

Title 08 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Subtitle 03 WILDLIFE

.03 Open Seasons, Bag Limits for Game Birds and Game Animals

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.03 Forest Game.

<i>Species</i>	<i>Open Season, Subject to COMAR 08.03.03.01D</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Bag Limits</i>	<i>Possession Limit</i>
<i>A. Black Bear (Permit Required).</i>	<i>October 22, 2018 - October 26, 2018 October 21, 2019 - October 25, 2019</i>	<i>In Allegany, Frederick, Garrett, and Washington counties</i>	<i>1 per day with no more than 1 per permitted bear hunting team</i>	<i>1 per season with no more than 1 per permitted bear hunting team</i>
<i>B. Ruffed Grouse.</i>				
<i>(1) In General.</i>	<i>October 6, 2018 - January 31, 2019 October 5, 2019 - January 31, 2020</i>	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>2 per day</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>(2) Hunting with the Aid of Raptors and a Falconry Permit.</i>	<i>October 1, 2018 - March 31, 2019 October 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020</i>	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>2 per day</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>C. Squirrels.</i>				
<i>(1) Gray, Black, and Eastern Fox Squirrel -Total.</i>				
<i>(a) In General.</i>	<i>September 1, 2018 - February 28, 2019 September 7, 2019 - February 29, 2020</i>	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>6 per day</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>(b) Hunting with the Aid of Raptors and a Falconry Permit.</i>	<i>September 1, 2018 - March 31, 2019 September 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020</i>	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>6 per day</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>(2) Red or Piney Squirrel.</i>				
<i>(a) In General.</i>	<i>September 1, 2018 - February 28, 2019 September 7, 2019 - February 29, 2020</i>	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>No limit</i>	<i>No limit</i>
<i>(b) Hunting with the Aid of Raptors and a Falconry Permit.</i>	<i>September 1, 2018 - March 31, 2019 September 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020</i>	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>No limit</i>	<i>No limit</i>
<i>(3) Delmarva Fox Squirrel.</i>	<i>Closed season</i>	<i>In all counties</i>		
<i>D. Wild Turkey</i>				
<i>(1) Fall Season - Either Sex.</i>	<i>October 27, 2018 - November 4, 2018 October 26, 2019 - November 3, 2019</i>	<i>Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties only</i>	<i>1 turkey per season</i>	<i>1 turkey per fall/winter season combined</i>
<i>(2) Winter Season - Either Sex.</i>	<i>January 17, 2019 - January 19, 2019 January 23, 2020 - January 25, 2020</i>	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>1 turkey per season provided none was taken in the fall season</i>	

(3) Spring Season.	April 18, 2019 - May 23, 2019 April 18, 2020 - May 23, 2020	In all counties, subject to COMAR 08.03.03.01D	1 bearded turkey per day	2 bearded turkeys per spring season
(4) Spring Season - Junior Hunt.	April 13, 2019 - April 14, 2019 April 11, 2020 - April 12, 2020	In all counties, subject to COMAR 08.03.03.01D	1 bearded turkey per day	

.04 Upland Game.

Species	Open Season, subject to COMAR 08.03.03.01D	Location	Bag Limits	Possession Limit
A. Crow.	August 15 - March 15, hunting allowed Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday only	In all counties	No limit	No limit
B. Pheasant.				
(1) In General.	November 3, 2018 – February 28, 2019 November 2, 2019 – February 29, 2020	In all counties	2 per day (either sex)	4
(2) Hunting with the Aid of Raptors and a Falconry Permit.	November 1, 2018 - March 31, 2019 November 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020	In all counties	2 per day (either sex)	4
C. Quail.				
(1) Western Zone - Private Land.	November 3, 2018 - January 15, 2019 November 2, 2019 - January 15, 2020	In that portion of the State west of I-83 from the Pennsylvania line south to I-695 to I-95 south to the Virginia line, excluding Allegany and Garrett counties	6 per day, no more than 3 per day on lands owned or managed by DNR	12 in all counties and zones combined
(2) Eastern Zone - Private Land.	November 3, 2018 - February 15, 2019 November 2, 2019 - February 15, 2020	In that portion of the State east of I-83 from the Pennsylvania line south to I-695 to I-95 south to the Virginia line		
(3) Lands Owned or Managed by DNR.	November 3, 2018 - December 15, 2018 November 2, 2019 - December 14, 2019	In all counties, excluding Allegany and Garrett counties		
(4) Allegany and Garrett Counties.	Closed season	In Allegany and Garrett counties	0	0
(5) Hunting with the Aid of Raptors and a Falconry Permit.	November 1, 2018 - March 31, 2019 November 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020	In all counties	4 per day	8
D. Rabbits.				
(1) Eastern Cottontail Rabbit.				
(a) In General.	November 3, 2018 - February 28, 2019 November 2, 2019 - February 29, 2020	In all counties	4 per day	8
(b) Hunting	November 1, 2018 -	In all counties	4 per day	8

