

# 2017-18 Tennessee Hunting Seasons Summary



Please refer to the *2017-18 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 *2017-18 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide* for deer units, county listings, and the new definition of antlered deer.

- A** **Sep. 23-Oct. 27, Oct. 30-Nov. 3**  
Antlerless bag: Units A, B, C, D=4; Unit L=3/day, no season limit
- G/M/A** **Young Sportsman (ages 6-16):**  
**Oct. 28-29, Jan. 13-14, 2018**  
Antlerless bag: Units A, B, C, D=2; Unit L=3/day
- M/A** **Nov. 4-Nov. 17**  
Antlerless bag: Units A, B=2; Units C, D=1  
Unit L=3/day
- G/M/A** **Nov. 18-Jan. 7, 2018**  
Antlerless bag: Unit A=2, Unit B = 1/day, Unit L=3/day  
Unit C (Nov. 18 - Dec. 3 only) = 1/day  
Unit D (Nov. 18 - Nov. 24 only) = 1/day
- G/M/A** **Unit L - private lands: antlerless only; Jan. 8-12, 2018: 3/day; no antlered deer**

## ELK (QUOTA HUNT)

- A** **Sept. 30- Oct. 6**  
7 permits, 1 antlered elk/permit
- G/M/A** **Young Sportsman (resident only, ages 13-16):**  
**Oct. 7-13; 1 permit for 1 antlered elk**
- G/M/A** **Oct. 14-20**  
7 permits, 1 antlered elk/permit

## BLACK BEAR

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

- A** **No dogs: Sep. 23-Oct. 20**  
Zones 1, 2, 3, 4, Transitional
- G/M/A** **Dogs allowed: Sep. 25-Oct. 1** **Zone 2**
- G/M/A** **Dogs allowed: Sep. 30-Oct. 8** **Zone 3**
- G/M/A** **Dogs allowed: Oct. 2-6** **Zone 1**
- G/M/A** **No dogs, Young Sportsman (ages 6-16):**  
**Oct. 28-29** **Zones 1, 2, 3**
- G/M/A** **Dogs allowed: Oct. 30-Nov. 3** **Zones 1, 2, 3**
- G/M/A** **No dogs: Nov. 18-21** **Zones 1, 2, 3**
- G/M/A** **Dogs allowed: Nov. 27-Dec. 10** **Zone 3**
- G/M/A** **Dogs allowed: Nov. 27-Dec. 16** **Zone 1**
- G/M/A** **Dogs allowed: Nov. 27-Dec. 21** **Zone 2**
- G/M/A** **Dogs allowed: Dec. 28-31** **Zone 3**

## FALL TURKEY

- Bag Limit: 1 turkey, either sex, per county, only in counties open to fall turkey hunting. See the *2017-18 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide* for listing.

- A** **Sep. 23-Oct. 27, Oct. 30-Nov. 3**
- S** **Oct. 14-27**

## SPRING TURKEY

- S/A** **Young Sportsman (ages 6-16): Mar. 24-25, 2018**  
Daily bag: 1 bearded bird per day. Counts toward spring season bag of four (4).
- S/A** **Mar. 31-May 13, 2018**  
Bag limit: 4 bearded birds. No more than 1 per day.

## GAME BIRDS

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|---------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Grouse</b> | Daily bag: 3 | <b>Oct. 14-Feb. 28, 2018</b> |
| <b>Quail</b>  | Daily bag: 6 | <b>Nov. 4-Feb. 28, 2018</b>  |

## MIGRATORY BIRDS

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| <b>Mourning Dove</b>  | Daily bag: 15                                  | <b>Sep. 1-28</b><br><b>Oct. 14-Nov. 5</b><br><b>Dec. 8-Jan. 15</b> |
| <b>Woodcock</b>       | Daily bag: 3                                   | <b>Nov. 11-Dec. 25</b>   |
| <b>Snipe</b>          | Daily bag: 8                                   | <b>Nov. 14-Feb. 28, 2018</b>                                       |
| <b>Canada Goose</b>   | Daily bag: 5                                   | <b>Sep. 1-15</b>   |
| <b>Wood Duck/Teal</b> | Daily bag 6; not to exceed<br>2 wood ducks/day | <b>Sep. 9-13</b>   |
| <b>Teal-only</b>      | Daily bag: 6                                   | <b>Sep. 14-17</b>  |

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

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| <b>Reelfoot Zone</b>   | <b>Nov. 11-12, Dec. 2-Jan. 28, 2018</b>                                |
| <b>Statewide Zone</b>  | <b>Nov. 25-26, Dec. 2-Jan. 28, 2018</b>                                |
| <b>Young Sportsman</b> | <b>All zones, ages 15 and under</b><br><b>Feb. 3 and Feb. 10, 2018</b> |

See the *2017-18 Tennessee Waterfowl Hunting Guide* for more information on these seasons as well as Sandhill Cranes and other Goose Seasons.

## SMALL GAME

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| <b>Squirrel</b> | Daily bag: 10 | <b>Aug. 26-Feb. 28</b><br><b>May 12-Jun. 10</b> |
| <b>Rabbit</b>   | Daily bag: 5  | <b>Nov. 4-Feb. 28</b>                           |

## RACCOON

- See the *2017-18 Tennessee Hunting and Trapping Guide* for more information.
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| <b>Private Land Season</b> | <b>Sunset Jul. 1 - Sunrise Sep. 15</b> Nightly bag: 1                       |
| <b>Statewide Season</b>    | <b>Sunset Sep. 15 - Sunrise Feb. 28, 2018</b> Nightly bag: 2                |
| <b>Training Season</b>     | Year-round, except where prohibited by local ordinances. No take permitted. |

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