

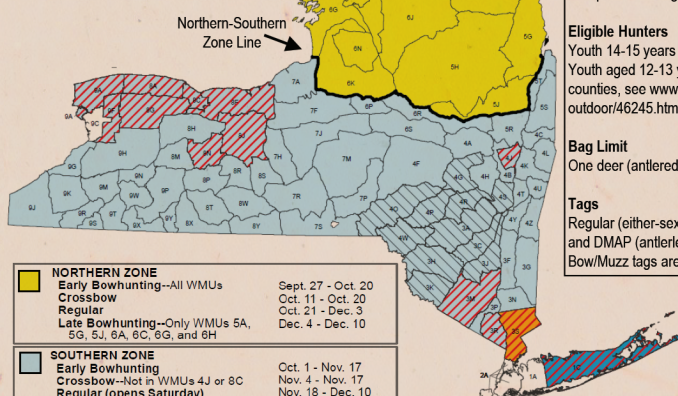


Whether you're a seasoned hunter or new to the sport, the state's hunting seasons provide ample opportunities to connect with nature, foster camaraderie, and engage in the time-honored tradition of hunting in a responsible and sustainable manner. Embrace the natural beauty and adventure New York State has to offer and embark on a fulfilling hunting journey.

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REGULAR & BOWHUNTING DEER SEASONS 2023

Hunting Hours:
30 minutes before sunrise to
30 minutes after sunset



NORTHERN ZONE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Bowhunting--All WMUs: Sept. 27 - Oct. 20 Crossbow: Oct. 11 - Oct. 20 Regular: Oct. 21 - Dec. 3 Late Bowhunting--Only WMUs 5A, 5G, 5J, 6A, 6C, 6G, and 6H: Dec. 4 - Dec. 10
SOUTHERN ZONE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Bowhunting: Oct. 1 - Nov. 17 Crossbow--Not in WMUs 4J or 8C: Nov. 4 - Nov. 17 Regular (opens Saturday): Nov. 18 - Dec. 10 Late Bowhunting: Dec. 11 - Dec. 19 & Dec. 26 - Jan. 1
WESTCHESTER COUNTY (3S)	Regular--Bowhunting Only: Oct. 1 - Dec. 31
SUFFOLK COUNTY (1C)	Regular--Bowhunting Only: Oct. 1, 2023 - Jan. 31, 2024 Special Firearms-(Permit Req.): Jan. 7 - Jan. 31, 2024
Antler Point Restrictions	During all seasons, antlered bucks must have at least one antler with 3 or more points that are at least 1 inch long. Young hunters (ages 12-16) are exempt.
No Deer Hunting	

Youth Firearms Season
Season Dates: Oct. 7 - 9, 2023

Area Open
Northern and Southern Zone, except bowhunting-only WMUs

Eligible Hunters
Youth 14-15 years (all open areas)
Youth aged 12-13 years (select counties, see www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/46245.html)

Bag Limit
One deer (antlered or antlerless)

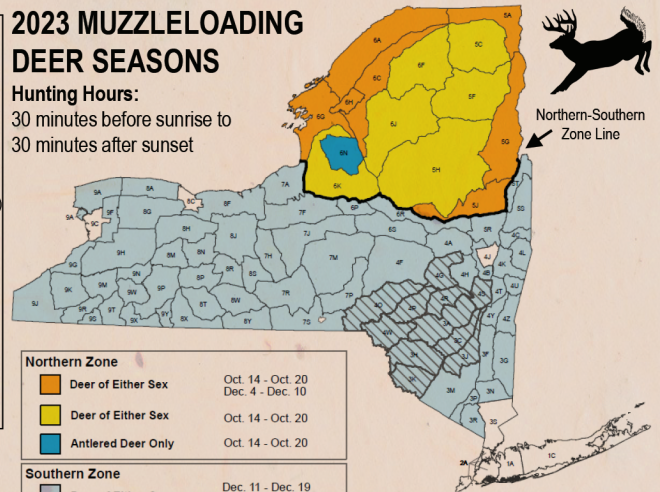
Tags
Regular (either-sex), DMP and DMAP (antlerless only); Bow/Muzz tags are not valid

