

# 2019-20 Big Game, Turkey, and Furbearer Seasons Summary

(most maps depict Wildlife Management Unit boundaries, refer to the 2019-20 Hunting & Trapping Regulations Guide)

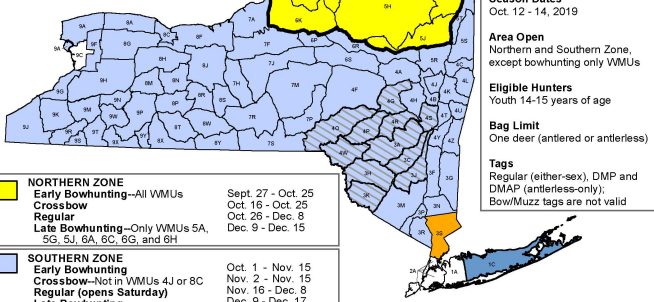


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## REGULAR & BOWHUNTING DEER SEASONS

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

2019



<b>NORTHERN ZONE</b>	
Early Bowhunting--All WMUs	Sept. 27 - Oct. 25
Crossbow	Oct. 16 - Oct. 25
Regular	Oct. 26 - Dec. 8
Late Bowhunting--Only WMUs 5A, 5G, 5J, 6A, 6C, 6G, and 6H	Dec. 9 - Dec. 15
<b>SOUTHERN ZONE</b>	
Early Bowhunting	Oct. 1 - Nov. 15
Crossbow--Not in WMUs 4J or 8C	Nov. 2 - Nov. 15
Regular (opens Saturday)	Nov. 16 - Dec. 8
Late Bowhunting	Dec. 9 - Dec. 17
<b>WESTCHESTER COUNTY (3S)</b>	
Regular--Bowhunting Only	Oct. 1 - Dec. 31
<b>SUFFOLK COUNTY (1C)</b>	
Regular--Bowhunting Only	Oct. 1, 2019 - Jan. 31, 2020
Special Firearms-Permit Req.	Jan. 5 - Jan. 31, 2020
<b>Antler Point Restrictions</b>	
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.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Deer Hunting	

**Youth Firearms Season**  
Season Dates  
Oct. 12 - 14, 2019

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

**Eligible Hunters**  
Youth 14-15 years of age

**Bag Limit**  
One deer (antlered or antlerless)

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

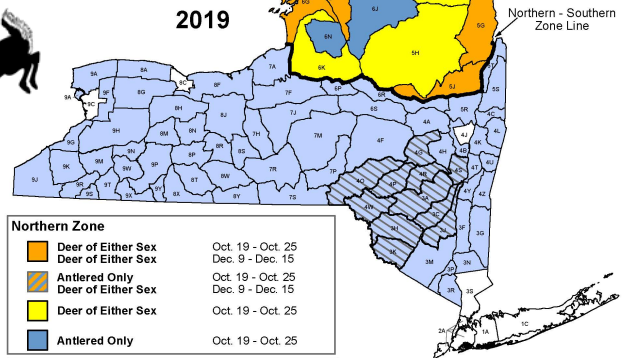
**Crossbows**  
May be used to hunt deer during the Northern and Southern Zone Regular Seasons.

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.

## MUZZLELOADING DEER SEASONS

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

2019



<b>Northern Zone</b>	
Deer of Either Sex	Oct. 19 - Oct. 25
Deer of Either Sex	Dec. 9 - Dec. 15
Antlered Only	Oct. 19 - Oct. 25
Deer of Either Sex	Dec. 9 - Dec. 15
Deer of Either Sex	Oct. 19 - Oct. 25
Antlered Only	Oct. 19 - Oct. 25
<b>Southern Zone</b>	
Deer of Either Sex	Dec. 9 - Dec. 17
<b>Antler Point Restrictions</b>	
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.	
<input type="checkbox"/> 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.

