



### What Do I Need to Hunt Upland Game Birds in NJ?

Area	Hunting License	Pheasant/Quail Stamp	Hunter Orange	Report Harvest
Stocked WMAs	Yes	Yes	Orange Hat* required Firearm	No
Delaware Water Gap NRA	Yes	Yes	Orange Hat* required Firearm	No
Semi-Wild and Commercial Preserves	Yes	No	Yes, except hunting mallards	No, but birds must be tagged.

\* A SOLID hunter orange hat (no camouflage/logos) is required as part of the 200 sq. inch hunter orange requirement when hunting small game with a firearm on any pheasant/quail-stocked WMA. (See page 55.)

### Firearms, Bows and Ammunition Legal for Upland Game Birds

Weapon Type	Gauge, Caliber or Draw Weight	Projectile(s)	Weapon Transportation
<b>Bow:</b> long, recurve, compound or crossbow capable of firing a single projectile only	35 pounds pull at archer's draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow) or 75 pounds minimum draw weight (crossbow).	Arrow or bolt with flu flu fletching and using blunt, field, or judo points	All bows MUST be uncocked or uncocked
<b>Shotgun:</b> single or double barrel	Not larger than 10 gauge or smaller than .410 caliber and capable of holding no more than three shells.	No shot larger than #4 fine shot	Shotguns MUST be cased and unloaded while in or on a vehicle, including ATVs/UTVs.

### Upland Game Bird Seasons 2024–25

No Sunday hunting except commercial and semi-wild hunting preserves.

Species	Season	Hunting Hours	Bag Limit
Bobwhite quail (wild), Ruffed grouse	Closed statewide		Stocked quail may be taken at Peaslee and Greenwood WMAs identified below and on commercial and semi-wild hunting preserves
Bobwhite quail (stocked)	Nov. 9, 2024 at 8 a.m.–Jan. 31, 2025 <b>Closed Dec. 9–14 &amp; 18, 2024</b>	Nov. 9 only: 8 a.m. – ½ hr after sunset. All other dates: Sunrise – ½ hr after sunset	4 quail May be taken <b>only</b> at: Greenwood Forest WMA, Peaslee WMA ONLY. Pheasant & Quail Stamp required.
Chukar partridge, Hungarian partridge, Pheasant	Nov. 9, 2024 at 8 a.m.–Feb. 17, 2025 <b>Closed Dec. 9–14 &amp; 18, 2024</b>	Nov. 9 only: 8 a.m. – ½ hr after sunset. All other dates: Sunrise – ½ hr after sunset	7 partridge, 2 pheasant See Pheasant Stocking schedule on page 55.
<b>Youth Upland Bird Day</b> Pheasant For properly licensed Youth hunters, under direct supervision of licensed, non-hunting adult (21 or older)	Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024	7 a.m. start (Guided) 1 p.m. start (Open hunt)	2 pheasant See Youth Pheasant Hunt Day Information on page 20.
<b>Youth Pheasant Days</b> For properly licensed Youth hunters, under direct supervision of licensed, non-hunting adult (21 or older)	Nov. 4–8, 2024	Sunrise–½ hr. after sunset	2 pheasant See Youth Pheasant Hunt Days Information on page 20.
<b>Commercial Shooting Preserves</b> Pheasant/Quail/Partridge/Mallard*	Sept. 1, 2024–May 1, 2025	Sunrise–½ hr. after sunset	No limit Must be tagged prior to transport off Commercial Preserve Sunday Hunting Allowed
<b>Semi-Wild Preserves</b> Pheasant/Quail/Partridge*	Nov. 9, 2024 at 8 a.m.–March 15, 2025	Sunrise–½ hr. after sunset	No limit Must be tagged prior to transport off semi-wild area Sunday Hunting Allowed
<b>Crow</b>	Aug. 12, 2024–Dec. 7, 2024 Dec. 16, 2024–March 15, 2025 (Mon., Thurs., Fri. & Sat. only) <b>8 a.m. start Nov. 9, 2024 on Stocked WMAs</b>	Sunrise–½ hr after sunset	No limit
<b>Woodcock</b>	See <b>Other Migratory Bird Hunting Seasons</b> table on page 63. HIP Certificate Required (\$2)		

Dogs are allowed when hunting pheasant, quail, partridge, crow and woodcock.

\* Species restricted to those approved on Commercial/Semi-Wild license.

### Pheasant and Quail Stamp

Anyone aged 16 and over (except 16-year-olds who are still eligible to use their youth firearm license) hunting or possessing pheasant (or quail only on Greenwood Forest or Peaslee WMAs) on the following designated wildlife management areas must have in possession a current Pheasant and Quail Stamp:

Assunpink, Berkshire Valley, Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Dix, Flatbrook, Glassboro, Greenwood Forest, Howardsville, Heislerville, Mad Horse, Manahawkin, Manasquan River, Medford, Millville (Bevan), Nantuxent, Peaslee, Pequest, Port Republic, Rockport, Stafford Forge, Tuckahoe (MacNamara), Walpack, Whittingham and Winslow. The Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area is also a designated pheasant and quail stamp area. Pheasant and quail stamps are valid for the calendar year, January–December. Quail may be hunted or possessed **ONLY** on Peaslee or Greenwood Forest WMAs.

### Pheasant and Quail Stocking Maps

Scan this QR code or follow the link for maps of the pheasant and quail stocked fields for each stocked WMA.

**Go to [dep.nj.gov/njfw/hunting/pheasant-quail-stocking-maps/](https://dep.nj.gov/njfw/hunting/pheasant-quail-stocking-maps/)**



New Jersey Pheasant and Quail Stocked Areas



### Areas Open to Quail Hunting

**The statewide quail hunting season is closed except at Peaslee WMA and Greenwood Forest WMA where NJDEP Fish & Wildlife will provide hunters and falconers the opportunity to hunt for quail.**

No person may release quail for dog training purposes on the following WMAs: Buckshutem, Dix, Egg Island, Fortescue, Millville (Bevans), Nantuxent, New Sweden and Stafford Forge.

See *Upland Game Bird Seasons* chart, page 54 for season dates and bag limits. Exception: This statewide closure does not apply to certain semi-wild and commercial shooting preserves that were permitted to stock quail during the 2009–10 season, the only ones that may continue to stock quail.

### Ruffed Grouse Season Closed

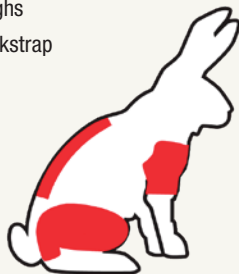
Ruffed grouse rely on young forest habitat which currently comprise only 5% of state forest lands. This lack of habitat has caused grouse populations to decline below the level necessary to support a hunting season. In an effort to reduce the decline, the grouse hunting season is closed statewide. No exceptions.

### Edible Portions Guide

Edible portions do not include meat from the head or neck; meat that has been damaged by the method of taking; bones, sinew, and meat reasonably lost as a result of butchering, boning, or close trimming of bones, or viscera. Edible portions do not include meat from diseased or scavenged carcasses. See *Wanton Waste of Game*, page 25.

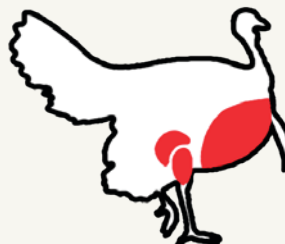
#### For rabbit and squirrel:

- Front shoulders
- Thighs
- Backstrap



#### For game birds such as turkey:

- breast, legs and thighs



#### For game birds other than turkey:

- breast