Early Antlerless Season Sept. 9 - 17
Tags: DMP and DMAP
Vertical Bow-Only: 1C, 3S, 4J, 8C
Firearms, Bow, & Crossbow: 3M, 3R, 6A, 8F, 8G, 8J, 8N, 9A, and 9F

Crossbows
May be used to hunt deer during the Northern and Southern Zone Regular seasons.
May not be used to hunt deer:
- during the Youth Firearms Season; or
- anytime in WMUs 1C (Suffolk County), 3S (Westchester County), 4J or 8C.

2023 MUZZLELOADING DEER SEASONS

Hunting Hours:
30 minutes before sunrise to
30 minutes after sunset



Northern Zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deer of Either Sex: Oct. 14 - Oct. 20 Deer of Either Sex: Dec. 4 - Dec. 10 Antlered Deer Only: Oct. 14 - Oct. 20
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Southern Zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deer of Either Sex: Dec. 11 - Dec. 19 Deer of Either Sex: Dec. 26 - Jan. 1
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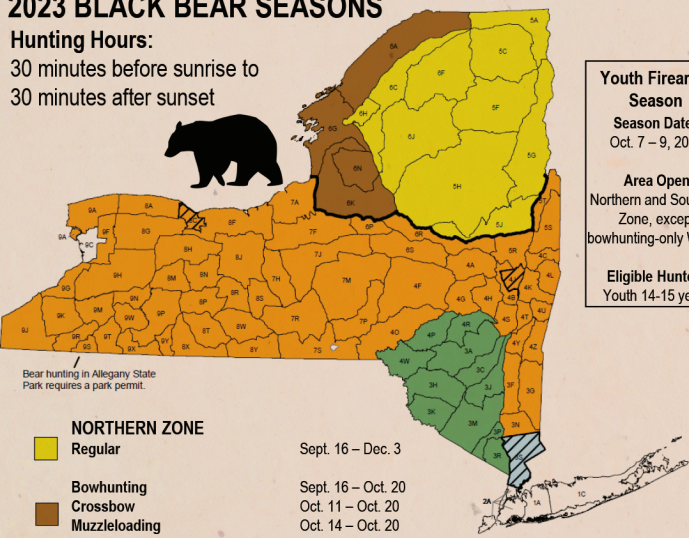
Antler Point Restrictions
During all seasons, antlered bucks must have at least one antler with 3 or more points that are at least 1 inch long. Young hunters (ages 12-16) are exempt.

No Muzzleloading Season

Crossbows
May be used to hunt deer during the Northern and Southern Zone Muzzleloader seasons.
May not be used to hunt deer anytime in WMUs 1C (Suffolk County), 3S (Westchester County), 4J or 8C.

2023 BLACK BEAR SEASONS

Hunting Hours:
30 minutes before sunrise to
30 minutes after sunset



NORTHERN ZONE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular: Sept. 16 - Dec. 3 Bowhunting: Sept. 16 - Oct. 20 Crossbow: Oct. 11 - Oct. 20 Muzzleloading: Oct. 14 - Oct. 20 Regular: Oct. 21 - Dec. 3
SOUTHERN ZONE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Bear: Sept. 9 - Sept. 24 Early Bowhunting: Oct. 1 - Nov. 17 Crossbow - not in WMUs 4J or 8C: Nov. 4 - Nov. 17 Regular: Nov. 18 - Dec. 10 Late Bowhunting: Dec. 11 - Dec. 19 Late Muzzleloading: Dec. 11 - Dec. 19
Westchester County (3S)	Regular - Bowhunting Only: Oct. 1 - Dec. 31

