



## 2008-2009 BAG LIMITS, SHOOTING HOURS, AND SEASON DATES FOR WATERFOWL SEASONS OCCURRING AFTER OCT. 1

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### BAG LIMITS

- a) **Conventional bag:** 6 ducks with no more than 4 scoters, 4 mallards with no more than 2 hen mallards, 3 wood ducks, 2 redheads, 1 black or mottled duck (season closed until December 13), 1 pintail, or 1 fulvous tree duck. Prior to January 2 the daily bag limit for scaup is 1, with a daily bag of 2 for the remainder of the season. The season on canvasbacks and harlequin ducks is closed. (Possession limits are twice the daily bag unless otherwise noted.)
- b) **Other limits:**
- 1) 15 light geese (Includes snow & blue geese & Ross' geese), no possession limit
  - 2) 3 brant
  - 3) 5 mergansers (2 hooded mergansers)
  - 4) 7 sea ducks (In special sea duck areas only). In other areas sea ducks are part of the regular duck bag limit. No more than 4 scoters per day may be taken in either season.
  - 5) 15 coots
  - 6) 5 dark geese (Includes Canada geese & white-fronted geese) in the Resident Hunt Zone, 5 in the Southern James Bay Zone and 1 per season (permit holders only) in the Northeast Hunt Zone.

**HOURS:** One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

<b>Ducks, Mergansers &amp; Coots</b>	<b>October 1-4, November 8-29 and December 13 - January 24</b> [Black and mottled ducks closed until Dec. 13; Prior to Jan. 2 the daily bag limit for scaup is 1, then the daily bag is 2 for the remainder of the season]
<b>Sea Ducks (Applies to extended bag limits only in Special Sea Duck Area.)</b>	<b>October 1 – January 31</b>
<b>Dark Geese (Includes Canada geese &amp; white-fronted geese)</b> Ask your Wildlife Service Agent to see the map for goose hunt zones or view at <a href="http://www.ncwildlife.org">www.ncwildlife.org</a>	<b>Resident Population Hunt Zone: Oct. 1-11, Nov. 8-29 and Dec. 13 – Feb. 7</b> <b>Southern James Bay Hunt Zone</b> (Gaddy Goose refuge closed after Sept. 30): <b>Oct. 1-25 and Nov. 8 – Dec. 31.</b> <b>Northeast Hunt Zone: Dec. 22 – Jan. 24</b> (By permit only – 1,000 will be issued).
<b>Light Geese (Includes snow &amp; blue geese &amp; Ross' geese)</b>	<b>October 15 - October 25 November 8 - February 28</b>
<b>Brant</b>	<b>November 8–29 and December 13 - January 24</b>
<b>Tundra Swan</b>	<b>November 8 - January 31</b> (By permit only - 5,000 will be issued.)
<b>Youth Waterfowl Day</b> (Species include ducks, geese, mergansers, coots and tundra swans. The youth must have a valid permit to harvest a tundra swan or a Canada goose (NE Hunt zone only).)	<b>January 31, 2009</b> Youth must be 15 years of age or younger and accompanied by a properly licensed adult. The adult can not duck hunt but may participate in other seasons that are open on the special youth day.

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