

2021-22 Migratory Bird Regulations

Species	Dates	Daily Bag Limit ^A
North Zone		
Duck, Merganser, Coot	Oct. 16 – Oct. 23 Nov. 13 – Jan. 13	Duck ^B -6; Merganser ^C -5; Coot-15
Brant	Oct. 16 – Oct. 23 Nov. 13 – Jan. 1	2
Canada Geese	Nov. 25 – Nov. 27 Dec. 11 – Jan. 11	1
Youth Waterfowl Day	Oct. 9	See below ^E
South Zone		
Duck, Merganser, Coot	Oct. 23 – Oct. 30 Nov. 20 – Jan. 20	Duck ^B -6; Merganser ^C -5; Coot-15
Brant	Oct. 23 – Oct. 30 Nov. 20 – Jan. 8	2
Canada Geese	Nov. 25 – Nov. 27 Dec. 18 – Jan. 18	1
Youth Waterfowl Day	Oct. 16	See below ^E
Coastal Zone		
Duck, Canada Geese Merganser, Coot	Nov. 11 – Nov. 13 Nov. 25 – Jan. 29	Duck ^B -6; Canada Geese-2 Merganser ^C -5; Coot-15
Brant	Nov. 11 – Nov. 13 Nov. 25 – Jan. 18	2
Youth Waterfowl Day	Oct. 30	See below ^E
Statewide Seasons		
Sept. Canada Geese	Sept. 1 – Sept. 30	15
Light Geese ^D		
Regular Season	Oct. 16 – Feb. 15	25
Conservation Order	Feb. 16 – Apr. 9	No limit
Joint Youth & Vets Military Day	Feb. 5	See below ^E
Veterans/Military Day	Nov. 6	See below ^E

^A Possession Limits:

Three times the daily limit for all species during each season. Exception: light geese have no possession limit.

^B 6 ducks in aggregate but not to include more than 2 mallard (1 hen), 2 black duck, 3 wood duck, 1 pintail, 2 redhead, 2 canvasback, 4 scoter, 4 long-tailed duck, 4 eider, and 1 scaup (except during the last 20 days in each zone when limit is 2 scaup). See Digest for exact dates.

^C Mergansers: 5 of which only 2 may be hooded mergansers. Merganser limits are in addition to duck limits.

^D Light geese include greater and lesser snow geese and Ross's geese.


^E Same as regular seasons except 2 scaup

Closed Season: Swans, harlequin duck, king rail, sandhill crane, and mourning dove.

No migratory bird hunting on Sundays

2021-22 Sunrise-Sunset Table

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Day	Oct.		Nov.		Dec.		Jan.		Feb.	
	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.
1	6:56	6:41	7:29	5:56	7:03	4:34	7:22	4:43	7:09	5:17
2	6:57	6:39	7:30	5:55	7:04	4:33	7:22	4:44	7:08	5:18
3	6:58	6:37	7:31	5:54	7:05	4:33	7:22	4:45	7:07	5:19
4	6:59	6:36	7:32	5:52	7:06	4:33	7:22	4:46	7:06	5:21
5	7:00	6:34	7:34	5:51	7:07	4:33	7:22	4:47	7:05	5:22
6	7:01	6:33	7:35	5:50	7:07	4:33	7:22	4:48	7:04	5:23
7	7:02	6:31	6:36	4:49	7:08	4:33	7:22	4:49	7:02	5:24
8	7:03	6:29	6:37	4:48	7:09	4:33	7:22	4:50	7:01	5:26
9	7:04	6:28	6:38	4:47	7:10	4:33	7:21	4:51	7:00	5:27
10	7:05	6:26	6:39	4:46	7:11	4:33	7:21	4:52	6:59	5:28
11	7:06	6:25	6:41	4:45	7:12	4:33	7:21	4:53	6:58	5:29
12	7:07	6:23	6:42	4:44	7:12	4:33	7:21	4:54	6:57	5:30
13	7:08	6:22	6:43	4:44	7:13	4:34	7:21	4:55	6:56	5:32
14	7:09	6:20	6:44	4:43	7:14	4:34	7:20	4:56	6:54	5:33
15	7:10	6:19	6:45	4:42	7:15	4:34	7:20	4:57	6:53	5:34
16	7:11	6:17	6:46	4:41	7:15	4:34	7:19	4:58	6:52	5:35
17	7:12	6:16	6:47	4:40	7:16	4:35	7:19	4:59	6:50	5:36
18	7:13	6:14	6:49	4:40	7:17	4:35	7:19	5:00	6:49	5:37
19	7:14	6:13	6:50	4:39	7:17	4:36	7:18	5:02	6:48	5:39
20	7:15	6:11	6:51	4:38	7:18	4:36	7:18	5:03	6:46	5:40
21	7:17	6:10	6:52	4:38	7:18	4:37	7:17	5:04	6:45	5:41
22	7:18	6:09	6:53	4:37	7:19	4:37	7:16	5:05	6:44	5:42
23	7:19	6:07	6:54	4:37	7:19	4:38	7:16	5:06	6:42	5:43
24	7:20	6:06	6:55	4:36	7:20	4:38	7:15	5:07	6:41	5:44
25	7:21	6:05	6:56	4:36	7:20	4:39	7:14	5:09	6:39	5:46
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HUNTING HOURS:

Ducks, geese, brant, coots, rails, gallinule, and snipe - 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset. See Digest for other species



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