<i>with the Aid of Raptors and a Falconry Permit.</i>	<i>March 31, 2019 November 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020</i>			
<i>(2) Snowshoe Hare.</i>	<i>Closed season</i>	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>E. Woodchuck</i>	<i>August 1 – July 31</i>	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>No limit</i>	<i>No limit</i>

.05 Fur-Bearing Mammals.

<i>Species</i>	<i>Open Season, subject to COMAR 08.03.03.01D</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Bag Limits</i>	<i>Possession Limit</i>
<i>A. Beaver.</i>				
<i>(1) In General.</i>	<i>December 15, 2018 - March 15, 2019 December 14, 2019 - March 14, 2020</i>	<i>In all counties, except Garrett and Allegany counties</i>	<i>No limit</i>	<i>No limit</i>
<i>(2) Allegany and Garrett Counties.</i>	<i>December 1, 2018 - March 15, 2019 November 30, 2019 - March 14, 2020</i>	<i>In Allegany and Garrett counties</i>	<i>No limit</i>	<i>No limit</i>
<i>B. Bobcat.</i>	<i>Closed season</i>	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>C. Coyote.</i>				
<i>(1) Firearms, Archery, and Airgun Hunting.</i>	<i>August 1 - July 31 (May be hunted from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset)</i>	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>No limit</i>	<i>No limit</i>
	<i>October 15, 2018 - March 15, 2019 October 15, 2019 - March 14, 2020 (May be hunted day and night)</i>	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>No limit</i>	<i>No limit</i>
<i>(2) Trapping.</i>	<i>November 1, 2018 - February 1, 2019 November 1, 2019 - February 1, 2020</i>	<i>In that portion of the State west of the Chesapeake Bay and Susquehanna River</i>	<i>No limit</i>	<i>No limit</i>
	<i>November 15, 2018 - February 15, 2019 November 15, 2019 - February 15, 2020</i>	<i>In that portion of the State east of the Chesapeake Bay and Susquehanna River</i>	<i>No limit</i>	<i>No limit</i>
<i>D. Fisher.</i>	<i>November 1, 2018 - February 1, 2019 November 1, 2019 - February 1, 2020</i>	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>2 per day</i>	<i>2 per season</i>
<i>E. Fox (Red and Gray) - Firearms, Archery, and Airgun Hunting, and Trapping.</i>	<i>November 1, 2018 - February 1, 2019 November 1, 2019 - February 1, 2020</i>	<i>In Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's, St. Mary's, and Washington counties</i>	<i>No limit</i>	<i>No limit</i>
	<i>November 15, 2018 - February 15, 2019 November 15, 2019 - February 15, 2020</i>	<i>In Caroline, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester counties</i>	<i>No limit</i>	<i>No limit</i>
	<i>August 1 - July 31</i>	<i>In Charles and Dorchester counties</i>	<i>No limit</i>	<i>No limit</i>

