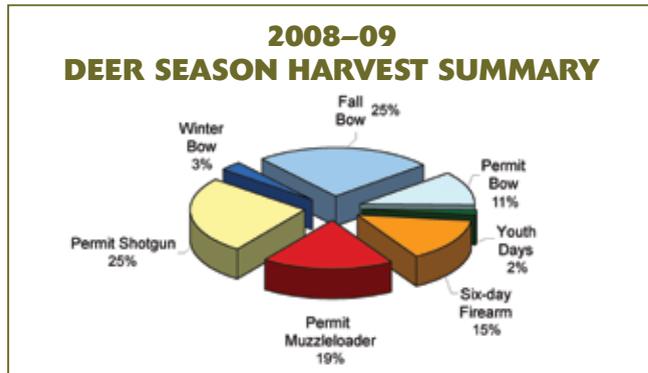


2008-2009 Deer Harvest

SUMMARIES

NEW JERSEY DEER hunters harvested 53,260 deer during the 2008-2009 season between September 13, 2008 and February 21, 2009. The harvest for this year's deer season was the second lowest harvest in 14 years, and was 13 percent higher than the 47,017 deer taken in 2007. The antlerless portion of the 2008 harvest was 34,859 animals, up almost 18 percent from 2007. The antlered portion of the 2008 harvest was 18,399 animals, up over five percent from 2007. 🦌



2008-09 Deer Harvest by County and Season

County	Total	Fall Bow	Permit Bow	6 Day	ML	Shotgun	Winter Bow	Youth
unknown	7	0	2	1	2	2	0	0
ATLANTIC	2290	412	206	537	471	548	57	59
BERGEN	42	17	9	4	4	1	7	0
BURLINGTON	4387	892	471	721	811	1306	109	77
CAMDEN	691	164	95	155	100	138	32	7
CAPE MAY	560	81	82	99	189	58	34	17
CUMBERLAND	2568	576	300	462	697	397	65	71
ESSEX	133	38	16	1	57	15	5	1
GLOUCESTER	2344	554	265	310	461	657	44	53
HUNTERDON	8629	2472	870	1213	1304	2443	220	107
MERCER	1735	447	178	228	161	657	45	19
MIDDLESEX	1127	260	119	177	134	400	27	10
MONMOUTH	3738	1085	503	404	466	1062	183	35
MORRIS	3988	1191	586	430	485	1015	242	39
OCEAN	2060	487	263	379	431	401	54	45
PASSAIC	451	105	78	56	175	7	13	17
SALEM	3428	795	400	350	891	844	60	88
SOMERSET	3770	1218	478	379	426	1029	215	25
SUSSEX	5767	1275	638	937	1685	966	158	108
UNION	35	1	0	0	0	34	0	0
WARREN	5510	1228	531	899	928	1783	59	82
Totals	53260	13299	6089	7742	9878	13763	1629	860

2008-09 Total Deer Harvest by Season and Zone

DMZ	Total	Fall Bow	Permit Bow	6 Day	ML	Shotgun	Winter Bow	Youth
1	469	90	66	88	175	6	26	18
2	2586	645	260	376	712	493	58	42
3	611	126	96	90	257	7	15	20
4	703	100	81	160	292	18	35	17
5	4087	959	420	655	740	1208	42	63
6	895	169	130	198	250	78	45	25
7	1930	463	186	275	291	663	27	25
8	4610	1179	489	693	622	1457	126	44
9	1080	414	144	63	77	294	78	10
10	2626	735	270	416	408	693	65	39
11	1604	441	146	216	290	474	20	17
12	3803	1034	375	466	496	1277	114	41
13	1602	657	325	79	106	298	132	5
14	1811	527	193	254	184	548	84	21
15	1298	312	141	183	131	465	52	14
16	1266	380	190	175	233	229	42	17
17	988	213	75	150	147	382	5	16
18	430	87	72	111	116	20	13	11
19	1730	368	188	258	277	584	36	19
21	400	53	56	125	128	5	13	20
22	281	129	34	37	42	31	2	6
23	436	65	55	146	133	2	20	15
24	233	19	36	92	73	3	4	6
25	1408	276	107	214	211	568	14	18
26	1124	234	109	269	245	204	29	34
27	1146	274	151	105	282	282	13	39
28	1186	327	144	182	263	214	35	21
29	1263	268	122	150	366	316	18	23
30	410	65	49	76	123	65	12	20
31	353	104	42	52	85	56	5	9
34	681	100	93	124	232	73	37	22
35	1737	438	201	184	426	388	46	54
36	920	312	161	43	137	163	100	4
37	267	76	50	13	97	2	28	1
38	78	0	0	0	28	50	0	0
39	218	11	22	16	63	94	10	2
40	25	9	0	0	1	15	0	0
41	919	249	80	131	105	332	13	9
42	462	90	46	92	72	139	15	8
43	132	19	26	36	40	0	9	2
45	231	19	29	72	91	9	4	7
46	264	27	22	107	79	5	11	13
47	280	79	23	64	50	59	4	1
48	1136	213	80	167	157	487	14	18
49	374	130	74	21	25	94	28	2
50	1543	502	230	139	124	454	79	15
51	549	151	72	53	47	185	35	6
53	70	20	7	3	22	14	2	2
54	33	5	1	4	10	13	0	0
55	82	15	9	22	26	4	2	4
56	16	0	0	0	0	16	0	0
57	23	0	4	0	7	12	0	0
58	23	0	10	0	2	11	0	0
61	16	1	1	0	7	7	0	0
63	348	78	45	28	84	102	2	9
64	39	0	0	10	0	27	2	0
65	196	29	39	51	62	3	7	5
66	55	2	2	1	2	47	1	0
67	96	0	0	0	96	0	0	0
68	68	11	7	7	25	17	0	1
70	9	0	2	0	6	1	0	0
Total	53260	13299	6089	7742	9878	13763	1629	860

The 2008–09 Deer Harvest per Square Mile of Deer Range

Deer Mgt. Zone	Deer range (sq. mi.)	Antlered Buck Harvest (per sq. mi.)	Total Deer Harvest (per sq. mi.)
1	75	2.7	6.3
2	149	5.7	17.4
3	153	1.8	4.0
4	71	4.3	9.9
5	215	6.1	19.0
6	153	3.0	5.8
7	103	6.2	18.7
8	203	7.8	22.7
9	52	5.4	20.8
10	110	9.0	23.9
11	68	7.8	23.6
12	152	7.9	25.0
13	109	4.1	14.7
14	165	3.7	11.0
15	86	5.0	15.1
16	91	4.5	13.9
17	90	3.4	11.0
18	70	3.0	6.1
19	159	3.4	10.9
21	192	1.2	2.1
22	69	1.2	4.1
23	178	1.3	2.4
24	169	0.9	1.4
25	164	2.8	8.6
26	195	2.4	5.8
27	103	3.4	11.1
28	125	3.8	9.5
29	98	4.1	12.9
30	92	1.8	4.5
31	40	3.7	8.8
34	245	1.2	2.8
35	171	3.3	10.2
36	127	1.9	7.2
37	43	1.8	6.2
38	12	1.7	6.5
39	15	4.1	14.5
40	1	5.0	25.0
41	39	7.9	23.6
42	90	2.0	5.1
43	27	2.6	4.9
45	65	2.0	3.6
46	79	1.9	3.3
47	54	2.2	5.2
48	86	4.2	13.2
49	71	1.7	5.3
50	137	3.5	11.3
51	138	1.2	4.0
53	8	1.4	8.8
54	10	1.1	3.3
55	6	6.2	13.7
56	1	7.0	16.0
57	1	3.0	23.0
58	4	1.5	5.8
61	5	1.0	3.2
63	33	3.1	10.5
64	3	3.3	13.0
65	17	5.9	11.5
66	3	2.3	18.3
67	15	0.3	6.4
68	16	1.2	4.3
70	1	2.0	9.0
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Can You Identify a Buck or Doe Fawn?

