



# 2025-26 Season Dates

Updated September 2025

Species		Season	Limit
<b>Deer</b>  See the either-sex days map on page 12 of the regulations guide	Archery Only, Either Sex Statewide*	Sept. 13–Oct. 10*	12 per season, statewide. No more than 10 may be antlerless and no more than 2 may be antlered. One of the 2 antlered deer must have at least 4 points, one inch or longer, on one side of the antlers or at least a 15-inch outside spread.  Firearms deer hunting is <b>not</b> allowed in Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton (north of GA Highway 92), and that portion of Glynn County lying within Jekyll Island. In the portion of Forsyth County south of GA Highway 20, only shotguns and muzzleloaders may be used (no other firearms allowed).  *Buck only for the first two weeks (Sept. 13–28) in Baker, Calhoun, Decatur, Early, Grady, Miller, Mitchell, Thomas, and Seminole Counties.  Archery equipment may be used during Primitive Weapons and Firearms seasons. Any weapon legal for deer may be used during the Firearms season.
	Extended Archery <i>Either Sex (ONLY for Baker, Barrow, Bibb, Calhoun, Chatham, Cherokee, Clarke, Clayton, Cobb, Columbia, Decatur, DeKalb, Douglas, Early, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Grady, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Miller, Mitchell, Muscogee, Paulding, Richmond, Rockdale, Seminole, and Thomas Counties)</i>	Day following the close of county firearms season –Jan. 31	
	Primitive Weapons & Youth Only Firearms, Either Sex Statewide	Oct. 11–Oct. 17	
	Firearms, Buck Only Statewide (Either Sex dates vary by county)	Oct. 18–Jan. 11	
	Extended Firearms <i>Baker, Calhoun, Decatur, Early, Grady, Miller, Mitchell, Thomas, and Seminole Counties</i>	Oct. 18–Jan. 15	
<b>Bear</b>	Northern Zone	Archery: Sept. 13–Oct. 10 Primitive Weapons: Oct. 11–Oct. 17* Firearms: Oct. 18–Jan. 11	2 per season; provided, however, that no more than 1 may be taken from the central or southern bear zones.  *During the northern zone primitive weapons season, only youth may use any firearm legal for deer.  **A second day may be offered in the Central Bear Zone; check our website for details after December 14, 2025.
	Central Zone	Firearms: Dec. 20**	
	Southern Zone	Firearms: Sept. 18–20, Sept. 25–27, Oct. 2–4, Oct. 9–11	
<b>Turkey</b>	Statewide	Private Land: Mar. 28–May 15, 2026	2 gobblers per season. Daily bag of 1. *Public lands are restricted to one gobbler per season per area.
		Public Land: April 4–May 15, 2026*	
	Special Opportunity Youth/Mobility Impaired	Mar. 21–22, 2026	Only for youth under 16 years of age and mobility impaired persons. <b>This season does not apply to public lands unless otherwise specified.</b>
<b>Alligator</b>	Zone & Quota Limited	Aug. 15 (sunset)–Oct. 6 (sunrise) 2025	1 per quota permit.
<b>Crows</b>	Statewide	Nov. 1–Feb. 28	No limit.
<b>Dove</b>	Statewide	Sept. 6–Oct. 12, Nov. 22–Nov. 30, Dec. 19–Jan. 31	15 per day, 45 in possession.
<b>Fox &amp; Bobcat</b>	Statewide	Dec. 1–Feb. 28	No limit.
<b>Grouse</b>	Statewide	Oct. 15–Feb. 28	3 per day.
<b>Sora &amp; Rails</b>	Statewide	Sept. 16–23, Oct. 15–Dec. 15	King & Clapper: 15 per day, 45 in possession. Sora & Virginia: 25 per day, 75 in possession.
<b>Opossum &amp; Raccoon</b>	Statewide	Private Land: no closed season	No limit.
		Public Land: Aug. 15–Feb. 28	
<b>Quail</b>	Statewide	Nov. 8–Feb. 28	12 per day.
<b>Rabbit</b>	Statewide	Nov. 15–Feb. 28	12 per day.
<b>Snipe</b>	Statewide	Nov. 15–Feb. 28	8 per day, 24 in possession.
<b>Squirrel</b>	Statewide	Aug. 15–Feb. 28	12 per day.
<b>Woodcock</b>	Statewide	Dec. 6–Jan. 19	3 per day, 9 in possession.
<b>Falconry</b>	Statewide	Squirrel: Aug. 15–Mar. 15 Rabbit, Quail: Oct. 1–Mar. 15 Grouse: Oct. 1–Mar. 15	Squirrel: 12 per day. Rabbit & Quail: 12 per day. Grouse: 3 per day.