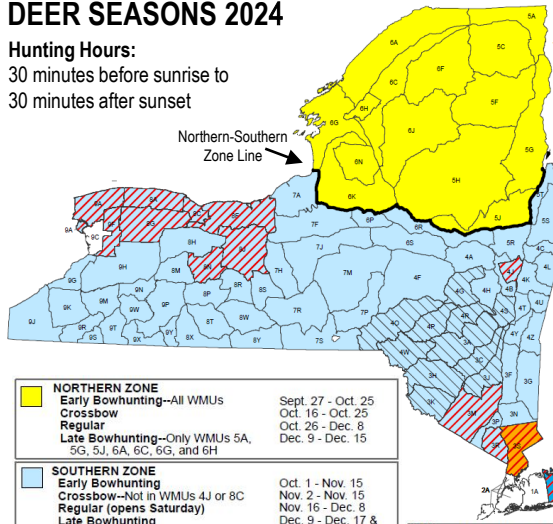




REGULAR & BOWHUNTING DEER SEASONS 2024

Hunting Hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset



NORTHERN ZONE	
Early Bowhunting--All WMUs	Sept. 27 - Oct. 25
Crossbow	Oct. 16 - Oct. 25
Regular	Oct. 26 - Dec. 8
Late Bowhunting--Only WMUs 5A, 5G, 5J, 6A, 6C, 6G, and 6H	Dec. 9 - Dec. 15
SOUTHERN ZONE	
Early Bowhunting	Oct. 1 - Nov. 15
Crossbow--Not in WMUs 4J or 8C	Nov. 2 - Nov. 15
Regular (opens Saturday)	Nov. 16 - Dec. 8
Late Bowhunting	Dec. 9 - Dec. 17 & Dec. 26 - Jan. 1
WESTCHESTER COUNTY (3S)	
Regular--Bowhunting Only	Oct. 1 - Dec. 31
SUFFOLK COUNTY (1C)	
Regular--Bowhunting Only	Oct. 1, 2024 - Jan. 31, 2025
Special Firearms-(Permit Req.)	Jan. 5 - Jan. 31, 2025
Antler Point Restrictions	
During all seasons, antlered bucks must have at least one antler with 3 or more points that are at least 1 inch long. Young hunters (ages 12-16) are exempt.	
No Deer Hunting	

Youth Firearms Season
Season Dates
Oct. 12 - 14, 2024

Area Open
Northern and Southern Zone, except bowhunting-only WMUs

Eligible Hunters
Youth 14-15 years (all open areas)
Youth aged 12-13 years (select counties, see www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/46245.html)

Bag Limit
One deer (antlered or antlerless)

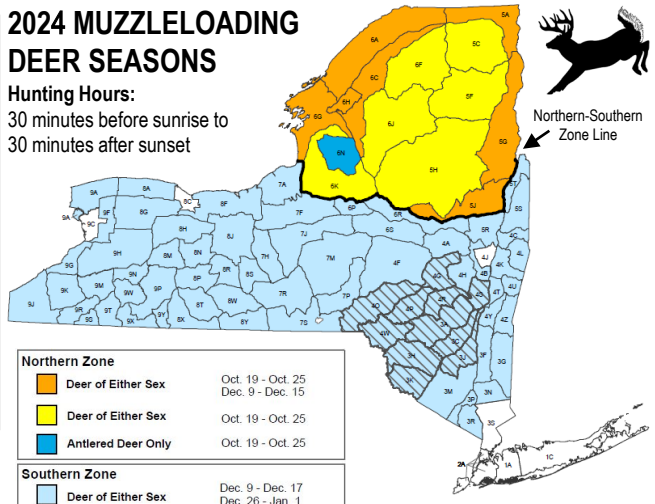
Tags
Regular (either-sex), DMP and DMAP (antlerless only); Bow/Muzz tags are not valid

Early Antlerless Season Sept. 14 - 22
Tags: DMP and DMAP
Vertical Bow-Only: 1C, 3S, 4J, 8C
Firearms, Bow, & Crossbow: 3M, 3R, 8A, 8F, 8G, 8J, 8N, 9A, and 9F

Crossbows
May be used to hunt deer during the Northern and Southern Zone Regular seasons.
May not be used to hunt deer:
- during the Youth Firearms Season; or
- anytime in WMUs 1C (Suffolk County), 3S (Westchester County), 4J or 8C.