Be Selective!

The Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA) offers tips to determine in the field the gender and age (fawn/adult) of antlerless deer to avoid harvesting button bucks (fawns). Visit www.QDMA.com.

Body Size and Shape

- Wait for two deer to be present for size comparison
- Adult deer body is longer and rectangular in shape; fawns look square
- Doe fawns have a longer, more slender neck; the neck of a buck fawn is shorter and more stout
- Body size difference between fawns and adults is greater in early season; much easier to distinguish buck fawns from adult does then. So harvest does early in the hunting season.

Head Size and Shape

- Adults have a longer nose and forehead. Adult ears are proportional to their heads; fawn ears can appear quite large in comparison.
- Does have a rounded forehead, while bucks have a flatter forehead; these shapes are apparent in fawns. Buck fawn developing antler “buttons” are not always visible.
- Head shape is easier to discern while deer are in their sleeker summer coat.

Behavior

- Fawns are often playful, naive and inquisitive. Adults may be curious, inquisitive but are rarely playful or naive.
- Buck fawns can be more outgoing or aggressive than doe fawns, explaining why a buck fawn is often the first deer to enter a field, food plot or feeding station.
- Adults are more wary and reserved, especially when leaving cover and entering a field or food plot.
- Adults may display aggression toward subordinate adults or fawns by dropping their ears or standing on their hind legs and flailing with their front legs.
- Adults are also typically the lead deer when a group of antlerless deer are traveling.



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Answers: 1. doe, 2. buck, 3. buck, 4. doe



Hunters Helping the Hungry Needs Help with Meat-processing Costs

Hunters Helping the Hungry, an organization that has enabled hunters to donate 350,000 pounds of venison to feed New Jersey families since 1997, now needs some help from the public to cover the costs of professional meat processing.

The program, which donated more than 12,000 pounds of venison to food banks and charitable organizations last year alone, operates with limited funding. Butchers who participate in the Hunters Helping the Hungry program receive \$65 to process the donated deer. Currently, hunters who donate deer to feed the hungry must contribute either \$10 (for field-dressed deer weighing 50 lbs. or more) or \$25 (for deer under 50 lbs.) toward that processing fee. If the program's funding runs out, hunters who donate deer will have to cover the entire cost for meat processing.

Hunters should check on funding availability before harvesting a deer intended for donation by visiting: www.huntershelpingthehungry.org. Anyone interested in making a charitable contribution to offset the program's meat-processing costs may send a check payable to: Hunters Helping the Hungry, P.O. Box 587, Lebanon, NJ 08833.

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(Adelphia near Howell)
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The Buck Stop
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Pittsgrove, Salem Co.
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Butchers will not accept donated deer during the Six-day Firearm Buck Season, from Dec. 7–12, so they can accommodate their regular customers.

Hunters: Call before hunting season opens to learn the hours of operation for the check stations near where you hunt! Some locations may not be open on Sundays—call first.

Atlantic County	
Butterhof's Farm & Home Supply, 5715 White Horse Pike (Rt. 30), Egg Harbor City, (609) 965-1198	Open for All Deer Seasons
Muskett's Tavern, 343 W. White Horse Pike, Absecon, (609) 645-3355	Open for All Deer Seasons
Main Street Hardware, 6016 Main St., Mays Landing, (609) 625-4941	Open for All Deer Seasons
Nesco Package Goods, Rt. 542, Nesco, (609) 561-8704	Open for All Deer Seasons
The Port Store, 205 Clarks Landing Rd., Port Republic, (609) 652-1616	Open for All Deer Seasons
Sugar Hill Sub & Deli, 153 Somers Pt. Rd. (Rt. 559), Mays Landing, (609) 625-0538	Open for All Deer Seasons
Ted's Taxidermy, 713 Rt. 40 (1/10 mile west of Rt. 54), Buena, (856) 697-8585	Open for All Deer Seasons
Bergen County	
Targeteers Sporting Goods, 101 Rt. 46 West, Saddle Brook, (201) 843-7788	Open for All Deer Seasons
Burlington County	
Green Bank Inn, 1301 Rt. 542, Green Bank, (609) 965-5630	Open for All Deer Seasons
Hedger House, 4265 Rt. 563, Chatsworth, (609) 894-4565	Open for All Deer Seasons
Mighty Joe's Texaco, 1231 Rt. 206 South, Shamong, (609) 268-0303	Open for All Deer Seasons
Mike's Sporting Goods, 1414 Rt. 38, Hainesport, (609) 267-7978	Open for All Deer Seasons
CLOSED MONDAYS except open for deer check on first day of Six-day Firearm, Dec. 7, 2009.	
New Gretna Munchies, Rt. 9 and South Maple Ave, New Gretna, (609) 296-8050	Open for All Deer Seasons
Nixon's General Store, Chatworth Rd. & New Rd. jct., Tabernacle, (609) 268-9800	Open for All Deer Seasons
Pine Barren Stove & Sport Shop, Rt. 72, Chatsworth, (609) 726-1550	Open for All Deer Seasons
Sportsmen's Center, Rt. 130 North, Bordentown, (609) 298-5300	Open for All Deer Seasons
Camden County	
Atco Sports, 2209 Atco Ave., Atco, (856) 767-9446	Open for All Deer Seasons
Creek Keepers, 1130 Black Horse Pike (Rt. 168), Blackwood, (856) 227-1923	Not open in December, January and February
Russell's PIC-II, 386 White Horse Pike, Ancora, (609) 567-9886	Open for All Deer Seasons
Sicklerville Hardware, 540 Williamstown Rd., Sicklerville, (856) 728-3800	Open for All Deer Seasons
Cape May County	
Belleplaine Supply & Gun Center, Hands Mill Rd., Belleplaine, (609) 861-2345	Open for All Deer Seasons
Fletcher's Corner, 212 South Rt. 47, Dias Creek, (609) 465-4949	Open for All Deer Seasons
Just Sports, 21 Mechanic St., Cape May Court House, (609) 465-6171	Open for All Deer Seasons
Cumberland County	
Bailey's Seafood, Rt. 47, Port Elizabeth, (856) 825-2621	Open for All Deer Seasons
Beaver Dam Boat Rentals, 514 Old Beaver Dam Rd., Newport, (856) 447-3633	Open for All Deer Seasons
Big Daddy's Sports Haven, 595 Sherman Avenue, Millville, (856) 453-9009	Open for All Deer Seasons
Newport Country Store & Deli, 127 Main St. (Rt. 553), Newport, (856) 447-4747	Open for All Deer Seasons
Essex County	
The Bullet Hole, 78 Rutgers St., Belleville, (973) 759-3968	Open for All Deer Seasons
Gloucester County	
The Bottle Barn, 65 West Broad St., Gibbstown, (856) 423-3608	Open for All Deer Seasons
A&M Meats, Wolfert Station Rd., Mullica Hill, (856) 478-0370	Open for All Deer Seasons
Sportsmen's Outpost, Fries Mill Rd., Williamstown, (856) 881-3244	Open for All Deer Seasons
Hunterdon County	
Boan's Marine, 1296 Rt. 179, Mt. Airy, (609) 397-3311	Open for All Deer Seasons
Carousel Deli & Bakery, Rt. 179 & Wertsville Rd. jct., Ringoes, (908) 788-5180	Open for All Deer Seasons
Jugtown Mountain Campsites, 1074 Rt. 173 East, West Portal, (908) 735-5995	Open for All Deer Seasons
Lakeside Deli, 1878 Rt. 31 North, Clinton, (908) 638-3354	Open for All Deer Seasons
Milford Napa Auto Parts, 1002 Milford-Frenchtown Rd., Milford, (908) 996-2288	No deer checked during Six-day Firearm
J. Person Game Butcher, 1221 Rt. 31 South, Lebanon, (908) 735-4646	No deer checked during Six-day Firearm
Sportsman's Rendezvous, 174 Rt. 31 North (in Sportman's Plaza), Flemington, (908) 788-5828	Open for All Deer Seasons
V. Roche & Sons, 9 High St., Whitehouse Station, (908) 534-2006	No deer checked during Six-day Firearm
Mercer County	
Mignella's Hillbilly Hall, N. Greenwood Ave., Hopewell, (609) 466-9856	Open for All Deer Seasons
CLOSED MONDAYS except open for deer check on first day of Six-day Firearm, Dec. 7, 2009.	

