

2024-25 NJ Migratory Bird Regulations

Season	Date	Daily Bag Limit ^A
North Zone		
Duck, Merganser, Coot	Oct. 12 – Oct. 19 Nov. 16 – Jan. 16	Duck-6; Merganser-5; Coot-15
Brant	Nov. 16 – Nov. 30 Dec. 14 – Jan. 2	1
Canada Geese	Nov. 28 – Nov. 30 Dec. 26 – Jan. 25	3
Youth Waterfowl Day	Oct. 5	See below ^C
South Zone		
Duck, Merganser, Coot	Oct. 19 – Oct. 26 Nov. 23 – Jan. 23	Duck-6; Merganser-5; Coot-15
Brant	Nov. 23 – Nov. 30 Dec. 14 – Jan. 9	1
Canada Geese	Nov. 28 – Nov. 30 Dec. 26 – Jan. 25	3
Youth Waterfowl Day	Oct. 12	See below ^C
Coastal Zone		
Duck, Canada Geese, Merganser, Coot	Nov. 9 – Nov. 13 Nov. 28 – Jan. 31	Duck-6; Canada Goose-2; Merganser-5; Coot-15
Brant	Nov. 28 – Dec. 7 Dec. 14 – Jan. 7	1
Youth Waterfowl Day	Oct. 26	See below ^C
Statewide Seasons		
Sept. Canada Goose	Sept. 2 – Sept. 30	15
Light Geese ^B		
Regular Season	Oct. 17 - Feb. 15	25
Conservation Order	Feb. 17 – Apr. 5	No limit
Joint Youth & Veterans & Active Military Day	Feb. 1	See below ^C
Veterans & Active Military Day	Nov. 2	See below ^C

^A **Bag Limits:** 6 Ducks in aggregate but not to include more than 4 mallard (2 hens), 2 black duck, 3 wood duck, 1 pintail, 2 redhead, 2 canvasback, 1 whistling duck, 4 sea duck (no more than 3 scoter, 3 long-tailed duck, 3 eider [1 hen]), and 1 scaup (except during last 20 days in each zone, the limit is 2).
5 Mergansers in aggregate. Merganser limits in addition to duck limits.

^B **Light Geese** include greater and lesser snow geese and Ross’s geese.

^C **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.

All migratory bird zones are described in detail and mapped at the following QR code.



2024-25 Sunrise-Sunset Table

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	Oct.		Nov.		Dec.		Jan.		Feb.	
	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set
Day	A.M.	P.M.	A.M	P.M.	A.M	P.M.	A.M	P.M.	A.M	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	6:31	4:54	7:05	4:33	7:22	4:45	7:07	5:19
4	6:59	6:36	6:32	4:52	7:06	4:33	7:22	4:46	7:06	5:21
5	7:00	6:34	6:34	4:51	7:07	4:33	7:22	4:47	7:05	5:22
6	7:01	6:33	6:35	4:50	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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