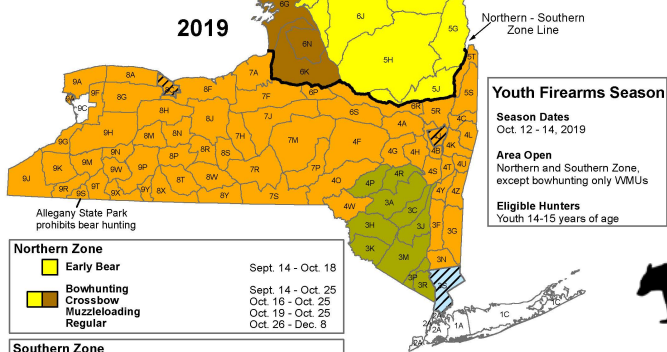
Take It \* Tag It \* Report It

1-866-426-3778  
or the  
HuntFishNY Mobile App  
www.dec.ny.gov

## BLACK BEAR SEASONS

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

2019



<b>Northern Zone</b>	
Early Bear	Sept. 14 - Oct. 18
Bowhunting	Sept. 14 - Oct. 25
Crossbow	Oct. 16 - Oct. 25
Muzzleloading	Oct. 19 - Oct. 25
Regular	Oct. 26 - Dec. 8
<b>Southern Zone</b>	
Early Bear	Sept. 7 - Sept. 22
Early Bowhunting	Oct. 1 - Nov. 15
Crossbow--Not in 3S, 4J, or 8C	Nov. 2 - Nov. 15
Regular	Nov. 16 - Dec. 8
Late Bowhunting	Dec. 9 - Dec. 17
Late Muzzleloading	Dec. 9 - Dec. 17
Westchester County (3S) Regular--Bowhunting Only	Oct. 1 - Dec. 31

**Youth Firearms Season**  
Season Dates  
Oct. 12 - 14, 2019

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

**Eligible Hunters**  
Youth 14-15 years of age

**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.

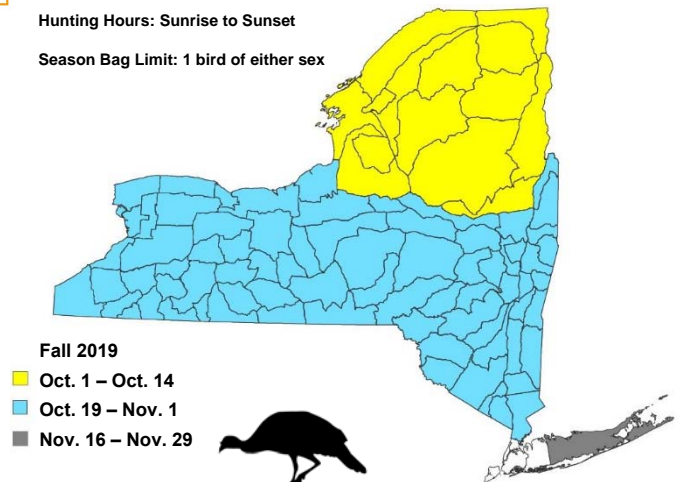
May not be used to hunt bear anytime in WMUs 3S (Westchester County), 4J, or 8C.



## FALL TURKEY SEASONS

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Season Bag Limit: 1 bird of either sex



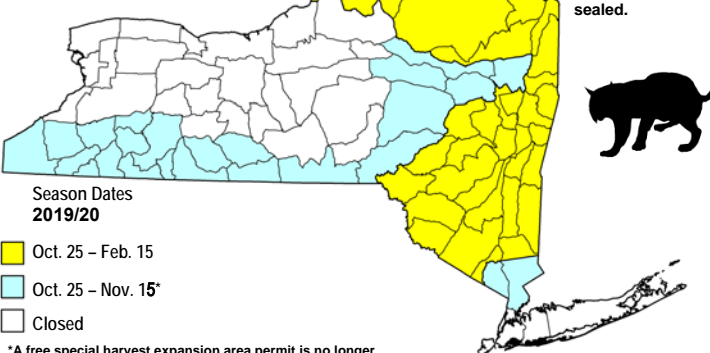
<b>Fall 2019</b>
Oct. 1 - Oct. 14
Oct. 19 - Nov. 1
Nov. 16 - Nov. 29



## BOBCAT HUNTING

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

There are no bag limits.



If you take a bobcat you must:

1. Complete a Furbearer Possession Tag AND
2. Get the pelt or unskinned animal sealed.



Season Dates  
2019/20

<input type="checkbox"/> Oct. 25 - Feb. 15
<input type="checkbox"/> Oct. 25 - Nov. 15*
<input type="checkbox"/> Closed

\*A free special harvest expansion area permit is no longer required. You must still have a valid hunting license.