Youth Firearms Season
Season Dates: Oct. 7 - 9, 2023

Area Open
Northern and Southern Zone, except bowhunting-only WMUs

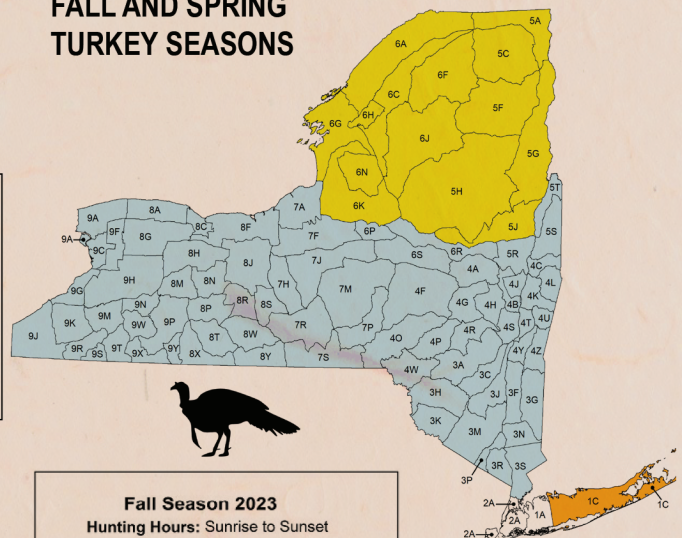
Eligible Hunters
Youth 14-15 years

Bowhunting Only WMUs

No Bear Hunting

Crossbows
- May be used to hunt bear during the early bear seasons, muzzleloader seasons, and the regular firearms seasons.
- May not be used to hunt bear anytime in WMUs 3S (Westchester County), 4J or 8C.

FALL AND SPRING TURKEY SEASONS



Fall Season 2023	
Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset	
Season Dates:	Statedwide Bag Limit:
Oct. 1 - Oct. 14	1 bird of either sex
Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	
Nov. 18 - Dec. 1	
Closed	
Spring Season 2024	
Hunting Hours: 1/2 hour before Sunrise to Noon	
Season Dates:	Statedwide Bag
May 1 - May 31	2 bearded birds, no more than 1 in all open areas
	in WMU 1C
Closed	

Youth Turkey Season 2024
Hunting Hours: 1/2 hour before Sunrise to Noon
Statedwide Bag Limit: 1 bearded bird
Season Dates: April 20 and 21, 2024
Open Areas: Same as Regular Spring Season

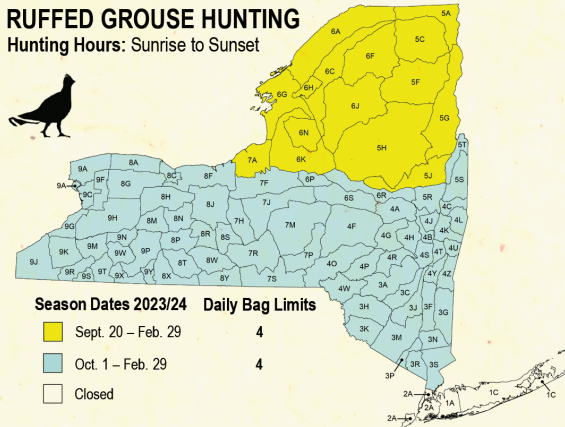
Maps and information provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/wildlife_pdf/huntseason21.pdf

I'm always happy to hear what you think about my office and my performance.
If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please don't hesitate to visit my office or call at 518-792-4546.

