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DEER	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	ANNUAL BAG & POSSESSION
Expanded Archery	Designated areas only	September 10, 2022	December 10, 2022	1 Deer Per Year**
Archery/Crossbow	All	October 1, 2022	October 28, 2022	
Youth Deer Day	All	October 22, 2022		
Maine Resident Only Day*	All	October 29, 2022		
Firearms Season	All	October 31, 2022	November 26, 2022	
Muzzleloader Statewide	All	November 28, 2022	December 3, 2022	
Muzzleloader	12, 13, 15-18, 20-26, 29	December 5, 2022	December 10, 2022	

Only deer with antlers at least 3 inches long may be taken from October 29-December 10, 2022, except that any deer may be taken in designated WMDs by hunters with any-deer permits. **Exceptions: Please see pages 18-19 for exceptions related to crossbow and expanded archery, and more information on any-deer permits. **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	ANNUAL BAG & POSSESSION
Youth Bear Day	All	August 27, 2022		2 Bear Per Year 1 by hunting, 1 by trapping
General Hunting Season	All	August 29, 2022	November 26, 2022	
Hunting with Bait <i>Bait can be placed July 30, 2022</i>	All	August 29, 2022	September 24, 2022	
Bear Trapping	All	September 1, 2022	October 31, 2022	
Hunting with Dogs	All	September 12, 2022	October 28, 2022	

MOOSE BY PERMIT ONLY	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	ANNUAL BAG & POSSESSION
	4A (Adaptive Unit Hunt)	To be determined		1 Moose Per Year by either permittee or sub-permittee
	1- 6, 10, 11, 18, 19, 27, 28	September 26, 2022	October 1, 2022	
	1-14, 17-19, 27, 28	October 10, 2022	October 15, 2022	
	1-6, 8	October 24, 2022	October 29, 2022	
Maine Resident Only Day*	15, 16	October 29, 2022		
	15, 16	October 31, 2022	November 26, 2022	

Permit application period: February - May of each year.

*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	SEASONAL BAG & POSSESSION	
All Hunters	7 and 9-29	May 1, 2023	June 3, 2023	2 bearded Wild Turkeys*	
	1-6 and 8	May 1, 2023	June 3, 2023	1 bearded Wild Turkey*	
Youth Spring Wild Turkey Day		April 29, 2023		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	SEASONAL BAG & POSSESSION	
General Hunting Season	15-17, 20-25	September 19, 2022	November 7, 2022	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 19, 2022	November 7, 2022	3 Wild Turkeys**	
	28	September 19, 2022	November 7, 2022	2 Wild Turkeys**	
	6, 10-13, 18, 19, 27 & 29	September 19, 2022	November 7, 2022	1 Wild Turkey**	
	1-5, 7-9, 14	Closed to taking of Wild Turkeys			
Youth Fall Wild Turkey Day		September 17, 2022			

**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 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 24, 2022	December 31, 2022	4	8
Pheasant	All	September 24, 2022	December 31, 2022	2	4
Woodcock	All				
Common Snipe	All				
Ducks, Geese, Sea Ducks (Scoter, Eider, Long-Tailed Duck)		More detailed season info on page 36.			
Sora & Virginia Rails (and Gallinules)	All				
Crows	1-6				No Limit
	7-29	To be determined	To be determined		

OTHER SPECIES	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS	
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION
Gray Squirrel	All	September 24, 2022	December 31, 2022	4	8
Gray Squirrel (Falconry)	All	September 24, 2022	February 28, 2023	4	8
Snowshoe Hare	All	September 24, 2022	March 31, 2023	4	8
Snowshoe Hare	Vinalhaven Island, Knox County	September 24, 2022	February 28, 2023	4	8
Bobcat	All	December 1, 2022	February 21, 2023	No Limit	
Fox	All	October 17, 2022	February 28, 2023	No Limit	
Raccoon	All	October 1, 2022	December 31, 2022	No Limit	
Skunk, Opossum	All	October 17, 2022	December 31, 2022	No Limit	
Coyote Night Hunt	All	December 16, 2022	August 31, 2023	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.