## SPRING TURKEY SEASON (no map)

Hunting Hours  
One half - hour before sunrise to noon

**Area Open**  
All of upstate New York north of the Bronx-Westchester County boundary

**Season Dates**  
May 1 - May 31

**Season Bag Limits**  
Two bearded turkeys (one bird per day)

## SPRING YOUTH HUNT

Season Dates  
April 25 - 26, 2020

**Area Open**  
Same as regular spring season  
Plus Suffolk County (WMU 1C)

**Eligible hunters**  
Youth 12 - 15 years of age

## WEASEL, OPOSSUM, RACCOON, SKUNK, AND FOX 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.



## 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.



# 2019-2020 Small Game Seasons Summary

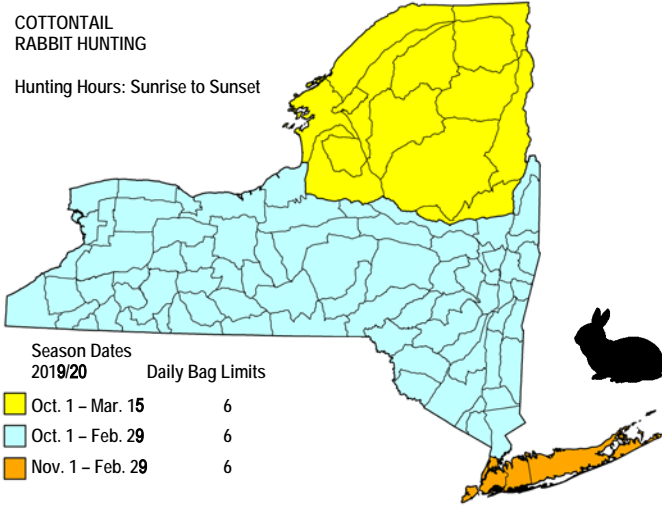
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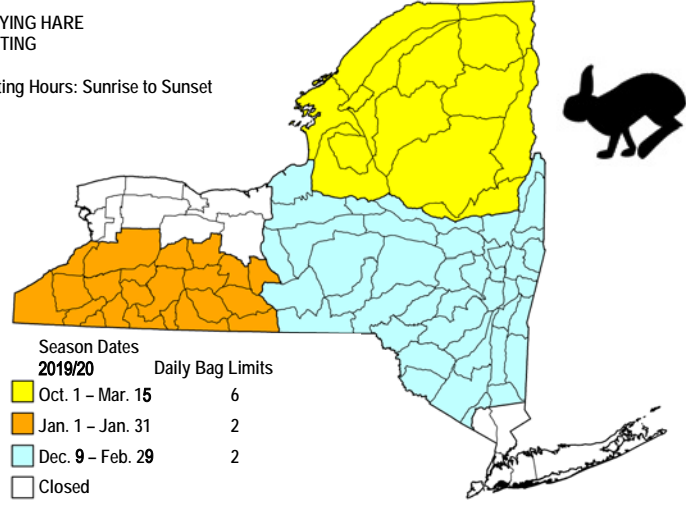
## COTTONTAIL RABBIT HUNTING

