

# 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](http://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 &amp; arrow, crossbow or shotgun</i>	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	BAG & POSSESSION
General Hunting Season	7-29	May 4, 2020	June 6, 2020	2 bearded Wild Turkeys*
Season A Week 1 ( <i>even year birth</i> )	1-6	May 4, 2020	June 6, 2020	
Season A Week 2 ( <i>even year birth</i> )	1-6	May 18, 2020	May 23, 2020	
Season B Week 3 ( <i>odd year birth</i> )	1-6	May 11, 2020	May 16, 2020	1 bearded Wild Turkey*
Season B Week 4 ( <i>odd year birth</i> )	1-6	May 25, 2020	May 30, 2020	
All Hunters	1-6	June 1, 2020	June 6, 2020	
Youth Spring Wild Turkey Day		May 2, 2020		

FALL WILD TURKEY <i>Bow &amp; 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)		<b>See migratory game bird laws for more information</b>			
Sora & Virginia Rails (and Gallinules)	All				
Crows	1-6	August 1, 2019 February 7, 2020	September 20, 2019 April 15, 2020		No Limit
	7-29	August 1, 2019 January 23, 2020	September 20, 2019 March 31, 2020		

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.