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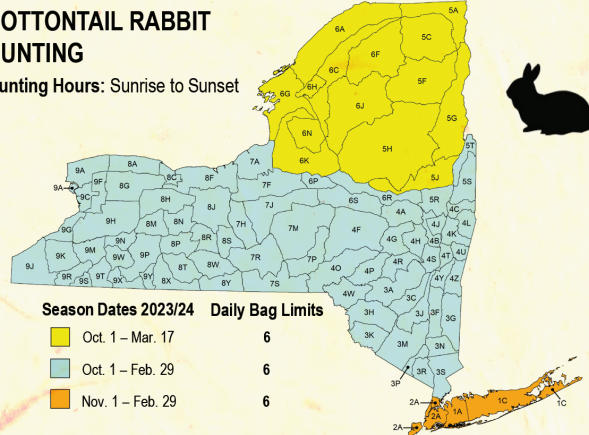
RUFFED GROUSE HUNTING

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset



COTTONTAIL RABBIT HUNTING

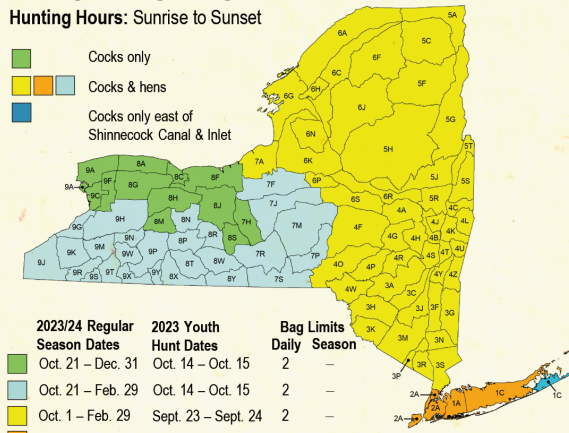
Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset



PHEASANT HUNTING

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

- Cocks only
- ■ Cocks & hens
- Cocks only east of Shinnecock Canal & Inlet

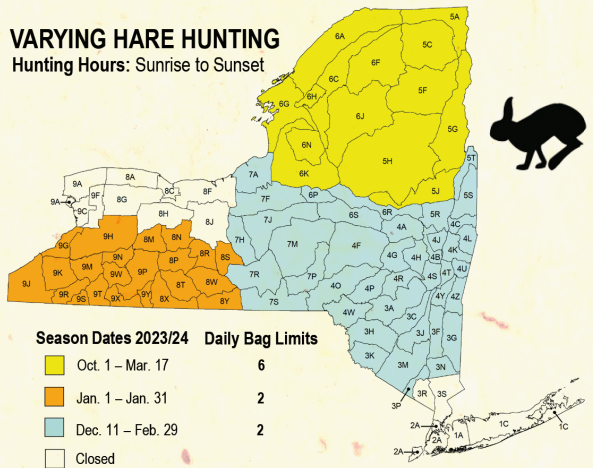


Junior hunters (ages 12-15) must be accompanied by a licensed adult hunter. Only the junior hunter may carry a firearm.

* Youth Hunt
** Regular Season
¹ No youth hunt in WMU 2A; hunting is by falconry only

VARYING HARE HUNTING

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset



GRAY, BLACK & FOX SQUIRREL HUNTING

Daily bag limit of 6 total, regardless of species.

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Long Island: Nov. 1 – Feb. 29

All other areas of New York: Sept. 1 – Feb. 29

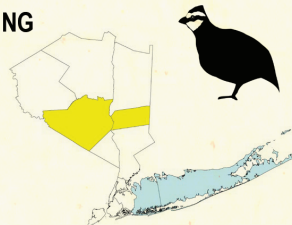


Red squirrels are unprotected, and may be hunted at any time without limit.

BOBWHITE QUAIL HUNTING

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

2023/24 Regular Season Dates	Bag Limits Daily	Season
Oct. 1 – Feb. 29	4	10
Nov. 1 – Dec. 31	6	40
Closed		



RACCOON, FOX, SKUNK, OPOSSUM & WEASEL HUNTING

Long Island: Nov. 1 – Feb. 25

All other areas of New York: Oct. 25 – Feb. 15

There are no bag limits for these species. They may be hunted during the day or night, except weasel, which may only be hunted from sunrise to sunset.



