

# 2017-18 MAINE HUNTING SEASONS

The following are general dates for the 2017-2018 season. Please reference the *Maine 2017-18 Summary of Hunting Laws* for more details including Migratory Bird Seasons, available at [mefishwildlife.com/huntinglaws](http://mefishwildlife.com/huntinglaws).

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DEER	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	DAILY BAG & POSSESSION
Firearms Season	All	October 30, 2017	November 25, 2017	1 Deer Per Year**
Maine Resident Only Day*	All	October 28, 2017		
Youth Deer Day	All	October 21, 2017		
Archery	All	September 28, 2017	October 27, 2017	
Muzzleloader Statewide	All	November 27, 2017	December 2, 2017	
Muzzleloader	12, 13, 15-18, 20-26, 29	December 4, 2017	December 9, 2017	
Expanded Archery	Designated areas only	September 9, 2017	December 9, 2017	

\*\*Only deer with antlers at least 3 inches long may be taken from October 28-December 9, except that any deer may be taken in designated WMDs by hunters with any-deer permits. **Exceptions:** Additional deer may be taken by participating in the Expanded Archery Season, or by anyone possessing a bonus antlerless deer permit or superpack antlerless deer permit. **Note:** In WMDs where no any-deer permits are issued, it is bucks only for youth hunters on youth deer day and also bucks only for archers during the archery season on deer.

BEAR	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	DAILY BAG & POSSESSION
General Hunting Season	All	August 28, 2017	November 25, 2017	2 Bear Per Year 1 by hunting, 1 by trapping
Youth Bear Day	All	August 26, 2017		
Hunting with Dogs	All	September 11, 2017	October 27, 2017	
Hunting with Bait <i>Bait can be placed July 27</i>	All	August 28, 2017	September 23, 2017	

MOOSE BY PERMIT ONLY	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	DAILY BAG & POSSESSION
	1- 6, 11, 19	September 25, 2017	September 30, 2017	1 Moose Per Year <i>by either permittee or sub-permittee</i>
	1-14, 17-19, 27, 28	October 9, 2017	October 14, 2017	
	15, 16	October 30, 2017	November 25, 2017	
Maine Resident Only Day*	15, 16	October 28, 2017		
	1-4, 19	October 23, 2017	October 28, 2017	

Permit application period: January through April 1

\*A non-resident who owns 25 or more acres of land in Maine and leaves land open to hunting, holds a valid hunting license, and is not otherwise prohibited by law, may hunt deer on the Resident only day, anywhere in the state. A verification form must be completed and can be located on our website.

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SPRING WILD TURKEY <i>Bow &amp; arrow, crossbow or shotgun</i>	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS	
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	DAILY BAG & POSSESSION	
General Hunting Season	7, 9-29	April 30, 2018	June 2, 2018	2 bearded Wild Turkeys	
	8	April 30, 2018	June 2, 2018		
Season A Week 1 ( <i>even year birth</i> )	1-6	April 30, 2018	May 5, 2018		
Season A Week 2 ( <i>even year birth</i> )	1-6	May 14, 2018	May 19, 2018		
Season B Week 3 ( <i>odd year birth</i> )	1-6	May 7, 2018	May 12, 2018	1 bearded Wild Turkey*	
Season B Week 4 ( <i>odd year birth</i> )	1-6	May 21, 2018	May 26, 2018		
All Hunters	1-6	May 28, 2018	June 2, 2018		
Youth Spring Wild Turkey Day		April 28, 2018			

FALL WILD TURKEY <i>Bow &amp; arrow or shotgun</i>	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS	
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	DAILY BAG & POSSESSION	
General Hunting Season	15-17, 20-25, 28	October 2, 2017	November 7, 2017	2 Wild Turkeys either sex, any age	
	10-13, 18, 19, 26, 27, 29	October 2, 2017	November 7, 2017	1 Wild Turkey either sex, any age*	
	1-9, 14			Closed to Fall Turkey hunting	

\*May take up to 2 turkeys for the season, but the second turkey must come from a WMD listed as having a two bird limit.

UPLAND AND MIGRATORY BIRDS	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS	
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION
Ruffed Grouse & Bobwhite Quail	All	October 2, 2017	December 31, 2017	4	8
Pheasant	All	October 2, 2017	December 31, 2017	2	4
Woodcock	All				
Common Snipe	All				
Ducks, Geese, Sea Ducks (Scoter, Eider, Long-Tailed Duck)		<b>See migratory game bird laws for more information</b>			
Sora & Virginia Rails (and Gallinules)	All				
Crows	1-6	February 3, 2018 August 1, 2017	April 14, 2018 September 22, 2017	No Limit	
	7-29	January 20, 2018 August 1, 2017	March 31, 2018 September 22, 2017		

OTHER SPECIES	WMDs	SEASONS		LIMITS	
		FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION
Gray Squirrel	All	October 2, 2017	December 31, 2017	4	8
Gray Squirrel (Falconry)	All	October 2, 2017	February 28, 2018	4	8
Snowshoe Hare	All	October 2, 2017	March 31, 2018	4	8
Snowshoe Hare	Vinalhaven Island, Knox County	October 2, 2017	February 28, 2018	4	8
Bobcat	All	December 1, 2017	February 21, 2018	No Limit	
Fox	All	October 15, 2017	February 28, 2018	No Limit	
Raccoon	All	October 2, 2017	December 31, 2017	No Limit	
Skunk, Opossum	All	October 15, 2017	December 31, 2017	No Limit	
Coyote Night Hunt	All	December 16, 2017	August 31, 2018	No Limit	
Coyote, Woodchuck, Porcupine, Red Squirrel	All	No Closed Season for Hunting			
Spruce Grouse, Lynx, Cottontail Rabbit		No Open Season for Hunting			

**Note:** Except for migratory game birds, there is no hunting season on any species of bird or animal which is not listed above.