

# 2020 Summary of Hunting Season Dates

For further information regarding specific bag, possession, and season limits, please visit the pages noted in the table below. See page 6 for details on Junior Hunter Training Days.

GAMEBIRDS	
SEASON	SEASON DATES
<b>Upland Birds</b>	See page 16 for limit information
Pheasant <sup>A</sup>	Jan. 1 – Feb. 29 Oct. 17 – Dec. 31
Chukar and Hungarian Partridge <sup>A</sup>	Jan. 1 – Feb. 29 Oct. 17 – Dec. 31
Ruffed Grouse <sup>A</sup>	Oct. 17 – Nov. 30
Quail <sup>A,B</sup>	Oct. 17 – Oct. 31
Crow <sup>C</sup>	Jan. 11 – Mar. 28 (Mon. through Sat.) Aug. 8 – Oct. 9 (Wed., Fri., Sat.) Oct. 17 – Nov. 30 (Wed., Fri., Sat.)
<b>Woodcock – Snipe – Rails <sup>C</sup></b>	See current Migratory Bird Hunting Guide; State stamp required
<b>Waterfowl <sup>C</sup></b> (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> See page 16 for areas with extended season dates.  
<sup>C</sup> Connecticut Migratory Bird Conservation Stamp required.

SMALL GAME MAMMALS	
SEASON	SEASON DATES
Gray Squirrel	Jan. 1 – Feb. 29 Sep. 1 – Dec. 31
Cottontail Rabbit European Hare	Jan. 1 – Feb. 29 Oct. 17 – Dec. 31
Snowshoe Hare	Jan. 1 – Jan. 31 Nov. 21 – Dec. 31
Woodchuck	Mar. 16 – Nov. 16

FURBEARERS	
SEASON	SEASON DATES
Coyote	Jan. 1 – Dec. 31
Red & Gray Foxes	Jan. 1 – Feb. 29 Oct. 17 – Dec. 31
Raccoon & Opossum	Jan. 1 – Jan. 18 Oct. 17 – Dec. 31

JUNIOR HUNTER TRAINING DAYS	
SEASON	SEASON DATES
Junior Spring Wild Turkey	April 18 – 25, 2020 (excluding Sunday)
Junior Waterfowl	Two Saturdays in fall (see 2020-2021 Migratory Bird Hunting Guide for dates)
Junior Pheasant	October 10, 2020
Junior Deer	Nov. 7 – 14, 2020 (excluding Sunday)

TURKEY	
SEASON	SEASON DATES
<b>Spring Turkey <sup>A</sup></b>	See page 18 for limit information
State Land Private Land Landowner	Apr. 29 – May 30
<b>Fall Turkey Archery <sup>A</sup></b>	See page 19 for limit information
Private Land (zones 11–12)	Jan. 1 – Jan. 31
Private Land (all zones)	Sep. 15 – Dec. 31
State Land Bowhunting Only Areas	Sep. 15 – Dec. 31
State Land	Sep. 15 – Nov. 17 Dec. 23 – Dec. 31
<b>Fall Turkey Firearms <sup>A</sup></b>	See page 19 for limit information
State Land Private Land Landowner	Oct. 3 – Oct. 31

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

DEER	
SEASON	SEASON DATES
<b>Deer Bowhunting</b>	See page 20 for limit information
Private Land (zones 11–12)	Jan. 1 – Jan. 31
Private Land (All zones)	Sep. 15 – Dec. 31
State Land Bowhunting Only Areas	Sep. 15 – Dec. 31
State Land	Sep. 15 – Nov. 17 Dec. 23 – Dec. 31
<b>Deer Shotgun* – State Controlled Areas</b>	See page 22 for limit information
No Lottery "A" Season*	Nov. 18 – Nov. 27
No Lottery "B" Season*	Nov. 28 – Dec. 8
<b>Deer Lottery*</b>	See page 24 for lottery application and bag limit information
Archery-Only Controlled Hunt Lottery	Sep. 15 – Dec. 31
State Land and Controlled Hunt* Lottery "A" Season	Nov. 18 – Nov. 27
State Land and Controlled Hunt* Lottery "B" Season	Nov. 28 – Dec. 8
<b>Deer Shotgun/Rifle – Private Lands</b>	See page 20 for limit information
Shotgun/Rifle/Revolver	Nov. 18 – Dec. 8
Landowner	Nov. 2 – Dec. 31
<b>Deer Muzzleloader</b>	See page 20 for limit information
Private Land	Dec. 9 – Dec. 31
State Land	Dec. 9 – Dec. 22

\* The regulation concerning the Lottery and No-lottery A and B seasons may change. Check [www.ct.gov/deep/hunting](http://www.ct.gov/deep/hunting) before the seasons start.