

## Hunting Season Date Summary from the 2026 Connecticut Hunting and Trapping Guide

### Resident Game Birds ([Bag limit details](#))

#### Pheasant <sup>A</sup>

- January 1 – February 28 *and* October 17 – December 31

#### Chukar and Hungarian Partridge <sup>A</sup>

- January 1 – February 28 *and* October 17 – December 31

#### Ruffed Grouse <sup>A</sup>

- October 17 – November 30

#### Quail <sup>A</sup> *Extended season in some areas*

- October 17 – 31

#### Crow <sup>B</sup> *(Note that the fall crow season dates are subject to change pending a regulations change.)*

- December 22, 2025 – March 23, 2026 (Monday through Saturday)
- August 8 – October 9, 2026 (Wednesday, Friday, Saturday)
- October 17 – November 28, 2026 (Wednesday, Friday, Saturday)
- December 21, 2026 – March 20, 2027 (Monday through Saturday)

#### Woodcock – Snipe – Rails <sup>B</sup>

- See current [Migratory Bird Hunting Guide](#); State stamp required.

#### Waterfowl <sup>B</sup> (ducks, mergansers, geese, and coot)

- See current [Migratory Bird Hunting Guide](#); State and federal stamps required.

<sup>A</sup> Connecticut Resident Game Bird Conservation Stamp required.

<sup>B</sup> Connecticut Migratory Bird Conservation Stamp required.

### Small Game Mammals ([Bag limit details](#))

#### Gray Squirrel

- January 1 – February 28 *and* September 1 – December 31

#### Cottontail Rabbit and European Hare

- January 1 – February 28 *and* October 17 – December 31

#### Snowshoe Hare

- January 1 – February 28 *and* November 21 – December 31

#### Woodchuck

- March 15 – November 15

### Furbearers ([Bag limit details](#))

#### Coyote

- January 1 – December 31

#### Raccoon and Opossum

- January 1 – 17 *and* October 17 – December 31

#### Red and Gray Foxes

- January 1 – February 28 *and* October 17 – December 31

([Furbearer Trapping Season Details](#))

*Turkey, Deer, and Junior Hunter Days on next page*

## Wild Turkey

([Bag limit details](#))

### Spring Turkey Season

- State and Private Lands April 29 – May 30

### Fall Archery Turkey Season

- Private Land (Zones 11 and 12) January. 1 – 31
- Private Land (All Zones) September 15 – December 31
- State Land Bowhunting Only Areas September 15 – December 31
- State Land September 15 – November 17 **and** December 23 – 31

### Fall Turkey Firearms

- State and Private Lands October 3 – 31

## White-tailed Deer

([Bag limit details](#))

### Deer Archery Season

- Private Land (Zones 11 and 12) January. 1 – 31
- Private Land (All Zones) September 15 – December 31
- State Land Bowhunting Only Areas September 15 – December 31
- State Land September 15 – November 17 **and** December 23 – 31

### Deer Shotgun - State Controlled Areas

- No Lottery Season November 18 – December 8

### Deer Lottery

- Archery-Only Lottery September 15 – December 31
- State Land Lottery "A" Season November 18 – 27
- State Land Lottery Regular Season November 18 – December 8

### Deer Shotgun/Rifle/Revolver

- Private Lands November 18 – December 8
- Landowner November 1 – December 31

### Deer Muzzleloader

- Private Land December 9 – 31
- State Land December 9 – 22

## Junior Hunter Training Days

[Learn more about Junior Hunter Training Days and Opportunities](#)

- Junior Spring Wild Turkey: April 18 – 25, 2026 (excluding Sunday on state land)
- Junior Waterfowl: Two Saturdays in fall (see the [2026-2027 Migratory Bird Hunting Guide](#) for dates)
- Junior Pheasant: October 10, 2026
- Junior Deer: November 7 – 14, 2026 (excluding Sunday on state land)