RHODE ISLAND
Hunting&Trapping

2026-2027 SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS SUMMARY

Department of Environmental Management
Division of Fish and Wildlife

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Waterfowl

Season	Dates	Daily Bag Limit
Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days	October 24–25	Same as regular season, listed below
Active Military and Veteran Waterfowl	November 10–11	Same as regular season, listed below
Canada Goose Early Season*	September 1–30	15
Canada Goose Regular Season	November 21–29 and December 5–January 24, 2027	2
Canada Goose Late Season	January 30–February 13, 2027	5
Snow Goose (Including Blue Goose)	October 14–January 24, 2027	25
Brant	December 26–January 24, 2027	1
Ducks	October 9–12, November 25–29, December 5–January 24, 2027	6
The daily bag limit shall contain no more than: Mallard ..... 4 (2 hens) Black Duck ..... 2 Canvasback ..... 2 Pintail ..... 3 Redhead ..... 2 Wood Duck ..... 3 Scaup ..... see below Sea Ducks ..... see below Other Duck Species 6		
Scaup	October 9–12, November 25–29, December 5–January 4, 2027	1
	January 5–24, 2027	2
Sea Ducks	Same as ducks	4
The daily bag limit is 4, singly or in aggregate, but not to exceed 3 Scoter, 3 Eider **(1 hen)**, or 3 Long-tailed Ducks. The daily bag limit of sea ducks (4) is part of the duck daily bag limit of 6.		
Mergansers	Same As Ducks	5
Coots	Same As Ducks	15
Swans	No Season	-
Harlequin Duck	Closed	

* Daily bag limit includes white-fronted geese.

Migratory Shore and Upland Game Bird

Season	Dates	Bag Limits
Crow	August 14–October 4 (Fri, Sat, Sun Only) October 17–December 7 (inclusive) December 18–April 3, 2027 (Fri, Sat, Sun Only)	Unlimited
King/Clapper Rail	September 1–November 9	1
Sora/Virginia Rail	September 1–November 9	3
Snipe	September 1–November 9	5
Mourning Dove	September 1–30 October 17–December 15	15
Woodcock	October 17–November 30	3

The possession limit shall contain no more than three (3) times the daily bag limit listed above.

Deer

Season	Dates
Archery (Zones 1 and 2)	September 12–13 **(Youth only)** September 15 – January 31, 2027
Archery: Patience & Prudence Islands (Zone 3)	October 17–18 **(Youth only)** October 19– January 31, 2027
Archery: Block Island (Zone 4)	October 15, 16, 19–23, 26–30 **(Check local ordinance)**
Muzzleloader (Zones 1 and 2)	October 31–November 1 **(Youth only)** November 7–December 4
Shotgun (Zones 1 and 2)	December 5–31
Archery, Muzzleloader, Shotgun (Zone 4)	November 2–6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 19, 20, 23, 24, 30 December 1, 3, 4, 7–11, 14, 15, 17, 18, 21, 22 January 4–8, 11–15, 19–22, 25–29, 2027 February 1–5, 8–12, 2027
Special Season for Disabled Hunters: Patience & Prudence Islands (Zone 3)	October 13–16

2026–2027 Season Bag Limits	
Statewide (all zones & methods combined)	2 Antlered Deer, (Zone 3: no more than 1 Antlered Deer)
Zone 1	3 Antlerless Deer*
Zone 2	2 Antlerless Deer*
Zone 3	2 Antlerless Deer*
Zone 4	Unlimited Antlerless Deer

* Antlerless limits are per zone and hunters may harvest each limit within each zone in a hunting year cumulative across all weapons/seasons.

Wild Turkey

Season	Dates	Season Limit
Fall Archery	October 1–31	1 either sex bird
Youth[1]	April 19–25, 2027	2 bearded birds[2]
Paraplegic[1]	April 24–25, 2027	
Spring	April 29–May 23, 2027	

[1] See page 14 for more information on Youth & Paraplegic Hunt Opportunities.
[2] No more than one (1) turkey may be taken on state lands during the spring season. Each turkey harvested requires an individual permit.

Small Game

Species	Dates	Daily Bag Limit
Coyote – State Land	September 15 – February 28, 2027 April 29–May 23, 2027	unlimited
Coyote – Private Land	No closed season	unlimited
Youth Pheasant*	October 10–12	2
Raccoon	October 1 – February 28, 2027	unlimited
Cottontail Rabbit	October 1 – February 28, 2027	3
Gray and Red Squirrel	September 12–February 28, 2027	5, singly or in aggregate
Pheasant	October 17–February 28, 2027	2
Bobwhite Quail		3
Red, Gray Fox	November 7–December 31	unlimited
Ruffed Grouse	CLOSED	

* See page 14 for more information on Youth Hunt Opportunities

Trapping

Species	Dates	Season Bag Limit	Pelt Tagging
Gray Fox, Red Fox, Mink, Opossum, Rabbit, Squirrel, Raccoon, Skunk, Weasel	November 1–January 31, 2027	none	no
Muskrat		15	
Coyote – Private	no closed season	none	no
Coyote – State Land	November 1–February 28, 2027		
Beaver – Private*	November 1–March 14, 2027	Resident: 40 Non-resident: 20	yes
Beaver – State Land*	December 1–February 28, 2027		
Fisher*	December 1–24	1	yes

* Special permit required in addition to RI trapping license, which may be obtained at Fish and Wildlife's Great Swamp Field Headquarters (401) 789-0281 or email DEM.DFW@dem.ri.gov