### **Small Game Hunting**

#### REGULATIONS

Regulations in red are new this year.

A CURRENT AND valid hunting license (Bow and Arrow, Firearm or All-Around Sportsman) is required to pursue any small game species. See page 26 for General Hunting Regulations. The use of dogs, unless specifically stated otherwise, is permitted to pursue any small game species, except wild turkey. Hunting for those species shown on page 57 is prohibited during the statewide Six-day Firearm (deer) Season and on the Wednesday of the Permit Shotgun (deer) Season that immediately follows the Six-day Firearm Season. For exceptions, see Coyote and Fox and Semi-wild and Commercial Preserve Hunting sections below. Sunday hunting is prohibited; see Raccoon and Opossum, page 56 plus Semi-wild and Commercial Shooting Preserves for exceptions.

Season Dates and Bag Limits: The Small Game Hunting Seasons table on page 57 lists dates, hunting hours and daily bag limits for all small game species open for hunting.

General Small Game Hunting Methods: Properly licensed hunters may hunt small game with shotguns or bow and arrow and limited hunting with small caliber rifles; see air gun and coyote/fox regulations. See also General Hunting Regulations, page 26.

Shotgun: Unless specifically stated otherwise, shotguns for small game hunting may be single or double barrel, rifled or smoothbore and not larger than 10-gauge or smaller than .410 caliber and capable of holding no more than three shells.

Shot: Unless specifically stated otherwise, shot size for small game hunting may be no larger than #4 fine shot.

Bow and Arrow: All bows must meet the requirements specified in *General Hunting Regulations*, page 26. For taking game birds in flight, arrows equipped with an edged head are prohibited. Flu flu arrows are required for taking game birds in flight.

Air gun: Air guns may be used for taking cottontail rabbit, hare and gray squirrel using ammunition not smaller than .177 caliber or larger than .22 caliber. Air gun BBs are not legal for hunting. See also Air Guns under Firearms and Missiles, page 27.

Muzzleloading Rifles: For limited small game rifle hunting, see below for Coyote and Fox—Special Permit Season, Squirrel—Muzzleloading Rifle Season and Woodchuck for restrictions.

Wildlife Damage: Property owners or their agents, and occupants of dwellings that are suffering damage from coyote, fox, opossum, raccoon, skunk, squirrel, weasel or woodchuck may control them by lawful means at any time subject to local ordinances.

Stealing Traps or Trapped Animals: It is illegal to take, carry away or unlawfully remove or steal a trap belonging to another person that is set along, by or in public or private property, ditch, stream, pond or water in this state and which has been set for the purpose of catching any of the furbearing animals species for which a legal season is established. It is also illegal to remove, alive or dead, any animal from the trap of another person.

#### Firearm Ammunition Legal for Hunting Coyote and Fox in New Jersey

Scan this QR code or visit us at NJFishandWildlife.com/ coyote-fox\_ammo.htm for a reference chart useful for coyote-fox hunting during seasons that overlap other game species.