2024 MUZZLELOADING DEER SEASONS

Hunting Hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset

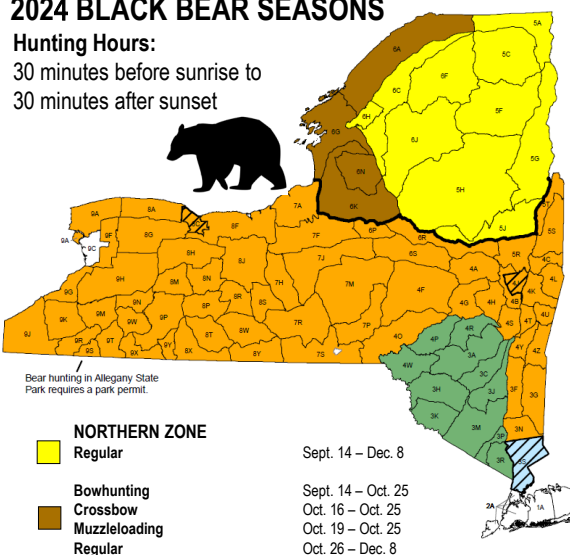


Northern Zone	
Deer of Either Sex	Oct. 19 - Oct. 25 Dec. 9 - Dec. 15
Deer of Either Sex	Oct. 19 - Oct. 25
Antlered Deer Only	Oct. 19 - Oct. 25
Southern Zone	
Deer of Either Sex	Dec. 9 - Dec. 17 Dec. 26 - Jan. 1
Antler Point Restrictions	
During all seasons, antlered bucks must have at least one antler with 3 or more points that are at least 1 inch long. Young hunters (ages 12-16) are exempt.	
No Muzzleloading Season	

Crossbows
May be used to hunt deer during the Northern and Southern Zone Muzzleloader seasons.
May not be used to hunt deer anytime in WMUs 1C (Suffolk County), 3S (Westchester County), 4J or 8C.

2024 BLACK BEAR SEASONS

Hunting Hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset



Youth Firearms Season
Season Dates
Oct. 12 - 14, 2024

Area Open
Northern and Southern Zone, except bowhunting-only WMUs

Eligible Hunters
Youth 14-15 years

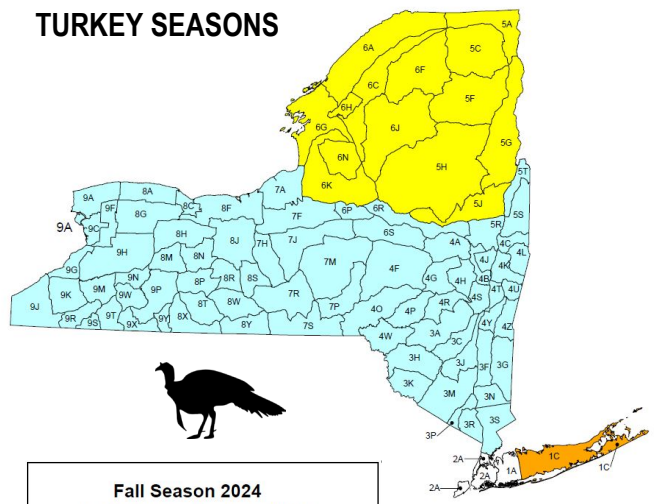
NORTHERN ZONE	
Regular	Sept. 14 - Dec. 8
Bowhunting	Sept. 14 - Oct. 25
Crossbow	Oct. 16 - Oct. 25
Muzzleloading	Oct. 19 - Oct. 25
Regular	Oct. 26 - Dec. 8
SOUTHERN ZONE	
Early Bear	Sept. 7 - Sept. 22
Early Bowhunting	Oct. 1 - Nov. 15
Crossbow - not in WMUs 4J or 8C	Nov. 2 - Nov. 15
Regular	Nov. 16 - Dec. 8
Late Bowhunting	Dec. 9 - Dec. 17
Late Muzzleloading	Dec. 9 - Dec. 17
Westchester County (3S)	
Regular - Bowhunting Only	Oct. 1 - Dec. 31

Bowhunting Only WMUs

No Bear Hunting

Crossbows
- May be used to hunt bear during the early bear seasons, muzzleloader seasons, and the regular firearms seasons.
- May not be used to hunt bear anytime in WMUs 3S (Westchester County), 4J or 8C.

