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DEER	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	ANNUAL BAG & POSSESSION
Expanded Archery	Designated areas only	September 7, 2024	December 14, 2024	1 Antlered Deer Per Year* See exceptions on page 20
Regular Archery	All	October 5, 2024	November 1, 2024	
Youth Deer Hunt	All	October 25, 2024	October 26, 2024	
Maine Resident Only Day**	All	November 2, 2024		
Firearms Season	All	November 4, 2024	November 30, 2024	
Muzzleloader Statewide	All	December 2, 2024	December 7, 2024	
Muzzleloader	12, 13, 15-18, 20-26, 29	December 9, 2024	December 14, 2024	

BEAR	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	ANNUAL BAG & POSSESSION
Youth Bear Hunting Day	All	August 24, 2024		2 Bears Per Year 1 by hunting, 1 by trapping
General Hunting Season	All	August 26, 2024	November 30, 2024	
Hunting with Bait <i>Bait can be placed July 27, 2024</i>	All	August 26, 2024	September 21, 2024	
Bear Trapping	All	September 1, 2024	October 31, 2024	
Hunting with Dogs	All	September 9, 2024	November 1, 2024	

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 23, 2024	September 28, 2024	
Bull-Only	1-15, 17-19, 27, 28	October 14, 2024	October 19, 2024	
Antlerless-Only	1-6, 8	October 28, 2024	November 2, 2024	

Permit application period: April - May of each year.

*Only deer with antlers at least 3 inches long may be taken from November 2, 2024-December 14, 2024, except that antlerless deer may be taken in designated WMDs/subunits by hunters with Antlerless Deer Permits and expanded archery hunters with appropriate permits. Please see page 20 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.

***Moose hunting season dates and WMDs subject to change.

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	April 28, 2025	May 31, 2025	2 bearded Wild Turkeys*	
	1-6 and 8	April 28, 2025	May 31, 2025	1 bearded Wild Turkey*	
Youth Spring Wild Turkey Day		April 26, 2025		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>Archery equipment or shotgun</i>	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS	
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	SEASONAL BAG & POSSESSION	
General Hunting Season	15-17, 20-25	September 16, 2024	November 7, 2024	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 16, 2024	November 7, 2024	3 Wild Turkeys**	
	28	September 16, 2024	November 7, 2024	2 Wild Turkeys**	
	6-8, 10-14, 18, 19, 27 & 29	September 16, 2024	November 7, 2024	1 Wild Turkey**	
	1-5, 9				
Youth Fall Wild Turkey Day		September 14, 2024			

**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 28, 2024	December 31, 2024	4	8
Pheasant	All	September 28, 2024	December 31, 2024	2	4
Woodcock	All				
Common Snipe	All				
Ducks, Geese, Sea Ducks (Scoter, Eider, Long-Tailed Duck)			TBD		
Sora & Virginia Rails (and Gallinules)	All				
Crows	1-6	TBD	TBD		No Limit
	7-29	TBD	TBD		

OTHER SPECIES	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS	
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION
Gray Squirrel	All	September 28, 2024	December 31, 2024	4	8
Gray Squirrel (Falconry)	All	September 28, 2024	February 28, 2025	4	8
	All	September 28, 2024	March 31, 2025		
Snowshoe Hare	Season on Island of Vinalhaven	September 28, 2024	February 28, 2025	4	8
Bobcat	All	December 1, 2024	February 21, 2025	No Limit	
Fox	All	October 21, 2024	February 28, 2025	No Limit	
Raccoon	All	October 1, 2024	December 31, 2024	No Limit	
Skunk, Opossum	All	October 21, 2024	December 31, 2024	No Limit	
Coyote	All	During daylight hunting hours No Closed Season for Hunting		No Limit	
		Night hunting December 16, 2024 - August 30, 2025			
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.