#### Coyote / Fox Season

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Dates	Bow Only Season: Sept. 30– Nov. 10 (except Sundays)	General Season Firearm or Bow: Nov. 11–Mar. 15 (except Sundays)	Special Permit Season: Jan. 1 – March 15 (except Sundays*) (Permit required with shot larger than #4 fine thru #3 Buck sizes and/or nighttime hunting and/or using a muzzleloading rifle other than incidental to deer hunting and/or using a modern rifle)						
Hours	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset, except 8 a.m. start on Nov. 12	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	½ hour <b>after</b> sunset to ½ hour <b>before</b> sunrise*					
		<b>Bow</b> : long, recurve, compound or crossbow. See <i>General Small Game Hunting Methods</i> , above.	<b>Bow</b> : long, recurve, compound or crossbow See <i>General Small Game Hunting Methods</i> , above.						
	Bow: long, recurve, compound or crossbow See <i>General Small Game Hunting Methods</i> , column two above.	<b>Shotgun</b> : single or double barrel. Not smaller than 20 gauge or larger than 10 gauge, capable	Shotgun: single or double barrel. Not smaller than 20 gauge or larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than 3 shells.						
		of holding no more than 3 shells. <b>Shot</b> : Not larger than #4 fine.	<b>Shot</b> : Not smaller than BB or larger than #3 Buck. Pellets must be lead or a tungsten-nickel-iron hybrid.	Shotgun: single or dou- ble barrel. Not smaller					
Weapon Type and Projectiles Permitted			Muzzleloading rifle: single-shot, single barrel no less than .44 caliber. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted, loaded only with a single projectile, either round ball or conical bullet. Electronic ignitions prohibited.						
		Rifles Prohibited during the general season, including centerfire, rimfire and muzzleloading	<b>Centerfire rifles</b> : From .17 to maximum of .25 caliber with soft point or hollow point bullets and maximum of 80 grains.	Shot: sizes not smaller than #4 fine shot or larger than T					
		types.	<b>Rimfire rifles</b> : From .17 to maximum of .22 caliber with soft point or hollow point bullets and maximum of 50 grains.						
			A modern rifle magazine need not be pinned (plugged), but may be loaded with no more than three cartridges.						
	Manner: Call, stalk or stand	Manner: Call, hound, stalk or stand	Note: Apprentice license holders prohibited from using at time hunting during the Special Permit Season.	ny rifle and from night-					
	<b>Method</b> : Ground, elevated or other structure	<b>Method</b> : Ground, elevated or other structure	Manner: Call or stand  Method: Ground, elevated or other structure  Bait: Use prohibited  Predator Call: Required (manual/electronic)						
	Bait: 300 ft when hunter elevated or in other structure	<b>Bait</b> : not closer than 300 ft when hunter elevated or in other structure							
Notes	Predator Call: Allowed (manual/	Predator Call: Allowed (manual/electronic)							
	electronic)	Decoys: Allowed (no live decoys)	Decoys: Allowed (no live decoys)						
	Decoys: Allowed (no live decoys)	Dogs: Allowed (except Dec. 4-9, 13)	<b>Dogs</b> : Use prohibited						
	Dogs: Use prohibited	Hunter Orange: Required							
	Hunter Orange: Optional	Daily Bag: Unlimited	Daily Bag: Unlimited						
	Daily Bag: Unlimited		* Hunting must cease at 11:59 p.m. Saturday evening.						

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# **Coyote and Fox, General and Special Permit Seasons**

See chart on page 54 for the bow only, general and special permit season regulations for coyote and fox. NOTE: All successful coyote hunters must report any coyote harvested to the nearest Division Regional Law Enforcement Office [North–(908) 735-8240; Central–(609) 259-2120; South–(856) 629-0555] within 24 hours. Callers must identify themselves by name, CID# and daytime phone number.

In addition to the general coyote and fox seasons described in the table on page 54, properly licensed turkey hunters may legally harvest coyotes if encountered incidental to legal turkey hunting. Turkey hunters shall not actively pursue coyotes or have coyote calls or decoys in possession. Also, properly licensed persons hunting deer during the Six-day Firearm, Permit Muzzleloader or Permit Shotgun deer seasons may kill coyote or fox if the coyote or fox is encountered before the hunter has taken the season bag limit of deer. However, after the hunter has taken a daily bag limit of deer, they must cease hunting immediately. Incidental hunting of coyote or fox while deer hunting may resume the following day (provided the season remains open and the season bag limit of deer has not been reached.) Only applicable projectiles approved for deer hunting may be used to take coyote and fox incidental to deer

hunting during the deer seasons described above. See *Firearms, Bow and Ammunition* chart, page 34.

Baiting for coyote/fox is prohibited while hunting elevated in a standing tree or in a structure of any kind within 300 feet of a baited area.

Coyote and fox hunting are allowed on WMAs including all legal sporting arms listed in the table on page 54.

Further, in addition to the general Coyote and Fox seasons plus the incidental harvest of coyote or fox while deer hunting, a Special Permit Coyote and Fox Season runs concurrent with the regular small game coyote and fox season. A Fish and Wildlife-issued permit is required to hunt coyote or fox under the provisions (see table, page 54) of the Special Permit Coyote and Fox Season; as follows:

A permit to hunt coyote or fox is required 1.) to hunt at night and/or 2.) to use shot sizes larger than #4 fine and up to size #3 Buck, and/or 3.) to use a rifle for coyote or fox other than incidental to deer hunting. Sunday hunting is not legal.

Coyote/Fox Permit: \$2, available at any license agent or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site (NJ.WildlifeLicense.com) beginning December 4. A 2018 hunting license must be purchased prior to or in conjunction with the purchase of a Special Season Coyote/Fox Permit. Apprentice license holders may not use any rifle or hunt coyote/fox at night during the Special Permit Season.