COYOTE HUNTING

Statewide except Long Island and New York City:

Oct. 1 – Mar. 31

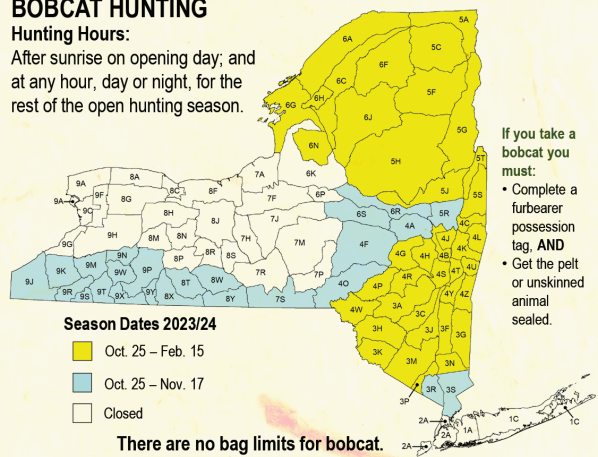
There are no bag limits for coyotes. They may be hunted during the day or night.



BOBCAT HUNTING

Hunting Hours:

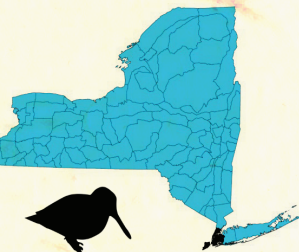
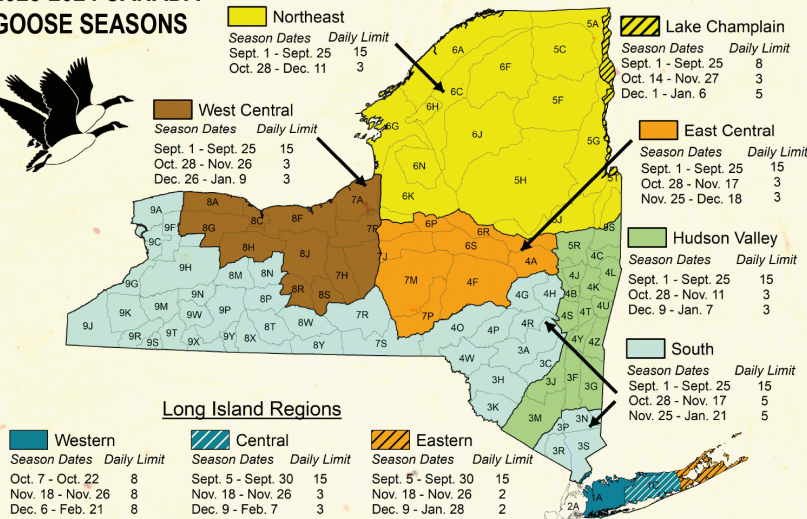
After sunrise on opening day; and at any hour, day or night, for the rest of the open hunting season.



If you take a bobcat you must:

- Complete a furbearer possession tag, AND
- Get the pelt or unskinned animal sealed.

2023-2024 CANADA GOOSE SEASONS



WOODCOCK

Oct. 1 – Nov. 14

Closed

CROW

Sept. 1 – Mar. 31 (Fridays, Saturday, Sundays & Mondays Only)

