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DEER	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	ANNUAL BAG & POSSESSION
Expanded Archery	Designated areas only	September 6, 2025	December 13, 2025	1 Antlered Deer Per Year* See exceptions on page 20
Regular Archery	All	October 4, 2025	October 31, 2025	
Youth Deer Hunt	All	October 24, 2025	October 25, 2025	
Maine Resident Only Day**	All	November 1, 2025		
Firearms Season	All	November 3, 2025	November 29, 2025	
Muzzleloader Statewide	All	December 1, 2025	December 6, 2025	
Muzzleloader	12, 13, 15-18, 20-26, 29	December 8, 2025	December 13, 2025	

BEAR	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	ANNUAL BAG & POSSESSION
Youth Bear Hunting Day	All	August 23, 2025		2 Bears Per Year 1 by hunting, 1 by trapping
General Hunting Season	All	August 25, 2025	November 29, 2025	
Hunting with Bait <i>Bait can be placed July 27, 2024</i>	All	August 25, 2025	September 20, 2025	
Bear Trapping	All	September 1, 2025	October 31, 2025	
Hunting with Dogs	All	September 8, 2025	October 31, 2025	

MOOSE*** BY PERMIT ONLY	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	ANNUAL BAG & POSSESSION
Antlerless-Only	4A (Adaptive Unit Hunt)	TBD	TBD	1 Moose Per Year by either permittee or sub-permittee, a person may only harvest one moose regardless of how many permits they may be listed on.
		TBD	TBD	
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Bull-Only	1- 6, 10, 11, 18, 19, 27, 28	September 22, 2025	September 27, 2025	
Bull-Only	1-15, 17-19, 27, 28	October 13, 2025	October 18, 2025	
Antlerless-Only	1-6, 8	October 27, 2025	November 1, 2025	

Permit application period: April - May of each year.

*Only deer with antlers at least 3 inches long may be harvested from November 1, 2025 – December 13, 2025, except that antlerless deer may be harvested in designated WMDs/subunits during the Regular Archery season and Youth Deer hunt, by hunters with antlerless deer permits, and by expanded archery hunters with appropriate permits. Please see page 20 of the Hunting Law Book for more information on Antlerless Deer Permits..

**A non-resident who owns 25 or more acres of land in Maine and leaves land open to hunting, holds a valid hunting license, and is not otherwise prohibited by law, may hunt deer on the Resident only day, anywhere in the state. A verification form must be completed and can be located on our website.

SPRING WILD TURKEY <i>Archery equipment or shotgun</i>	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS	
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	SEASONAL BAG & POSSESSION	
All Hunters	7 and 9-29	May 4, 2026	June 6, 2026	2 bearded Wild Turkeys*	
	1-6 and 8	May 4, 2026	June 6, 2026	1 bearded Wild Turkey*	
Youth Spring Wild Turkey Day		May 2, 2026		May harvest up to 2 bearded Wild Turkeys from WMDs that have a 2 bird limit.	

*May harvest up to 2 turkeys for the spring season, but an individual WMD bag limit cannot be exceeded. The order in which they are harvested does not matter.

FALL WILD TURKEY <i>Archery equipment or shotgun</i>	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS	
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	SEASONAL BAG & POSSESSION	
General Hunting Season	15-17, 20-25	September 15, 2025	November 7, 2025	5 Wild Turkeys**	No more than two wild turkeys (either-sex, any age) may be harvested per permit holder per day, but cannot exceed the WMD bag limit.
	26	September 15, 2025	November 7, 2025	3 Wild Turkeys**	
	28	September 15, 2025	November 7, 2025	2 Wild Turkeys**	
	6-8, 10-14, 18, 19, 27 & 29	September 15, 2025	November 7, 2025	1 Wild Turkey**	
	1-5, 9	Closed to taking of Wild Turkeys			
Youth Fall Wild Turkey Day		September 13, 2025			

**May harvest up to five wild turkeys for the fall season, but cannot exceed an individual WMD bag limit, the order in which they are harvested from a WMD does not matter.

UPLAND AND MIGRATORY BIRDS	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS	
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION
Ruffed Grouse & Bobwhite Quail	All	September 27, 2025	December 31, 2025	4	8
Pheasant	All	September 27, 2025	December 31, 2025	2	4
Woodcock	All	TBD	TBD	3	9
Common Snipe	All	TBD	TBD	8	24
Ducks, Geese, Sea Ducks (Scoter, Eider, Long-Tailed Duck)	See pg. 36				
Sora & Virginia Rails (and Gallinules)	All	TBD	TBD	25	25
Crows	1-6	February 6, 2025 TBD	April 15, 2025 TBD	No daily bag or possession limit	
	7-29	January 22, 2025 TBD	March 31, 2025 TBD		

OTHER SPECIES	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS	
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION
Gray Squirrel	All	September 27, 2025	December 31, 2025	4	8
Gray Squirrel (Falconry)	All	September 27, 2025	February 28, 2026	4	8
Snowshoe Hare	All	September 27, 2025	March 31, 2026	4	8
	Season on Island of Vinalhaven	September 27, 2025	February 28, 2026		
Bobcat	All	December 1, 2025	February 21, 2026	No Limit	
Fox	All	October 20, 2025	February 28, 2026	No Limit	
Raccoon	All	October 1, 2025	December 31, 2025	No Limit	
Skunk, Opossum	All	October 20, 2025	December 31, 2025	No Limit	
Coyote	All	During daylight hunting hours No Closed Season for Hunting		No Limit	
		Night hunting December 16, 2025 - August 31, 2026			
Woodchuck, Porcupine, Red Squirrel	All	No Closed Season		No Limit	
Spruce Grouse, Lynx, Cottontail Rabbit		No Open Season for Hunting			

Note: Except for migratory game birds, there is no hunting season on any species of bird or animal which is not listed above. All dates are inclusive except that hunting is prohibited on Sunday.