

FINAL NEW JERSEY 2024-25 MIGRATORY BIRD SEASONS

April 17, 2024

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. 12 – Oct. 19 Nov. 16 – Jan. 16

Scaup: Oct. 12 – Oct. 19 Nov. 16 – Dec. 24 (1 bird)
Dec. 25 – Jan. 16 (2 birds)

Brant: Nov. 16 – Nov. 30 Dec. 14 – Jan. 2

Canada Goose: Nov. 28 – Nov. 30 Dec. 26 – Jan. 25

Youth Waterfowl Day: Oct. 5

SOUTH ZONE

Ducks: Oct. 19 – Oct. 26 Nov. 23 – Jan. 23

Scaup: Oct. 19 – Oct. 26 Nov. 23 – Dec. 31 (1 bird)
Jan. 1 – Jan. 23 (2 birds)

Brant: Nov. 23 – Nov. 30 Dec. 14 – Jan. 9

Canada Goose: Nov. 28 – Nov. 30 Dec. 26 – Jan. 25

Youth Waterfowl Day: Oct. 12

COASTAL ZONE

Ducks and Canada goose:
Nov. 9 – Nov. 13 Nov. 28 – Jan. 31

Scaup: Nov. 9 – Nov. 13 Nov. 28 – Jan. 8 (1 bird)
Jan. 9 – Jan. 31 (2 birds)

Brant: Nov. 28 – Dec. 7 Dec. 14 – Jan. 7

Youth Day: Oct. 26

SPECIAL WATERFOWL SEASONS

Youth Days
North Zone: Oct. 5
South Zone: Oct. 12

Coastal Zone: Oct. 26

Statewide Veterans & Active Military Day: Nov. 2

Statewide Joint Youth and Veterans & Active Military Day: Feb. 1

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.

Coot: 15

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

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. 2 - Sept. 30

Daily bag limit: 15 Canada geese

Special regulations

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

CANADA GOOSE

Special Winter Season (Two Distinct Zones)

Jan. 27 – 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.

Conservation Order

Statewide: Feb. 17 – Apr. 5

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

Special regulations

WOODCOCK

North Zone: Oct. 19 – Oct. 26
Oct. 29 – Nov. 30

South Zone: Nov. 9 – Dec. 7
Dec. 19 – Dec. 31

Daily bag limit: 3

RAILS AND GALLINULE

Sept. 2 – Nov. 21

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

Clapper rail: 10

Gallinule: 1

SNIPE

Sept. 7 – Jan. 9

Daily bag limit: 8

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

Aug. 12 – Dec. 7

Dec. 16 – Mar. 15

Daily bag limit: None