Middlesex County	
Salvatore Automotive Service Inc., 302 Lincoln Blvd., Middlesex, (732) 560-0896	Open for All Deer Seasons
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The Hunter's Butcher, 967 Rt. 524 (Adelphia-Farmingdale Rd.), Adelphia, (732) 462-8149	Open for All Deer Seasons
L & H Woods & Water, 2045 Rt. 35, Wall, (732) 282-1812	Open for All Deer Seasons
S & S Auto Center, 54 Leonardville Rd., Belford, (732) 741-7733	Open for All Deer Seasons
Morris County	
Mt. Hope Deli, 662 Mt. Hope Ave, Rockaway, (973) 328-7259	Weekdays ONLY, Open for All Deer Seasons
R & S Sports Center, Rt. 46 & New St. jct., Budd Lake, (973) 347-1944	Open for All Deer Seasons
Randolph Garden Center, 1135 Sussex Tpk., Randolph, (973) 895-2667	Open for All Deer Seasons
The Boat Doctor Inc., 169 Rt. 181, Lake Hopatcong, (973) 663-2247 Border of Sussex County	Open for All Deer Seasons
Ocean County	
Al's Grill & Cream Ridge Sporting Goods, 465 Rt. 539 (south of Rt. 537), Cream Ridge, (609) 758-0616	Open for All Deer Seasons
The Chum Bucket, 381 Rt. 9, West Creek, (609)294-2500	Open for All Deer Seasons
Grizz's Forked River Bait and Tackle, 232 North Main St. (Rt. 9), Forked River, (609) 693-9298	Open for All Deer Seasons
Just Plain Jane's, 581 E. Veterans Hwy. (Rt. 528), Jackson, (732) 833-4875	Open for All Deer Seasons
Lucille's Country Cooking, 1496 Rt. 539, Warren Grove, (609) 698-4474	Open for All Deer Seasons
Scott's Bait & Tackle, 945 Radio Rd., Mystic Island, (609) 296-1300	Open for All Deer Seasons
Sportsman's Shanty, 420 Chandler Rd., Jackson, (732) 367-0033	Open for All Deer Seasons
Tip's Hardware, 218 Main St. (Rt. 9), West Creek, (609) 296-3192	Open for All Deer Seasons
Lakehurst Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10061, 20 Union Ave., Lakehurst, (732) 657-6609	Open for All Deer Seasons
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Frank's Tackle, 81 Ringwood Ave. (Rt. 511), Wanaque, (973) 835-2966	Open for All Deer Seasons
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Salem County	
Bradway's Farm Market, Rt. 49 and Jericho Road, Quinton, (856) 878-0177	Open for All Deer Seasons
The Buck Stop, 989 Alvine Road, Norma, (856) 794-1281	Open for All Deer Seasons
Dunham Deer Cut & Wrapped, 115 Compromise Rd., Mannington, (856) 935-3825	Open for All Deer Seasons
Sam's Super Service, 290 Rt. 40 (jct. Rt. 553), Elmer, (856) 358-3488	Open for All Deer Seasons
Somerset County	
Gladpack Sunoco, 1 Pottersville Rd., Gladstone, (908) 234-1355 (Border of Morris County)	Open for All Deer Seasons
Millstone Sport Shop, 20 North River St., East Millstone, (908) 359-5713	Closed for February seasons
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Swartswood Country Store, 911 Newton-Swartswood Rd., Newton, (973) 383-5470	Open for All Deer Seasons
Vernon Crossing Tire & Auto, Vernon Crossing Rd., Vernon, (973) 764-6171	Open for All Deer Seasons
Union County	
NJ Firearms Guild, 344 St. George Ave. (Rt. 27), Rahway, (732) 382-4066	Open for All Deer Seasons
Warren County	
57 West Deer Processing, 220 D Belview Road, Phillipsburg, (908) 619-0195	Open for All Deer Seasons
Alpine Meats, 57 Rt. 94, Blairstown, (908) 362-8568	Open for All Deer Seasons
Hi-Way Sport Shop, 253 Rt. 31 South, Washington, (908) 689-6208	Open for All Deer Seasons
The Dark Moon Tavern Co., 606 Rt. 519 (Hope-Johnsonburg Rd.), Johnsonburg, (908) 459-4555	Open for All Deer Seasons
RDJ Service Center, 275 Rt. 46, Vienna, (908) 637-4357	Open for All Deer Seasons
The Owl's Nest, 97 Rt. 519, Warren Glen, (908) 995-7903 Border of Hunterdon County	Open for All Deer Seasons
Smitty's Liquor & Deli, 89 Rt. 46, Columbia, (908) 475-5933	Open for All Deer Seasons
Straco 3 Auto Parts, 147 Mountain Ave, Hackettstown, (908) 852-2829	Open for All Deer Seasons
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Purple text indicates an important note.

A CURRENT AND valid hunting license (Bow and Arrow, Firearm or All-Around Sportsman) is required to pursue any small game species. See page 24 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 61 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 61 for exceptions.

