

NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife
2019-2020 MIGRATORY BIRD SEASONS

PRIMARY WATERFOWL SEASONS

NORTH ZONE

Ducks:	Oct. 12 – Oct. 19	Nov. 9 – Jan. 9
Brant:	Nov. 9 – Nov. 30	Dec. 28 – Jan. 9
Canada Goose:	Nov. 23 – Nov. 30	Dec. 27 – Jan. 22
Youth and Veterans/Military Days:	Oct. 5 & Feb. 1	

SOUTH ZONE

Ducks	Oct. 19 – Oct. 26	Nov. 16 – Jan. 16
Brant:	Oct. 19 – Oct. 26	Nov. 16 – Dec. 12
Canada Goose:	Nov. 23 – Nov. 30	Dec. 27 – Jan. 22
Youth and Veterans/Military Days:	Oct. 12 & Feb. 1	

COASTAL ZONE

Ducks and Canada goose:	Nov. 9 – Nov. 13	Nov. 28 – Jan. 31
Brant:	Nov. 28 – Nov. 30	Dec. 26 – Jan. 25
Youth and Veterans/Military Days:	Nov. 2 & Feb. 8	

Daily bag limits

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

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

Brant: 2

Canada geese (Regular season): 2, all zones

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

Youth and Veterans/Military Days: 6 ducks with same species restrictions, 2 brant, 2 Canada geese, 25 light geese.

CANADA GOOSE

September Season (Statewide)

Sept. 2 - 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. 23 – Feb. 15

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

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SEA DUCKS; SEA DUCK AREA ONLY

Nov. 2 – Jan. 10

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. 17 – Apr. 4

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. 19 – Nov. 2
Nov. 5 – Nov. 30

South Zone: Nov. 9 – Nov. 30
Dec. 12 – Dec. 31

Daily bag limit: 3

RAILS AND GALLINULE

Sept. 2 – Nov. 21

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

SNIPE

Sept. 14 – Jan. 16

Daily bag limit: 8

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

Aug. 12 – Dec. 7

Dec. 16 – Mar. 21

Daily bag limit: None