

2020-21 Tennessee Hunting Seasons Summary



Please refer to the *2020-21 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 2020-21 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide for deer units and county listings.

A	Aug. 28-30	Units A, B, C, D, L
	Private land, antlered deer only.	
G/M/A	Aug. 28-30	Unit CWD
	Antlered deer only. Private lands and select public lands (see hunting guide).	
A	Sep. 26-Oct. 30, Nov. 2-6	Statewide
	Antlerless bag: Units A, B, C, D=4; Units L, CWD=3/day, no season limit	
G/M/A	Oct. 31-Nov. 1, Jan. 9-10, 2021	Statewide
	Young Sportsman (ages 6-16). Antlerless bag: Units A, B, C, D=2; Units L, CWD=3/day	
M/A	Nov. 7-20	Units A, B, C, D, L
	Antlerless bag: Units A, B=2; Units C, D=1; Unit L=3/day	
G/M/A	Nov. 7-Jan. 3, 2021	Unit CWD
	Antlerless bag: 3/day	
	Nov. 21-Jan. 3, 2021	Units A, B, C, D, L
	Antlerless bag: Unit A=2; Unit B=1; Unit L=3/day; Unit C=1 (Nov. 21-Dec. 6 only); Unit D=1 (Nov. 21-27 only)	
G/M/A	Jan. 4-8, 2021	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. 26 - Oct. 23	
	Zones 1, 2, 3, 4, Transitional	
G/M/A	Dogs allowed: Oct. 10-13, 16-18	Zone 2
G/M/A	Dogs allowed: Oct. 3-4, 10-16	Zone 3
G/M/A	Dogs allowed: Oct. 3-5, 10-11	Zone 1
G/M/A	No dogs, Young Sportsman (ages 6-16): Oct. 31- Nov. 1	Zones 1, 2, 3
G/M/A	Dogs allowed: Nov. 2-6	Zones 2, 3
G/M/A	Dogs allowed: Nov. 9-16	Zone 1
G/M/A	No dogs: Nov. 21-24	Zones 1, 2, 3
G/M/A	Dogs allowed: Nov. 30 - Dec. 13	Zone 3
G/M/A	Dogs allowed: Nov. 30 - Dec. 16	Zone 1
G/M/A	Dogs allowed: Nov. 30 - Dec. 24	Zone 2
G/M/A	Dogs allowed: Dec. 31 - Jan 3	Zone 3

ELK (QUOTA HUNT)

A	Sep. 26 - Oct. 2: 7 permits, 1 antlered elk/permit
G/M/A	Young Sportsman (resident only, ages 13-16) Oct. 3-9: 1 permit for 1 antlered elk
G/M/A	Oct. 10-16: 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 *2020-21 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide* for listing.

A	Sep. 26 - Oct. 30, Nov. 2 - Nov. 6
S	Oct. 17-30

SPRING TURKEY

S/A	Young Sportsman (ages 6-16)	Mar. 27-28, 2021*
	Daily bag: 1 bearded turkey per day. Counts toward spring season bag of three (3).	
S/A	General Season	April 3 - May 16, 2021*
	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 *2020-21 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide* for more information.

GAME BIRDS

Grouse	Oct. 10 - Feb. 28, 2021: Daily bag 3
Quail	Nov. 7 - Feb. 28, 2021: Daily bag 6

MIGRATORY BIRDS

Mourning Dove	Sep. 1-28: Daily bag 15 Oct. 10 - Nov. 1: Daily bag 15 Dec. 8 - Jan. 15, 2021: Daily bag 15
Woodcock	Nov. 14 - Dec. 6: Daily bag 3 Jan. 10 - Jan. 31: Daily bag 3
Snipe	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28, 2021: Daily bag 8
Canada Goose	Sep. 1-20: Daily bag 5
Wood Duck/Teal	Sep. 12-16: Daily bag 6, not to exceed 2 wood ducks/day Sep. 17-20: Daily bag 6
Teal-only	Sep. 17-20: Daily bag 6

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

Reelfoot Zone	Nov. 14-15, Dec. 5 - Jan. 31, 2021
Statewide Zone	Nov. 28-29, Dec. 5 - Jan. 31, 2021
Young Sportsman	Feb. 6 and Feb. 13, 2021: All zones, ages 16 and under

Veteran, Active Military **Feb. 7 and Feb. 14, 2021:** All zones
See the *2020-21 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide* for more information on these seasons, as well as sandhill crane and other goose seasons.

SMALL GAME

Squirrel	Aug. 22 - Feb. 28: Daily bag 10
Spring Squirrel	May 8 - June 13, 2021: Daily bag 10
Rabbit	Nov. 7 - 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. 20- Feb. 28	No limit
Bobcat	Nov. 20-Feb. 28	1 per day
Armadillo, Beaver, Coyote, Groundhog, Striped Skunk	Year around	No limit

RACCOON

See the *2020-21 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide* for more information.

Private Land Season **Sunset July 1 - Sunrise Sep. 18:** Nightly bag 1. Closed in Scott, Morgan, Roane, Rhea, Hamilton, and all other counties east of those counties.

Statewide Season **Sunset Sep. 18 - Sunrise Feb. 28, 2021:** Nightly bag: 2

Training Season Year-round, except where prohibited by local ordinances. No take permitted.

To learn more about Tennessee's many outdoors opportunities, visit our website at www.tnwildlife.org and join us on Facebook, Twitter, and our weekly podcast, *Tennessee WildCast*.