

Waterfowl Dates and Information					
Species	Dates (Inclusive) and Zones	Hours	Daily Limit	Possession Limit	
Teal (early season)	9-24 Sep 2023 (all zones)	Sunrise to Sunset	6	18	
Rail (Sora & Virginia only)	9 Sep - 17 Nov 2023 (all zones)		25	75	
Snipe (Wilson's snipe)	9 Sep - 24 Dec 2023 (all zones)		8	24	
Canada Geese (early season)	1-15 Sep 2023 (North and Central)	Same as during regular duck, goose, and coot seasons	5	15	
	1-15 Sep 2023 (South Central and South)		2	6	
Youth Waterfowl	14-15 Oct 2023 (North)		Same as during regular duck, goose, and coot seasons	6	18
	21-22 Oct 2023 (Central)				
	4-5 Nov 2023 (South Central)				
	25-26 Nov 2023 (South)				
Ducks (but see Scaup below)	21 Oct - 19 Dec 2023 (North)		Same as during regular duck, goose, and coot seasons	6	18
	28 Oct - 26 Dec 2023 (Central)				
	11 Nov 2023 - 9 Jan 2024 (South Central)				
	2 Dec 2023 - 30 Jan 2024 (South)				
Mergansers	Same as ducks	5	15		
Coots	Same as ducks	15	45		
Scaup (Bluebills)	21 Oct - 4 Dec 2023 and 5 - 19 Dec 2023 (North)	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	1st Segment: 2/day	1st Segment: 6	
	28 Oct - 11 Dec 2023 and 12 - 26 Dec 2023 (Central)		2nd Segment: 1/day	2nd Segment: 3	
	11 Nov - 25 Dec 2023 and 26 Dec 2023 - 9 Jan 2024 (SC)		3	9	
	2 Dec 2023 - 15 Jan 2024 and 16 - 30 Jan 2024 (South)				
Canada Geese	21 Oct 2023 - 18 Jan 2024 (North)		20	Unlimited	
	28 Oct 2023 - 5 Nov 2023 and 12 Nov 2023 - 31 Jan 2024 (Central)				
	11 Nov 2023 - 31 Jan 2024 (South Central)				
	2 Dec 2023 - 31 Jan 2024 (South)				
Light Geese (Snow/Blue/Ross' Geese)	21 Oct 2023 - 18 Jan 2024 (North)		1	3	
	28 Oct 2023 - 31 Jan 2024 (Central)				
	11 Nov 2023 - 31 Jan 2024 (South Central)				
2 Dec 2023 - 31 Jan 2024 (South)	2	6			
Brant			Same as light geese		
White-fronted Geese (Specklebellies)			23 Oct 2023 - 18 Jan 2024 (North)	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	Unlimited
	5 Nov 2023 - 31 Jan 2024 (Central)				
	11 Nov 2023 - 31 Jan 2024 (South Central)				
Conservation Order Light Geese (Snow/Blue/Ross' Geese)	2 Dec 2023 - 31 Jan 2024 (South)	Unlimited	Unlimited		
	19 Jan - 30 Apr 2024 (North)				
	1 Feb - 30 Apr 2024 (Central, South Central and South)				



Basic daily limit is 6 ducks of any species. However, daily limit can consist of no more than the following: 4 mallards (of which no more than 2 can be hen mallards), 3 wood ducks, 2 Scaup for the first 45 days in each zone, 1 Scaup for the last 15 days in each zone, 2 redheads, 2 canvasbacks, 2 black ducks, 1 pintail and 1 mottled duck. Possession limit for ducks is three times the daily limit by species and sex. Mergansers do not count toward the daily limit of ducks. The daily limit is 5 mergansers, but only 2 can be hooded mergansers. Please refer to the complete Hunting & Trapping Regulations Digest for a complete listing of species, dates and limits. Printed by the Authority of the State of Illinois • DNR-ORC-24002 • 200,000 • 07/23

