

2021-22 MAINE HUNTING SEASONS

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DEER	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	DAILY BAG & POSSESSION
Firearms Season	All	November 1, 2021	November 27, 2021	1 Deer Per Year**
Maine Resident Only Day*	All	October 30, 2021		
Youth Deer Day	All	October 23, 2021		
Archery/Crossbow	All	October 2, 2021	October 29, 2021	
Muzzleloader Statewide	All	November 29, 2021	December 4, 2021	
Muzzleloader	12, 13, 15-18, 20-26, 29	December 6, 2021	December 11, 2021	
Expanded Archery	Designated areas only	September 11, 2021	December 11, 2021	

**Only deer with antlers at least 3 inches long may be taken from October 30-December 11, 2021, except that any deer may be taken in designated WMDs by hunters with any-deer permits. Exceptions: Additional deer may be taken by participating in the Expanded Archery Season, or by anyone possessing a bonus antlerless deer permit or superpack antlerless deer permit. Note: In WMDs where no any-deer permits are issued, it is bucks only for youth hunters on youth deer day and also bucks only for archers during the archery season on deer.

BEAR	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	DAILY BAG & POSSESSION
General Hunting Season	All	August 30, 2021	November 27, 2021	2 Bear Per Year 1 by hunting, 1 by trapping
Youth Bear Day	All	August 28, 2021		
Hunting with Dogs	All	September 13, 2021	October 29, 2021	
Hunting with Bait <i>Bait can be placed July 31, 2021</i>	All	August 30, 2021	September 25, 2021	
Bear Trapping	All	September 1, 2021	October 31, 2021	

MOOSE BY PERMIT ONLY	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	DAILY BAG & POSSESSION
	1- 6, 10, 11, 18, 19, 27, 28	September 27, 2021	October 2, 2021	1 Moose Per Year by either permittee or sub-permittee
	1-14, 17-19, 27, 28	October 11, 2021	October 16, 2021	
	1-6	October 25, 2021	October 30, 2021	
Maine Resident Only Day*	15, 16, 22, 23, 25, 26	October 30, 2021		
	15, 16, 22, 23, 25, 26	November 1, 2021	November 27, 2021	

Permit application period: Early February - mid May. These dates and districts are proposed and subject to change.

*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.

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SPRING WILD TURKEY <i>Bow & arrow, crossbow or shotgun</i>	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS	
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	DAILY BAG & POSSESSION	
All Hunters	7 and 9-29	May 3, 2021	June 5, 2021	2 bearded Wild Turkeys*	
	1-6 and 8	May 3, 2021	June 5, 2021	1 bearded Wild Turkey*	
Youth Spring Wild Turkey Day		May 1, 2021		May take up to 2 bearded Wild Turkeys from WMDs that have a 2 bird limit.	

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

FALL WILD TURKEY <i>Bow & arrow, crossbow or shotgun</i>	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS	
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	DAILY BAG & POSSESSION	
General Hunting Season	15-17, 20-25	September 20, 2021	November 6, 2021	5 Wild Turkeys either sex, any age**	
	26	September 20, 2021	November 6, 2021	3 Wild Turkeys either sex, any age**	
	28	September 20, 2021	November 6, 2021	2 Wild Turkeys either sex, any age**	
	6, 10-13, 18, 19, 27 & 29	September 20, 2021	November 6, 2021	1 Wild Turkey either sex, any age**	
	1-5, 7-9, 14			Closed to taking of Wild Turkeys	
Youth Fall Wild Turkey Day		September 18, 2021			

**May take up to five wild turkeys for the fall season, but cannot exceed an individual WMD bag limit, the order in which they are taken does not matter. No more than two wild turkeys may be harvested per permit holder per day.

UPLAND AND MIGRATORY BIRDS	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS	
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION
Ruffed Grouse & Bobwhite Quail	All	September 25, 2021	December 31, 2021	4	8
Pheasant	All	September 25, 2021	December 31, 2021	2	4
Woodcock	All				
Common Snipe	All				
Ducks, Geese, Sea Ducks (Scoter, Eider, Long-Tailed Duck)		More detailed season info on page 36 of law book.			
Sora & Virginia Rails (and Gallinules)	All				
Crows	1-6	February 5, 2021 August 2, 2021	April 15, 2021 September 24, 2021	No Limit	
	7-29	January 21, 2021 August 2, 2021	March 31, 2021 September 24, 2021		

OTHER SPECIES	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS	
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION
Gray Squirrel	All	September 25, 2021	December 31, 2021	4	8
Gray Squirrel (Falconry)	All	September 25, 2021	February 28, 2022	4	8
Snowshoe Hare	All	September 25, 2021	March 31, 2022	4	8
Snowshoe Hare	Vinalhaven Island, Knox County	September 25, 2021	February 28, 2022	4	8
Bobcat	All	December 1, 2021	February 21, 2022	No Limit	
Fox	All	October 18, 2021	February 28, 2022	No Limit	
Raccoon	All	October 1, 2021	December 31, 2021	No Limit	
Skunk, Opossum	All	October 18, 2021	December 31, 2021	No Limit	
Coyote Night Hunt	All	December 16, 2021	August 31, 2022	No Limit	
Coyote, Woodchuck, Porcupine, Red Squirrel	All	No Closed Season for Hunting			
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.