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset



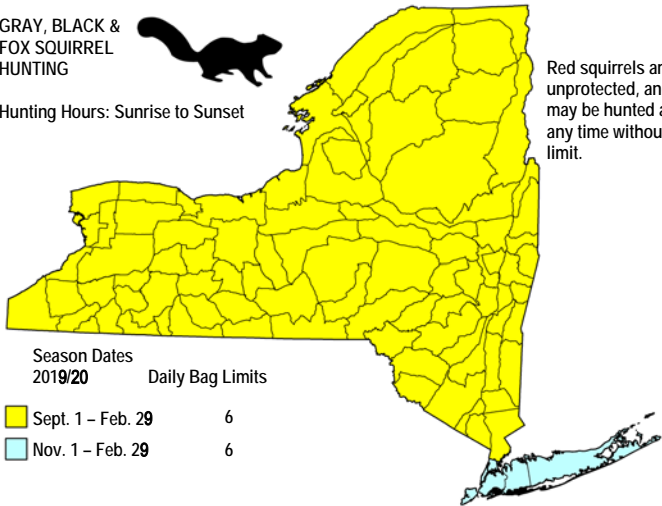
## VARYING HARE HUNTING

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset



## GRAY, BLACK & FOX SQUIRREL HUNTING

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset



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

## PHEASANT HUNTING

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

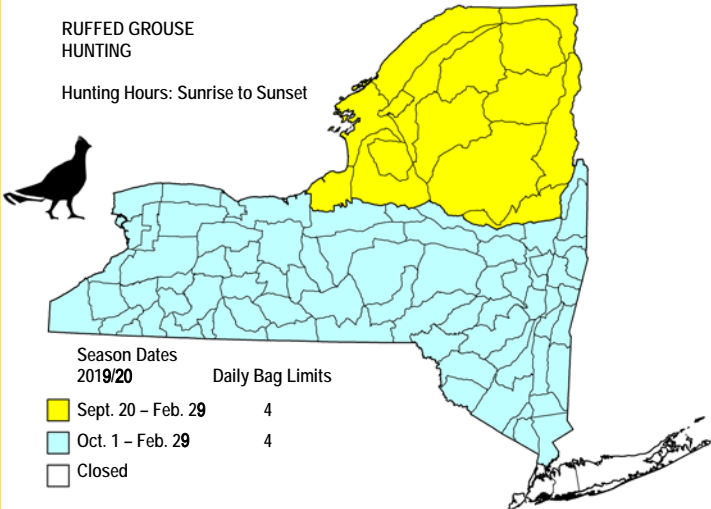
- ☐ Cocks only
- ☐ Cocks & hens
- ☐ Cocks only east of Shinnecock Canal & Inlet

2019/20 Regular Season	2019 Youth Hunt	Bag Limits Daily	Season
Oct. 19– Dec. 31	Oct. 12 & 13	2	-
Oct. 19 – Feb. 29	Oct. 12 & 13	2	-
Oct. 1 – Feb. 29	Sept. 28 & 29	2	-
Nov. 1 – Dec. 31	Oct. 26 & 27 †	2 <sup>†</sup> /4 <sup>**</sup>	30
Nov. 1 – Dec. 31	Oct. 26 & 27	2 <sup>†</sup> /4 <sup>**</sup>	30

†No Youth Hunt in WMU 2A / \*Youth Hunt / \*\*Regular Hunt  
Junior hunters (ages 12-15) must be accompanied by a licensed adult hunter. Only the junior hunter may carry a firearm.

## RUFFED GROUSE HUNTING

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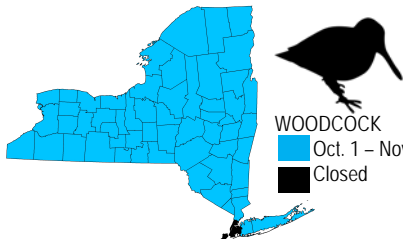
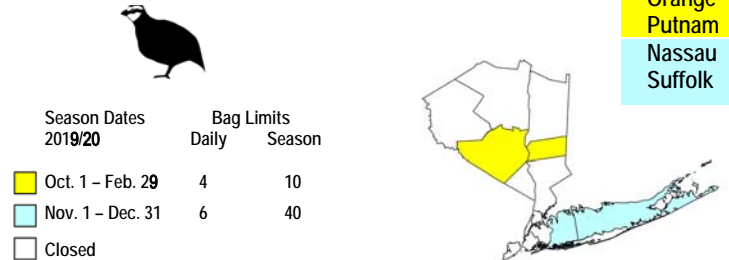


## BOBWHITE QUAIL HUNTING

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### Counties

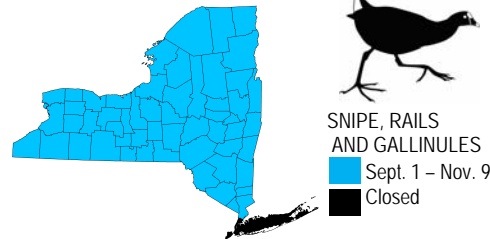
- Orange
- Putnam
- Nassau
- Suffolk



## WOODCOCK



## CROW



## SNIPE, RAILS AND GALLINULES

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](http://www.newyorkhip.org) or 1-888-427-5447.

For seasons and bag limits for ducks and geese refer to the DEC website.