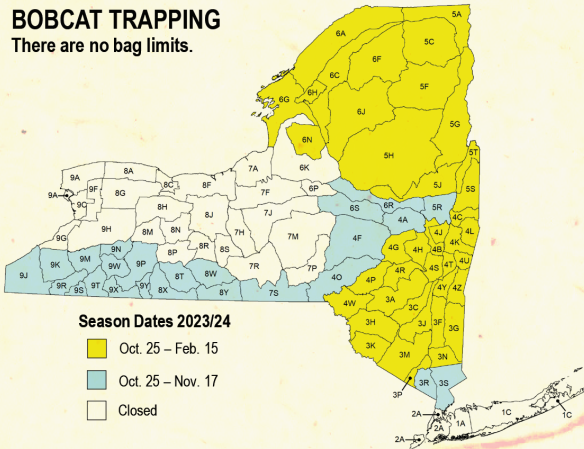
Closed



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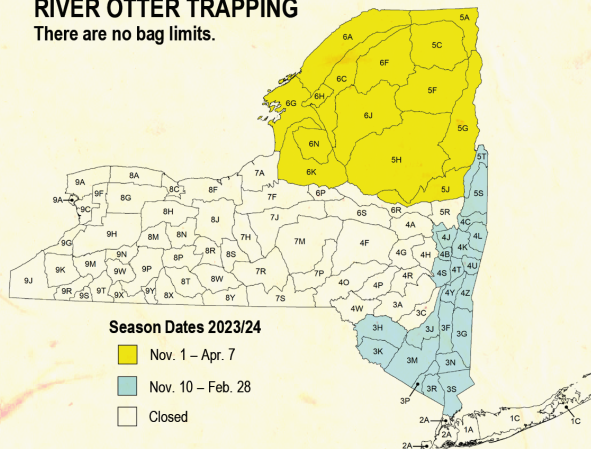
BOBCAT TRAPPING

There are no bag limits.



RIVER OTTER TRAPPING

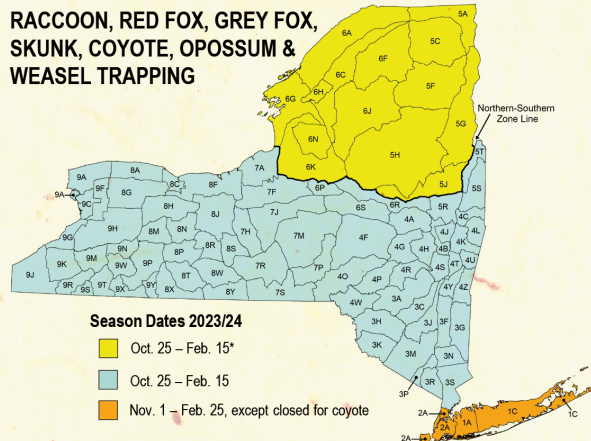
There are no bag limits.



If you take a bobcat, otter, fisher, or marten, you must:

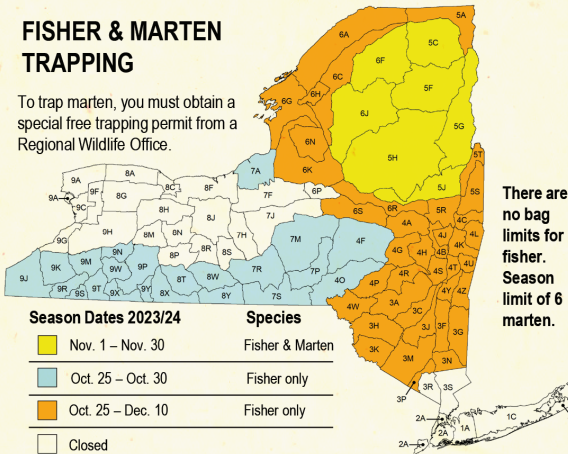
- Complete a furbearer possession tag, AND
- Get the pelt or unskinned animal sealed.

RACCOON, RED FOX, GREY FOX, SKUNK, COYOTE, OPOSSUM & WEASEL TRAPPING



FISHER & MARTEN TRAPPING

To trap marten, you must obtain a special free trapping permit from a Regional Wildlife Office.

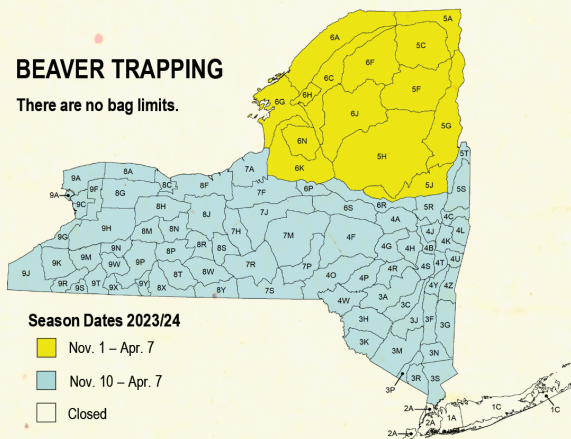


There are no bag limits for these species.

