

2009-2010 Hunting and Trapping Season Dates

A Quick Reference Guide

Bag limits and other regulatory information are in the *2009-2010 Inland Fishing, Hunting and Trapping Regulations Digest*

Species	Open Dates
Bear	<p>WESTERN BEAR SEASON (west of the boundary formed by I-77 from the Virginia state line to I-40 west to N.C.18 south to the South Carolina state line): Oct. 12, 2009 to Nov. 21, 2009 and Dec. 14 to Jan. 1, 2010</p> <p>Beaufort, Camden, Chowan, Craven, Dare, Hyde, Jones, Pasquotank, Tyrrell, and Washington counties: Nov.9-14, 2009 and Dec.14-26, 2009</p> <p>Bertie, Currituck, Gates, and Perquimans counties: Nov. 7-14, 2009 and Dec.14-26, 2009</p> <p>Northampton, Halifax, Hertford and Martin counties: Nov.9-14, 2009 and Dec.14-16, 2009</p> <p>Bladen, Carteret, Cumberland, Duplin, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender and Sampson counties: Nov. 9, 2009 to Jan. 1, 2010</p> <p>Brunswick and Columbus counties: Dec. 7-26, 2009</p> <p>Greene, Lenoir and Pitt counties: Nov. 9-14, 2009</p>
Boar in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon and Swain counties only (swine in other counties are feral hogs)	Sept. 7, 2009 to Feb. 28, 2010
Wild Turkey Spring season (bearded or male turkeys only)	Apr. 10, 2010 to May 8, 2010
Wild Turkey Youth-only Season (bearded turkeys or male only)	Apr. 3, 2010
Raccoon and Opossum	Oct. 12, 2009- Feb. 28, 2010

Squirrel	Gray and red squirrel: Oct. 1, 2009- Feb 13, 2010 Fox squirrel: Oct. 12 - Dec. 31, 2009 in selected counties only
Rabbit	Nov. 21, 2009- Feb. 28, 2010
Quail	Nov. 21, 2009- Feb. 28, 2010
Grouse	Oct. 12, 2009- Feb. 28, 2010
Bobcat	Oct. 12, 2009- Feb. 28, 2010
Fox	Jan. 2-23, 2010 (limited to certain counties)
Crow	Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of each week between June 3, 2009, and Feb. 28, 2010 plus Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day, July 4 th , New Year's Day and Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Pheasant	Nov. 21, 2009- Feb. 1, 2010
Trapping	Dec. 1, 2009 to February 28, 2010 in and east of Hertford, Bertie, Martin, Pitt, Greene, Lenior, Duplin, Pender and New Hanover counties Nov. 1, 2009- Feb. 28, 2010 in all other counties

DEER SEASONS

Locations	Type of Season	Dates
Eastern Deer Season	Bow and Arrow:	Sept. 12- Oct. 9, 2009
	Muzzle-loading:	Oct. 10-16, 2009
	Gun:	Oct. 17, 2009- Jan. 1, 2010
Central Deer Season	Bow and Arrow:	Sept. 12- Nov. 6
	Muzzle-loading:	Nov. 7-13
	Gun:	Nov. 14- Jan. 1
Northwestern Deer Season	Bow and Arrow:	Sept. 12- Nov. 13
	Muzzle-loading:	Nov. 14-20
	Gun:	Nov. 21- Dec. 19
Western Deer Season	Bow and Arrow:	Sept. 7- Oct. 3, 2009 and Oct. 12 to Nov. 21, 2009
	Muzzle-loading:	Oct. 5-10, 2009
	Gun:	Nov. 23 to Dec. 12, 2009

Gun: Either-Sex Seasons	Introductory Season: Conservative Season: Moderate Season: Maximum Season:	Last open day of the applicable gun season. Last six open days of the applicable gun season. First six open days and last six open days of the applicable gun season. All open days of the applicable gun season.
Urban deer season (open in participating cities only - see 2009-2010 Regulations Digest for list)	Bow and Arrow only:	Jan. 9, 2010 - Feb. 13, 2010
Dismal Swamp, Mackay Island, Pocosin Lakes and Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuges	Gun Either-Sex	Sept. 12 to Jan. 1, 2010
Sunny Point, Camp Lejeune, Cherry Point, Fort Bragg, and Camp Mackall Military Installations	Gun Either-Sex	Oct. 17, 2009 to Jan. 1, 2010
Belews Creek	Special Either-sex Youth Hunt (permit only)	Oct. 3, 2009
Mountain Island State Forest	Special Either-sex Youth Hunt (permit only)	Oct. 17, 2009



**2009-2010 SEASONS, BAG LIMITS AND
SHOOTING HOURS¹ FOR WEBLESS
MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS AND
WATERFOWL SEASONS BEGINNING PRIOR
TO OCTOBER 1**

Call 1-800-675-0263 for a recording of these dates.

