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## HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS

		OPEN SEASON (ALL DATES INCLUSIVE)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT	ANNUAL LIMIT
<b>DEER</b>					
	Youth Deer Hunt Day	Oct. 3			
Deer (Big Game)	Paraleptic Hunt	Oct. 29 – Oct. 31	See full regulations for more information.	1 antlered deer OR 1 antlerless deer in Zone specified in permit during season	
	Shotgun	Nov. 30 – Dec. 12		See full regulations for more information.	2 antlered deer + antlerless deer by permit
	Archery	Zones 1–9: Oct. 19 – Nov. 28 Zones 10–14: Oct. 5 – Nov. 28			
	Primitive Firearms	Dec. 14 – Dec. 31			
<b>BLACK BEAR</b>					
Black Bear (Big Game)	Zones 1–14	Sept. 8 – Sept. 26 Nov. 2 – Nov. 21 Nov. 30 – Dec. 12	See full regulations for more information.		1
<b>UPLAND GAME BIRDS*</b>					
Crow	Zones 1–14	Jan. 1 – Apr. 10 July 1 – Apr. 10, 2021 (M, F, Sat only)	—	—	—
Pheasant	Youth Hunt	Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26, Oct. 10	2	4	6
	Zones 1–14	Oct. 17 – Nov. 28			
Quail	Zones 11–14	Oct. 17 – Nov. 28	4	8	20
Ruffed Grouse	Zones 1–14	Oct. 17 – Nov. 28	3	6	15
Wild Turkey (Big Game)	Youth Hunt: Zones 1–13	April 25 (special restrictions apply**)	See full regulations for more information.		
	Fall: Zones 1–9	Oct. 19 – Nov. 28			
	Fall: Zones 10–13	Oct. 5 – Nov. 28			
	Spring: Zones 1–13	April 27 – May 23			

\* Upland game bird hunting is closed during shotgun deer season. Migratory game birds (includes waterfowl, woodcock, snipe, rails): Seasons and bag limits set annually. For Migratory Game Bird Regulations visit [mass.gov/migratory-game-bird](http://mass.gov/migratory-game-bird).

\*\* Must have completed the Youth Turkey Hunt program.

<b>RABBIT, HARE &amp; SQUIRREL</b>					
Cottontail Rabbit	Zones 1–12	Jan. 1 – Feb. 29; Oct. 17 – Feb. 27, 2021	5	10	—
	Zones 13 and 14	Jan. 1 – Feb. 29; Nov. 16 – Feb. 27, 2021	5	10	—
Snowshoe Hare	Zones 1–4	Jan. 1 – Feb. 29; Oct. 17 – Feb. 27, 2021	2	4	—
	Zones 5–12	Jan. 1 – Feb. 5; Oct. 17 – Feb. 5, 2021	2	4	—
Gray Squirrel	Zones 13 and 14	Jan. 1 – Feb. 5; Nov. 16 – Feb. 5, 2021	2	4	—
	Zones 1–9	Sept. 14 – Jan. 2, 2021	5	10	—
	Zones 10–14	Oct. 17 – Jan. 2, 2021	5	10	—

Rabbit, hare, and squirrel hunting are closed during shotgun deer season.

<b>FURBEARERS</b>					
Bobcat	Zones 1–8	Jan. 1 – Mar. 7; Dec. 21 – Mar. 8, 2021	—	—	—
Coyote	Zones 1–14	Jan. 1 – Mar. 7; Oct. 17 – Mar. 8, 2021	—	—	—
Fox (red or gray)	Zones 1–14	Jan. 1 – Feb. 29; Nov. 2 – Feb. 27, 2021	—	—	—
Opossum	Zones 1–14	Jan. 1 – Jan. 31; Oct. 1 – Jan. 30, 2021	—	—	—
Raccoon	Zones 1–14	Jan. 1 – Jan. 31; Oct. 1 – Jan. 30, 2021	3	See full regulations for more information.	—

All furbearer hunting seasons are closed during shotgun deer season except for coyotes.

Special restrictions apply. The following species may be taken year-round (except during shotgun deer season) by licensed hunters with no daily or seasonal bag limit: English sparrow, flying squirrel, red squirrel, chipmunk, porcupine, skunk, starling, weasel, woodchuck.

## FURBEARER TRAPPING

		OPEN SEASON (ALL DATES INCLUSIVE)
Beaver <sup>1</sup>		Jan. 1 – April 15, 2020; Nov. 1, 2020 – April 15, 2021
Bobcat <sup>1,2</sup> , Coyote <sup>1</sup> , Fox <sup>1</sup> , Weasel		Nov. 1 – Nov. 30, 2020
Fisher <sup>1</sup>		Nov. 1 – Nov. 22, 2020
Mink <sup>1</sup> , River Otter <sup>1</sup>		Nov. 1 – Dec. 15, 2020
Muskrat, Opossum, Raccoon, Skunk		Jan. 1 – Feb. 29, 2020; Nov. 1, 2020 – Feb. 28, 2021

1 – Pelt checking/reporting required; see below.

2 – Bobcats may only be trapped or salvaged in Wildlife Management Zones 1–8.

## NO HUNTING ON SUNDAY



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