*In the Northern Zone, body-gripping traps set on land may not be set with bait or lure if the fisher and marten season is closed.

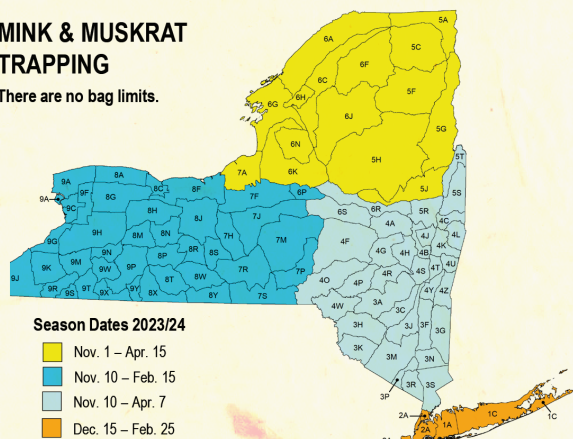
BEAVER TRAPPING

There are no bag limits.

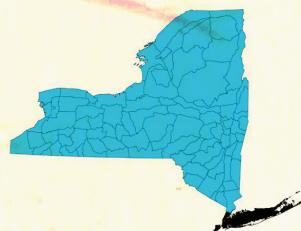
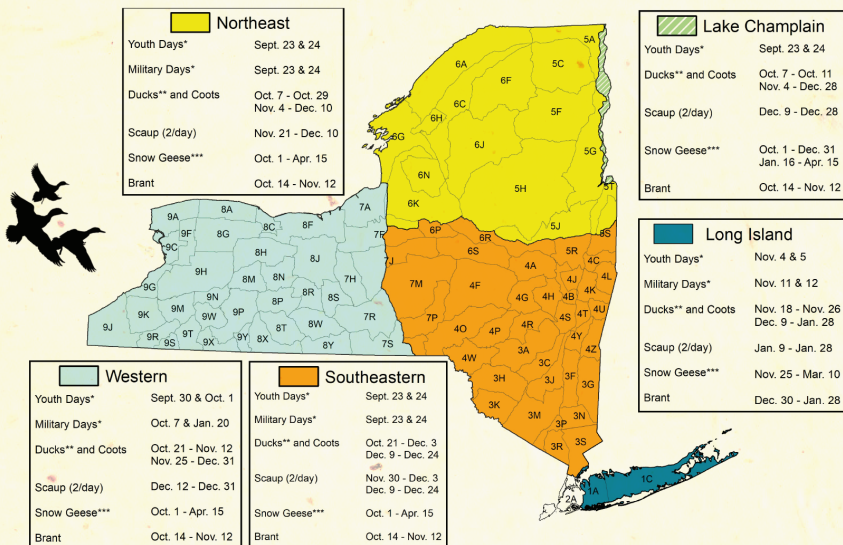


MINK & MUSKRAT TRAPPING

There are no bag limits.



2023-2024 WATERFOWL SEASONS



SNIPE, RAILS AND GALLINULES

Sept. 1 – Nov. 9

Closed

A migratory duck stamp is not required to hunt these three groups of birds.

HIP registration is required for each of these species except crow. To register: www.newyorkhip.org or 1-888-427-5447.