FALL AND SPRING TURKEY SEASONS



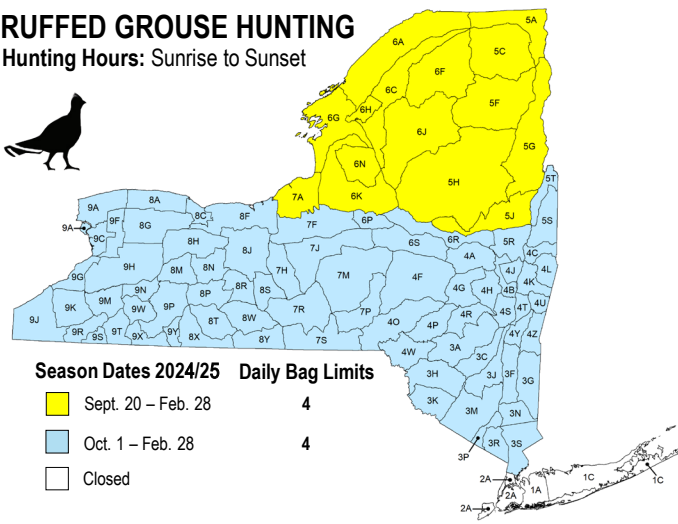
Fall Season 2024	
Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset	
Season Dates:	Statewide Bag
Oct. 1 - Oct. 14	
Oct. 19 - Nov. 1	1 bird of either sex
Nov. 16 - Nov. 29	
Closed	
Spring Season 2025	
Hunting Hours: 1/2 hour before Sunrise to Noon	
Season Dates:	Statewide Bag
May 1 - May 31	2 bearded birds*
in all open areas	No more than 1 in WMU 1C
Closed	

Youth Turkey Season 2025
Hunting Hours:
1/2 hour before Sunrise to Noon
Statewide Bag Limit:
1 bearded bird
Season Dates:
April 26 and 27, 2025
Open Areas:
Same as Regular Spring Season



RUFFED GROUSE HUNTING

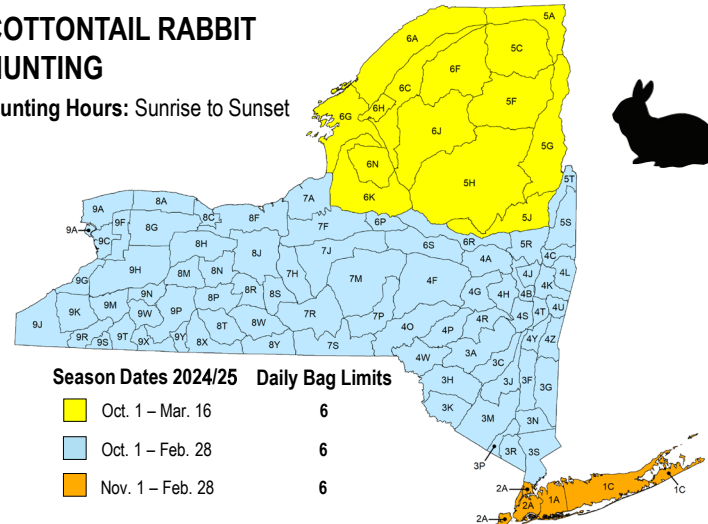
Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset



Season Dates 2024/25	Daily Bag Limits
Sept. 20 – Feb. 28	4
Oct. 1 – Feb. 28	4
Closed	

COTTONTAIL RABBIT HUNTING

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

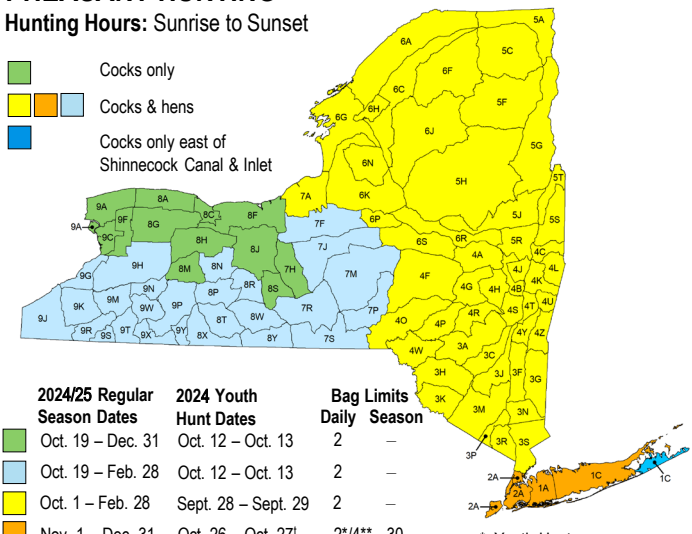


Season Dates 2024/25	Daily Bag Limits
Oct. 1 – Mar. 16	6
Oct. 1 – Feb. 28	6
Nov. 1 – Feb. 28	6