#### **Pheasant**

See Small Game Hunting Seasons chart, page 57 for season dates and bag limits. See exceptions page 56 for semi-wild and commercial preserve hunting.

Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas: Anyone aged 16 and over (except 16 year olds whose Youth License remains valid until Dec. 31 in the year they reach 16 years of age) hunting or possessing pheasant or quail on the following designated wildlife management areas shall have in possession a current and valid Pheasant and Quail Stamp (Youth Hunting licenses include pheasant and quail stamp): Assunpink, Berkshire Valley, Millville (Bevan), Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Dix, Flatbrook, Glassboro, Greenwood (including Howardsville), Heislerville, Tuckahoe (MacNamara), Mad Horse, Manahawkin, Manasquan River, Medford, Nantuxent, Peaslee, Pequest, Port Republic, Rockport, Stafford Forge, Walpack, Whittingham and Winslow. A current and valid Pheasant and Quail Stamp is also required at the Delaware River National Recreation Area.

#### **Pheasant and Quail Stocking**

Wearing a hunter orange hat is required for all firearm small game hunters on wildlife management areas stocked with pheasant or quail.

#### **Pheasant Stocking Schedule 2017**

(Birds stocked the evening prior to the hunting dates listed.)

		Sat	Tues	Thurs	Sat	Tues	Thurs	Sat	Thurs	Sat	Sat	Tues	Thurs	Sat	Thurs	Sat	Season
		11/11	11/14	11/16	11/18	11/21	11/23	11/25	11/30	12/2	12/16	12/19	12/21	12/23	12/28	12/30	Total
	Berkshire Valley	70	40	40	60	40	70	40	30	30	30	30	30	40	40	30	620
	Black River	270	130	130	220	130	240	130	110	110	110	110	110	160	130	110	2,200
	Clinton	310	150	150	260	150	280	150	130	130	130	130	130	180	150	130	2,560
Northern Region	Delaware Water Gap N.R.A.	640	320	320	530	320	590	320	270	270	270	270	270	370	320	270	5,350
Hegion	Flatbrook	320	160	160	270	160	290	160	130	130	130	130	130	190	160	130	2,650
	Pequest	260	130	130	220	130	240	130	110	110	110	110	110	150	130	110	2,180
	Walpack	70	40	40	60	40	70	40	30	30	30	30	30	40	40	30	620
	Whittingham	250	130	130	210	130	230	130	110	110	110	110	110	150	130	110	2,150
	Assunpink	490	250	250	410	250	450	250	200	200	200	200	200	290	250	200	4,090
	Colliers Mills	300	150	150	250	150	280	150	130	130	130	130	130	180	150	130	2,540
Occident	Greenwood- Howardsville Section	80	40	40	60	40	70	40	30	30	30	30	30	40	40	30	630
Central Region	Manahawkin	70	40	40	60	40	70	40	30	30	30	30	30	40	40	30	620
Hegion	Manasquan	170	90	90	140	90	160	90	70	70	70	70	70	100	90	70	1,440
	Medford	130	60	60	110	60	120	60	50	50	50	50	50	70	60	50	1,030
	Stafford Forge	220	110	110	190	110	210	110	90	90	90	90	90	130	110	90	1,840
	Fort Dix	60	0	0	50	50	70	60	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	350
	Dix	190	100	100	160	100	180	100	80	80	80	80	80	110	100	80	1,620
	Glassboro	150	80	80	130	80	140	80	60	60	60	60	60	90	80	60	1,270
	Heislerville	70	40	40	60	40	70	40	30	30	30	30	30	40	40	30	620
Southern	Mad Horse	140	70	70	120	70	130	70	60	60	60	60	60	80	70	60	1,180
Region	Millville	530	260	260	440	260	480	260	220	220	220	220	220	310	260	220	4,380
Hegion	Nantuxent	170	90	90	140	90	160	90	70	70	70	70	70	100	90	70	1,440
	Port Republic	70	40	40	60	40	70	40	30	30	30	30	30	40	40	30	620
	Tuckahoe	160	80	80	140	80	150	80	70	70	70	70	70	90	80	70	1,360
	Winslow	210	100	100	170	100	190	100	90	90	90	90	90	120	100	90	1,730
Statewide Totals		5,400	2,700	2,700	4,520	2,750	5,010	2,760	2,290	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230	3,110	2,700	2,230	45,090

#### **Quail Stocking Schedule 2017**

(Birds stocked the evening prior to the hunting dates listed.)