<i>F. Muskrat and Mink – Trapping only.</i>	November 15, 2018 - February 15, 2019 November 15, 2019 - February 15, 2020	<i>In Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Howard, and Washington counties</i>	<i>No limit</i>	<i>No limit</i>
	December 15, 2018 - March 15, 2019 December 16, 2019 - March 14, 2020	<i>In Baltimore, Cecil, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, and Worcester counties</i>	<i>No limit</i>	<i>No limit</i>
	January 2, 2019 - March 15, 2019 January 1, 2020 - March 14, 2020	<i>In Anne Arundel, Calvert, Caroline, Charles, Dorchester, Montgomery, Prince George's, St. Mary's, Talbot, and Wicomico counties</i>	<i>No limit</i>	<i>No limit</i>
<i>G. Nutria.</i>	August 1 - July 31	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>No limit</i>	<i>No limit</i>
<i>H. Otter – Trapping only.</i>				
<i>(1) In General.</i>	December 15, 2018 - March 15, 2019	<i>In Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery, and Washington counties</i>	<i>2 per day</i>	<i>2 per season</i>
	December 14, 2019 - March 14, 2020	<i>In all other counties, except Allegany and Garrett counties</i>	<i>10 per day</i>	<i>10 per season</i>
<i>(2) Allegany and Garrett Counties.</i>	December 1, 2018 - March 15, 2019 November 30, 2019 - March 14, 2020	<i>In Allegany and Garrett counties</i>	<i>1 per day</i>	<i>1 per season</i>
<i>I. Raccoon and Opossum.</i>				
<i>(1) Chasing - No Kill.</i>	August 1, 2018 - October 13, 2018 March 16, 2019 - July 31, 2019 August 1, 2019 - October 14, 2019 March 16, 2020 - July 31, 2020	<i>In all counties</i>		
<i>(2) Firearms, Archery, Airgun, and Dog Hunting.</i>	October 15, 2018 - March 15, 2019 October 15, 2019 - March 14, 2020 (May be hunted from sunset to sunrise only)	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>No limit</i>	<i>No limit</i>
<i>(3) Trapping.</i>	November 1, 2018 - March 15, 2019 November 1, 2019 - March 14, 2020	<i>In that portion of the State west of the Chesapeake Bay and Susquehanna River</i>	<i>No limit</i>	<i>No limit</i>
	November 15, 2018 - March 15, 2019 November 15, 2019 - March 14, 2020	<i>In that portion of the State east of the Chesapeake Bay and Susquehanna River</i>	<i>No limit</i>	<i>No limit</i>
<i>J. Skunk.</i>				
<i>(1) Firearms, Archery, and Airgun Hunting.</i>	November 1, 2018 - March 15, 2019 November 1, 2019 - March 14, 2020	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>No limit</i>	<i>No limit</i>
<i>(2) Trapping.</i>	November 1, 2018 - March 15, 2019 November 1, 2019 - March 14, 2020	<i>In that portion of the State west of the Chesapeake Bay and Susquehanna River</i>	<i>No limit</i>	<i>No limit</i>

	November 15, 2018 - March 15, 2019 November 15, 2019 - March 14, 2020	In that portion of the State east of the Chesapeake Bay and Susquehanna River	No limit	No limit
K. Long-Tailed Weasel - Trapping.	November 1, 2018 - February 1, 2019 November 1, 2019 - February 1, 2020	In that portion of the State west of the Chesapeake Bay and Susquehanna River	No limit	No limit
	November 15, 2018 - February 15, 2019 November 15, 2019 - February 15, 2020	In that portion of the State east of the Chesapeake Bay and Susquehanna River	No limit	No limit

L. On lands owned or controlled by the Department in Caroline, Dorchester, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester counties only leaseholders or their appointees can hunt or trap furbearers between November 15 and March 15.

.07 White-Tailed Deer.

A. The following lands are owned or controlled by the Department in Region A:

- (1) Billmeyer-Belle Grove; WMA;
- (2) Cunningham Swamp WMA;
- (3) Dan's Mountain WMA;
- (4) Deep Creek Lake State Park (designated areas only);
- (5) Green Ridge State Forest;
- (6) Indian Springs WMA;
- (7) McCoolle Fishery Management Area;
- (8) Mount Nebo WMA;
- (9) Potomac-Garrett State Forest;
- (10) Prather's Neck WMA;
- (11) Rocky Gap State Park (designated areas only);
- (12) Savage River State Forest;
- (13) Sideling Hill WMA;
- (14) Warrior Mountain WMA;
- (15) Woodmont;
- (16) Youghiogheny Reservoir CWMA; and
- (17) Youghiogheny Scenic Wild River.