Season Dates and Bag Limits: The *Small Game Hunting Seasons* table on page 61 lists dates, hunting hours and daily bag limits for all small game species open for hunting. Hunting with firearms is prohibited on Nov. 6, 2009 on state wildlife management areas designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas (see *Pheasants* below) except in tidal marshes open to an on-going waterfowl season.

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 below. See also *General Hunting Regulations*, page 24.

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 24.

Muzzleloading Rifles: For limited small game rifle hunting, see below for *Coyote and Fox—Special Permit Season, Raccoon and Opossum, 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.

Coyote and Fox, General and Special Permit Seasons

The daily bag limit restriction for coyote is eliminated to make the regulations consistent with those for fox. See chart below for both general and special permit season regulations for coyote and fox. **NOTE: All successful coyote hunters must report any coyote harvested to a Fish and Wildlife Regional Law Enforcement Office within 24 hours. Callers must identify themselves by name and daytime phone number.**

In addition to the **coyote and fox seasons described in the chart below**, properly licensed persons hunting deer during the Six-day Firearm, Permit Muzzleloader or Permit Shotgun deer seasons may kill coyote or fox when the person is in possession of a valid deer transportation tag for the applicable deer season (i.e., before harvesting a deer.) All hunting must cease immediately upon harvesting the daily deer bag limit and completing the deer transportation tag(s). Incidental hunting of coyote

or fox while deer hunting may resume following the issuance of a New Jersey Supplemental Deer Transportation Tag for the applicable deer season (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 29.

In addition to the general Coyote and Fox seasons and incidental coyote or fox harvest 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 under the provisions of the Special Permit Coyote and Fox Season; as follows:

Coyote/Fox permits: \$2, available at any license agent or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site (WildlifeLicense.com/NJ) beginning December 15. A 2010 hunting license must be purchased prior to or in conjunction with the purchase of a 2010 Special Coyote and Fox Permit.

Northern Bobwhite (Quail)

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. In an effort to reverse this decline in New Jersey, two quail hunting zones were delineated north and south of Rt. 33 in 2005. The season dates and daily bag limits are more liberal north of Rt. 33, where quail are only found as a result of stocking by licensed semi-wild or commercial operations. The season dates and

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Coyote / Fox Season

Dates	Oct. 3 – Nov. 6 Bow and Arrow Only	Nov. 7 – Feb. 15 Firearm or Bow	Jan. 1 – March 15, 2010 Special Permit Season
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. 7	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset
Weapon Type and Projectiles Permitted	Bow: 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> , above.	Bow: long, recurve, compound or crossbow See <i>General Small Game Hunting Methods</i> , above.
	Shotgun and Shot Size: See <i>General Small Game Hunting Methods</i> , above.	Shotgun: single or double barrel. Not smaller than 12 gauge or larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than 3 shells.	Shot: sizes not smaller than #4 fine shot or larger than "T" shot
	Muzzleloading rifle: Only projectiles approved for deer hunting may be used for incidental coyote or fox harvest. See <i>Notes</i> , below and chart on page 29. Electronic ignitions prohibited.	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.	Shot: sizes not smaller than #4 fine shot or larger than "T"
Notes	Hunter orange not required. Use of dogs prohibited . Daily bag: unlimited coyote or fox	Hunter orange required when using firearm. Muzzleloading rifle may be used only incidental to deer hunting. Use of dogs permitted except not during Dec. 7–12, and Dec. 16. Daily bag: unlimited coyote or fox	While hunting under the provisions of the Special Permit: Hunter orange is not required (but is recommended while traveling to/from hunting areas.) Hunting methods are restricted to calling and stand hunting. A predator-calling device must be in possession. Use of dogs is prohibited. Use of bait is prohibited. Portable lights are allowed.

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daily bag limits are more restrictive south of Rt. 33, where the best remaining quail habitat exists and where wild quail populations are known to occur. See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 61 for season dates and bag limits. See exceptions below for semi-wild and commercial preserve hunting.

Pheasant

Pheasant Zones were eliminated several years ago. See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 61 for season dates and bag limits. See exceptions below 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 Pasadena-Howardsville), Heislerville, Tuckahoe (MacNamara), Mad Horse, Manahawkin, Manasquan River, Medford, Nantuxent, Peaslee, Pequest, Port Republic, 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

Fish and Wildlife anticipates pheasant releases to be in excess of 50,000 birds, and plans to purchase 11,000 quail for release as follows:

Assunpink, Berkshire Valley, Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Dix, Flatbrook, Glassboro, Millville (Bevan), Nantuxent, Pequest, Port Republic, Tuckahoe (MacNamara), Walpack and Whittingham WMAs will be stocked with pheasant for the following dates:

- Nov. 7, 10, 12, 14, 17, 19, 21, 24, 26 and 28
- Dec. 3, 5, 19, 22, 24, 29 and 31

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and the Heislerville, Howardsville, Mad Horse, Manahawkin, Manasquan, Medford, Stafford Forge and Winslow WMAs will be stocked with pheasant for the following dates:

- Nov. 7, 14, 21, 26 and 28
- Dec. 3, 5, 19, 22, 24, 29 and 31

Greenwood Forest and Peaslee WMAs will be stocked with quail for the following dates:

- Nov. 7, 10, 12, 14, 17, 19, 21, 24, 26 and 28
- Dec. 3, 5, 19, 22, 24, 29 and 31

Fish and Wildlife reminds sportsmen and sportswomen that the stocking schedule is tentative until approved by the Fish and Game Council in early October. The schedule is subject to pheasant production and may change due to emergency weather conditions.

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Rabbit and Hare

The rabbit and hare hunting season will begin the last Saturday in September starting in 2009. The earlier opening date allows for hunting opportunity when rabbit populations are at their peak. See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 61 for season dates and bag limits.

Raccoon and Opossum

See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 61 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. Sunday hunting is permitted only between the hours of midnight (Saturday) and one hour before sunrise (Sunday).

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 rifles while hunting raccoon and opossum when only .22 caliber shorts are permitted.

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 Fish and Game Council has once again established two ruffed grouse hunting zones delineated by Rt. 70. North of Rt. 70 the season length will remain as it was last year. South of Rt. 70 the season length will be reduced by approximately three weeks 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 61 for season dates and bag limits.

Semi-Wild and Commercial Preserve Hunting

Hunting for certain species of game birds is allowed from Nov. 7 to March 15 on semi-wild and from Sept. 1 through May 1 on commercial shooting preserve lands that are properly licensed for the taking of such species. These species of game 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/or chukar partridge on licensed semi-wild preserves on Saturday, Oct. 31, 2009—the Youth Pheasant 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, chukar or mallards taken on commercial preserves. There are no daily bag limits for pheasant, quail or chukar 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

See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 61.