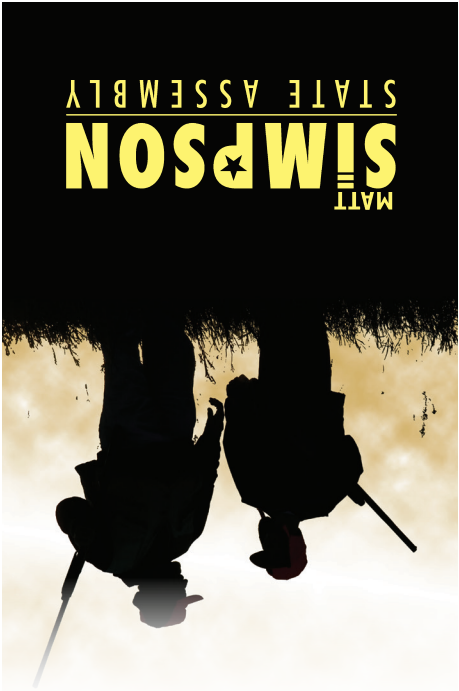
Ammo Rebate Program:

Researchers are offering a rebate of up to \$60 for the purchase of certified non-lead ammunition and for participation in a pre- and post-hunt survey. Certified non-lead ammunition has <1% lead content; a list of manufacturers and non-lead bullet calibers can be found at:

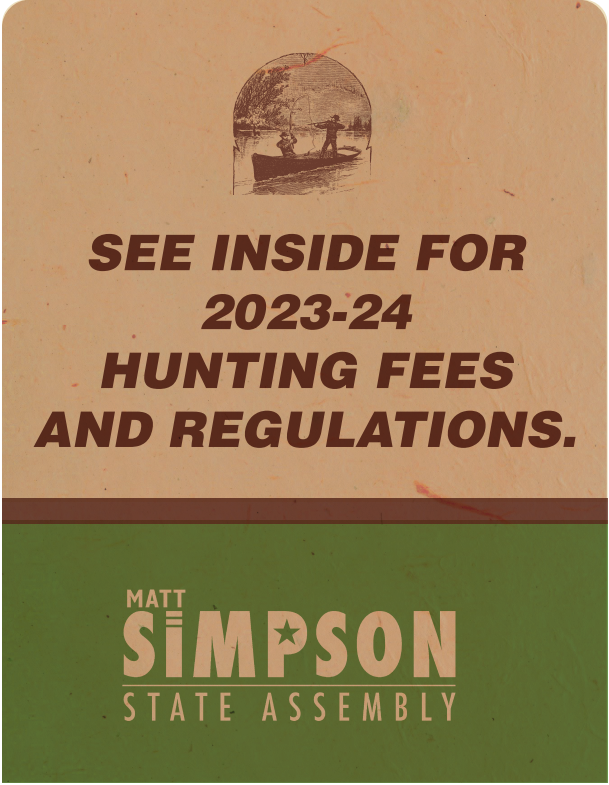
huntersforeagileconservation.org/new-york/

regulations.com/newyork/hunting/non-lead-ammunition-rebate-program

This is a voluntary program limited to wildlife management units. Only hunters who possess a 2023-24 DMP for a WMU in the project area are eligible, and they must participate in an associated pre- and post-hunting season survey. To learn more and sign up, go to huntersforeagileconservation.org/new-york/. For more information on DEC efforts to minimize risks from lead ammunition, email wildlife@dec.ny.gov (subject: non-lead ammo study) or visit www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/48420.html.



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New York State License Fees

Annual Hunting License	Resident	Non-resident
Ages 12-15	\$5	\$5
Ages 16-69	\$22	\$100
Ages 70+	\$5	\$100
Bowhunting Privilege	Resident	Non-resident
Ages 12-15	\$4	\$4
Ages 16-69	\$15	\$30
Ages 70+	No fee	\$30
Muzzleloading Privilege	Resident	Non-resident
Ages 14-69	\$15	\$30
Ages 70+	No fee	\$30
Turkey Permit	Resident	Non-resident
Ages 12+	\$10	\$20

Lifetime License (Residents Only)	Cost
Hunting & Fishing (Ages 5-11), \$765 (Ages 12-69), \$65 (Ages 70+)	\$380 (Under 5), \$535
Hunting	\$535
Bowhunting	\$235
Trapping	\$395
Muzzleloading	\$235
Fresh Water Fishing	\$460 (Ages up to 69) \$65 (Ages 70+)

Active military and some veterans may qualify for reduced fees.

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