PHEASANT HUNTING

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

- Cocks only
- ■ Cocks & hens
- Cocks only east of Shinnecock Canal & Inlet



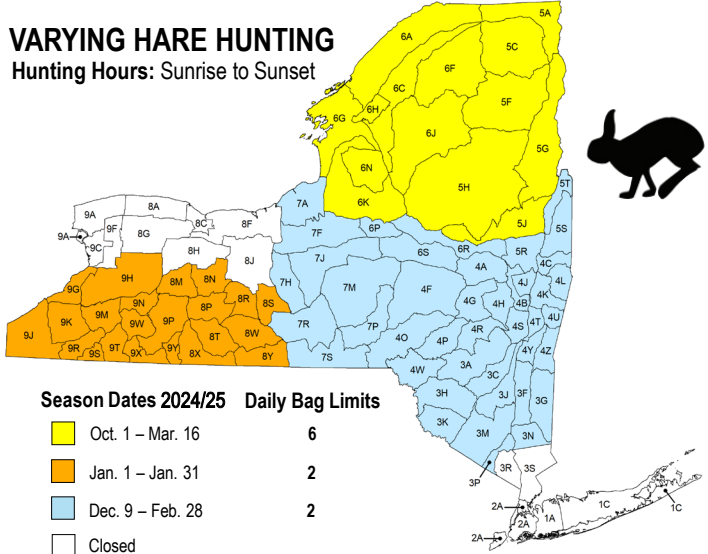
2024/25 Regular Season Dates	2024 Youth Hunt Dates	Bag Limits Daily	Season
Oct. 19 – Dec. 31	Oct. 12 – Oct. 13	2	—
Oct. 19 – Feb. 28	Oct. 12 – Oct. 13	2	—
Oct. 1 – Feb. 28	Sept. 28 – Sept. 29	2	—
Nov. 1 – Dec. 31	Oct. 26 – Oct. 27†	2*/4**	30
Nov. 1 – Dec. 31	Oct. 26 – Oct. 27	2*/4**	30

* Youth Hunt
 ** Regular Season
 † No youth hunt in WMU 2A; hunting is by falconry only

Junior hunters (ages 12-15) must be accompanied by a licensed adult hunter. Only the junior hunter may carry a firearm.

VARYING HARE HUNTING

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset



Season Dates 2024/25	Daily Bag Limits
Oct. 1 – Mar. 16	6
Jan. 1 – Jan. 31	2
Dec. 9 – Feb. 28	2
Closed	

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

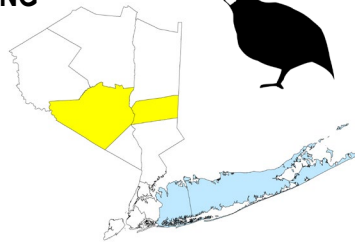
Red squirrels are unprotected, and may be hunted at any time without limit.

BOBWHITE QUAIL HUNTING

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset



2023/24 Regular Season Dates	Bag Limits Daily	Season
Oct. 1 – Feb. 28	4	10
Nov. 1 – Dec. 31	6	40
Closed		



