NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife
2018-2019 MIGRATORY BIRD SEASONS

PRIMARY WATERFOWL SEASONS

NORTH ZONE
Canada Goose: Nov. 10 – Nov. 24  Dec. 8 – Jan. 19
Youth days: Oct. 6 & Feb. 2

SOUTH ZONE
Ducks & Brant: Oct. 20 – Oct. 27  Nov. 17 – Jan. 17
Youth days: Oct. 13 & Feb. 2

COASTAL ZONE
Ducks & Brant: Nov. 10 – Nov. 13  Nov. 22 – Jan. 26
Canada Goose: Nov. 10 – Nov. 13  Nov. 19 – Feb. 15
Youth days: Nov. 3 & Feb. 9

Daily bag limits

**Ducks:** 6 ducks which may NOT include more than: 4 mallards (not more than 2 hen mallards), 2 black ducks, 3 wood ducks, 2 pintails, 2 scaup, 2 redheads, 2 canvasbacks, 4 long-tailed ducks, 4 eiders, and 4 scoters. Coot 15.

**Mergansers:** 5 mergansers although not more than 2 hooded mergansers. Merganser limits are in addition to regular ducks.

**Brant:** 2

**Canada geese (Regular season):**
North and South Zones: 3
Coastal Zone: 5

Canada goose bag limit is singly or in aggregate to include cackling and white-fronted geese

**Youth days:** 6 ducks with same species restrictions, 2 brant, 3 (North and South Zones) or 5 (Coastal Zone) Canada geese, 25 light geese.
CANADA GOOSE

September Season (Statewide)
Sept. 1 - Sept. 29

*Daily bag limit: 15 Canada geese*

The following special regulations apply:
1. Electronic calls permitted
2. Shotguns capable of holding no more than 7 shells (including magazine and chamber) are permitted.
3. Hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to *1/2 hour after sunset*.

**NOTE: THESE SPECIAL REGULATIONS ONLY APPLY TO THE SEPTEMBER CANADA GOOSE SEASON**

CANADA GOOSE

Special Winter Season (Two Distinct Zones)
Jan. 21 – Feb. 15

*Daily bag limit: 5 singly or in aggregate to include cackling and white-fronted geese*

SEA DUCKS; SEA DUCK AREA ONLY

Nov. 3 – Jan. 11

*Daily bag limit: 5 in total to include long-tailed ducks, eiders and scoters; except no more than 4 long-tailed ducks, 4 eiders, or 4 scoters in aggregate.*

LIGHT GOOSE

Regular Season

Statewide: Oct. 17 – Feb. 15

*Daily bag limit: 25, singly or in aggregate to include greater and lesser snow geese and Ross’s geese*

Conservation Order

Statewide: Feb. 16 – Apr. 6

*Daily bag limit: None; includes greater and lesser snow geese and Ross’s geese*

The following special regulations apply:
1. Electronic calls permitted
2. Shotguns capable of holding no more than 7 shells (including magazine and chamber) are permitted.
3. Hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to *1/2 hour after sunset*.

**NOTE: THESE SPECIAL REGULATIONS ONLY APPLY TO THE LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER**
**WOODCOCK**
North Zone:  Oct. 20 – Nov. 3  
Nov. 6 – Dec. 1

South Zone:  Nov. 10 – Dec. 1  
Dec. 13 – Jan. 1

*Daily bag limit: 3*

**RAILS AND GALLINULE**
Sept. 1 – Nov. 21

*Daily bag limit: Sora and Virginia rails 25 total or aggregate; gallinule and clapper rail 10*

**SNIPE**
Sept. 15 – Jan. 17

*Daily bag limit: 8*

**CROWS** (Mon., Thur., Fri., & Sat.)
Aug. 13 – Dec. 1
Dec. 10 – Mar. 16

*Daily bag limit: None*