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. 26 to Nov. 6; and, Jan. 9 to Feb. 15. Firearm hunting is prohibited on Nov. 6 on those wildlife management areas designated and Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas. Hunting for squirrel in the manner described above is restricted to the areas described below:

- Those portions of Passaic, Mercer, Hunterdon, Warren, Morris and Sussex counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 513 and the New York State line; then south along Rt. 513 to its intersection with Rt. 511; then south along Rt. 511 to its intersection with Rt. 46; then west along Rt. 46 to its intersection with Rt. 80; then west along Rt. 80 to its intersection with Rt. 15; then north along Rt. 15 to its intersection with the Morris-Sussex County line; then south along the Morris-Sussex County line to the Warren County line; then southwest along the Morris-Warren County line to the Hunterdon County line; then southeast along the Morris-Hunterdon County line to the Somerset County line; then south along the Somerset-Hunterdon County line to its intersection with the Mercer County line; then west and south along the Hunterdon Mercer County line to its intersection with Rt. 31; then south along Rt. 31 to its intersection with Rt. 546; then west along Rt. 546 to the Delaware River; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the New York state line; then east along the New York state line to the point of beginning at Lakeside; and in that portion of Salem, Gloucester, Camden, Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth, Ocean, Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 295 and the Delaware River; then east along Rt. 295 to its intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike; then east along the New Jersey Turnpike to its intersection with Rt. 40; then east along Rt. 40 to its intersection with Rt. 47; then north along Rt. 47 to its intersection with Rt. 536; then east along Rt. 536 to its intersection with Rt. 206; then north along Rt. 206 to its intersection

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Small Game Hunting Seasons

Species (alphabetical)	Inclusive Dates	Hunting Hours	Daily Limits	Notes
Bobwhite (quail)	North of Rt. 33: Nov. 7 to Dec. 5 and Dec. 14, 15, 17–31 and Jan. 1 to Feb. 15	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	7 — North	8 a.m. start on Nov. 7
	South of Rt. 33: Nov. 7 to Dec. 5 and Dec. 14, 15, 17–31 and Jan. 1–30		4 — South	Pheasant and Quail Stamp required on designated areas (see <i>Small Game Hunting</i> page 60).
Coyote* and Fox, General <i>All coyote must be reported within 24 hrs.</i>	Bow and Arrow only: Oct. 3 to Nov. 6 Firearm or Bow and Arrow: Nov. 7–Feb. 15	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	No limit	8 a.m. start on Nov. 7 Open Dec. 7–12 and Dec. 16 with restrictions as specified under <i>Small Game Hunting, Coyote and Fox</i> , page 59. Rifle permit required in possession when hunting with muzzleloading rifle (allowed only incidental to deer hunting).
Coyote* and Fox, Special Permit Season <i>All coyote must be reported within 24 hrs.</i>	Firearm or Bow and Arrow: Jan. 1 to March 15 (permit required)	Permit holders may hunt day and night with certain restrictions; see <i>Notes</i> at right.	No limit	For complete details, see <i>Small Game Hunting, Coyote and Fox</i> , page 59. Calling and standing hunting only. Predator calling device must be in possession. Rifle permit required in possession when hunting with muzzleloading rifle, allowed only during the daytime hunting hours. During night hunting (½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise), only 10 or 12 gauge shotguns with #4 through "T" size shot are permitted. Coyote/fox permit required.
Grouse, Ruffed	North of Rt. 70: Oct. 15 to Dec. 5** and Dec. 14, 15, 17–31 South of Rt. 70: Nov. 7 to Dec. 5** and Dec. 14, 15, 17–31	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	2	8 a.m. start on Nov. 7
Opossum & Raccoon	Oct. 1 to Mar. 1	1 hour after sunset to 1 hour before sunrise	No limit	Rifle permit required when hunting with rifle. 7:41 p.m. start on Oct. 1 Closed Dec. 7–12 and Dec. 16
Pheasant & Chukar	Nov. 7 to Dec. 5 and Dec. 14, 15, 17–31 and Jan. 1 to Feb. 15	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	Chukar — 7 Pheasant — 2	8 a.m. start on Nov. 7 Pheasant and Quail Stamp required on designated areas (see <i>Small Game Hunting</i> page 60).
Rabbit, Hare and Jackrabbit	Sept. 26 to Dec. 5 and Dec. 14, 15, 17–31 and Jan. 1 to Feb. 15	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	Cottontail — 4 Hare — 1 Jackrabbit — 1	8 a.m. start on Nov. 7
Squirrel, Gray	Sept. 26 to Dec. 5** and Dec. 14, 15, 17–31 and Jan. 1 to Feb. 15	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	5	8 a.m. start on Nov. 7
Squirrel, Gray: Muzzleloading Rifle (.36 caliber or smaller)	Sept. 26 to Nov. 6 and Jan. 9 to Feb. 15	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	5	Rifle permit required. Designated areas only (see <i>Small Game Hunting</i> page 60).
Turkey (Fall, Either-Sex)	(Period N) Oct. 26–31	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.	1 Turkey (either sex) per permit	Permit required. Turkey Hunting Areas 1–5, 8, 9, 11, 20–22 only.
Turkey (Spring Gobbler)	(Periods A to E) Apr. 26 to May 28	½ hour before sunrise to noon	1 Male Turkey per permit	Permit required. Refer to 2010 turkey permit supplement, available in late January.
Turkey (Spring Gobbler, Youth)	(Period Y) Apr. 24 to May 28	½ hour before sunrise to noon	1 Male Turkey per permit	Permit required. Refer to 2010 turkey permit supplement, available in late January.
Woodchuck: Bow, Rifle or Shotgun	Mar. 2 to Sept. 30, 2009 Mar. 1 to Sept. 29, 2010	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 24 and <i>Small Game Regulations</i> page 62).
Woodchuck: Bow or Shotgun	Sept. 26 to Dec. 5** and Dec. 14, 15, 17–31 and Jan. 1 to Feb. 15	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	No limit	8 a.m. start on Nov. 7
Woodcock	See <i>Migratory Bird Regulations</i> **	Sunrise to sunset	3 daily; 6 possession	HIP number required (see page 73). 8 a.m. start on Nov. 7
Youth Turkey Day	Apr. 24, 2010	½ hour before sunrise to noon	1 Male Wild Turkey	Permit required. Refer to 2010 turkey permit supplement, available in late January.
Youth Upland Bird Day	Oct. 31	8 a.m. to sunset	Pheasant — 2	Selected WMAs and licensed semi-wilds (see page 21).

* All harvested coyote must be reported to a regional Division Law Enforcement Office within 24 hours. Callers must identify themselves by name and daytime phone number.

** No firearm hunting is permitted on **November 6** on those WMAs designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas.

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with the New Jersey Turnpike; then northeast along the New Jersey Turnpike to its intersection with Rt. 571; then southeast along Rt. 571 to its intersection with the Garden State Parkway; then south along the Garden State Parkway to its intersection with Rt. 9 at Somers Point; then south along Rt. 9 to its intersection with Rt. 83; then west along Rt. 83 to its intersection with Rt. 47; then north along Rt. 47 to its intersection with Dennis Creek; then south along the west bank of Dennis Creek to its intersection with Delaware Bay; then northwest along the east shore of Delaware Bay and the Delaware River to the point of beginning.

