

2022-2023 Illinois Digest of HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS

Waterfowl Dates and Information					
Species	Dates (Inclusive) and Zones	Hours	Daily Limit	Possession Limit	
Teal (early season)	10-25 Sep 2022 (All Zones)	Sunrise to Sunset	6	18	
Rail (Sora and Virginia only)	10 Sep-18 Nov 2022 (All Zones)		25	75	
Snipe (Wilson's snipe)	10 Sep-25 Dec 2022 (All Zones)	Same as during regular duck, goose, and coot seasons	8	24	
Canada Geese (early season)	1-15 Sep 2022 (North and Central)		5	15	
	1-15 Sep 2022 (South Central and South)		2	6	
Youth Waterfowl	15-16 Oct 2022 (North)		Same as during regular duck, goose, and coot seasons	6	18
	22-23 Oct 2022 (Central)				
	5-6 Nov 2022 (South Central)				
	26-27 Nov 2022 (South)				
Ducks (but see Scaup below)	22 Oct 2022 - 20 Dec 2022 (North)		Same as during regular duck, goose, and coot seasons	6	18
	29 Oct 2022 - 27 Dec 2022 (Central)				
	12 Nov 2022 - 10 Jan 2023 (South Central)				
	3 Dec 2022 - 31 Jan 2023 (South)				
Mergansers	Same as ducks	5	15		
Coots	Same as ducks	15	45		
Scaup (Bluebills)	22 Oct - 5 Dec 2022 and 6 - 20 Dec 2022 (North)	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	1st Segment: 2/day	1st Segment: 6	
	29 Oct - 12 Dec 2022 and 13 - 27 Dec 2022 (Central)				
	12 Nov - 26 Dec 2022 and 27 Dec 2022 - 10 Jan 2023 (SC)		2nd Segment: 1/day	2nd Segment: 3	
3 Dec 2022 - 16 Jan 2023 & 17 - 31 Jan 2023 (South)	3		9		
Canada Geese				22 Oct 2022 - 19 Jan 2023 (North)	
				29 Oct 2022 - 6 Nov 2022 and 12 Nov 2022 - 31 Jan 2023 (Central)	
				12 Nov 2022 - 31 Jan 2023 (South Central)	
	3 Dec 2022 - 31 Jan 2023 (South)				
Light Geese (Snow/Blue/Ross' Geese)	22 Oct 2022 - 19 Jan 2023 (North)		20	Unlimited	
	29 Oct 2022 - 31 Jan 2023 (Central)				
	12 Nov 2022 - 31 Jan 2023 (South Central)				
Brant	3 Dec 2022 - 31 Jan 2023 (South)	1	3		
	Same as Light Geese				
White-fronted Geese (Specklebellies)	24 Oct 2022 - 19 Jan 2023 (North)	2	6		
	5 Nov 2022 - 31 Jan 2023 (Central)				
	12 Nov 2022 - 31 Jan 2023 (South Central)				
Conservation Order Light Geese (Snow/Blue/Ross' Geese)	20 Jan - 30 Apr 2023 (North)	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	Unlimited	Unlimited	
	1 Feb - 30 Apr 2023 (Central, South Central, and South)				

Deer and Turkey Season Dates and Limits					
Season	Dates (Inclusive)	Hours	Limit		
Archery Deer (Counties with firearm season and west of Route 47 in Kane County)	1 Oct-17 Nov and 21-30 Nov and 5 Dec 2022-15 Jan 2023	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 2022-15 Jan 2023		One deer per archery permit		
Youth Firearm Deer	8-10 Oct 2022		One deer		
Firearm Deer (Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Handgun)	18-20 Nov and 1-4 Dec 2022		One deer per firearm permit		
Muzzleloader-only Deer	9-11 Dec 2022		One deer per muzzleloader permit		
Special CWD Deer	29 Dec 2022 - 1 Jan 2023 and 13-15 Jan 2023		One deer per valid permit		
Late Winter Antlerless-only Deer (Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Handgun)	29 Dec 2022 - 1 Jan 2023 and 13-15 Jan 2023	One antlerless deer per valid permit			
Youth Turkey (1 permit per year)	25-26 Mar and 1-2 Apr 2023	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)	Segment	North	South	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1 p.m.	One tom, jake or bearded hen per permit, maximum of 3 spring permits
	1	10-14 Apr	3-7 Apr		
	2	15-20 Apr	8-13 Apr		
	3	21-26 Apr	14-19 Apr		
	4	27 Apr-3 May	20-26 Apr		
5	4-11 May	27 Apr-4 May			
Fall Turkey (Shotgun)	22-30 Oct 2022	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	One either-sex turkey per permit, maximum of 2 fall turkey shotgun permits		
Fall Turkey (Archery)	1 Oct 2022-15 Jan 2023 (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 turkey archery permits		

Upland and Small Game Season Dates and Limits Information				
Species	Dates (Inclusive)	Hours	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
Squirrels (gray and fox)	1 Aug 2022 - 15 Feb 2023 Closed 18-20 Nov and 1-4 Dec 2022 in counties open for firearm deer hunting	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	5	10
Doves (mourning and white-winged)	1 Sep-14 Nov 2022 and 26 Dec 2022- 9 Jan 2023	Sunrise to Sunset	15	45
Woodcock	15 Oct - 28 Nov 2022	Sunrise to Sunset	3	9
Crow	28 Oct 2022 - 28 Feb 2023	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	No Limit	No Limit
Pheasants (males only)	5 Nov 2022-8 Jan 2023 (North zone) 5 Nov 2022-15 Jan 2023 (South zone)	Sunrise to Sunset	2	6
Quail (Bobwhite)	Same as Pheasants		8	20
Hungarian Partridge	Same as Pheasants and Quail		2	6
Rabbits (cottontail and swamp)	5 Nov 2022 - 15 Feb 2023		4	10



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 complete Hunting & Trapping Regulations Digest for a complete listing of species, dates and limits.

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2022-2023 Hunting and Trapping Timeline

Animal	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	
Coyote/Striped Skunk				Closed 18-20	Closed 1-4								
Woodchuck				Closed 18-20	Closed 1-4			Ends 31			Opens 1		
Squirrels				Closed 18-20	Closed 1-4		Ends 15						
Doves		See card front for specific dates											
Canada Geese		See card back for specific dates											
Snipe (Wilson's Snipe)		Opens 10			Ends 25								
Rails		Opens 10		Ends 18									
Teal Ducks		10-25											
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 15	Ends 28									
Rabbits				Opens 5			Ends 15						
Pheasant/Quail/Partridge				Opens 5		Ends 8 (N) Ends 15 (S)							
Bobcat/Foxes/Opossum/Raccoon				Opens 10 Closed 18-20	Closed 1-4		Ends 15						
Conservation Order Light Geese						See card back for specific dates							

Trapping Timeline

Woodchuck		Ends 30									Opens 1	
Badger/Bobcat/Coyote/Foxes Mink/Muskrat/Opossum/Raccoon Striped Skunk/Weasels				Opens 10			Ends 15					
Beaver/River Otter				Opens 10				Ends 31				