

2019-20 MAINE HUNTING SEASONS

The following are general dates for the 2019-2020 season. Please reference the *Maine 2018-19 Summary of Hunting Laws* for more details including Migratory Bird Seasons, available at mefishwildlife.com/huntinglaws.

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DEER	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	BAG & POSSESSION
Firearms Season	All	November 4, 2019	November 30, 2019	1 Deer Per Year**
Maine Resident Only Day*	All	November 2, 2019		
Youth Deer Day	All	October 26, 2019		
Archery	All	October 5, 2019	November 1, 2019	
Muzzleloader Statewide	All	December 2, 2019	December 7, 2019	
Muzzleloader	12, 13, 15-18, 20-26, 29	December 9, 2019	December 14, 2019	
Expanded Archery	Designated areas only	September 7, 2019	December 14, 2019	

Only deer with antlers at least 3 inches long may be taken from November 2-December 14, 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	BAG & POSSESSION
General Hunting Season	All	August 26, 2019	November 30, 2019	2 Bear Per Year 1 by hunting, 1 by trapping
Youth Bear Day	All	August 24, 2019		
Hunting with Dogs	All	September 9, 2019	November 1, 2019	
Hunting with Bait <i>Bait can be placed July 27, 2019*</i>	All	August 26, 2019	September 21, 2019	

*No bait shall be placed after October 31, 2019 and must be cleaned up by November 10, 2019

MOOSE BY PERMIT ONLY	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	BAG & POSSESSION
Bull Only Hunt	1- 6, 10, 11, 18, 19, 27, 28	September 23, 2019	September 28, 2019	1 Moose Per Year by either permittee or sub-permittee
Bull Only Hunt	1-14, 17-19, 27, 28	October 14, 2019	October 19, 2019	
Cow Only Hunt	1-6	October 28, 2019	November 2, 2019	
Any Moose Hunt Maine Residents Only	15, 16	November 2, 2019		
Any Moose Hunt	15, 16	November 4, 2019	November 30, 2019	

Permit application period: January 22, 2019-May 15, 2019. 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 & arrow, crossbow or shotgun</i>	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS	
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	BAG & POSSESSION	
General Hunting Season	7-29	April 29, 2019	June 1, 2019	2 bearded Wild Turkeys*	
Season A Week 1 (<i>odd year birth</i>)	1-6	April 29, 2019	May 4, 2019		
Season A Week 2 (<i>odd year birth</i>)	1-6	May 13, 2019	May 18, 2019		
Season B Week 3 (<i>even year birth</i>)	1-6	May 6, 2019	May 11, 2019	1 bearded Wild Turkey*	
Season B Week 4 (<i>even 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 & arrow or shotgun</i>	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS	
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	BAG & POSSESSION	
General Hunting Season	15-17, 20-25, 28	October 1, 2019	November 7, 2019	2 Wild Turkeys either sex, any age*	
	10-13, 18, 19, 26, 27, 29	October 1, 2019	November 7, 2019	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, 2019	December 31, 2019	4	8
Pheasant	All	October 1, 2019	December 31, 2019	2	4
Woodcock	All				
Common Snipe	All				
Ducks, Geese, Sea Ducks (Scoter, Eider, Long-Tailed Duck)		See migratory game bird laws for more information			
Sora & Virginia Rails (and Gallinules)	All				
Crows	1-6	February 2, 2019 <u>August 1, 2019</u>	April 15, 2019 <u>September 20, 2019</u>	No Limit	
	7-29	January 17, 2019 <u>August 1, 2019</u>	March 30, 2019 <u>September 20, 2019</u>		

OTHER SPECIES	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS	
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION
Gray Squirrel	All	October 1, 2019	December 31, 2019	4	8
Gray Squirrel (Falconry)	All	October 1, 2019	February 28, 2020	4	8
Snowshoe Hare	All	October 1, 2019	March 31, 2020	4	8
Snowshoe Hare	Vinalhaven Island, Knox County	October 1, 2019	February 28, 2020	4	8
Bobcat	All	December 1, 2019	February 21, 2020	No Limit	
Fox	All	October 21, 2019	February 28, 2020	No Limit	
Raccoon	All	October 1, 2019	December 31, 2019	No Limit	
Skunk, Opossum	All	October 21, 2019	December 31, 2019	No Limit	
Coyote Night Hunt	All	December 16, 2019	August 31, 2020	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.