Woodchuck

All persons in possession of a rifle (including a muzzleloading rifle) while hunting woodchuck must have a current and valid rifle permit in addition to the current hunting license. Rifle hunting (of any kind) for woodchuck is prohibited on state wildlife management areas, state parks, state forests or state recreation areas. Farmers and their agents may use shot not larger than #4 buckshot to control woodchuck causing damage. Hours of hunting are sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. See chart at right for woodchuck hunting details. 🦫

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Woodchuck Season

Dates	Weapon Type Permitted	Gauge, Caliber or Weight	Projectile(s)
Mar. 2 to Sept. 30, 2009	Center-fire rifle	.25 caliber or less	Hollow point, soft point or expanding lead core bullets of any weight.
		Larger than .25 caliber	Hollow point, soft point or expanding lead core bullets of any weight not exceeding 100 grains in weight.
	Rim-fire rifle	.25 caliber or less	Hollow point or soft point
	Muzzleloading rifle – single-shot, single barrel. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted.	No restriction	Must be loaded with a single projectile, either round ball or conical bullet.
Mar. 1 to Sept. 29, 2010	Bow — long, recurve, compound or crossbow	35 pounds pull at archers draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow); 75 pounds pull for crossbow	Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of ¼"
	Shotgun — single or double barrel, rifled bore or smoothbore	Not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than 3 shells	Shot – sizes not larger than #4 fine shot
Sept. 26 to Dec. 5;	Bow — long, recurve, compound or crossbow	35 pounds pull at archers draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow); 75 pounds pull for crossbow	Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of ¼"
Dec. 14, 15 and 17–31, 2009;			
and Jan. 1 to Feb. 15	Shotgun – single or double barrel, rifled bore or smoothbore	Not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than 3 shells	Shot – sizes not larger than #4 fine shot

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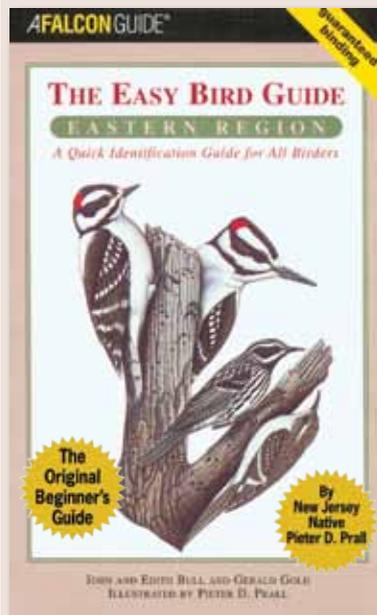
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IMPORTANT CHANGES TO NEW JERSEY TURKEY HUNTING SEASONS

Fall Turkey Season Changes

The Fish and Game Council follows specific guidelines to justify opening and closing parts of the state to fall turkey hunting. These guidelines take into account turkey populations by focusing on spring gobbler harvest data. **Turkey Hunting Areas (THAs) 6, 7 and 10 have met the threshold to close the fall season and these areas will be closed to fall hunting during the 2009 fall turkey hunting season.**

Using these same criteria, THA 22 has met the guidelines for opening a fall season. **THA 22 will be open for fall hunting during the 2009 season.** See also *Turkey Hunting Area Boundary Changes*, page 64.

Fall 2009 Turkey Hunting Regulations

The 2009 fall turkey season consists of one six-day hunting segment, N, from Monday, Oct. 26 through Saturday, Oct. 31, 2009. Fall hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset. Turkey Hunting Areas 1-5, 8, 9, 11, 20-22 are open for fall hunting. Turkey Hunting Areas 6, 7, 10, 12 and 14-16 are closed to fall hunting.

- **Bag Limit:** One wild turkey of either sex per day during the fall season regardless of the number of permits the hunter holds.
- Dogs and artificial decoys may be used while turkey hunting in the fall season, except the use of electronically-operated decoys is prohibited. All hunters are required to possess a calling device while turkey hunting.
- The maximum group size while turkey hunting is five hunters. Hunters may not attempt to chase or drive turkeys for the purpose of putting them in range of other hunters. However, hunters may rush a flock of turkeys to cause the flock to scatter.
- No shot larger than #4 fine shot or smaller than #7½ fine shot may be used for turkey hunting.
- Hunters may not use shotguns larger than 10-gauge or smaller than 20-gauge for turkey hunting.
- Fluorescent hunter orange is not required to hunt turkey.
- Properly licensed hunters may use archery tackle to hunt turkeys.
- Turkeys may not be hunted within 300 feet of any baited area.

Immediately upon killing a turkey, hunters must complete the transportation tag on their fall hunting permit and affix it to the bird. The turkey must be taken to an official wild turkey check station by 7 p.m. on the day it is killed *by the hunter who killed the bird*.

Spring Turkey Season Changes

There are many factors that can contribute to changes in the turkey population, and very few of these factors (spring rainfall, for example) can

2010 Spring Gobbler Hunting Season

Hunting Period	Dates
Youth Turkey Hunting Day (10-16 years of age) Hunting Period Y	Sat., April 24 If no turkey is harvested on this youth hunt day, Period Y permits may be used in the designated zone for balance of season until a bird is harvested
Hunting Period A	Mon., April 26 – Fri., April 30
Hunting Period B	Mon., May 3 – Fri., May 7
Hunting Period C	Mon., May 10 – Fri., May 14
Hunting Period D	Mon., May 17 – Fri., May 21; Mon., May 24 – Fri., May 28
Hunting Period E	All Saturdays, May 1, May 8, May 15 and May 22

be controlled by wildlife managers. One factor wildlife managers can control is the length and timing of hunting seasons.

Spring gobbler hunting seasons are set to coincide with the time when hens begin to incubate their eggs. In New Jersey, this occurs in late April. Starting a spring season too early can be detrimental to turkey populations because hens abandon nests more readily if they are disturbed before they start to incubate. In addition, illegal take of hens occurs more frequently if a spring season starts before incubation, when hens are still mobile.

The second peak in gobbling activity occurs at the start of incubation, when nesting hens are no longer available to gobblers. The spring season should be timed to better coincide with this peak in gobbling activity.

Local and regional data on wild turkey hens shows that New Jersey's current spring season format is not optimally timed to help prevent nest abandonment and illegal take of hens. **Therefore, New Jersey's spring gobbler season has been reformatted to begin later in April.** This new season structure will favor the success of nesting hens, and will more closely match peaks in gobbling activity. See also *Turkey Hunting Area Boundary Changes*, page 64.



The morning at Winslow WMA was unusually cold when Katelyn Fox, 14, and her dad, Tom, had one gobbler respond to his calls, presenting Katelyn with a 20-yard shot from her 20 gauge. Now in her fourth year of hunting, she is especially proud of taking her third turkey. This one is her largest: over 18 lbs with an 8½-inch beard and 1-inch spurs.

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If no turkey is harvested on this youth hunt day, Period Y permits may be used in the designated zone for balance of season until a bird is harvested (see page 23).