SPECIES	OPEN DATES	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION
Dove ²	Sept. 5 – Oct. 10 & Nov. 23 - Nov. 28 & Dec. 19 - Jan. 15	15	30
King and Clapper Rails ³	Sept. 5 – Nov. 13	15	30
Sora and Virginia Rails ³	Sept. 5 – Nov. 13	25	25
Gallinule and Moorhens ³	Sept. 5 – Nov. 13	15	30
Woodcock	Jan. 1 – Jan. 30	3	6
Common Snipe	Nov. 13 - Feb. 27	8	16
Canada Goose ⁴	Sept. 1-30 (statewide)	15	30
September Teal Season ⁵	Sept. 12 – Sept. 30 (East of US 17 Only)	4	8

¹ Shooting hours for all species are ½ hour before sunrise to sunset unless otherwise specified.

² Shooting Hours for Doves: Noon until sunset on Sept. 5 only, and ½ hour before sunrise until sunset thereafter.

³ Daily bag limit is either singly or in aggregate.

⁴ In that area west of U.S. 17 only, expanded hunting methods are allowed for Canada geese. These include: a) shooting hours are extended to ½ hour after sunset, b) unplugged guns are permitted, c) electronic calls are permitted. This applies to this area only during the month of September.

⁵ Includes blue-winged, green-winged and cinnamon teal.



2009-2010 BAG LIMITS, SHOOTING HOURS, AND SEASON DATES FOR WATERFOWL SEASONS OCCURRING AFTER OCT. 1

SEE THE CURRENT NORTH CAROLINA INLAND FISHING, HUNTING & TRAPPING REGULATIONS DIGEST FOR OTHER REGULATIONS CONCERNING WATERFOWL

BAG LIMITS

- a) **Conventional bag:** 6 ducks with no more than 4 scoters, 4 mallards with no more than 2 hen mallards, 3 wood ducks, 2 redheads, 2 scaup, 1 black or mottled duck (season closed until December 1), 1 canvasback, 1 pintail, or 1 fulvous tree duck. The season on harlequin ducks is closed. (Possession limits are twice the daily bag unless otherwise noted.)
- b) **Other limits:**
- 1) 15 light geese (Includes snow & blue geese & Ross' geese), no possession limit
 - 2) 2 brant
 - 3) 5 mergansers (2 hooded mergansers)
 - 4) 7 sea ducks (In special sea duck areas only). In other areas sea ducks are part of the regular duck bag limit. No more than 4 scoters per day may be taken in either 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 Zone and 1 in the Northeast Hunt Zone.

HOURS: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Ducks, Mergansers & Coots	October 7-10, November 14 – December 5 and December 19 - January 30 [Black and mottled ducks closed until Dec. 1]
Sea Ducks (Applies to extended bag limits only in Special Sea Duck Area.)	October 1 – January 30
Dark Geese (Includes Canada geese & 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. 7-17, Nov. 14 – Dec. 5 and Dec. 19 – Feb. 6 Southern James Bay Hunt Zone (Gaddy Goose refuge closed after Sept. 30): Oct. 7 – Nov. 7 and Nov. 14 – Dec. 31. Northeast Hunt Zone: Jan. 23 – Jan. 30 (By permit only)
Light Geese (Includes snow & blue geese & Ross' geese)	October 17 - October 24 November 14 – March 10 Electronic calls and unplugged guns are allowed from February 8 – March 10
Brant	November 21 – December 5 and December 19 - January 30
Tundra Swan	November 14 - January 30 (By permit only - 5,000 will be issued.)
Youth Waterfowl Day (Species include ducks, geese, mergansers, coots and tundra swans. The youth must have a valid permit to harvest a tundra swan or a Canada goose (NE Hunt Zone only).	February 6, 2010 Youth must be 15 years of age or younger and accompanied by a properly licensed adult. The adult can not duck hunt but may participate in other seasons that are open on the special youth day.

**You may also call 1-800-675-0263 for this information.
Report all bands by calling 1-800-327-BAND or www.reportband.gov**



**2009-2010 EXTENDED FALCONRY SEASONS,
FOR MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS**

SPECIES	OPEN DATES	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION
Dove	Oct. 17 – Nov. 21	3	6
King, Clapper, Sora and Virginia Rails	Nov. 21 – Dec. 26	3	6
Gallinule and Moorhens	Nov. 21 – Dec. 26	3	6
Woodcock	Nov. 14 – Dec. 31 & Feb. 1 - 27	3	6
Ducks, mergansers and coots ¹	Oct. 26 – Nov. 7 & Feb. 1 – Feb. 20	3	6

**** Falconers may also hunt during the applicable gun seasons. Daily bag and possession limits of 3 and 6, respectively, also apply while hunting during the gun season.**

**** With the following exception, falconry hours for all species are from ½ hour before sunrise until sunset. For doves on September 5 (gun season), falconry hours are from noon until sunset.**

**** Falconry is not allowed on Sunday.**

**** Daily bag and possession limits are for all species singly or in the aggregate. For example, if the applicable season(s) are open, a daily bag may consist of 3 doves or 1 dove, 1 snipe and 1 woodcock for a total of 3 migratory game birds.**

Falconers should be aware that the extended falconry dates for ducks, mergansers and coots listed above have been modified from what was listed on an earlier version of this poster.

¹ The taking of harlequin ducks is prohibited.