	Season Dates, subject to COMAR 08.03.03.01D	Season Bag Limits
B. Antlered.		
(1) Archery Season.		
(a) Region A.		
	January 4, 2019 - January 6, 2019 January 10, 2020 - January 12, 2020	1 antlered
(b) Statewide.		
	September 7, 2018 - October 17, 2018 October 21, 2018 (Sunday counties only) October 22, 2018 - November 23, 2018 December 10, 2018 - December 14, 2018 December 30, 2018 (Sunday counties only) December 31, 2018 - January 3, 2019 January 7, 2019 - January 31, 2019 September 6, 2019 - October 16, 2019 October 20, 2019 (Sunday counties only) October 21, 2019 - November 29, 2019 December 16, 2019 - December 20, 2019 January 5, 2020 (Sunday counties only) January 6, 2020 - January 9, 2020 January 13, 2020 - January 31, 2020	

<i>(2) Muzzleloader Season.</i>		
	<p>October 18, 2018 - October 20, 2018 December 15, 2018 - December 29, 2018 October 17, 2019 - October 19, 2019 December 21, 2019 – January 4, 2020</p>	<p><i>1 antlered, except during the October segment in Region A, a total of 1 deer, antlered or antlerless may be taken.</i></p>
<i>(3) Firearms Season.</i>		
<i>(a) Region B.</i>		
	<p>January 4, 2019 - January 5, 2019 January 6, 2019 (Sunday counties only) January 10, 2020 - January 11, 2020 January 12, 2020 (Sunday counties only)</p>	<p><i>1 antlered</i></p>
<i>(b) Statewide.</i>		
	<p>November 24, 2018 - December 8, 2018 November 30, 2019 - December 14, 2019</p>	
<i>(4) All Seasons Combined.</i>		
<p><i>(a) No more than one antlered white-tailed deer having less than three antler points one inch or longer on each antler present may be taken per license year. Hunters that possess, or are eligible to possess, a Resident or Nonresident Junior Hunting License are exempt from this requirement. Hunters that are 16 years of age or younger and possess an Apprentice Hunting License are exempt from this requirement.</i></p> <p><i>(b) One additional Bonus antlered white-tailed deer may be taken in Region B per license year, for all seasons combined subject to §§E--F of this regulation.</i></p>		<p><i>No more than 2 antlered deer may be taken per license year with any combination of bow, muzzleloader, and firearms bag limits.</i></p>
C. Antlerless.		
<i>(1) Region A.</i>		
<i>(a) Archery Season.</i>		
	<p>September 7, 2018 - October 17, 2018 October 21, 2018 - November 23, 2018 December 10, 2018 - December 14, 2018 December 31, 2018 - January 31, 2019 September 6, 2019 - October 16, 2019 October 20, 2019 - November 29, 2019 December 16, 2019 - December 20, 2019 January 5, 2020 - January 31, 2020</p>	<p><i>1 antlerless</i></p>
<i>(b) Muzzleloader Season.</i>		
<i>(i) Lands Owned or Controlled by the Department.</i>		
	<p>October 18, 2018 - October 20, 2018 December 29, 2018 October 17, 2019 - October 19, 2019 January 4, 2020</p>	<p><i>1 antlerless, except during the October segment, a total of 1 deer, antlered or antlerless, may be taken.</i></p>
<i>(ii) Other Lands.</i>		
	<p>October 18, 2018 - October 20, 2018 December 27, 2018 - December 29, 2018 October 17, 2019 - October 19, 2019 January 2, 2020 – January 4, 2020</p>	
<i>(c) Firearms Season.</i>		
<i>(i) Lands Owned or Controlled by the Department.</i>		
	<p>December 8, 2018 December 14, 2019</p>	<p><i>1 antlerless</i></p>
<i>(ii) Other</i>		