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Deer and Turkey Season Dates and Limits					
Season	Dates (Inclusive)	Hours	Limit		
Archery Deer (Counties with firearm season and west of Route 47 in Kane County)	1 Oct-16 Nov and 20-29 Nov and 4 Dec 2023-14 Jan 2024	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	One deer per archery permit		
Archery Deer (Cook, DuPage, Lake and Kane [east of route 47] Counties)	1 Oct 2023-14 Jan 2024		One deer per archery permit		
Youth Firearm Deer	7-9 Oct 2023		One deer		
Firearm Deer (Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Handgun and Single Shot Centerfire Rifle)	17-19 Nov and 30 Nov-3 Dec 2023		One deer per firearm permit		
Muzzleloader-only Deer	8-10 Dec 2023		One deer per muzzleloader permit		
Special CWD Deer	28-31 Dec 2023 and 12-14 Jan 2024		One deer per valid permit		
Late Winter Antlerless-only Deer (Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Handgun and Single Shot Centerfire Rifle)	28-31 Dec 2023 and 12-14 Jan 2024		One antlerless deer per valid permit		
Youth Turkey (1 permit per year)	30-31 Mar and 6-7 Apr 2024	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1 p.m.	One tom, jake or bearded hen per permit, counts toward maximum of 3 spring permits		
Spring Turkey (shotgun and archery)	Segment	North	South	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1 p.m.	One tom, jake or bearded hen per permit, maximum of 3 spring permits
	1	15-19 Apr	8-12 Apr		
	2	20-25 Apr	13-18 Apr		
	3	26 Apr-1 May	19-24 Apr		
	4	2-8 May	25 Apr-1 May		
5	9-16 May	2-9 May			
Fall Turkey (Shotgun)	21-29 Oct 2023	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	One either-sex turkey per permit, maximum of 2 fall turkey shotgun permits		
Fall Turkey (Archery)	1 Oct 2023 - 14 Jan 2024 (Closed during firearm deer season in counties open to firearm deer hunting)	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	One either-sex turkey per permit, maximum of 2 fall turkey archery permits		
Upland and Small Game Season Dates and Limits Information					
Species	Dates (Inclusive)	Hours	Daily Limit	Possession Limit	
Squirrels (gray and fox)	1 Aug 2023 - 15 Feb 2024 (Closed during firearm deer season in counties open to firearm deer hunting)	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	5	10	
Doves (mourning & white-winged)	1 Sep - 14 Nov and 26 Dec 2023 - 9 Jan 2024	Sunrise to Sunset	15	45	
Woodcock	21 Oct - 4 Dec 2023	Sunrise to Sunset	3	9	
Crow	28 Oct 2023 - 28 Feb 2024	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	No Limit	No Limit	
Pheasants (males only)	4 Nov 2023 - 8 Jan 2024 (North zone) 4 Nov 2023 - 15 Jan 2024 (South zone)	Sunrise to Sunset	2	6	
Quail (Bobwhite)	Same as Pheasants		8	20	
Hungarian Partridge	Same as Pheasants & Quail		2	6	
Rabbits (cottontail and swamp)	4 Nov 2023 - 15 Feb 2024		4	10	

Please refer to the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Digest for complete species seasons, limits, and specific regulations.

2023-2024 Hunting Timeline

Animal	23-Aug	23-Sep	23-Oct	23-Nov	23-Dec	24-Jan	24-Feb	24-Mar	24-Apr	24-May	24-Jun	24-Jul	
Coyote/Striped Skunk				Closed 17-19 & 30	Closed 1-3								
Woodchuck				Closed 17-19 & 30	Closed 1-3			Ends 31			Opens 1		
Squirrels				Closed 17-19 & 30	Closed 1-3		Ends 15						
Doves	See card front for specific dates												
Canada Geese	See card back for specific dates												
Snipe (Wilson's Snipe)		Opens 9			Ends 24								
Rails		Opens 9		Ends 17									
Teal Ducks		9-24											
Deer	See card front for specific dates												
Turkey	See card front for specific dates							See card front for specific dates					
Ducks/Mergansers/Coots	See card back for specific dates												
Light Geese/Brant	See card back for specific dates												
White-fronted Geese	See card back for specific dates												
Crow			Opens 28				Ends 28						
Woodcock			Opens 21		Ends 4								
Rabbits				Opens 4			Ends 15						
Pheasant/Quail/ Partridge				Opens 4		Ends 8 (N) Ends 15 (S)							
Bobcat/Foxes/Opossum/ Raccoon				Opens 10 Closed 17-19 & 30	Closed 1-3		Ends 15						
Conservation Order Light Geese							See card back for specific dates						

Trapping Timeline

Woodchuck		Ends 30									Opens 1	
Badger/Bobcat/Coyote/ Foxes/Mink/Muskrat/ Opossum/Raccoon Striped Skunk/Weasels				Opens 10			Ends 15					
Beaver/River Otter				Opens 10				Ends 31				