

2020-2021 Illinois Digest of HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS

| Waterfowl Dates and Information | | | | |
|--|---|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| SPECIES | DATES (INCLUSIVE) AND ZONES | HOURS | DAILY LIMIT | POSSESSION LIMIT |
| Teal (early season) | 5-20 Sep 2020 (all zones) | Sunrise to Sunset | 6 | 18 |
| Rail (Sora and Virginia only) | 5 Sep - 13 Nov 2020 (all zones) | | 25 | 75 |
| Snipe (Wilson's snipe) | 5 Sep - 20 Dec 2020 (all zones) | | 8 | 24 |
| Ducks (but see Scaup below) | 17 Oct - 15 Dec 2020 (North) 24 Oct - 22 Dec 2020 (Central) 14 Nov 2020 - 12 Jan 2021 (South-central) 26 Nov 2020 - 24 Jan 2021 (South) | 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset | 6 | 18 |
| Mergansers | Same as ducks | | 5 | 15 |
| Coots | Same as ducks | | 15 | 45 |
| Scaup (Bluebills) | 17 Oct - 30 Nov and 1 - 15 Dec (North) 24 Oct - 7 Dec and 8 - 22 Dec (Central) 14 Nov - 28 Dec and 29 Dec - 12 Jan 2021 (SC) 26 Nov - 9 Jan 2021 and 10 - 24 Jan (South) | | First Segment: 2/day Second Segment: 1/day | First Segment: 6 Second Segment: 3 |
| Canada Geese (early season) | 1-15 Sep 2020 (North and Central) 1-15 Sep 2020 (South-central and South) | | 5 | 15 |
| Canada Geese | 17 Oct 2020 - 14 Jan 2021 (North) 24 Oct - 1 Nov 2020 and 12 Nov 2020 - 31 Jan 2021 (Central) 14 Nov 2020 - 31 Jan 2021 (South-central) 26 Nov 2020 - 31 Jan 2021 (South) | | 3 | 9 |
| Light Geese (Snow/Blue/Ross' Geese) | 17 Oct 2020 - 14 Jan 2021 (North) 24 Oct 2020 - 31 Jan 2021 (Central) 14 Nov 2020 - 31 Jan 2021 (South-central) 26 Nov 2020 - 31 Jan 2021 (South) | | 20 | Unlimited |
| Brant | Same as light geese | | 1 | 3 |
| White-fronted Geese (Specklebellies) | 19 Oct 2020 - 14 Jan 2021 (North) 5 Nov 2020 - 31 Jan 2021 (Central) 14 Nov 2020 - 31 Jan 2021 (South-central) 26 Nov 2020 - 31 Jan 2021 (South) | | 2 | 6 |
| Conservation Order Light Geese (Snow/Blue/Ross' Geese) | 15 Jan - 30 Apr 2021 (North) 1 Feb - 30 Apr 2021 (Central, South-central and South) | | 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset | Unlimited |
| Youth waterfowl | 10-11 Oct 2020 (North) 17-18 Oct 2020 (Central) 7-8 Nov 2020 (South-central) 14-15 Nov 2020 (South) | 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset | Same as during regular duck, goose, and coot seasons | Same as during regular duck, goose, and coot seasons |

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 canvasback, 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 Hunting & Trapping Regulations booklet for a complete listing of species, dates and limits. This insert card was created at the request of Illinois hunters from their opinions expressed in the 2013-2014 survey entitled *Illinois Hunters' Attitudes toward Seasons, Bag Limits, and Regulations*.

