

# 2019-20 Tennessee Hunting Seasons Summary



Please refer to the *2019-20 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide* for detailed hunting dates, bag limits, zones, units, and required licenses and/or permits.

**G = Gun • M = Muzzleloader • A = Archery • S = Shotgun**

## DEER

Statewide bag limit: 2 antlered deer. No more than 1 per day. See the *2019-20 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide* for deer units, county listings, and the new definition of antlered deer.

- A** Aug. 23-25: Private land, antlered deer only.  
**Sep. 28 - Oct. 25, Oct. 28 - Nov. 8:** Antlerless bag.  
 Units A, B, C, D=4; Unit L=3/day, no season limit
- G/M/A** **Young Sportsman (ages 6-16)**  
**Oct. 26-27, Jan. 11-12, 2020:** Antlerless bag; Units A, B, C, D=2; Unit L=3/day
- M/A** **Nov. 9-22:** Antlerless bag. Units A, B=2; Units C, D=1; Unit L=3/day
- G/M/A** **Nov. 23 - Jan. 5, 2020**  
 Antlerless bag; Unit A=2; Unit B=1; Unit L=3/day;  
 Unit C=1 (Nov. 23 - Dec. 8 only); Unit D=1 (Nov. 23-29 only)
- G/M/A** **Unit L - private lands - Jan. 6-10, 2020:** Antlerless only: 3/day, no antlered deer

## UNIT CWD<sup>a</sup>

- M/A** **Aug. 23-25:** Private lands and the following public lands may be hunted during the August season: Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park and State Natural Area; Eagle Lake Refuge; Wolf River WMA and Ghost River State Natural Area; Chickasaw State Forest WMA; Gray's Creek WMA; Oak Dain Portion of Whiteville Lake State Fishing Area; Big Hill Pond State Park; Tull Bottom WMA; South Fork Refuge; Spring Creek WMA; Colonel Forest V Durand WMA; Fort Ridge WMA; and Lower Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge (the portion lying within Tipton County).
- G/M/A** **Young Sportsman (ages 6-16)**  
**Oct. 26-27, Jan. 11-12**  
**Sept. 28-Oct. 25**
- A** **Oct. 28-Nov. 8:** Any deer taken in Chester, Haywood, Madison, McNairy, Shelby, or Tipton County on the first weekend of the Muzzleloader season must be checked in at a physical check station.
- M/A** **Oct. 28-Nov. 8:** Any deer taken in Chester, Haywood, Madison, McNairy, Shelby, or Tipton County on the opening weekend of Gun season must be checked in at a physical check station.
- G/M/A** **Nov. 9-Jan. 5:** Any deer taken in Chester, Haywood, Madison, McNairy, Shelby, or Tipton County on the opening weekend of Gun season must be checked in at a physical check station.
- G/M/A** **Unit CWD private lands - Jan. 6-10**  
 a - The statewide bag limit of two (2) antlered deer may be exceeded within Unit CWD if: 1) Taken under the Earn-A-Buck Program; or 2) Taken under the Replacement Buck Program.

## BLACK BEAR

Bag limit: 1 per license year. Cubs under 75 lbs. are prohibited.

- A** **No dogs: Sep. 28 - Oct. 25**  
 Zones 1, 2, 3, 4, Transitional
- G/M/A** **Dogs allowed: Oct. 12-18** **Zone 2**
- G/M/A** **Dogs allowed: Oct. 5-13** **Zone 3**
- G/M/A** **Dogs allowed: Oct. 5-7, 12-13** **Zone 1**
- G/M/A** **No dogs, Young Sportsman (ages 6-16): Oct. 26-27** **Zones 1, 2, 3**
- G/M/A** **Dogs allowed: Oct. 28 - Nov. 1** **Zones 1, 2, 3**
- G/M/A** **No dogs: Nov. 23-26** **Zones 1, 2, 3**
- G/M/A** **Dogs allowed: Dec. 2-15** **Zone 3**
- G/M/A** **Dogs allowed: Dec. 2-21** **Zone 1**
- G/M/A** **Dogs allowed: Dec. 2-26** **Zone 2**
- G/M/A** **Dogs allowed: Dec. 26-29** **Zone 3**

## ELK (QUOTA HUNT)

- A** **Sep. 28 - Oct. 4:** 7 permits, 1 antlered elk/permit
- G/M/A** **Young Sportsman (resident only, ages 13-16)**  
**Oct. 5-11:** 1 permit for 1 antlered elk
- G/M/A** **Oct. 12-18:** 7 permits, 1 antlered elk/permit

## FALL TURKEY

Bag Limit: 1 bearded turkey, per county, only in counties open to fall turkey hunting. See the *2019-20 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide* for listing.

- A** **Sep. 28 - Oct. 25, Oct. 28 - Nov. 8**
- S** **Oct. 12-25**

## SPRING TURKEY

- S/A** **Young Sportsman (ages 6-16): Mar. 28-29, 2020**  
 Daily bag: 1 bearded bird per day. Counts toward spring season bag of four (4).
- S/A** **April 4 - May 17, 2020:** Bag limit: 4 bearded birds. No more than 1 per day.

## GAME BIRDS

- Grouse** **Oct. 12 - Feb. 29, 2020:** Daily bag 3
- Quail** **Nov. 2 - Feb. 29, 2020:** Daily bag 6

## MIGRATORY BIRDS

- Mourning Dove** **Sep. 1-28:** Daily bag 15  
**Oct. 12 - Nov. 3:** Daily bag 15  
**Dec. 8 - Jan. 15, 2019:** Daily bag 15  
**Nov. 9 - Dec. 1:** Daily bag 3  
**Jan. 10 - Jan. 31:** Daily bag 3
- Woodcock**  
**Snipe** **Nov. 14 - Feb. 28, 2020:** Daily bag 8  
**Canada Goose** **Sep. 1-22:** Daily bag 5  
**Wood Duck/Teal** **Sep. 14-18:** Daily bag 6, not to exceed 2 wood ducks/day  
**Teal-only** **Sep. 19-22:** Daily bag 6
- Ducks, Coots, and Mergansers** - Bag limit is 6 ducks per day. **Reelfoot Zone**  
**Nov. 9-10, Dec. 5 - Jan. 31, 2020**  
**Statewide Zone** **Nov. 29- Dec. 2, Dec. 7 - Jan. 31, 2020**  
**Young Sportsman** **Feb. 1 and Feb. 8, 2020:** All zones, ages 15 and under
- See the *2019-20 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide* for more information on these seasons, as well as sandhill crane and other goose seasons.

## SMALL GAME

- Squirrel** **Aug. 24 - Feb. 29:** Daily bag 10  
**May 9 - Jun. 14:** Daily bag 10
- Rabbit** **Nov. 2 - Feb. 29:** Daily bag 5

## RACCOON

- See the *2019-20 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide* for more information.
- Private Land Season** **Sunset July 1 - Sunset Sep. 18:** Nightly bag 1. Closed in Scott, Morgan, Roane, Rhea, Hamilton, and all other counties east of those counties.
- Statewide Season** **Sunrise Sep. 19 - Sunrise Feb. 29, 2020:** Nightly bag: 2
- Training Season** Year-round, except where prohibited by local ordinances. No take permitted.

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