Statewide	Sat	Tues	Thurs	Sat	Tues	Thurs	Sat	Thurs	Sat	Sat	Tues	Thurs	Sat	Thurs	Sat	Season
	11/11	11/14	11/16	11/18	11/21	11/23	11/25	11/30	12/2	12/16	12/19	12/21	12/23	12/28	12/30	Total
Greenwood	600	270	270	400	270	270	400	270	610	400	400	400	400	270	270	5,500
Peaslee	600	270	270	400	270	270	400	270	610	400	400	400	400	270	270	5,500

For maps showing the areas to be stocked with pheasants during the small game season, visit NJFishandWildlife.com/smgame\_info.htm.

### **Small Game Hunting**

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#### **Quail Season Closed**

In an effort to reverse the decline of quail in New Jersey, the statewide quail hunting season is closed except at Peaslee WMA and Greenwood Forest WMA where Fish and Wildlife will provide hunters and falconers the opportunity to hunt for quail.

No person may release quail for dog training purposes on the following WMAs: Buckshutem, Dix, Egg Island, Fortescue, Millville (Bevans), Nantuxent, New Sweden and Stafford Forge.

See Small Game Hunting Seasons chart, page 57 for season dates and bag limits. Exception: This statewide closure does not apply to certain semi-wild and commercial shooting preserves that were permitted to stock quail during the 2009–10 season.

#### **Stocking Maps**

Scan this QR code or follow the link for maps of the pheasant and quail stocked fields for each stocked WMA. Go to



NJFishandWildlife.com/pheasmaps.htm.

# Squirrel Muzzleloading Rifle Season Zones

For a complete description of the squirrel hunting areas, scan this QR code with your mobile device or go to NJFishandWildlife. com/qr/squirrelzones.htm.



Fish and Wildlife anticipates pheasant and quail releases to follow as shown in the table on page 55. However, the stocking schedule is not finalized until approved by the Fish and Game Council in October when it will be published on our website at the link below. Also, the schedule is subject to pheasant production issues and may change due to rain or emergency weather conditions. For these unplanned stocking schedule changes or other necessary adjustments, visit our website at NJFishandWildlife.com/smgame\_info.htm.

New maps showing the specific field locations for every stocked wildlife management area are now available here: NJFishandWildlife.com/pheasmaps.htm.

Your questions about recent changes to the pheasant allocation are sure to be answered in *Pheasant Allocation Formula: Maximizing Hunter Safety and Satisfaction* on page 16.

#### **Quail, Northern Bobwhite**

Northern bobwhite quail are native to the southern half of New Jersey. In recent years, quail populations have declined throughout their range including New Jersey.

#### **Rabbit and Hare**

The rabbit and hare hunting season will begin the last Saturday in September. The early opening date allows for hunting opportunity when rabbit populations are at their peak. Air guns may be used for taking cottontail rabbit and hare using ammunition not smaller than .177 caliber or larger than .22 caliber. See also Air Guns under Firearms and Missiles, page 27 and General Small Game Hunting Methods, page 54.

See Small Game Hunting Seasons chart, page 57 for season dates and bag limits.

#### Raccoon, Opossum & Skunk

See Small Game Hunting Seasons chart, page 57 for season dates and bag limits.

Hours: Hunting may not begin until one hour after sunset on the opening day of the season. On all other days open during the season, the hours of hunting are one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise. Persons may hunt raccoon and opossum on Sunday mornings only between the hours of 12:01 a.m. and one hour before sunrise during the prescribed season. Special Permit Coyote and Fox hunters may harvest opossum, raccoon and skunk incidentally.

Hunting methods: Portable lights are permitted. Fluorescent orange is encouraged but not required on outer clothing while hunting raccoon and opossum. A current and valid Rifle Permit is required when possessing a .22 caliber rifle while hunting raccoon and opossum. Only .22 caliber shorts are permitted.

Apprentice License holder are not permitted to hunt at night.

**Dog Training:** Dogs may be trained during the month of September and from March 2 to May 1, inclusive. The training hours are one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise.

#### **Ruffed Grouse**

The state's two ruffed grouse hunting zones are delineated by Rt. 70. North of Rt. 70 the season will begin October 15. South of Rt. 70 the season will begin Nov. 12 to reduce harvest mortality of the remaining populations in the southern zone. The ruffed grouse zones are identical to those for woodcock and will provide for consistent regulations for these species that are often hunted simultaneously. See Small Game Hunting Seasons chart, page 57 for season dates and bag limits.

