

# 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	<b>Aug. 27-29</b>	<b>Units A, B, C, D, L</b>
	Private land, antlered deer only.	
G/M/A	<b>Aug. 27-29</b>	<b>Unit CWD</b>
	Antlered deer only. Private lands and select public lands (see hunting guide).	
A	<b>Sep. 25-Oct. 29, Nov. 1-5</b>	<b>Statewide</b>
	Antlerless bag: Units A, B, C, D=4; Units L, CWD=3/day, no season limit	
G/M/A	<b>Oct. 30 -Oct. 31, Jan. 8-9, 2022</b>	<b>Statewide</b>
	Young Sportsman (ages 6-16). Antlerless bag: Units A, B, C, D=2; Units L, CWD=3/day	
M/A	<b>Nov. 6-19</b>	<b>Units A, B, C, D, L</b>
	Antlerless bag: Units A, B=2; Units C, D=1; Unit L=3/day	
G/M/A	<b>Nov. 6-Jan. 2, 2022</b>	<b>Unit CWD</b>
	Antlerless bag: 3/day	
	<b>Nov. 20-Jan. 2, 2022</b>	<b>Units A, B, C, D, L</b>
	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	<b>Jan. 3-7, 2022</b>	<b>Units L, CWD</b>
	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	<b>No dogs: Sep. 25 - Oct. 22</b>	
	Zones 1, 2, 3, 4, Transitional	
G/M/A	<b>Dogs allowed: Oct. 9-12, 15-17</b>	<b>Zone 2</b>
G/M/A	<b>Dogs allowed: Oct. 2-3, 9-15</b>	<b>Zone 3</b>
G/M/A	<b>Dogs allowed: Oct. 2-4, 9-10</b>	<b>Zone 1</b>
G/M/A	<b>No dogs, Young Sportsman (ages 6-16): Oct. 30-31</b>	<b>Zones 1, 2, 3</b>
G/M/A	<b>Dogs allowed: Nov. 1-5</b>	<b>Zones 2, 3</b>
G/M/A	<b>Dogs allowed: Nov. 8-15</b>	<b>Zone 1</b>
G/M/A	<b>No dogs: Nov. 20-23</b>	<b>Zones 1, 2, 3</b>
G/M/A	<b>Dogs allowed: Nov. 29 - Dec. 12</b>	<b>Zone 3</b>
G/M/A	<b>Dogs allowed: Nov. 29 - Dec. 15</b>	<b>Zone 1</b>
G/M/A	<b>Dogs allowed: Nov. 29 - Dec. 23</b>	<b>Zone 2</b>
G/M/A	<b>Dogs allowed: Dec. 30 - Jan 2</b>	<b>Zone 3</b>

## ELK (QUOTA HUNT)

A	<b>Sep. 25 - Oct. 1:</b> 7 permits, 1 antlered elk/permit
G/M/A	<b>Young Sportsman (resident only, ages 13-16)</b> <b>Oct. 2-8:</b> 1 permit for 1 antlered elk
G/M/A	<b>Oct. 9-15:</b> 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	<b>Sep. 25 - Oct. 29, Nov. 1 - Nov. 5</b>
S	<b>Oct. 16-29</b>

## SPRING TURKEY

S/A	<b>Young Sportsman (ages 6-16)</b>	<b>Mar. 26-27, 2022*</b>
	Daily bag: 1 bearded turkey per day. Counts toward spring season bag of three (3).	
S/A	<b>General Season</b>	<b>April 2 - May 15, 2022*</b>
	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	<b>Oct. 9- Feb. 28, 2022:</b> Daily bag 3
Quail	<b>Nov. 6 - Feb. 28, 2022:</b> Daily bag 6

## MIGRATORY BIRDS

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

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

Reelfoot Zone	<b>Nov. 13-14, Dec. 4 - Jan. 30, 2022</b>
Statewide Zone	<b>Nov. 27-28, Dec. 4 - Jan. 30, 2022</b>
Young Sportsman	<b>Feb. 5 and Feb. 12, 2022:</b> All zones, ages 16 and under
Veteran, Active Military	<b>Feb. 6 and Feb. 13, 2022:</b> 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	<b>Aug. 28 - Feb. 28:</b> Daily bag 10
Spring Squirrel	<b>May 8 - June 13, 2021:</b> Daily bag 10
Rabbit	<b>Nov. 6 - Feb. 28:</b> Daily bag 5
Bullfrog	<b>Year around (except on TWRA Managed Lakes June 1-30)</b> 20 per person per night

## FURBEARERS

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

## RACCOON

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

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

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