

2025 - 2026 Hunting Seasons

Deer Season	Season Dates	Bag Limits
Youth Deer Hunt Days	9 August 2025 and 3 January 2026	9 Aug: 1 Antlered Deer - 3 Jan: 1 Antlered and 1 Antlerless
Antlered Deer	15 August 2025 - 24 December 2025 & 26 December 2025 - 1 January 2026	1 per day, 2 per season
Antlerless Deer	15 September 2025 - 24 December 2025 & 26 December 2025 - 1 January 2026	1 per day, 2 per season

*Only antlered deer may be harvested on 9 August, but Quality Deer Management Area restrictions do not apply to Youth Days. Only hunters 17 or younger may harvest deer on Youth Days. Any deer harvested on these hunts count towards the hunters season bag limits, but tags are not required.

*Within Quality Deer Management Area boundaries, any antlered deer harvested must have a minimum of four antler points (one inch or longer) on one side of antlers, or a 13 inch minimum inside antler spread. In areas outside of the QDMA boundaries, a hunter may harvest 1 antlered deer that does not meet these requirements. All antlered deer, regardless of harvest location, count towards the 2 per season bag limit.

*An antlerless deer is defined as a deer with no antlers or a deer with less than two inches of antler visible above the hairline. Any deer harvested meeting this criteria counts towards the antlerless bag limit.

Migratory Birds	Season Dates	Bag Limits
Dove	1 September - 4 October 2025 15 - 29 November 2025 22 December 2025 - 31 January 2026	15
Early Teal	20 - 28 September 2025	6
Early Canada Geese	1 - 30 September 2025	15
Ducks / Geese	22 - 29 November 2025 12 December 2025 - 31 January 2026 See additional youth and active duty/veteran dates listed below	ALL state and federal species limits apply
Late Canada Geese	15 February 2026 - 1 March 2026	5

All other migratory species	State and Federal Season dates apply	State and Federal Bag Limits apply
<p>*Managed dove fields are opened through iSportsman for dove hunting on a rotational basis. During all dove seasons, the managed dove fields may not be hunted unless that field is open in iSportsman and the hunter is checked in to it. Dove fields will be opened on weekends and federal holidays only during the September/October season.</p> <p>*Unless otherwise authorized by the DPW Wildlife Branch, shooting hours for doves in fields opened for morning hunts will be from 1/2 hour before legal sunrise until 1200, and shooting hours for fields opened for afternoon hunts will be from 1200 until either 1800 or legal sunset, whichever occurs first.</p> <p>*Waterfowl hunting is authorized on Saturdays, Sundays, opening and closing days of the seasons, and Federal holidays, except during early and late Canada goose seasons when geese may be hunted daily. No waterfowl hunting is allowed anywhere unless the area is open in iSportsman as a waterfowl area.</p> <p>*Shooting hours for Waterfowl are one-half hour before official sunrise until 1200, with the following exceptions. Shooting hours for resident Canada geese during the early and late Canada goose season are one-half hour before official sunrise to official sunset. During the early Canada goose season (Sept.), only Canada geese may be harvested before official sunrise or after 1200 (i.e., no teal). Shooting hours for the early teal season on Fort Jackson are from official sunrise until 1200.</p> <p>*State Youth Day: 15 November 2025 (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 Migratory Bird Permit and a valid Federal Waterfowl Stamp. Daily and possession bag limits are the same as indicated for regular seasons.</p> <p>*Federal Youth Waterfowl Days: 7 February and 14 February 2026. Only hunters 17 years 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. All bag limits listed for the regular duck/goose/merganser season apply.</p> <p>*Veteran/Active Duty Military Waterfowl Days: 7 February and 14 February 2026. 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. All bag limits listed for the regular duck/goose/merganser season apply.</p>		

Small Game	Season Dates	Bag Limits
Bobwhite Quail	24 November 2025 - 1 March 2026	4 per day

Squirrel	1 October 2025 - 1 March 2026	10 Gray Squirrels per day, 1 Fox Squirrel per season
Rabbit	27 November 2025 - 1 March 2026	5 per day
Racoon / Opossum	15 September 2025 - 15 March 2026	3 Racoons per party per day & 3 Opossums per party per day
Non - Game	Season Dates	Bag Limits
Coyotes, Hogs, Armadillos, and Beavers	See Fort Jackson Hunting and Fishing Regulation 28-4	No Limit