

# 2018-19 MAINE HUNTING SEASONS

The following are general dates for the 2018-2019 season. Please reference the *Maine 2017-18 Summary of Hunting Laws* for more details including Migratory Bird Seasons, available at [mefishwildlife.com/huntinglaws](http://mefishwildlife.com/huntinglaws).

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DEER	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	DAILY BAG & POSSESSION
Firearms Season	All	October 29, 2018	November 24, 2018	1 Deer Per Year**
Maine Resident Only Day*	All	October 27, 2018		
Youth Deer Day	All	October 20, 2018		
Archery	All	September 29, 2018	October 26, 2018	
Muzzleloader Statewide	All	November 26, 2018	December 1, 2018	
Muzzleloader	12, 13, 15-18, 20-26, 29	December 3, 2018	December 8, 2018	
Expanded Archery	Designated areas only	September 8, 2018	December 8, 2018	

\*\*Only deer with antlers at least 3 inches long may be taken from October 27-December 8, 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 27, 2018	November 24, 2018	2 Bear Per Year 1 by hunting, 1 by trapping
Youth Bear Day	All	August 25, 2018		
Hunting with Dogs	All	September 10, 2018	October 26, 2018	
Hunting with Bait <i>Bait can be placed July 28, 2018*</i>	All	August 27, 2018	September 22, 2018	

\*No bait shall be placed after October 31, 2018 and must be cleaned up by November 10, 2018

MOOSE BY PERMIT ONLY	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	DAILY BAG & POSSESSION
	1- 6, 11, 19	September 24, 2018	September 29, 2018	1 Moose Per Year by either permittee or sub-permittee
	1-14, 17-19, 27, 28	October 8, 2018	October 13, 2018	
	15, 16	October 29, 2018	November 24, 2018	
Maine Resident Only Day*	15, 16	October 27, 2018		
	1-4, 19	October 22, 2018	October 27, 2018	

Permit application period: January 22, 2018-May 15, 2018. These dates and districts are proposed and are 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 &amp; arrow, crossbow or shotgun</i>	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS	
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	DAILY BAG & POSSESSION	
General Hunting Season	7, 9-29	April 29, 2019	June 1, 2019	2 bearded Wild Turkeys	
	8	April 29, 2019	June 1, 2019		
Season A Week 1 ( <i>even year birth</i> )	1-6	April 29, 2019	May 4, 2019		
Season A Week 2 ( <i>even year birth</i> )	1-6	May 13, 2019	May 18, 2019		
Season B Week 3 ( <i>odd year birth</i> )	1-6	May 6, 2019	May 11, 2019	1 bearded Wild Turkey*	
Season B Week 4 ( <i>odd year birth</i> )	1-6	May 20, 2019	May 25, 2019		
All Hunters	1-6	May 27, 2019	June 1, 2019		
Youth Spring Wild Turkey Day		April 27, 2019			

FALL WILD TURKEY <i>Bow &amp; arrow or shotgun</i>	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS	
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	DAILY BAG & POSSESSION	
General Hunting Season	15-17, 20-25, 28	October 1, 2018	November 7, 2018	2 Wild Turkeys either sex, any age	
	10-13, 18, 19, 26, 27, 29	October 1, 2018	November 7, 2018	1 Wild Turkey either sex, any age*	
	1-9, 14			Closed to Fall Turkey hunting	

\*May take up to 2 turkeys for the season, but the second turkey must come from a WMD listed as having a two bird limit.

UPLAND AND MIGRATORY BIRDS	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS	
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION
Ruffed Grouse & Bobwhite Quail	All	October 1, 2018	December 31, 2018	4	8
Pheasant	All	October 1, 2018	December 31, 2018	2	4
Woodcock	All				
Common Snipe	All				
Ducks, Geese, Sea Ducks (Scoter, Eider, Long-Tailed Duck)		<b>See migratory game bird laws for more information</b>			
Sora & Virginia Rails (and Gallinules)	All				
Crows	1-6	February 3, 2018 August 1, 2018	April 14, 2018 September 22, 2018	No Limit	
	7-29	January 20, 2018 August 1, 2018	March 31, 2018 September 22, 2018		

OTHER SPECIES	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS	
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION
Gray Squirrel	All	October 1, 2018	December 31, 2018	4	8
Gray Squirrel (Falconry)	All	October 1, 2018	February 28, 2019	4	8
Snowshoe Hare	All	October 1, 2018	March 31, 2019	4	8
Snowshoe Hare	Vinalhaven Island, Knox County	October 1, 2018	February 28, 2019	4	8
Bobcat	All	December 1, 2018	February 21, 2019	No Limit	
Fox	All	October 15, 2018	February 28, 2019	No Limit	
Raccoon	All	October 1, 2018	December 31, 2018	No Limit	
Skunk, Opossum	All	October 15, 2018	December 31, 2018	No Limit	
Coyote Night Hunt	All	December 18, 2018	August 31, 2019	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.