

## HUNTING &amp; TRAPPING SEASONS

| FURBEARERS                                                       | HUNTING DATES                  | TRAPPING DATES                  |
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| Red & Gray Fox                                                   | Oct. 15, 2026 – Feb. 28, 2027  | Oct. 15, 2026 – Jan. 31, 2027   |
| Coyote & Striped Skunk                                           | Oct. 15, 2026 – March 15, 2027 | Oct. 15, 2026 – March 15, 2027  |
| Raccoon & Opossum                                                | Nov. 8, 2026 – Jan. 31, 2027   | Nov. 8, 2026 – Jan. 31, 2027    |
| Dog Running (Raccoon, Opossum)<br>Chasing season only-no hunting | Feb. 1, 2026 – Oct. 25, 2026   | ----- (no trapping) -----       |
| Beaver                                                           | Nov. 15, 2026 – March 15, 2027 | Nov. 15, 2026 – March 15, 2027  |
| Mink, Muskrat & Long-Tailed Weasel                               | Nov. 15, 2026 – Jan. 31, 2027  | Nov. 15, 2026 – Jan. 31, 2027   |
| River Otter                                                      | ----- (no hunting) -----       | Nov. 15, 2026 – March 15, 2027* |
| Bobcat                                                           | ----- (no hunting) -----       | Nov. 8, 2026 – Jan. 31, 2027**  |

\* There is a seasonal bag limit of 2 river otters per person. Season may close earlier if statewide quota of 750 is reached.

\*\* There is a seasonal bag limit of 1 bobcat per person. See the Hunting & Trapping Guide for counties open to bobcat trapping. Season may close earlier if statewide quota of 250 is reached.

| WOODLAND BIG GAME  | HUNTING DATES                                        | BAG LIMIT*                                                    |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Wild Turkey</b> |                                                      |                                                               |
| Youth              | April 18 & 19, 2026                                  | 1 bearded or male turkey per hunter<br>in youth/spring season |
| Spring             | April 22 – May 10, 2026                              |                                                               |
| Fall-Archery*      | Oct. 1 – Nov. 1, 2026<br>Dec. 5, 2026 – Jan. 3, 2027 | 1 bird of either sex per hunter<br>each fall                  |
| Fall-Firearms*     | Oct. 21 – Nov. 1, 2026                               |                                                               |

**Turkey hunting hours:** ½ hour before sunrise to sunset.

\* See Hunting and Trapping Guide for counties open to fall turkey hunting. No more than one bird of either sex may be taken in the fall turkey season, regardless of equipment. A separate turkey license is needed for the spring and fall turkey season.

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| <b>Deer</b>     |                                |                                                                                                                                     |
| Reduction Zone* | Sept. 15, 2026 – Jan. 31, 2027 | See current Hunting & Trapping<br>Guide for deer season bag limits<br>or visit <a href="http://wildlife.IN.gov">wildlife.IN.gov</a> |
| Youth           | Sept. 26 & 27, 2026            |                                                                                                                                     |
| Archery         | Oct. 1, 2026 – Jan. 3, 2027    |                                                                                                                                     |
| Firearms        | Nov. 14 – Nov. 29, 2026        |                                                                                                                                     |
| Muzzleloader    | Dec. 5 – 20, 2026              |                                                                                                                                     |

**Deer hunting hours:** ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

\*Deer Reduction Zones, previously called Urban Zones, are in designated locations only.

| WOODLAND SMALL GAME                                          | HUNTING DATES                                           | DAILY LIMIT* |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Gray & Fox Squirrel                                          | Aug. 15, 2026 – Jan. 31, 2027                           | 5            |
| Ruffed Grouse                                                | Suspended                                               |              |
| UPLAND GAME                                                  | HUNTING DATES                                           | DAILY LIMIT* |
| Pheasant (statewide-cock only)                               | Nov. 1 – Dec. 15, 2026                                  | 2            |
| Quail (North of I-74)**                                      | Nov. 1 – Dec. 15, 2026                                  | 4            |
| Quail (South of I-74)**                                      | Nov. 1, 2026 – Jan. 10, 2027                            | 8            |
| Rabbit                                                       | Nov. 1, 2026 – Feb. 28, 2027                            | 5            |
| MISCELLANEOUS GAME                                           | HUNTING/TRAPPING DATES                                  | DAILY LIMIT* |
| Crow                                                         | July 1 – Aug. 15, 2026<br>Dec. 13, 2026 – March 1, 2027 | No limit     |
| Green Frog & Bullfrog                                        | June 15, 2026 – April 30, 2027                          | 25           |
| Eastern Snapping Turtle,<br>Smooth & Spiny Softshell Turtles | July 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027                           | 4***         |

\* The possession limit on pheasants, quail, rabbits, squirrels, frogs, and turtles is two times the daily bag limit.

