

Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits 2020 - 2021

Zone/Species		Areas/Season Dates	Bag Limits		Notes
			Daily	Poss.	
North					
Ducks		Sept. 26 - Nov. 22 and Nov. 28-29	6	18	a, b
Coots		Sept. 26 - Nov. 22 and Nov. 28-29	15	45	b
Mergansers		Sept. 26 - Nov. 22 and Nov. 28-29	5	15	a, b
Geese	Dark Goose (Canada, Brant and White-Fronted)	Sept. 1 - Dec. 16	5	15	c
			5	15	d
Light Goose (Snow, Blue, and Ross's)		Sept. 1 - Dec. 16	20	60	
Middle					
Ducks		Oct. 3 - Nov. 29 and Dec. 12-13	6	18	a, b
Coots		Oct. 3 - Nov. 29 and Dec. 12-13	15	45	b
Mergansers		Oct. 3 - Nov. 29 and Dec. 12-13	5	15	a, b
Geese	Dark Goose (Canada, Brant and White-Fronted)	Sept. 1 - Dec. 16	5	15	c
			5	15	d
Light Goose (Snow, Blue, and Ross's)		Sept. 1 - Dec. 16	20	60	
South					
Ducks		Oct. 10 - Dec. 6 and Dec. 26-27	6	18	a, b
Coots		Oct. 10 - Dec. 6 and Dec. 26-27	15	45	b
Mergansers		Oct. 10 - Dec. 6 and Dec. 26-27	5	15	a, b
Geese	Dark Goose (Canada, Brant and White-Fronted)	Sept. 1-30, Oct. 10 - Dec. 6, Dec. 26-27, and Jan. 23 - Feb. 8, 2021 Excluding some GMUs; see page 10	5	15	c
			5	15	d
Light Goose (Snow, Blue, and Ross's)		Sept. 1-30, Oct. 10 - Dec. 6, Dec. 26-27 and Jan. 23 - Feb. 8, 2021 Excluding some GMUs; see page 10	20	60	
STATEWIDE					
Early Teal		Sept. 1-16; see page 11	6	18	
Common Snipe		Sept. 1 - Nov. 9	8	24	b
Virginia Rail and Sora Rail		Sept. 1 - Nov. 9	25	75	b
Moorhens (Gallinules)		Sept. 1 - Nov. 9	1	3	b
Notes					
(a) See Daily Limit for Ducks and Mergansers on page 7.			* Note also applies to the South Zone- Local Goose Management Units. See page 10.		
(b) See the Veterans and Active Duty U.S. Military Personnel Waterfowl and Youth Hunting Weekend, section, see pages 14 and 15 for requirements.					
(c) From September 1-30, the Dark goose aggregate daily bag limit for Canada geese, White-fronted geese, and Brant is 5, which only 1 can be a Brant.*					
(d) After September 30, the daily limit for dark geese is 5, only 3 of which can be Canada geese and 1 of which can be a Brant.*					

Daily Limit for Ducks and Mergansers

The daily bag limit shall be 6 ducks of any species; however, no more than 4 shall be mallards (no more than 2 of which may be hens), no more than 3 wood ducks, 2 redheads, 2 canvasbacks, 2 black ducks, 1 pintail and 1 or 2 scaup (depending on season date – see Table below). In addition to the duck limit, hunters may take 5 mergansers, only 2 of which may be hooded mergansers. The possession limit is 3 times the daily limit for ducks and mergansers. As part of the total daily limit for ducks as described above the daily limit for scaup for the zones and dates specified shall be as follows:

Zone or Management Unit	Dates	Daily Limit
North Zone	Sept. 26 - Nov. 9	No more than 2 scaup
	Nov. 10 - Nov. 22 and Nov. 28-29	No more than 1 scaup
Middle Zone	Oct. 3 - Nov. 16	No more than 2 scaup
	Nov. 17-29 and Dec. 12-13	No more than 1 scaup
South Zone	Oct. 10 - Oct. 25	No more than 1 scaup
	Oct. 26 - Dec. 6 Dec. 26-27	No more than 2 scaup

Dark Goose (Canada, white-fronted and brant) Aggregate Daily Bag Limit

Canada geese, white-fronted geese (or specklebellies), and brant are now part of a dark goose aggregate daily bag limit. From Sept. 1-30, the bag limit for Canada geese, white-fronted geese and brant is 5 in any combination, only one of which can be a brant. After Sept. 30, the daily limit for dark geese is 5, only three of which can be Canada Geese and 1 of which can be a brant. See page 9 for more information.

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