

# NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife

## NJ 2017-18 MIGRATORY BIRD SEASONS

### PRIMARY WATERFOWL SEASONS

#### NORTH ZONE

Ducks & Brant:	Oct. 14 – Oct. 21	Nov. 11 – Jan. 11
Canada Goose:	Nov. 11 – Nov. 25	Dec. 9 – Jan. 20
Youth days:	Oct. 7 & Feb. 3	

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#### SOUTH ZONE

Ducks & Brant:	Oct. 21 – Oct. 28	Nov. 18 – Jan. 18
Canada Goose:	Nov. 18 – Dec. 2	Dec. 9 – Jan. 20
Youth days:	Oct. 14 & Feb. 3	

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#### COASTAL ZONE

Ducks & Brant:	Nov. 9 – Nov. 11	Nov. 23 – Jan. 27
Canada Goose:	Nov. 9 – Nov. 11	Nov. 18 – Feb. 15
Youth days:	Nov. 4 & Feb. 10	

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#### Daily bag limits (Items in red are changes from last year)

Ducks: 6 ducks which may NOT include more than: 4 mallards (not more than 2 hen mallards), 2 black ducks, 3 wood ducks, 1 pintail, 2 scaup, 2 redheads, 2 canvasbacks, 4 long-tailed ducks, 4 eiders, and 4 scoters. 15 coots.

Mergansers: 5 mergansers although not more than 2 hooded mergansers. Merganser limits are in addition to regular ducks.

Brant: 2

#### Canada geese (Regular season):

North and South Zones: 3  
Coastal Zone: 5

Canada goose bag limit is singly or in aggregate to include cackling and white-fronted geese

Youth days: 6 ducks with same species restrictions, 15 coots, 2 brant, 3 (North and South Zones) or 5 (Coastal Zone) Canada geese, 25 light geese.

**CANADA GOOSE**

**September Season** (Statewide)

Sept. 1 - Sept. 30

Daily bag limit: 15 Canada geese

The following special regulations apply:

1. Electronic calls permitted
2. Shotguns capable of holding no more than 7 shells (including magazine and chamber) are permitted.
3. Hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to **1/2 hour after sunset.**

**NOTE: THESE SPECIAL REGULATIONS ONLY APPLY TO THE SEPTEMBER CANADA GOOSE SEASON**

**CANADA GOOSE**

**Special Winter Season** (Two Distinct Zones)

Jan. 22 – Feb. 15

Daily bag limit: 5 singly or in aggregate to include cackling and white-fronted geese

**SEA DUCKS; SEA DUCK AREA ONLY**

Nov. 4 – Jan. 12

Daily bag limit: 5 in total to include long-tailed ducks, eiders and scoters; except no more than 4 long-tailed ducks, 4 eiders, or 4 scoters in aggregate.

**LIGHT GOOSE**

**Regular Season**

Statewide: Oct. 17 – Feb. 15

Daily bag limit: 25, singly or in aggregate to include greater and lesser snow geese and Ross's geese

**Conservation Order**

Statewide: Feb. 16 – Apr. 7

Daily bag limit: None; includes greater and lesser snow geese and Ross's geese

The following special regulations apply:

1. Electronic calls permitted
2. Shotguns capable of holding no more than 7 shells (including magazine and chamber) are permitted.
3. Hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to **1/2 hour after sunset.**

**NOTE: THESE SPECIAL REGULATIONS ONLY APPLY TO THE LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER**

**WOODCOCK**

North Zone: Oct. 21 – Nov. 25

South Zone: Nov. 11 – Dec. 2

Dec. 16 – Dec. 29

Daily bag limit: 3

**RAILS AND GALLINULE**

Sept. 1 – Nov. 9

Daily bag limit: Sora and Virginia rails 25 total or aggregate; gallinule and clapper rail 10

**SNIPE**

Sept. 16 – Dec. 30

Daily bag limit: 8

**CROWS** (Mon., Thur., Fri., & Sat.)

Aug. 14 – Dec. 2

Dec. 11 – Mar. 17

Daily bag limit: None