\*\* Quail bag limits vary on some DNR properties (see Hunting & Trapping Guide).

\*\*\*Limit is singly or in aggregate. These species of turtles must have a carapace length of at least 12 inches.

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| MIGRATORY BIRDS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | HUNTING DATES                                                                 | BAG LIMIT                  |
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| Mourning Dove                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Sept. 1 – Oct. 18, 2026<br>Nov. 1 – 29, 2026<br>Dec. 19 – 31, 2026            | 15*                        |
| Snipe                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Sept. 1 – Dec. 16, 2026                                                       | 8                          |
| Woodcock                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Oct. 15 – Nov. 28, 2026                                                       | 3                          |
| Sora Rail                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Sept. 1 – Nov. 9, 2026                                                        | 25                         |
| <b>Migratory bird hunting hours:</b> sunrise to sunset<br>* The daily bag and possession limits are for mourning doves and white-winged doves in aggregate.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                               |                            |
| WATERFOWL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | HUNTING DATES                                                                 | BAG LIMIT                  |
| Early Teal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Sept. 5 – 13, 2026                                                            | 6                          |
| <b>NORTH ZONE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                               |                            |
| Ducks, Coots, Mergansers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Oct. 24 – Dec. 13, 2026<br>Dec. 19 – 27, 2026                                 | *                          |
| Canada geese, Light geese, & Brant                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Sept. 5 – 13, 2026<br>Oct. 24 – Nov. 1, 2026<br>Nov. 21, 2026 – Feb. 14, 2027 | **                         |
| White-fronted geese                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Nov. 21, 2026 – Feb. 14, 2027                                                 | 2***                       |
| Youth & Veteran                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Oct. 17 – 18, 2026                                                            | Same as regular season**** |
| <b>CENTRAL ZONE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                               |                            |
| Ducks, Coots, Mergansers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Oct. 31 – Nov. 8, 2026<br>Nov. 21, 2026 – Jan. 10, 2027                       | *                          |
| Canada geese, Light geese, & Brant                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Sept. 5 – 13, 2026<br>Oct. 31 – Nov. 8, 2026<br>Nov. 21, 2026 – Feb. 14, 2027 | **                         |
| White-fronted geese                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Nov. 21, 2026 – Feb. 14, 2027                                                 | ***                        |
| Youth & Veteran                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Oct. 24 – 25, 2026                                                            | Same as regular season**** |
| <b>SOUTH ZONE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                               |                            |
| Ducks, Coots, Mergansers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Nov. 7 – 8, 2026<br>Nov. 28, 2026 – Jan. 24, 2027                             | *                          |
| Canada geese, Light geese, & Brant                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Sept. 1 – 13, 2026<br>Nov. 7 – 11, 2026<br>Nov. 21, 2026 – Feb. 14, 2027      | **                         |
| White-fronted geese                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Nov. 21, 2026 – Feb. 14, 2027                                                 | 2***                       |
| Youth & Veteran                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Oct. 31 – Nov. 1, 2026                                                        | Same as regular season***  |
| <b>Waterfowl hunting hours:</b> ½ hour before sunrise to sunset; sunrise to sunset for teal<br>* The daily bag limit for coots is 15. The daily bag limit for mergansers is 5, which may include no more than 2 hooded mergansers. The daily bag limit for ducks is 6, which may include no more than 4 mallards (2 of which may be hens), 3 wood ducks, 2 canvasbacks, 3 pintail, 2 redheads, 2 black ducks, 1 mottled duck, and 1 or 2 scaup. Only one scaup may be taken daily on or before Nov. 7 in the North Zone, Nov. 26 in the Central Zone, and Dec. 10 in the South Zone. Only two scaup may be taken daily after those dates. The possession limit is 3 times the daily bag limit.<br><br>** The daily bag limit for Canada geese and brant is 5 in the aggregate. The possession limit for Canada geese and brant is 3 times the daily bag limit. The daily bag limit for light geese (snow, blue, Ross) is 20. There is no possession limit for light geese.<br>*** The daily bag limit is 2. The possession limit is 6<br>**** For youth and veteran hunting dates, the daily bag for scaup is 1 per day. |                                                                               |                            |