# **Semi-Wild and Commercial Preserve Hunting**

Hunting for pheasant, quail and partridge is allowed from Nov. 11 to March 15 on semi-wild and from Sept. 1 through May 1 on commercial shooting preserves (which also allows mallards) that are properly licensed for the taking of such species. These game birds may be hunted on Sunday only on semi-wild or commercial shooting preserve lands.

Youth hunters (in possession of a valid Youth Hunting License and accompanied by a licensed, non-shooting adult) will be permitted to hunt pheasant, quail and partridge on licensed semi-wild preserves on Saturday, Nov. 4—the Youth Upland Bird Hunting Day.

All game taken on semi-wild or commercial preserves must be properly tagged before being transported off the licensed property.

A person may legally hunt on semi-wild or commercial preserves for game birds during deer seasons, but no shot larger than #4 fine may be used. There are no daily bag or seasonal limits for pheasant, quail, partridge or mallards taken on commercial preserves. There are no daily bag limits for pheasant, quail or partridge taken on semi-wild properties. Seasonal harvests on semi-wild properties may not exceed the number of birds to be stocked as indicated on the semi-wild permit application.

#### **Squirrel, Regular Season**

Air guns may be used for taking squirrel using ammunition not smaller than .177 caliber or larger than .22 caliber. See also Air Guns under Firearms and Missiles, page 27 and General Small Game Hunting Methods, page 54. See Small Game Hunting Seasons chart, page 57.

## **Squirrel, Muzzleloading Rifle Season**

Persons holding a current and valid firearm license and rifle permit may hunt for squirrels from sunrise to ½ hour after sunset with a muzzleloading rifle (.36 caliber or smaller loaded with a single projectile) during the periods Sept. 30–Nov. 10, 2017 and Jan. 6–Feb. 24, 2018. See Small Game Hunting Seasons chart, page 57.

Hunting for squirrel in the manner described above is restricted to the areas described.

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### **Small Game Hunting Seasons**

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#### 2017-18 Small Game Hunting Seasons

