



2015-2016 BAG LIMITS, SHOOTING HOURS, AND SEASON DATES FOR WATERFOWL SEASONS OCCURRING AFTER SEPTEMBER 30

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BAG LIMITS

- a) **Conventional bag:** 6 ducks including no more than 4 scoters, 4 mallards with no more than 2 hen mallards, 3 wood ducks, 2 scaup, 2 redheads, 2 pintails, 2 canvasbacks, 1 black or mottled duck (season closed until November 21), and 1 fulvous whistling duck. The season on harlequin ducks is closed.
- b) **Other limits:**
- 1) 25 light geese (Includes snow, blue and Ross' geese), no possession limit
 - 2) 1 brant
 - 3) 5 mergansers (2 hooded mergansers)
 - 4) 7 sea ducks (In special sea duck area only). In other areas, sea ducks are part of the regular duck bag limit. Includes scoters, eiders and long-tailed ducks. No more than 4 scoters per day may be taken in either the special sea duck season or the regular duck season.
 - 5) 15 coots
 - 6) 5 dark geese (Includes Canada geese & white-fronted geese) in the Resident Hunt Zone, 5 in the Southern James Bay Hunt Zone and 1 in the Northeast Hunt Zone.

Possession limits are three times the daily bag unless otherwise noted.

HOURS: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset (unless otherwise noted).

Ducks, Mergansers and Coots	Oct. 7 – 10, Nov. 14 – Dec. 5 and Dec. 19 – Jan. 30 [Black and mottled ducks closed until Nov. 21]
Sea Ducks (In special sea duck area only)	Oct. 1 – Jan. 30
Dark Geese (Includes Canada geese and white-fronted geese) To view a map of the goose hunt zones, refer to the Regulations Digest or www.ncwildlife.org	Resident Population Hunt Zone: Oct. 7 – Oct. 17, Nov. 14 – Dec. 5 and Dec. 19 – Feb. 13 Southern James Bay Hunt Zone: Oct. 7 – Nov. 9 and Nov. 14 – Dec. 31 Northeast Hunt Zone: Jan. 15 – Jan. 30 (By permit only)
Light Geese (Includes snow and blue geese, and Ross' geese)	Regular Season: Oct. 13 – Feb. 13 Conservation Order Season: Feb. 15 – Mar. 31 (By permit only) Electronic calls and unplugged guns are allowed. No bag or possession limits. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
Brant	Dec. 28 – Jan. 30
Tundra Swan	Nov. 7 – Jan. 30 (1 per season by permit only - 5,000 will be issued.)
Youth Waterfowl Days (Includes ducks, geese, brant, mergansers, coots and tundra swans.) The youth must have a valid permit to hunt tundra swans and Canada geese (NE Hunt Zone only).	Feb. 6 and Feb. 13 Youth must be 15 years of age or younger and accompanied by a properly licensed adult. The adult cannot duck hunt but may participate in other seasons that are open on youth waterfowl days.

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