

2026-2027 Hunting Season Dates for Geese and Brant In Maryland			2026-2027 Hunting Season Dates for Ducks In Maryland		
Species	Open Season	Daily Bag Limit	Species	Open Season	Daily Bag Limit
Canada Goose Migratory Atlantic Population	Nov. 24 – Nov. 27 Dec. 15 – Jan. 30	1 per day	Ducks Eastern Zone (except Black Duck)	Oct. 10–Oct. 17 Nov. 14–Nov. 27 Dec. 15–Jan. 30	See Duck Daily Bag Limit Below
	AP Hunt Zone: Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Harford, Howard, Kent, Queen Anne’s, Somerset, St. Mary’s, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties; that portion of Carroll County east of Route 31 to the intersection of Route 97 and east of Route 97 to the Pennsylvania line; that portion of Prince Georges County east of Routes 3 and 301, and that portion of Charles County east of Route 301 to the Virginia line.		Black Duck Eastern Zone	Nov. 14–Nov. 27 Dec. 15–Jan. 30	2 per day
Late Southern Maryland Resident Canada Goose Zone	Nov. 21 – Nov. 23	5 per day	Ducks Western Zone (except Black Duck)	Oct. 3 – Oct. 17 Nov. 21 – Nov. 27 Dec. 15 – Jan. 30	See Duck Daily Bag Limit Below
	Nov. 24 – Nov. 27	2 per day	Black Duck Western Zone	Nov. 21 – Nov. 27 Dec. 15 – Jan. 30	2 per day
	Dec. 15 – Jan. 30	2 per day			
	Feb. 1 – Mar. 10	5 per day	The Eastern Duck Season Zone is: Anne Arundel, Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne’s, Saint Mary’s, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, Worcester counties; and: those portions of Baltimore, Howard, Prince George’s, and Montgomery counties east of a line beginning at I83 at the Pennsylvania state line, following I83 south to the intersection of I83 and I695 (Outer Loop), south following I695 (Outer Loop) to its intersection with I95, south following I95 to its intersection with I495 (Outer Loop), and following I495 (Outer Loop) to the Virginia shore of the Potomac River. The Western Duck Season Zone is: that portion of the state not included in the Eastern Zone.		
The Late Resident Southern Maryland Zone: Montgomery County; and that portion of Prince George’s County west of Route 3 and Route 301; and that portion of Charles County west of Route 301.			Duck Daily Bag Limit: 6 ducks (including mergansers) per day which may include no more than: 4 sea ducks (no more than 3 eiders with a maximum of 1 hen eider, 3 long-tailed ducks or 3 scoters), 4 mallards (maximum of 2 hen mallards), 3 wood ducks, 2 black ducks (during black duck season), 2 canvasbacks, 2 redheads, scaup (1 per day, 2 per day from Jan. 8 – Jan. 30), 1 fulvous tree duck, 1 mottled duck and 3 pintails. In addition to the duck bag limit hunters may take 15 coots per day. No Open Season for Harlequin ducks and Swans.		
Late Western Maryland Canada Goose Zone	Nov. 21 – Nov. 27 Dec. 15 – Mar. 10	5 per day	Shooting hours for waterfowl listed here are one half hour before sunrise to sunset.		
The Late Resident Western Maryland Canada Goose: Allegany, Frederick, Garrett, Washington, and that portion of Carroll County west of Route 31 to the intersection of Route 97, and west of Route 97 to the Pennsylvania line.					
Light Goose	Statewide - Nov. 7 – Nov. 27 Statewide - Nov. 30 – Feb. 6 Eastern Zone Only (same as AP Hunt Zone) - Feb. 8 - Mar. 10	25 per day, no possession limit			
Light Goose Conservation Order	Paused for 2026-2027 season				
Brant	Dec. 28 – Jan. 30	1 per day			