

NEW JERSEY 2021-22 MIGRATORY BIRD SEASONS

April 13, 2021

NOTE: Although the following selections are within the frameworks proposed by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, they will not be formally finalized through the Federal Register process until the conclusion of the federal public comment period.

PRIMARY WATERFOWL SEASONS

NORTH ZONE

Ducks: Oct. 16 – Oct. 23 Nov. 13 – Jan. 13
Scaup: Oct. 16 – Oct. 23 Nov. 13 – Dec. 21 (1 bird)
Scaup: Dec. 22 – Jan. 13 (2 birds)

Brant: Oct. 16 – Oct. 23 Nov. 13 – Jan. 1

Canada Goose: Nov. 25 – Nov. 27 Dec. 11 – Jan. 11

Youth Waterfowl Day: Oct. 9

SOUTH ZONE

Ducks: Oct. 23 – Oct. 30 Nov. 20 – Jan. 20
Scaup: Oct. 23 – Oct. 30 Nov. 20 – Dec. 28 (1 bird)
Scaup: Dec. 29 – Jan. 20 (2 birds)

Brant: Oct. 23 – Oct. 30 Nov. 20 – Jan. 8

Canada Goose: Nov. 25 – Nov. 27 Dec. 18 – Jan. 18

Youth Waterfowl Day: Oct. 16

COASTAL ZONE

Ducks and Canada goose:
Nov. 11 – Nov. 13 Nov. 25 – Jan. 29

Scaup: Nov. 11 – Nov. 13 Nov. 25 – Jan. 6 (1 bird)
Scaup: Jan. 7 – Jan. 29 (2 birds)

Brant: Nov. 11 – Nov. 13 Nov. 25 – Jan. 18

Youth Day: Oct. 30

SPECIAL WATERFOWL SEASONS

Youth Days

North Zone Oct. 9

South Zone Oct. 16

Coastal Zone Oct. 30

Statewide Veterans/Military Day: Nov. 6

Statewide Joint Youth and Veterans/Military Day: Feb. 5

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 redheads, 2 canvasbacks, 4 long-tailed ducks, 4 eiders, 4 scoters, scaup: 1 scaup/day for first 40 days in each zone; 2 scaup/day for last 20 days.

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): 1, North and South Zones; 2, Coastal Zone;
Canada goose bag limits include cackling geese and white-fronted geese singly or in aggregate.

Youth and Veterans/Military Days: To include ducks, geese, brant, mergansers, coots, and gallinules. Bag limits are the same as those allowed in the regular season in each zone except for scaup which is 2 scaup per day.

CANADA GOOSE

September Season (Statewide)

Sept. 1 - Sept. 30

Daily bag limit: 15 Canada geese
Special regulations apply

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

CANADA GOOSE

Special Winter Season (Two Distinct Zones)

Jan. 19 – Feb. 15

Daily bag limit: 5 singly or in aggregate including cackling and white-fronted geese.

SEA DUCKS; SEA DUCK AREA ONLY

Nov. 6 – Jan. 14

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. 16 – 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. 9

Daily bag limit: None; includes greater and lesser snow geese and Ross's geese
Special regulations apply during the Conservation Order

WOODCOCK

North Zone: Oct. 16 – Oct. 30
Nov. 2 – Nov. 27

South Zone: Nov. 6 – Nov. 30
Dec. 16 – Jan. 1

Daily bag limit: 3

RAILS AND GALLINULE

Sept. 1 – Nov. 20

Daily bag limits: Sora and Virginia rails: 25 total or in aggregate;

Clapper rail: 10

Gallinule: 1

SNIPE

Sept. 11 – Jan. 13

Daily bag limit: 8

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

Aug. 9 – Dec. 4

Dec. 13 – Mar. 19

Daily bag limit: None