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

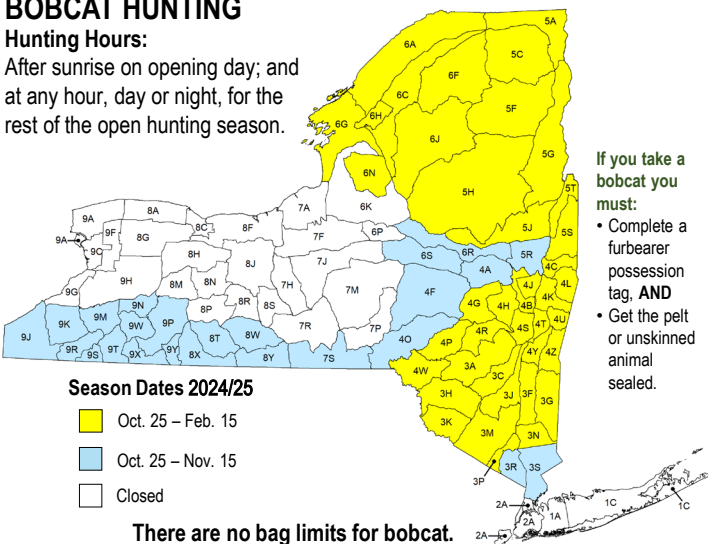
Statewide except Long Island and New York City:
 Oct. 1 – Mar. 30



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

BOBCAT HUNTING

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



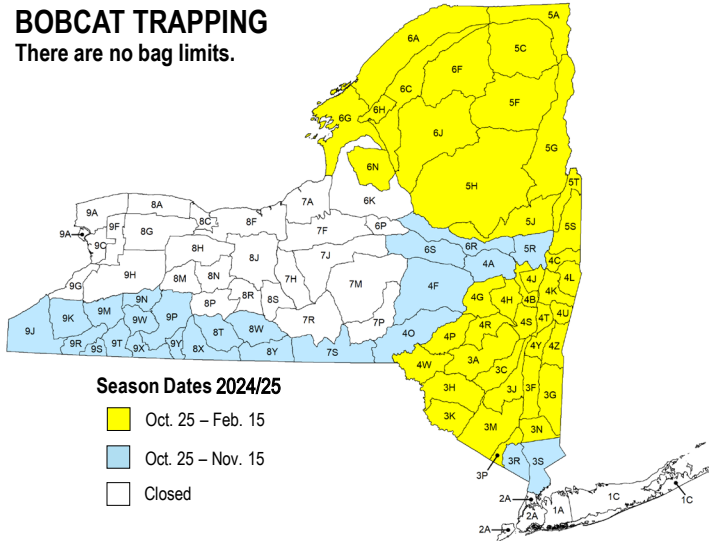
Season Dates 2024/25
Oct. 25 – Feb. 15
Oct. 25 – Nov. 15
Closed

There are no bag limits for bobcat.

If you take a bobcat you must:
 • Complete a furbearer possession tag, AND
 • Get the pelt or unskinned animal sealed.

BOBCAT TRAPPING

There are no bag limits.

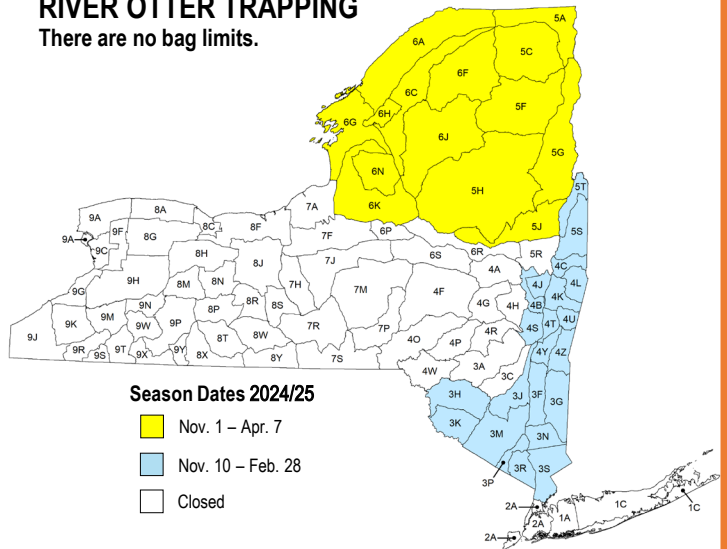


Season Dates 2024/25

- Oct. 25 – Feb. 15
- Oct. 25 – Nov. 15
- Closed

RIVER OTTER TRAPPING

There are no bag limits.



