

2009-2010 Hunting Season Dates and Bag Limits

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	DAILY BAG
White-tailed Deer: Archery	September 26	February 7	Refer to Deer Hunting Section for details on zone and bag limits
White-tailed Deer: Early Muzzleloader <i>Wildcat Hollow, Salt Fork Wildlife Area, Shawnee State Forest</i>	October 19	October 24	
White-tailed Deer: Youth Gun	November 21	November 22	
White-tailed Deer: Gun	November 30	December 6	
White-tailed Deer: Gun (extended)	December 19	December 20	
White-tailed Deer: Muzzleloader	January 9	January 12	
Wild Turkey: Fall	October 10	November 29	
Wild Turkey: Spring	April 19	May 16	
Squirrel (gray, red, fox, black)	September 1	January 31	6
Mourning Dove	September 1 - Refer to Publication 298 or Small Game Section		
Ruffed Grouse	October 10	January 31	2
Goose and Brant	Refer to Waterfowl Season Dates or refer to Publication 295 Click here to review all Waterfowl Season Information		
Ducks, Coots, Mergansers and Canvasbacks	Refer to Waterfowl Season Dates or refer to Publication 295 Click here to review all Waterfowl Season Information		

Cottontail Rabbit	November 6	February 28	4
Ringneck Pheasant	November 6	January 10	2 (cock pheasants only)
Bobwhite Quail	November 6	November 29	4
Fox, Raccoon, Skunk, Opossum, Weasel	November 10	January 31	No Limit
Crow Fri. Sat. Sun. Only	June 5, 2009	March 14, 2010	No Limit
Coyote	No closed season for hunting or trapping		No Limit
Wild boar	No closed season for hunting		No Limit
Groundhog	Closed during deer gun season only		No Limit

2009-2010 Youth Hunting Season Dates

YOUTH HUNT	DATE
Youth Hunters Small Game Season	October 24-25 and October 31 - November 1, 2009
Youth Deer Gun Season	November 21-22, 2009
Youth Spring Wild Turkey Season	April 17-18, 2010
Youth Spring Wild Turkey Hunts	Controlled hunts on selected areas during spring season April 19 - May 16, 2010
Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days	Saturday and Sunday in early October See Publication 295
Youth Waterfowl Opening Day Hunts	Selected areas only on Waterfowl opening day
Youth Controlled Deer Hunts	Selected areas by application only
Youth Controlled Waterfowl Hunts	Selected areas by application only

All youth hunters: Please refer to the Youth Hunting Section for complete details on dates, areas, regulations, and procedures.

2009-2010 Trapping Season Dates

Season	Opening Date	Closing Date
Fox, Raccoon, Opossum, Skunk, Weasel	November 10, 2009	January 31, 2010
Mink, Muskrat	November 10, 2009	February 28, 2010
Mink, Muskrat, Raccoon, Opossum, Skunk, Weasel (Erie, Ottawa, Sandusky, and Lucas County east of the Maumee River)	November 10, 2009	March 15, 2010
Beaver: Statewide	December 26, 2009	February 28, 2010
River Otter (See map)	December 26, 2009	February 28, 2010

A Fur Taker Permit is required (except for coyote) to hunt or trap furbearing animals in Ohio

2009-2010 Geese and Brant Season Dates, Bag and Possession Limits

SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT AFTER FIRST DAY
Canada Geese	LAKE ERIE ZONE	2	4
Light Geese (Snows, Blues, Ross')	October 17 - November 29, 2009 & December 7 - January 3, 2010	10	20
White-fronted Geese	NORTH ZONE October 17 - November 29, 2009 & December 19 - January 17, 2010	1	2
Brant	SOUTH ZONE October 17 - November 8, 2009 & December 12 - January 31, 2010	1	2

2009 Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons

• DAILY HUNTING HOURS ARE SUNRISE TO SUNSET

- Only non-toxic shot may be used to take waterfowl, rails, snipe and gallinules. Doves and woodcock may be taken with lead shot.

SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT AFTER FIRST DAY
RAILS (Virginia and sora only)	September 1 - November 9 , 2009	25	25
COMMON MOORHEN (Gallinule)	September 1 - November 9 , 2009	15	30
COMMON (Wilson's) SNIPE	September 1 - November 29, 2009 & December 7 - December 23, 2009	8	16
MOURNING DOVE	September 1 - October 25, 2009 & December 7 - December 21 , 2009	15	30
WOODCOCK	October 10 - November 23, 2009	3	6
TEAL (blue-winged, green-winged, cinnamon teal only)	September 5 - September 20, 2009	4	8
Early statewide* CANADA GOOSE	September 1 - September 15, 2009	4	8
<p>*The Mercer Canada Goose Zone will not be open during the special Early Goose Season.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Download the Mercer Canada Goose Zone Map</p> <p>Mandatory Reporting Zones for geese have been eliminated. These zones were originally created to protect local giant Canada geese from over harvest and were crucial to the reestablishment of Canada geese in Ohio. As Ohio's goose populations grew, the need to protect local birds diminished and was replaced by a desire to protect interior birds critical to the aboriginal people in Canada, particularly the Cree First Nation.</p>			

2009-2010 Duck, Coot, Merganser and Canvasback Season Dates, Bag and Possession Limits

SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT AFTER FIRST DAY
Ducks	NORTH ZONE October 17 - December 6	6*	12
Coots	& December 26 - January 3	15	30
Mergansers	SOUTH ZONE October 17 - November 1 & December 12 - January 24	5*	10
*Daily Bag Limits			
<p>Ducks: Daily bag limit of 6 ducks not to include more than 4 mallards (only 1 of which may be a hen), 3 wood ducks, 1 black duck, 2 redheads, 2 scaup (bluebill), 1 canvasback, 1 mottled duck, or 1 pintail.</p> <p>Mergansers: Daily bag limit of 5, not to include more than 2 hooded mergansers.</p> <p>Coots: Daily bag limit of 15.</p>			
