

## 2020-21 South Carolina, Migratory Bird Seasons

SPECIES	OPEN DATES (All Dates Inclusive)	SHOOTING HOURS	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
MOURNING DOVE	Sept. 5--Sept. 7 Sept. 8--Oct. 11 Nov. 14--Nov. 28 Dec. 25--Jan. 31	12 Noon until Sunset 1/2 Hour before Sunrise until Sunset 1/2 Hour before Sunrise until Sunset 1/2 Hour before Sunrise until Sunset	15	45
MARSH HENS/RAILS (King, Clapper, Sora & Virginia)	Sept. 15--Sept. 20 Oct. 1--Dec. 3	1/2 Hour before Sunrise until Sunset	15 (King & Clapper) 25 (Sora & Va.)	45 (King & Clapper) 75 (Sora & Va.)
EARLY TEAL	Sept. 11--Sept. 26	Sunrise until Sunset	6	18
WOODCOCK	Dec. 18--Jan. 31	1/2 Hour before Sunrise until Sunset	3	9
COMMON SNIPE (Wilson's)	Nov. 14--Feb. 28	1/2 Hour before Sunrise until Sunset	8	24
COMMON MOORHENS & PURPLE GALLINULES	Sept. 15--Sept. 20 Oct. 1--Dec. 3	1/2 Hour before Sunrise until Sunset	15	45
EARLY CANADA GEESE	Sept. 1--Sept. 30	1/2 Hour before Sunrise until Sunset	15	45
*DUCKS (Including Sea Ducks) (There is no open season for harlequin ducks)	Nov. 21--Nov. 28 Dec. 12--Jan. 31	1/2 Hour before Sunrise until Sunset	6 total-not to include more than 2 mallards (1 hen), 2 black ducks*, 1 pintail, 1 mottled duck, 1 black-bellied whistling duck, 1 fulvous whistling duck, 3 wood ducks, 2 redheads, 2 canvasbacks, 4 scoters, 4 eiders and 4 long-tailed ducks. The 6 total shall include no more than 2 scaup for the period Nov. 21--Nov. 28 and Dec. 12-- Dec. 23. The 6 total shall include no more than 1 scaup for the period Dec. 24--Jan. 31.	18 total, Not to include more than 3 times the daily bag limit for a given species.
MERGANSERS	Nov. 21--Nov. 28 Dec. 12--Jan. 31	1/2 Hour before Sunrise until Sunset	5 (not to include more than 1 Hooded Merganser)	15 (not to include more than 3 Hooded Mergansers)
COOTS	Nov. 21--Nov. 28 Dec. 12--Jan. 31	1/2 Hour before Sunrise until Sunset	15	45
**CANADA GEESE/ WHITE FRONTED GEESE (Late Seasons)	Nov. 21--Nov. 28 Dec. 12--Jan. 31 Feb. 14--Mar. 1	1/2 Hour before Sunrise until Sunset	5 (not to include more than 2 white-fronted geese)	15 (not to include more than 6 white-fronted geese)
BLUE and SNOW GEESE	Nov. 21--Nov. 28 Dec. 12--Jan. 31 Feb. 14--Mar. 1	1/2 Hour before Sunrise until Sunset	25	No Limit
BRANT	Dec. 13--Jan. 31	1/2 Hour before Sunrise until Sunset	2	6

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**\*Black ducks/mottled ducks, the limit is as follows:** For areas east of I-95, one black duck or one mottled duck in the total bag of no more than six.  
For areas west of I-95, two black ducks or one black duck and one mottled duck in the total bag of no more than six.

**\*\*Canada Goose Hunting Area:** During the September 1—September 30 segment hunting for Canada Geese is allowed statewide. During the remaining three segments, the hunting area excludes that portion of Clarendon County bounded to the north by S-14-25; to the east by Hwy 260; and to the south by the markers delineating the channel of the Santee River. It also excludes that portion of Clarendon County bounded on the north by S-14-26 and extending southward to that portion of Orangeburg County bordered by Hwy #6.

**State Youth Day: Nov. 14, 2020 (Legal Species: Ducks, mergansers, coots.)** Only youth who are 17 years of age or younger may hunt, but they must be accompanied by an adult of at least 21 years of age who is fully licensed. Youth who are 16 and 17 years of age, who hunt on this day, must possess a valid South Carolina hunting license and Migratory Bird Permit and a valid Federal Waterfowl Stamp. Daily and possession bag limits are the same as shown above. The 6 total shall include no more than 1 scaup on November 14, 2020.

**Federal Youth Days: Feb. 6 and Feb. 13, 2021 (Legal Species: Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, gallinules.)** Only hunters 17 of age or younger may hunt on these days but must be accompanied by a person at least 18 years of age. Youth who are 16 and 17 years of age, who hunt on these days, must possess a valid South Carolina hunting license and Migratory Bird Permit and a valid Federal Waterfowl Stamp. Daily and possession bag limits are the same as shown above.

**Veteran/Active Duty Military Days: Feb. 6 and Feb. 13, 2021 (Legal Species: Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, gallinules.)** Veterans and active duty military who hunt on this day must possess a valid South Carolina hunting license and Migratory Bird Permit and a valid Federal Waterfowl Stamp. Daily and possession bag limits are the same as shown above.

**Sea Duck Area and Duck Limits Within this Area:** The sea duck area is the Atlantic Ocean waters separated from any shore, island or emergent vegetation by at least one mile of open water. In this area, the sea duck limit is 5 with no more than 4 scoters, 4 eiders or 4 long-tailed ducks. In addition and within this area, a hunter may take up to 6 other ducks as described for the rest of the state but not including sea ducks. The shooting of crippled waterfowl from a vessel under motor power in the sea duck area is allowed.

**Extended Falconry Season:** Falconry is a permitted means of taking ducks, coots and mergansers in South Carolina. The extended season for falconry shall be Nov. 2, 2020 through Nov. 20, 2020 and Dec. 1, 2020 through Dec. 11, 2020. Daily bag and possession limits for these birds shall not exceed 3 and 9 birds, respectively, singly or in the aggregate. Statewide hunting hours shall be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

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