Season Dates 2024/25

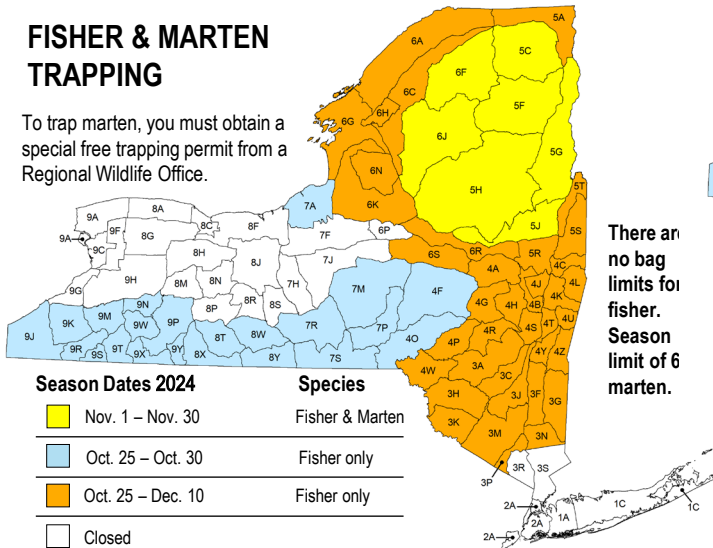
- Nov. 1 – Apr. 7
- Nov. 10 – Feb. 28
- Closed

If you take a bobcat, otter, fisher, or marten, you must:

- Complete a furbearer possession tag, **AND**
- Get the pelt or unskinned animal sealed.

FISHER & MARTEN TRAPPING

To trap marten, you must obtain a special free trapping permit from a Regional Wildlife Office.



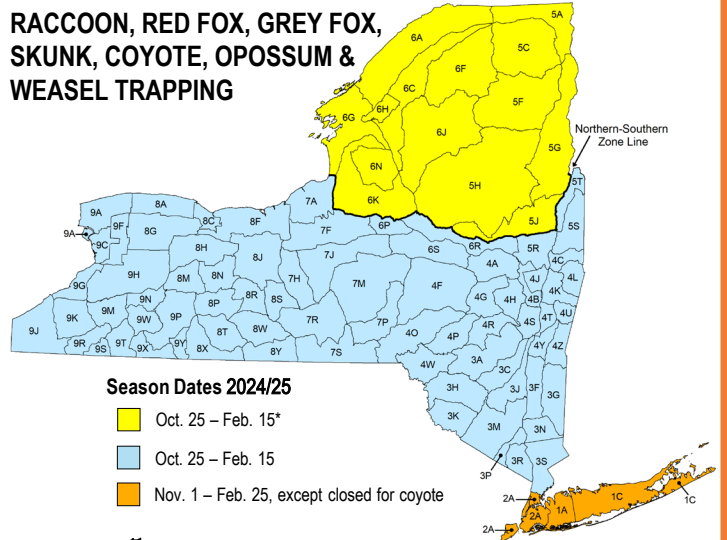
Season Dates 2024

Species

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| Nov. 1 – Nov. 30 | Fisher & 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 marten.

RACCOON, RED FOX, GREY FOX, SKUNK, COYOTE, OPOSSUM & WEASEL TRAPPING



Season Dates 2024/25

- Oct. 25 – Feb. 15*
- Oct. 25 – Feb. 15
- Nov. 1 – Feb. 25, except closed for coyote

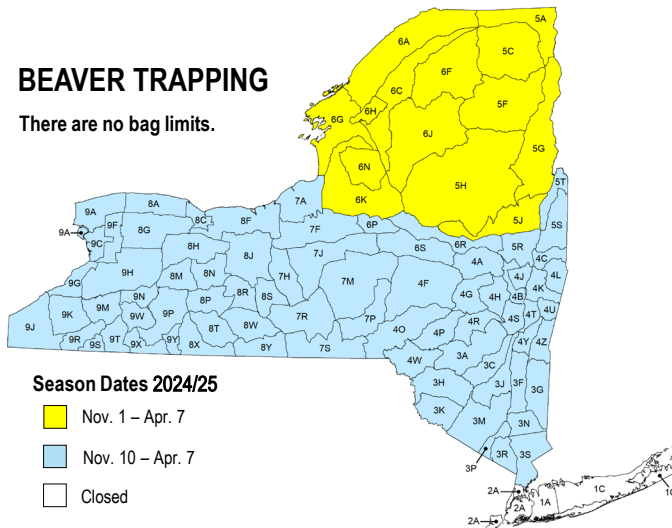


There are no bag limits for these species.

*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.

BEAVER TRAPPING

There are no bag limits.