<i>Lands.</i>		
	December 7, 2018 - December 8, 2018 December 13, 2019 - December 14, 2019	
<i>(d) All Seasons Combined.</i>		
		No more than 2 antlerless deer may be taken in Region A per license year with any combination of bow, muzzleloader, and firearms bag limits.
<i>(2) Region B.</i>		
<i>(a) Archery Season.</i>		
	September 7, 2018 - October 17, 2018 October 21, 2018 (Sunday counties only) October 22, 2018 - November 23, 2018 December 10, 2018 - December 14, 2018 December 30, 2018 (Sunday counties only) December 31, 2018 - January 3, 2019 January 7, 2019 - January 31, 2019 September 6, 2019 - October 16, 2019 October 20, 2019 (Sunday counties only) October 21, 2019 - November 29, 2019 December 16, 2019 - December 20, 2019 January 5, 2020 (Sunday counties only) January 6, 2020 - January 9, 2020 January 13, 2020 - January 31, 2020	15 antlerless
<i>(b) Muzzleloader Season.</i>		
	October 18, 2018 - October 27, 2018 December 15, 2018 - December 29, 2018 October 17, 2019 - October 26, 2019 December 21, 2019 - January 4, 2020	10 antlerless
<i>(c) Firearms Season.</i>		
	November 24, 2018 - December 8, 2018 January 4, 2019 - January 5, 2019 January 6, 2019 (Sunday counties only) November 30, 2019 - December 14, 2019 January 10, 2020 - January 11, 2020 January 12, 2020 (Sunday counties only)	10 antlerless
D. Junior Deer Hunt.		
<i>(1) Region A.</i>		
<i>Antlered or Antlerless</i>	November 10, 2018 - November 11, 2018 November 16, 2019 - November 17, 2019	1 deer
<i>(2) Region B.</i>		
<i>Antlered or Antlerless</i>	November 10, 2018 November 11, 2018 (Sunday counties only) November 16, 2019 November 17, 2019 (Sunday counties only)	3 deer, no more than 1 antlered

E. A hunter may only harvest one antlered deer per license year, including the Bonus antlered deer, that has antlers with less than three antler points one inch or longer on each antler. Hunters that possess, or are eligible to possess, a Resident or Nonresident Junior Hunting License are exempt from this requirement. Hunters that are 16 years of age or younger and possess an Apprentice Hunting License are exempt from this requirement.

F. Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp

(1) Before taking a Bonus antlered white-tailed deer, hunters must first purchase a Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp.

(2) Persons exempt from needing a hunting license under Natural Resources Article, §10-301(c), Annotated Code of Maryland, do not need to purchase a Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp.

(3) One Bonus antlered white-tailed deer may be taken per license year, for all seasons combined. The Bonus antlered white-tailed deer cannot be taken on the same day that another antlered deer is taken under the prescribed bag limit.

(4) A Bonus antlered white-tailed deer may be taken only in Region B.

(5) The Bonus antlered white-tailed deer may be taken in any weapon season except the October muzzleloader season.

.08 Sika Deer.

	Season Dates Subject to COMAR 08.03.03.01D	Season Bag Limits
A. Archery Season.		
(1) Region A.		
	January 4, 2019-January 6, 2019 January 10, 2020-January 12, 2020	
(2) Statewide.		
	September 7, 2018-October 17, 2018 October 21, 2018 (Sunday counties only) October 22, 2018-November 23, 2018 December 10, 2018-December 14, 2018 December 30, 2018 (Sunday counties only) December 31, 2018-January 3, 2019 January 7, 2019-January 31, 2019 September 6, 2019-October 16, 2019 October 20, 2019 (Sunday counties only) October 21, 2019-November 29, 2019 December 16, 2019-December 20, 2019 January 5, 2019 (Sunday counties only) January 6, 2020-January 9, 2020 January 13, 2020-January 31, 2020	3 deer Not more than 1 antlered.
B. Muzzleloader Season.		
(1) Region B.		
Antlerless	October 22, 2018-October 27, 2018 October 21, 2019-October 26, 2019	
(2) Statewide.		
Antlered or antlerless	October 18, 2018-October 20, 2018 December 15, 2019-December 29, 2019	3 deer Not more than 1 antlered.

	<i>October 17, 2019-October 19, 2019</i> <i>December 21, 2019-January 4, 2020</i>	
<i>C. Firearms Season.</i>		
<i>(1) Region B.</i>		
	<i>January 4, 2019-January 5, 2019</i> <i>January 6, 2019</i> <i>(Sunday counties only)</i> <i>January 10, 2020-January 11, 2020</i> <i>January 12, 2020</i> <i>(Sunday counties only)</i>	<i>3 deer</i> <i>Not more than 1 antlered.</i>
<i>(2) Statewide.</i>		
	<i>November 24, 2018-December 8, 2018</i> <i>November 30, 2019-December 14, 2019</i>	
<i>D. Junior Deer Hunt.</i>		
<i>Statewide</i>	<i>November 10, 2018</i> <i>November 11, 2018 (Sunday counties only)</i> <i>November 16, 2019</i> <i>November 17, 2019 (Sunday counties only)</i>	<i>1 antlered or</i> <i>1 antlerless</i>