

Recommended NEW JERSEY 2021-22 MIGRATORY BIRD SEASONS

April 13, 2021

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

SNIFE

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