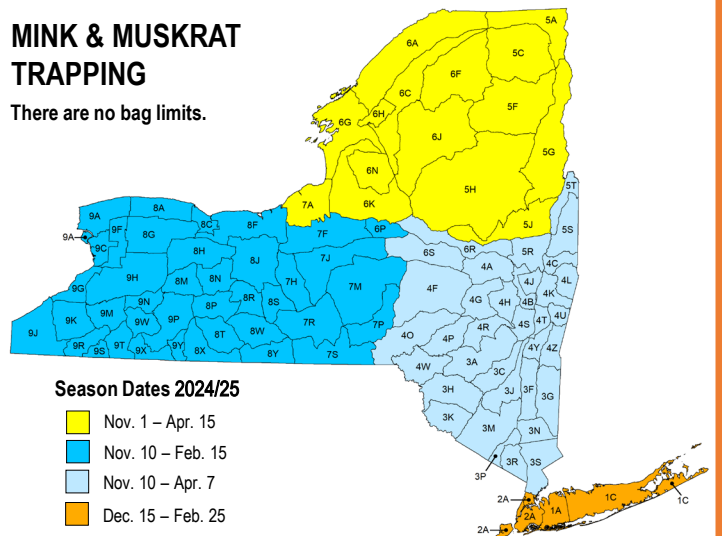


Season Dates 2024/25

- Nov. 1 – Apr. 7
- Nov. 10 – Apr. 7
- Closed

MINK & MUSKRAT TRAPPING

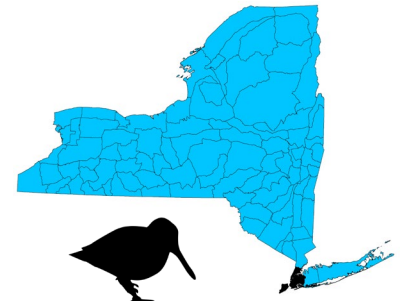
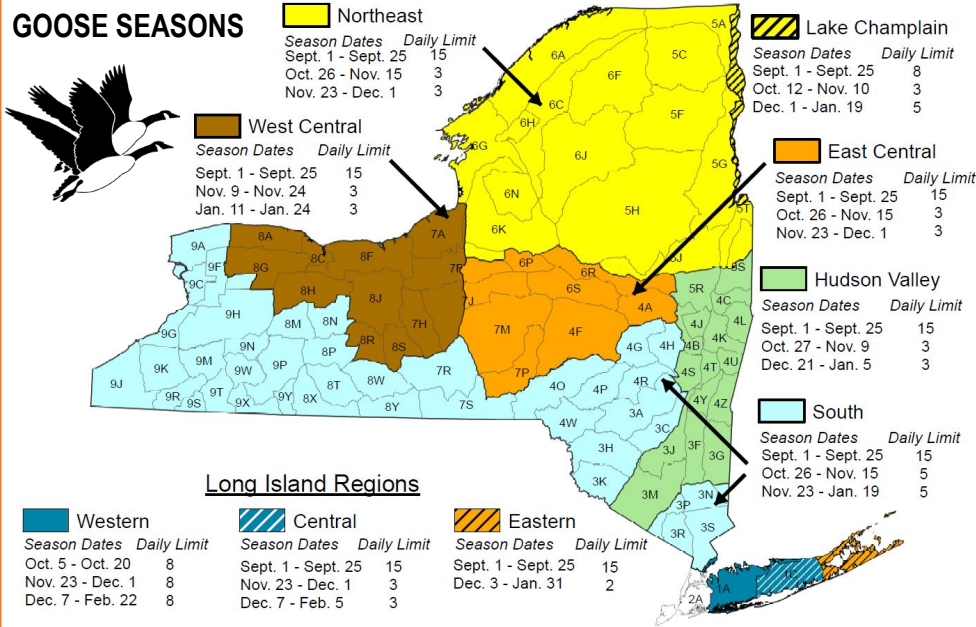
There are no bag limits.



