

# HUNTING & TRAPPING SEASONS

FURBEARERS	HUNTING DATES	TRAPPING DATES
Red & Gray Fox	Oct. 15, 2025 – Feb. 28, 2026	Oct. 15, 2025 – Jan. 31, 2026
Coyote & Striped Skunk	Oct. 15, 2025 – March 15, 2026	Oct. 15, 2025 – March 15, 2026
Raccoon & Opossum	Nov. 8, 2025 – Jan. 31, 2026	Nov. 8, 2025 – Jan. 31, 2026
Dog Running (Raccoon, Opossum) Chasing season only-no hunting	Feb. 1 – Oct. 25, 2025	----- (no trapping) -----
Beaver	Nov. 15, 2025 – March 15, 2026	Nov. 15, 2025 – March 15, 2026
Mink, Muskrat & Long-Tailed Weasel	Nov. 15, 2025 – Jan. 31, 2026	Nov. 15, 2025 – Jan. 31, 2026
River Otter	----- (no hunting) -----	Nov. 15, 2025 – March 15, 2026*

\* There is a seasonal bag limit of 2 river otters per person; there are no daily bag or possession limits for the other species named above. See Hunting & Trapping Guide for counties open to river otter trapping. Season may close earlier if statewide quota is reached.

WOODLAND BIG GAME	HUNTING DATES	BAG LIMIT*
Wild Turkey		1 bearded or male turkey per hunter in youth/spring season
Youth	April 19 & 20, 2025	
Spring	April 23 – May 11, 2025	
Fall-Archery*	Oct. 1 – 26, 2025 Dec. 6, 2025 – Jan. 4, 2026	1 bird of either sex per hunter each fall
Fall-Firearms*	Oct. 15 – 26, 2025	

**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.

Deer		See current Hunting & Trapping Guide for deer season bag limits or visit <a href="http://deer.IN.gov">deer.IN.gov</a> .
Reduction Zone*	Sept. 15, 2025 – Jan. 31, 2026	
Youth	Sept. 27 & 28, 2025	
Archery	Oct. 1, 2025 – Jan. 4, 2026	
Firearms	Nov. 15 – Nov. 30, 2025	
Muzzleloader	Dec. 6 – 21, 2025	

**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, 2025 – Jan. 31, 2026	5
Ruffed Grouse	Suspended	

UPLAND GAME	HUNTING DATES	DAILY LIMIT*
Pheasant (statewide-cock only)	Nov. 1 – Dec. 15, 2025	2
Quail (North of I-74)**	Nov. 1 – Dec. 15, 2025	4
Quail (South of I-74)**	Nov. 1, 2025 – Jan. 10, 2026	8
Rabbit	Nov. 1, 2025 – Feb. 28, 2026	5

MISCELLANEOUS GAME	HUNTING/TRAPPING DATES	DAILY LIMIT*
Crow	July 1 – Aug. 15, 2025 Dec. 13, 2025 – March 1, 2026	No limit
Green Frog & Bullfrog	June 15, 2025 – April 30, 2026	25
Eastern Snapping Turtle, Smooth & Spiny Softshell Turtles	July 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026	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
Mourning Dove	Sept. 1 – Oct. 20, 2024 Nov. 1 – Dec. 1, 2024 Dec. 21 – 29, 2024	15*
Snipe	Sept. 1 – Dec. 16, 2024	8
Woodcock	Oct. 15 – Nov. 28, 2024	3
Sora Rail	Sept. 1 – Nov. 9, 2024	25
Early Teal	Sept. 14 – 29, 2024	6

**Migratory bird hunting hours:** sunrise to sunset

\*The daily bag and possession limits are for mourning doves and white-winged doves in aggregate.

WATERFOWL	HUNTING DATES	DAILY LIMIT
<b>NORTH ZONE</b>		
Ducks, Coots, Mergansers	Oct. 19 – Dec. 8, 2024 Dec. 28, 2024 – Jan. 5, 2025	*
Canada geese, Light geese, & Brant	Sept. 1 – 15, 2024 Oct. 19 – 27, 2024 Nov. 23, 2024 – Feb. 9, 2025	**
White-fronted geese	Oct. 19 – 27, 2024 Nov. 23, 2024 – Feb. 9, 2025	2***
Youth & Veteran	Oct. 12 – 3, 2024	Same as regular season****
<b>CENTRAL ZONE</b>		
Ducks, Coots, Mergansers	Nov. 2 – 10, 2024 Nov. 23, 2024 – Jan. 12, 2025	*
Canada geese, Light geese, & Brant	Sept. 1 – 15, 2024 Nov. 2 – 10, 2024 Nov. 23, 2024 – Feb. 9, 2025	**
White-fronted geese	Nov. 2 – 10, 2024 Nov. 23, 2024 – Feb. 9, 2025	2***
Youth & Veteran	Oct. 26 – 27, 2024	Same as regular season****
<b>SOUTH ZONE</b>		
Ducks, Coots, Mergansers	Nov. 9 – 10, 2024 Nov. 30, 2024 – Jan. 26, 2025	*
Canada geese, Light geese, & Brant	Sept. 1 – 15, 2024 Nov. 9 – 10, 2024 Nov. 23, 2024 – Feb. 15, 2025	**
White-fronted geese	Nov. 9 – 10, 2024 Nov. 23, 2024 – Feb. 15, 2025	2***
Youth & Veteran	Nov. 2 – 3, 2024	Same as regular season****

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

\*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, 1 pintail, 2 redheads, 2 black ducks, 1 mottled duck, and 1 or 2 scaup. The daily bag limit may include only 1 scaup before Nov. 3 in the North Zone, Nov. 29 in the Central Zone, and Dec. 13 in the South Zone. The daily bag limit may include 2 scaup on or after those dates. The possession limit is 3 times the daily bag limit.

\*\*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.

\*\*\*The daily bag limit is 2. The possession limit is 6.

\*\*\*\*For youth and veteran hunting dates, the daily bag for scaup is 1 per day.