**Recommended NEW JERSEY 2023-24 MIGRATORY BIRD SEASONS**

**April 11, 2023**

**primary waterfowl seasons**

**North Zone**

Ducks: Oct. 14 – Oct. 21 Nov. 11 – Jan. 11

Scaup: Oct. 14 – Oct. 21 Nov. 11 – Dec. 19 (1 bird)

Dec. 20 – Jan. 11 (2 birds)

Brant: Nov. 11 – Nov. 25 Dec. 23 – Jan. 11

Canada Goose: Nov. 18 – Nov. 25 Dec. 16 – Jan. 29

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**South Zone**

Ducks: Oct. 21 – Oct. 28 Nov. 18 – Jan. 18

Scaup: Oct. 21 – Oct. 28 Nov. 18 – Dec. 26 (1 bird)

Dec. 27 – Jan. 18 (2 birds)

Brant: Oct. 21 – Oct. 28 Nov. 18 – Dec. 14

Canada Goose: Nov. 18 – Nov. 25 Dec. 16 – Jan. 29

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**Coastal Zone**

Ducks and Canada goose:

Nov. 9 – Nov. 11 Nov. 23 – Jan. 27

Scaup: Nov. 9 – Nov. 11 Nov. 23 – Jan. 4 (1 bird)

Jan. 5 – Jan. 27 (2 birds)

Brant: Nov. 23 – Dec. 2 Dec. 14 – Jan. 6

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**special waterfowl seasons**

Youth Days

North Zone:Oct. 7

South Zone:Oct. 14

Coastal Zone: Oct. 28

Statewide Veterans & Active Military Day: Nov. 4

Statewide Joint Youth and Veterans & Active Military Day:Feb. 3

***Daily bag limits***

Ducks: *6 ducks which may NOT include more than: 4 mallards (not more than 2 hen mallards), 2 black ducks, 3 wood ducks, 1 pintail, 2 redheads, 2 canvasbacks,* 4 total sea ducks (no more than 3 scoters, 3 eiders [1 hen], 3 long-tailed ducks)*, 1 black-bellied or fulvous whistling duck in aggregate, scaup*: 1 scaup/day for first 40 days in each zone; 2 scaup/day for last 20 days.

Mergansers*: 5. Merganser limits are in addition to regular ducks.*

Coot: *15*

Brant: 1

Canada geese (Regular season): *3, 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 & Active 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

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

**Canada Goose**

**Special Winter Season** (Two Distinct Zones)

Jan. 30 – Feb. 15

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

**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.*

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Statewide: Feb. 16 – Apr. 6

*Daily bag limit: None; includes greater and lesser snow geese and Ross’s geese*

Special regulations

**Woodcock**

North Zone: Oct. 14 – Oct. 28

Oct. 31 – Nov. 25

South Zone: Nov. 11 – Dec. 2

Dec. 14 – Jan. 2

*Daily bag limit: 3*

**Rails and GALLINULE**

Sept. 1 – Nov. 21

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

*Clapper rail: 10*

*Gallinule: 1*

**Snipe**

Sept. 9 – Jan. 11

*Daily bag limit: 8*

**Crows** (Mon., Thur., Fri., & Sat.)

Aug. 14 – Dec. 2

Dec. 11 – Mar. 16

*Daily bag limit: None*