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Deer & Turkey Season Dates and Limits

| SEASON | DATES (INCLUSIVE) | HOURS | LIMIT | |
|---|--|--|---|--|
| Archery Deer (Counties with a firearm season and west of Route 47 in Kane County) | 1 Oct-19 Nov and 23 Nov-2 Dec and 7 Dec 2020-17 Jan 2021 | 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 2020-17 Jan 2021 | | One deer per archery permit | |
| Firearm Deer (Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Handgun) | 20-22 Nov and 3-6 Dec 2020 | | One deer per firearm permit | |
| Muzzleloader-only Deer | 11-13 Dec 2020 | | One deer per muzzleloader permit | |
| Special CWD Deer | 31 Dec 2020-3 Jan 2021 and 15-17 Jan 2021 | | One deer per valid permit | |
| Late Winter Antlerless-only Deer (Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Handgun) | 31 Dec 2020-3 Jan 2021 and 15-17 Jan 2021 | | One antlerless deer per permit | |
| Youth Firearm Deer | 10-12 Oct 2020 | | One deer | |
| Youth Turkey (1 permit per year) | 27-28 Mar and 3-4 Apr 2021 | | 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) | Season 2021 Segment North South 1 12-16 Apr 5-9 Apr 2 17-22 Apr 10-15 Apr 3 23-28 Apr 16-21 Apr 4 29 Apr-5 May 22-28 Apr 5 6-13 May 29 Apr-6 May | | 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1 p.m. | One tom, jake or bearded hen per permit, maximum of 3 spring permits |
| Fall Turkey (shotgun) | 24 Oct - 1 Nov 2020 | | 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset | One either-sex turkey per permit, maximum of 2 fall permits |
| Fall Turkey (archery) | 1 Oct 2020 - 17 Jan 2021 (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 permits | |

Small Game Season Dates and Limits Information

| SPECIES | DATES (INCLUSIVE) | HOURS | DAILY LIMIT | POSSESSION LIMIT | |
|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------|--|------------------|----------|
| DOVES (mourning and white-winged) | 1 Sep-14 Nov 2020 and 26 Dec 2020-9 Jan 2021 | Sunrise to Sunset | 15 | 45 | |
| Pheasants (males only) | 7 Nov 2020-8 Jan 2021 (North zone) 7 Nov 2020-15 Jan 2021 (South zone) | | 2 | 6 | |
| Quail (Bobwhite) | Same as Pheasants | | 8 | 20 | |
| Hungarian Partridge | Same as Pheasants & Quail | | 2 | 6 | |
| Rabbits (cottontail and swamp) | 7 Nov 2020 - 15 Feb 2021 | | 4 | 10 | |
| Woodcock | 17 Oct - 30 Nov 2020 | | 3 | 9 | |
| Squirrels (gray and fox) | 1 Aug 2020 - 15 Feb 2021 Closed 20-22 Nov and 3-6 Dec 2020 in counties open for firearm deer hunting | | 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset | 5 | 10 |
| Crow | 28 Oct 2020 - 28 Feb 2021 | | 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset | No limit | No limit |

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

2020-2021 Hunting and Trapping Timeline

| Animal | Aug-20 | Sep-20 | Oct-20 | Nov-20 | Dec-20 | Jan-21 | Feb-21 | Mar-21 | Apr-21 | May-21 | Jun-21 | Jul-21 | |
|----------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|---------|---------|-----------------------------------|--------|---------|--------|--|
| Coyote/Striped Skunk | | | | Closed 20-22 | Closed 3-6 | | | | | | | | |
| Woodchuck | | | | Closed 20-22 | Closed 3-6 | | | Ends 31 | | | Opens 1 | | |
| Squirrels | | | | Closed 20-22 | Closed 3-6 | | Ends 15 | | | | | | |
| Doves | | See card front for specific dates | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Canada geese | | See card back for specific dates | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Common Snipe | | Opens 5 | | | Ends 20 | | | | | | | | |
| Rails | | Opens 5 | | Ends 13 | | | | | | | | | |
| Teal ducks | | 5-20 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 17 | Ends 30 | | | | | | | | | |
| Rabbits | | | | Opens 7 | | | Ends 15 | | | | | | |
| Pheasant/Quail/Partridge | | | | Opens 7 | | Ends 8 (N) Ends 15 (S) | | | | | | | |
| Bobcat/Foxes/ Opossum/Raccoon | | | | Opens 10 Closed 20-22 | Closed 3-6 | | Ends 15 | | | | | | |
| Conservation Order Light Geese | | | | | | See full digest for specific dates | | | | | | | |

Trapping Timeline

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