6 Dec. 19 - Jan. 31	*West Zone:* Nov. 7 & Jan. 30 (Youth and Veterans only) Nov. 14 - Dec. 6 Dec. 19 - Jan. 24	See Ducks, Coots and Mergansers section for more details	

2026-2027 QUADRUPEDS & RESIDENT GAME BIRDS SCHEDULE

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Quail	Nov. 21 - Feb. 28	10	30
Rabbit	Oct. 3 - Feb. 28	8	24
Squirrel	Oct. 3 - Feb. 28	8	24
	May 1-23*	3	9
Squirrel Youth**	Sept. 26-27	8	16

**Spring squirrel season is CLOSED on the Kisatchie National Forest, some national wildlife refuges, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers property and some state WMAs (check WMA season schedule in 2026-2027 LDWF Hunting Regulations pamphlet).*
***NOTE: Select state wildlife management areas and other public lands will be open for youth squirrel hunting (check WMA and public lands season schedules).*