Season Dates 2024/25

- Nov. 1 – Apr. 15
- Nov. 10 – Feb. 15
- Nov. 10 – Apr. 7
- Dec. 15 – Feb. 25

2024-2025 CANADA GOOSE SEASONS



WOODCOCK

Oct. 1 - Nov. 14

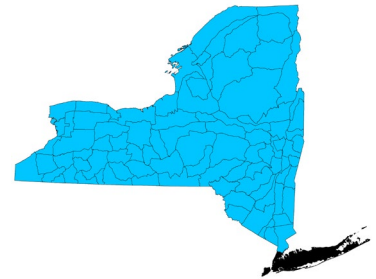
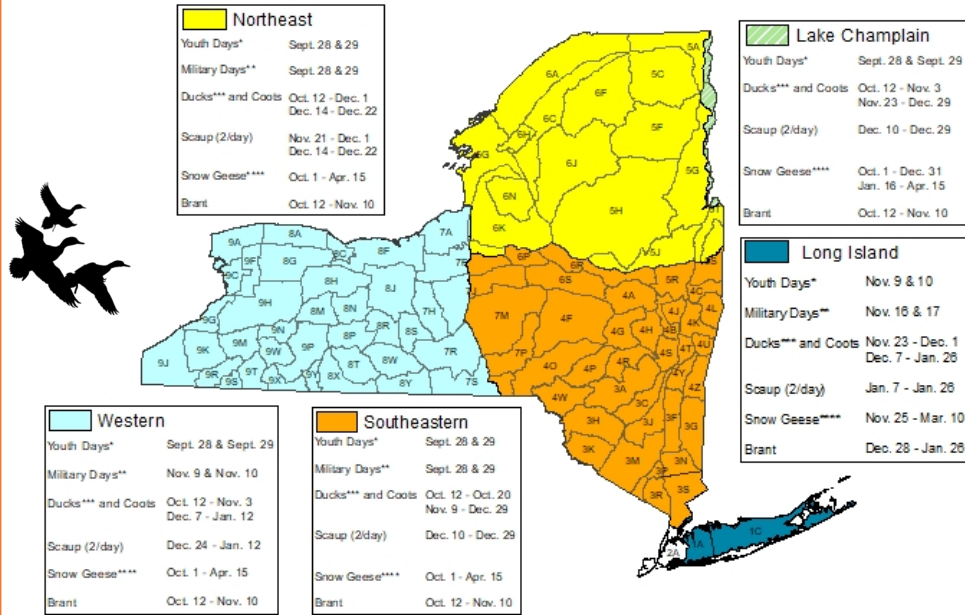
Closed

CROW

Sept. 1 - Mar. 31
(Fridays, Saturday, Sundays & Mondays Only)

Closed

2024-2025 WATERFOWL SEASONS



SNIPE, RAILS AND GALLINULES

Sept. 1 - Nov. 9

Closed

HIP registration is required for each of these species except crow. Registration information can be found on the DEC website using the QR code below.



* Youth Days are additional days for Junior Hunters only. Young hunters, 12 to 15 years of age, possessing a junior hunting license may hunt ducks, coots, mergansers, Canada geese, and brant on 2 special days in each zone. Daily bag limits for all species are the same as those allowed during the regular season for all species (excludes September Canada goose bag limits). Youth hunters must be accompanied by a licensed (including current HIP registration and duck stamp) adult hunter. The licensed adult hunter serving as a mentor to a junior hunter participating in the special youth migratory game bird hunt days may not carry a firearm, longbow, or crossbow afield. The prohibition does not apply to other hunters in the party that are not mentoring the youth.

** Any person who meets the definition of active military or veteran (as defined in section 101 of title 38, United States Code) can participate. A list of identification requirements can be found in the migratory game bird regulations and license requirements (dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/hunting/migratory-game-bird/regulations). Federal regulations require Lake Champlain zones to have the same dates in both Vermont and New York; Vermont does not offer special military days, thus no dates can be selected. Daily bag limits for all species during the military hunting days are the same as those allowed during the regular season for all species (excludes September Canada goose bag limits).

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

**** Snow goose seasons include both the regular hunting season and the Conservation Order that runs from Jan. 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.

Species	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
Ducks ^a	6	18
Coot	15	45
Canada Geese ^b	See Map	3 times the daily limit
Snow Geese ^b	25	No Limit
Brant	1	3

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 4 mallards (2 of which may be hens), 3 wood ducks, 2 black ducks, 1 pintail, 1 scaup (2 scaup are allowed during the 20 days specified above for each zone), 2 redheads, 2 canvasback, or 4 sea ducks (including no more than 3 scoters, 3 long-tailed ducks, or 3 eiders and no more than 1 female eider). For all other duck species, the daily limit is no more than 6.

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