

# 2021-22 Tennessee Hunting Seasons Summary

Please refer to the *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 *Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide* for deer units and county listings.

A	Aug. 27-29	Units A, B, C, D, L
	Private land, antlered deer only.	
G/M/A	Aug. 27-29	Unit CWD
	Antlered deer only. Private lands and select public lands (see hunting guide).	
A	Sep. 25-Oct. 29, Nov. 1-5	Statewide
	Antlerless bag: Units A, B, C, D=4; Units L, CWD=3/day, no season limit	
G/M/A	Oct. 30-Oct. 31, Jan. 8-9, 2022	Statewide
	Young Sportsman (ages 6-16). Antlerless bag: Units A, B, C, D=2; Units L, CWD=3/day	
M/A	Nov. 6-19	Units A, B, C, D, L
	Antlerless bag: Units A, B=2; Units C, D=1; Unit L=3/day	
G/M/A	Nov. 6-Jan. 2, 2022	Unit CWD
	Antlerless bag: 3/day	
	Nov. 20-Jan. 2, 2022	Units A, B, C, D, L
	Antlerless bag: Unit A=2; Unit B=1; Unit L=3/day; Unit C=1 (Nov. 20-Dec. 5 only); Unit D=1 (Nov. 20-26 only)	
G/M/A	Jan. 3-7, 2022	Units L, CWD
	Antlerless bag: 3/day. No antlered deer in Unit L; Antlered deer may be harvested in Unit CWD (statewide limit applies).	

## BLACK BEAR

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

A	No dogs: Sep. 25 - Oct. 22	
	Zones 1, 2, 3, 4, Transitional	
G/M/A	Dogs allowed: Oct. 9-12, 15-17	Zone 2
G/M/A	Dogs allowed: Oct. 2-3, 9-15	Zone 3
G/M/A	Dogs allowed: Oct. 2-4, 9-10	Zone 1
G/M/A	No dogs, Young Sportsman (ages 6-16): Oct. 30-31	Zones 1, 2, 3
G/M/A	Dogs allowed: Nov. 1-5	Zones 2, 3
G/M/A	Dogs allowed: Nov. 8-15	Zone 1
G/M/A	No dogs: Nov. 20-23	Zones 1, 2, 3
G/M/A	Dogs allowed: Nov. 29 - Dec. 12	Zone 3
G/M/A	Dogs allowed: Nov. 29 - Dec. 15	Zone 1
G/M/A	Dogs allowed: Nov. 29 - Dec. 23	Zone 2
G/M/A	Dogs allowed: Dec. 30 - Jan 2	Zone 3

## ELK (QUOTA HUNT)

A	Sep. 25 - Oct. 1: 7 permits, 1 antlered elk/permit
G/M/A	Young Sportsman (resident only, ages 13-16)
	Oct. 2-8: 1 permit for 1 antlered elk
G/M/A	Oct. 9-15: 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 *Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide* for listing.

A	Sep. 25 - Oct. 29, Nov. 1 - Nov. 5
S	Oct. 16-29

## SPRING TURKEY

S/A	Young Sportsman (ages 6-16)	Mar. 26-27, 2022*
	Daily bag: 1 bearded turkey per day. Counts toward spring season bag of three (3).	
S/A	General Season	April 2 - May 15, 2022*
	Bag limit: 3 bearded turkeys, no more than 1 per day.	

\*Some west and southern middle Tennessee counties have shortened seasons and reduced bag limits. See the *Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide* for more information.

## GAME BIRDS

Grouse	Oct. 9- Feb. 28, 2022: Daily bag 3
Quail	Nov. 6 - Feb. 28, 2022: Daily bag 6

## MIGRATORY BIRDS

Mourning Dove	Sep. 1-28: Daily bag 15 Oct. 9-31: Daily bag 15 Dec. 8 - Jan. 15, 2022: Daily bag 15
Woodcock	Nov. 13 - Dec. 5: Daily bag 3 Jan. 10 - Jan. 31, 2022: Daily bag 3
Snipe	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28, 2022: Daily bag 8
Canada Goose*	Sep. 1-19: Daily bag 5
Wood Duck/Teal	Sep. 11-15: Daily bag 6, not to exceed 2 wood ducks/day
Teal-only	Sep. 16-19: Daily bag 6

Ducks, Coots, and Mergansers - Bag limit is 6 ducks per day.

Reelfoot Zone	Nov. 13-14, Dec. 4 - Jan. 30, 2022
Statewide Zone	Nov. 27-28, Dec. 4 - Jan. 30, 2022
Young Sportsman	Feb. 5 and Feb. 12, 2022: All zones, ages 16 and under
Veteran, Active Military	Feb. 6 and Feb. 13, 2022: All zones

\*See the *Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide* for more information on these seasons, as well as sandhill crane and other goose seasons.

## SMALL GAME

Squirrel	Aug. 28 - Feb. 28: Daily bag 10
Spring Squirrel	May 8 - June 13, 2021: Daily bag 10
Rabbit	Nov. 6 - Feb. 28: Daily bag 5
Bullfrog	Year around (except on TWRA Managed Lakes June 1-30) 20 per person per night

## FURBEARERS

Fox, Mink, Muskrat, Otter, Spotted Skunk, Weasel	Nov. 19 - Feb. 28, 2022	No limit
Bobcat	Nov. 19 - Feb. 28, 2022	1 per day
Armadillo, Beaver, Coyote, Groundhog, Striped Skunk	Year around	No limit

## RACCOON

See the *Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide* for more information.

Private Land Season	Sunset July 1 - Sunrise Sep. 17: Nightly bag 1. Closed in Scott, Morgan, Roane, Rhea, Hamilton, and all other counties east of those counties.
Statewide Season	Sunset Sep. 17 - Sunrise Feb. 28, 2022: Nightly bag: 2
Training Season	Year-round, except where prohibited by local ordinances. No take permitted.

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