Small Game

Season Dates & Bag Limits

Squirrel (Combined Species) Eligible junior hunters (12-16 years old without a license who have successfully completed a Hunter-Trapper Education course and Junior License holders), and accompanied as required by law, and mentored youth hunters.	Oct. 6-12	6 Daily
Squirrel	Oct. 13-Nov. 24 Dec. 10-24 Dec. 26-Feb. 23	6 Daily
Ruffed Grouse	Oct. 13-Nov. 24 Dec. 10-24 Dec. 26-Jan. 26	2 Daily
Cottontail Rabbit (Junior Hunt 12-16 yr. old; Jr. License holders) Combined Species; eligible junior hunters (12-16 years old without a license who have successfully completed a Hunter-Trapper Education course and Junior License holders), and accompanied as required by law.	Oct. 6-13	4 Daily
Cottontail Rabbit	Oct. 20-Nov. 24 Dec. 10-24 Dec. 26-Feb. 23	4 Daily
It is unlawful to hunt small game, not including groundhogs, crows or waterfowl open during the restricted time period, from the first Sunday in Feb. through July 31 within any Wild Pheasant Recovery Area.		
* **Pheasant** (Junior Hunt) Cocks only in Wildlife Management Units 2A, 2C, 4C, 4E, 5A & 5B. Eligible junior hunters (12-16 years old without a license who have successfully completed a Hunter-Trapper Education course and Junior License holders), and accompanied as required by law.	Oct. 6-13	2 Daily
* **Pheasant** (Junior Hunt) Cocks or hens combined in Wildlife Management Units 1A, 1B, 2B, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 4D, 5C & 5D. Eligible junior hunters only, with or without the required license, when properly accompanied as required by law.	Oct. 6-13	2 Daily
* **Pheasant** (Cocks only in WMUs 2A, 2C, 4C, 4E, 5A & 5B)	Oct. 20-Nov. 24	2 Daily
(Cocks and hens in WMUs 1A, 1B, 2B, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 4D, 5C & 5D)	Oct. 20-Nov. 24 Dec. 10-24 Dec. 26-Feb. 2	2 Daily
*** No taking of pheasants in any Wild Pheasant Recovery Area in any season.**		
Bobwhite Quail (Closed in WMUs 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 5C & 5D)	Oct. 20-Nov. 24	4 Daily
Snowshoe Hares (WMUs 2F, 2G & 3A Only)	Dec. 26-Jan. 1	1 Daily
Groundhog (Woodchuck) — No closed season except during the regular antlered and antlerless firearms deer seasons. Hunting is prohibited on Sundays.		No limit
Crows (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only)	July 1-April 7, 2013	No Limit
Porcupine — Season closed during the regular antlered and antlerless firearms deer seasons.	Sept. 1-Mar. 31, 2013	3 Daily; Season Limit - 10

Regulations

Arms & Ammunition: 1) Manually operated and semi-automatic 10-gauge or less shotguns with a capacity of no more than 3 shells in the chamber and magazine combined; 2) Manually operated rifles and handguns .23 and less calibers; 3) Muzzleloading rifles and handguns 40 caliber or less and shotguns 10-gauge or less; and 4) long, recurve, compound bows and arrows, and crossbows. Single-projectile ammunition, or fine shot pellets no larger than No. 4 lead, bismuth-tin, or tungsten-iron, or other approved non-toxic shot or No. 2 steel. **Note:** Rifle and handgun caliber restrictions do not apply when hunting woodchucks or porcupines, although rifles and handguns must be manually operated.

Fluorescent Orange Requirements: Small game and porcupine hunters must wear at least 250 square inches of fluorescent orange at all times on the head, chest and back combined. Woodchuck hunters must wear a solid fluorescent orange cap on the head. Orange must be visible 360 degrees.

Hunting Parties: It is unlawful to hunt small game in a party of more than 6 persons. This does not apply to waterfowl or dove hunters when hunting from a blind or other stationary positions.

Transporting Small Game: Small game may be transported untagged by the owner. Small game unaccompanied by the owner must be labeled with the name, address, license customer ID number and signature of the owner.

No Open Season: Hungarian partridges, otters, pine martens and sharp-tailed grouse.

No Closed Season: English sparrows and European starlings. These species cannot be hunted during the regular firearms antlered and antlerless deer seasons. No limit.