

2026 - 2027 Hunting Seasons

Deer Season	Season Dates	Bag Limits
Youth Deer Hunt Days	8 August 2026 and 2 January 2027	8 Aug: 1 Antlered Deer - 2 Jan: 1 Antlered and 1 Antlerless
Antlered Deer	15 August 2026 - 24 December 2026 & 26 December 2026 - 1 January 2027	1 per day, 2 per season
Antlerless Deer	15 September 2026 - 24 December 2026 & 26 December 2026 - 1 January 2027	1 per day, 2 per season

*Only antlered deer may be harvested on 8 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

Migratory Birds	Season Dates	Bag Limits
Dove	5 September - 3 October 2026 13 - 28 November 2026 18 December 2026 - 31 January 2027	15
Early Teal	19 - 27 September 2026	6
Early Canada Geese	1 - 30 September 2026	15
Ducks / Geese	21 - 28 November 2026 12 December 2026 - 31 January 2027 See additional youth and active duty/veteran dates listed below	ALL state and federal species limits apply
Late Canada Geese	15 February 2027 - 1 March 2027	5
All other migratory species	State and Federal Season dates apply	State and Federal Bag Limits apply

*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.

*Unless otherwise authorized by the DPW Wildlife Branch, shooting hours for doves in fields opened will be from 1/2 hour before legal sunrise until either 1800 or legal sunset, whichever

occurs first.

*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.

*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.

*State Youth Day: 14 November 2026 (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.

*Federal Youth Waterfowl Days: 6 February and 13 February 2027. 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.

*Veteran/Active Duty Military Waterfowl Days: 6 February and 13 February 2027. 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.

Small Game	Season Dates	Bag Limits
Bobwhite Quail	23 November 2026 - 1 March 2027	4 per day
Squirrel	1 October 2026 - 1 March 2027	10 Gray Squirrels per day, 1 Fox Squirrel per season
Rabbit	26 November 2026 - 1 March 2027	5 per day
Raccoon / Opossum	15 September 2026 - 15 March 2027	3 Raccoons 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