Non-hunting adults accompanying youth turkey hunters need only have in possession a valid hunting license. Turkey hunting is by permit only. Spring and fall turkey hunting is by permit only. See *Turkey Hunting Permits, General*, page 12. For farmers, see *Farmer Turkey Permits*, page 27.

Spring 2010 Gobbler Hunting Regulations

Spring gobbler hunting regulations are published in the 2010 Wild Turkey Hunting Season permit supplement. See *Turkey Hunting Permits, General*, page 12.

Turkey Hunting Seminars

The latest turkey hunting techniques are presented at several turkey hunting seminars sponsored by Fish and Wildlife or wildlife conservation organizations. These seminars focus on how to set up, calling techniques and key safety information for turkey hunters. New turkey hunters are especially encouraged to join us at a seminar. Check your newspaper and the January 2010 Wild Turkey Hunting Season permit supplement for the seminars scheduled during March and April.

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Turkey Hunting Area Boundary Changes

The boundaries of Turkey Hunting Areas (THAs) 15, 20 and 21 have been changed to reflect current information on wild turkey population growth and habitat quality. Specifically, turkey populations in the southern parts of THA 15 have increased substantially over the past 10 years. The habitat in this region is similar to that of THAs 20 and 21, where turkeys have thrived. For these reasons, the southern parts of THA 15 are transferred to adjacent THAs 20 and 21. The northern parts of THA 15 will remain intact.

Follow the new Turkey Hunting Area boundaries carefully. Use the maps below only as a general guide.

- **Turkey Hunting Area 15:** That portion of Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, and Gloucester counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 70 and 206 at Red Lion; then south along Rt. 206 to Hammonton; then south along Rt. 54 from Hammonton to its intersection with the Atlantic City Expressway; then west along the Atlantic City Expressway to its intersection with Rt. 42; then north on Rt. 42 to its intersection with Interstate 76; then north along Interstate 76 to its intersection with the Delaware River; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to its intersection with Rt. 30 at Camden; then east along Rt. 30 to its intersection with Rt. 38; then east along Rt. 38 to its intersection with Rt. 70; then east along Rt. 70 to the point of beginning.
- **Turkey Hunting Area 20:** That portion of Cumberland, Gloucester, Camden, and Salem counties beginning at the intersection of the east bank of the Delaware River and Interstate 76; then southeast on Interstate 76 to its intersection

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with Rt. 42; then south on Rt. 42 to its intersection with the Atlantic City Expressway; then south on the Atlantic City Expressway to its intersection with Rt. 536; then south along Rt. 536 to its intersection with Rt. 322; then west along Rt. 322 to its intersection with Rt. 47; then south along Rt. 47 to its intersection with Rt. 40; then west along Rt. 40 to its intersection with Rt. 553; then south along Rt. 553 to its intersection with Rt. 49; then west along Rt. 49 to Bridgeton and its intersection with the Cohansy River; then south along the west bank of the Cohansy River to its confluence with the Delaware River; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the point of beginning.

- **Turkey Hunting Area 21:** That portion of Atlantic, Cumberland, Gloucester, Camden and Salem counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 40 and 553; then east along Rt. 40 to its intersection with Rt. 47; then north along Rt. 47 to its intersection with Rt. 322; then east along Rt. 322 to its intersection with Rt. 536; then north along Rt. 536 to its intersection with the Atlantic City Expressway; then south along the Atlantic City Expressway to its intersection with Rt. 54; then south on Rt. 54 to Lincoln Ave. (Rt. 655), in Buena Vista; then southwest along Lincoln Ave. to its intersection with Rt. 55 in Vineland; then south along Rt. 55 to its intersection with Rt. 49; then west along Rt. 49 to the Maurice River; then south along the west bank of the Maurice River to its confluence with Delaware Bay; then west along the Delaware Bay shore to the Cohansy River; then north along the east bank of the Cohansy River to its intersection with Rt. 49 at Bridgeton; then east along Rt. 49 to its intersection with Rt. 553; then north along Rt. 553 to the point of beginning. ♪

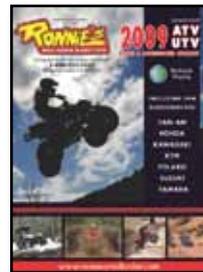
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- A trapping license is required and a Trapper Education course must be passed. See page 8 for license information.
- All traps set or used must bear a legible tag of durable material with the name and address of the person setting, using and maintaining the traps.
- A trap identification number issued by Fish and Wildlife may be used in lieu of a name/address tag. A photocopy of your current and valid trapping license plus a daytime telephone number will be required. Contact the Bureau of Wildlife Management at (609) 292-6685 for more information.
- No traps or trap stakes are to be set prior to times indicated in this section.
- All traps must be checked and tended at least once every 24 hours, preferably in the morning.
- No trap shall be permitted to remain set on any property at the close of the trapping season.
- No person shall steal or attempt to take traps of another, or remove a trapped animal without permission of the trap owner.
- **Any person (including a farmer) who traps a coyote must notify a Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement office within 24 hours.**
- Licensed trappers at least 18 years of age and in possession of a valid rifle permit may carry a .22 caliber rifle and use only .22 caliber short rimfire cartridges to kill legally trapped animals other than muskrat. Firearms may not be loaded with more than three rounds.

Beaver and River Otter

Beaver may be taken only by properly licensed trappers in possession of a special beaver trapping permit valid for an entire management zone, or a special site-specific beaver permit valid as designated on the permit. River otter may only be taken by properly licensed trappers in possession of a special river otter trapping permit valid for an entire management zone. Application can be made at license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site WildlifeLicense.com/NJ. Applicants must have a current and valid trapping license to apply.

Zone maps, boundary descriptions and permit quotas are available on our Web site or call (609) 292-1473. Applicants must have a current and valid trapping license to apply. The applica-

tion period is October 1–31. Applicants may apply for only one beaver trapping permit and/or one otter trapping permit. If the number of applications exceeds the permit quota, a random lottery drawing will be held to determine permit holders. Successful beaver permit applicants will be given first opportunity for otter permits in their respective zone.

Beaver trappers may indicate on their application if they wish to be considered for a site-specific beaver permit within your chosen zone. Site-specific permits are issued for properties where confirmed beaver damage or nuisance problems exist. A separate, random lottery will determine site-specific permit holders; however, applicants who did not receive a zone-wide beaver permit will have first opportunity for a site-specific permit.

Other beaver/otter rules and regulations:

- Holders of a beaver trapping zone permit may use a maximum of five traps daily.
- Holders of a site-specific permit may use an additional five traps daily only at the location specified on the permit.
- Holders of a river otter trapping permit may use a maximum of three traps daily.
- All beaver and otter trap tags must be clearly visible above the water or ice.
- **A Fish and Wildlife-issued Beaver Transportation Tag or Otter Transportation Tag** must be affixed to the beaver or otter carcass immediately upon removal from the trap.
- All otters harvested incidentally by beaver trappers (i.e., trappers possessing a beaver permit but not an otter permit) must be fully surrendered to the Division of Fish and Wildlife. The entire carcass, including the pelt, must be surrendered.
- All successful trappers (or their agents) must present their beaver and/or otter pelts at a designated check station for examination where pelt tags will be affixed. All otter carcasses must be surrendered when pelts are registered, as required by the Game Code. Trappers are strongly encouraged to properly flesh and stretch all pelts for examination. Additional information on check stations will be provided to all permit holders.
- Fish and Wildlife will staff check-in stations at the Assunpink, Clinton, Flatbrook, Tuckahoe and Winslow WMAs and the Newfoundland Fire Company on Saturday, Feb. 20 (tentative.) Pelts may also be registered at Space Farms, Sussex County, in conjunction with the New Jersey Trappers Association's January fur auction. Successful trappers who cannot attend the scheduled dates should contact either Joseph Garris at (908) 735-7040 or Andrew Burnett at (609) 748-2058 prior to February 20 to make alternate arrangements.