Species (alphabetical)	Inclusive Dates	Hunting Hours	Daily Limits	Notes			
	Closed statewide; except at Peaslee & Greenwood WMA (see Notes)			8 a.m. start on Nov. 11			
Bobwhite (quail)	At Peaslee & Greenwood WMAs ONLY: Nov. 11–Dec. 2; Dec. 11, 12,	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	4	Quail may be hunted ONLY at Peaslee and Greenwood Forest WMAs. Pheasant and Quail Stamp required.			
	14–30, 2017 and Jan. 1–31, 2018 (except Sundays)			Season closed in remainder of the state. (See exceptions under Semi-Wild and Commercial Preserve Hunting, page 56.)			
Coyote* and Fox,				8 a.m. start on Nov. 11			
General	Bow and Arrow only: Sept. 30-Nov. 10 Firearm or Bow and Arrow:	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	No limit	Deer hunters may harvest coyote and fox during all open deer seasons with restrictions as specified under Small Game Hunting. <i>Coyote and Fox</i> , page 54.			
All coyote must be reported within 24 hrs.	Nov. 11-Mar. 15 (except Sundays)			Rifle Permit required in possession when hunting with rifle (allowed only incidental to deer hunting).			
		Permit holders may hunt day		For complete details, and for when a permit is required, see Small Game Hunting, <i>Coyote and Fox</i> , page 55.			
Country and Fou		and night with certain restrictions; see <b>Notes</b> at right.		Calling and standing hunting only.			
Coyote* and Fox, Special Permit Season	Firearm or Bow and Arrow:	Sunday hunting for coyote/		Predator calling device must be in possession.			
All coyote must be	Jan. 1–Mar. 15 (except Sundays) (permit required)	fox is not legal. All such hunting must end at	No limit	See <i>Coyote/Fox Season</i> table, page 54, for firearm and ammo restrictions.			
reported within 24 hrs.		11:59 p.m. Saturday night and may resume at		Rifle Permit required in possession when hunting with an legal rifle, allowed only during daytime hunting hours.			
		12:01 a.m. Monday morning.		During night hunting (½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise), only 10–20 gauge shotguns are permitted. See pellet restrictions in table on page 54. Coyote/fox Permit required.			
Crow** (Mon., Thurs., Fri., Sat.)	Aug. 14-Dec. 2** and Dec. 11, 2017- Mar. 17, 2018 (See <b>Notes</b> .)	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	No limit	8 a.m. start on Nov. 11 Maximum shot size is #4			
(MUII., IIIUIS., FII., Sat.)	North of Rt. 70: Oct. 21–Dec. 2;			IVIDAXIIIIUIII SIIUL SIZE IS #4			
Grouse, Ruffed**	Dec. 11, 12, 14–30  South of Rt. 70: Nov. 11–Dec. 2;	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	2	8 a.m. start on Nov. 11			
Opossum,	Dec. 11, 12, 14–30 (except Sundays) Oct. 2–Mar. 1 (except Sunday evenings)	1 hour after sunset to 1 hour	No limit	Rifle Permit required when hunting with rifle.			
Raccoon & Skunk	Oct. 2—Iviai. 1 (except Suriday everilings)	before sunrise	INO IIITIIL	7:39 p.m. start on Oct. 2. Closed Dec. 4–9 and Dec. 13			
Pheasant & Partridge	Nov. 11–Dec. 2; Dec. 11, 12, 14–30, 2017; Jan. 1–Feb. 19, 2018	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	Partridge — 7 Pheasant — 2	8 a.m. start on Nov. 11 Pheasant and Quail Stamp required on designated areas (see <i>Small Game Hunting</i> page 55).			
Rabbit, Hare & Jackrabbit**	Sept. 30-Dec. 2; Dec. 11, 12, 14-30, 2017; Jan. 1-Feb. 24, 2018	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	Cottontail — 4 Hare — 1 Jackrabbit — 1	8 a.m. start on Nov. 11. Air guns are legal to harvest rabbits, hare and jackrabbit. See $\it Rabbit$ and $\it Hare$ , page 56.			
Squirrel, Gray**	Sept. 30-Dec. 2; Dec. 11, 12, 14-30, 2017; Jan. 1-Feb. 24, 2018	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	5	8 a.m. start on Nov. 11. Air guns are legal to harvest squirrel. See <b>Squirrel, Regular Season</b> page 56.			
Squirrel, Gray: Muzzleloading Rifle (.36 caliber or smaller)	Sept. 30-Nov. 10, 2017 and Jan. 6-Feb. 24, 2018	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	5	<b>Rifle permit required.</b> Designated areas only (see <i>Squirrel, ML Rifle Season</i> page 56).			
Turkey (Fall, Either-Sex)	(Period N) Oct. 28-Nov. 4, 2017	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.	1 Turkey (either sex) per permit	Permit required. All Turkey Hunting Areas statewide are now open to fall hunting.			
Turkey (Spring Gobbler)	(Periods A to E) April 23-May 25, 2018	½ hour before sunrise to noon; starting May 14, hours are ½ hour before sunrise to sunset	1 Male Turkey per permit	Permit required. See turkey hunting regulation, page 58.			
Turkey (Spring Gobbler, Youth)	(Period Y) April 21-May 25, 2018	½ hour before sunrise to noon; starting May 14, hours are ½ hour before sunrise to sunset	1 Male Turkey per permit	Permit required. See turkey hunting regulation, page 58.			
Woodchuck: Bow, Rifle or Shotgun	Mar. 1-Sept. 27, 2017 Mar. 1-Sept. 26, 2018	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	No limit	Rifle Permit required when hunting with rifle.  Rifle hunting prohibited on state property (see <i>General Hunting Regulations</i> , page 26 and <i>Woodchuck</i> , page 58).			
Woodchuck:** Bow or Shotgun	Sept. 30-Dec. 2; Dec. 11, 12, 14-30, 2017; Jan. 1-Feb. 19, 2018	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	No limit	8 a.m. start on Nov. 11			
Woodcock**	North of Rt. 70: Oct. 21–Nov. 25 South of Rt. 70: Nov. 11–Dec. 2; Dec. 16–29	Sunrise to sunset	3 daily; 6 possession	HIP number required (see page 65). 8 a.m. start on Nov. 11			
Youth Turkey Day	April 21, 2018	½ hour before sunrise to noon	1 Male Wild Turkey	Permit required.			
Youth Upland Bird Days	Nov. 4 and 6–10	8 a.m. to sunset	Pheasant — 2 Quail — 4	Selected WMAs and licensed semi-wilds (see page 25).			

<sup>\*</sup> All harvested coyotes must be reported to a regional Division Law Enforcement Office within 24 hours. Callers must identify themselves by name, CID# and daytime phone number.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The starting time to hunt migratory birds on Nov. 11 only on those WMAs designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas shall be 8 a.m. See list of areas, page 55.