Fisher

Fishers are returning, naturally and through re-introduction effort in New York and Pennsylvania,

to most of their historic range in the northeastern United States. Fishers have been documented in several northern New Jersey counties and as far south as Cape May County.

The Fish and Game Council defines fisher as a furbearer to clarify its status; however there is no open trapping season at this time; possession is not permitted. If you find a live fisher on your trapline, do not disturb the animal or the set but immediately notify Fish and Wildlife by calling 1-877-WARNDEP (927-6337). A Fish and Wildlife technician will provide further instructions. For a dead fisher on your trapline, call 1-877-WARNDEP; a Fish and Wildlife technician will make arrangements to pick up the animal. Biological samples will be taken from all fisher carcasses then analyzed for age and reproductive status. The data collected will be instrumental to determine when an open season may be established in the future.

Traps, Body Gripping Restraining Type (Snare)

- No person shall set, use or maintain any type of snare unless they have first passed a Fish and Wildlife-approved trapper education course and carry on their person appropriate certification thereof.
- All natural baits consisting of fish, bird or mammal carcasses or flesh used in trapping with body gripping restraining snares must be covered or concealed from view except when placed at least 30 feet from any trap set.

Body gripping restraining snares set for mink, muskrat and nutria are subject to the following requirements:

- All such traps must be constructed of aircraft cable or crucible wire measuring 1/32, 3/64 or 1/16 inches in diameter, equipped with a swivel and set within 50 feet of the mean high water line;
- All such traps must be equipped with a stop to prevent the average loop diameter from exceeding 4 inches; and,
- All such traps must be set so that the distance between the ground/walking surface to the top of the loop does not exceed 7 inches.

Body gripping restraining snares set for coyote, fox, opossum, raccoon, skunk and weasel shall be subject to the following requirements:

- All such traps must be constructed of aircraft cable of crucible wire measuring from 5/64 to 1/8 inches in diameter and be equipped with a swivel;
- All such traps must be equipped with a deer stop located no less than 6 inches from the beginning of the cable and a loop stop to prevent the average loop diameter from exceeding 12 inches; and,
- All such traps must be set so that the distance between the ground / walking surface to the top of the loop does not exceed 24 inches.

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The above requirements for cable diameters, loop stops and loop sizes do not apply to body gripping restraining snares that are completely submerged underwater at all times (e.g., when set for beaver or river otter).

Traps, Conibear or Killer-type

No Conibear or killer-type trap shall be used in non-tidal waters unless completely submerged underwater when the water is at the normal level. In tidal water, such traps must be completely covered at normal high tide.

It is illegal to use, set or possess a Conibear or killer-type trap having a jaw spread greater than 6 inches without a permit for beaver or river otter. A Conibear or killer-type trap with a jaw spread of no more than 10 inches may be used for beaver or river otter. Jaw spread shall be measured between the inner edges of the jaws across the trigger of a set trap.

Beaver and otter trap tags must be placed above the water line and exposed to view.

Traps, Leg-hold

It is illegal to possess or use steel-jawed leghold traps anywhere in New Jersey. 🐾



Red fox (*Vulpes vulpes fulva*)

2009–10 New Jersey Trapping Zones, Seasons and Bag Limits

Species	Zone	Inclusive Dates	Season Limits	Notes
Raccoon, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Opossum, Skunk, Weasel & Coyote	Statewide (except stocked WMAs)	Nov. 15 – Mar. 15	No limit	6 a.m. start on Nov. 15
	Pheasant/Quail Stocked State WMAs ONLY ¹	Jan. 1 – Mar. 15	No limit	6 a.m. start on Jan. 1
All coyote must be reported within 24 hrs.				
Fisher	Statewide	No open season	0, possession prohibited	Call 1-877-WARNDEP (927-6337) as soon as possible. Surrender entire carcass, including pelt to Division of Fish & Wildlife
Mink, Muskrat & Nutria	Northern Zone ² (except stocked WMAs)	Nov. 15 – Mar. 15	No limit	6 a.m. start on Nov. 15
	Southern Zone ³ (except stocked WMAs)	Dec. 1 – Mar. 15	No limit	6 a.m. start on Dec. 1
	Pheasant/Quail Stocked State WMAs ONLY ¹	Jan. 1 – Mar. 15	No limit	6 a.m. start on Jan. 1
Beaver	Statewide (except stocked WMAs)	Dec. 26 – Feb. 9	8 / permit	Permit required. Max. of 5 traps in use ⁴
	Pheasant/Quail Stocked State WMAs ONLY ¹	Jan. 1 – Feb. 9		
River Otter	Statewide (except stocked WMAs)	Dec. 26 – Feb. 9	1 / season	Permit required. Max. of 3 traps in use
	Pheasant/Quail Stocked State WMAs ONLY ¹	Jan. 1 – Feb. 9		

1. Pheasant/Quail Stocked State WMAs are: Assunpink, Berkshire Valley, Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Dix, Flatbrook-Roy, Glassboro, Greenwood (including Pasadena-Howardsville), Heislerville, Mad Horse, Manahawkin, Manasquan River, Medford, Bevans-Cedarville (Millville), Nantuxent, Peaslee, Pequest, Port Republic, Stafford Forge, MacNamara (Tuckahoe-Corbin City), Walpack, Winslow, Whittingham, Fort Dix Military Reservation and the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. The Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area is closed to trapping.
2. Those portions of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren counties lying north of a line beginning at the intersection of US Rt. 1 and the Delaware River, at Trenton; then north along US Rt. 1 to its intersection with Interstate Rt. 287; then south on I-287 to its intersection with Rt. 440; then east along Rt. 440 to its intersection with the New Jersey – New York State Line in the Arthur Kill.
3. Those portions of the Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean and Salem counties lying south of a line beginning at the intersection of US Rt. 1 and the Delaware River, at Trenton; then north along US Rt. 1 to its intersection with Interstate Rt. 287; then south on I-287 to its intersection with Rt. 440; then east along Rt. 440 to its intersection with the New Jersey – New York State Line in the Arthur Kill.
4. Holders of both a Special Beaver Permit and a Special Site-Specific Beaver Permit may use five additional traps per Special Site-Specific Beaver Permit provided they are used only on the property or site specified in the Special Site-Specific Beaver Permit. The bag limit per Site-Specific Beaver Permit is 10 beavers.