

# 2012 Wisconsin Hunting and Trapping Seasons

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## DEER\*\*

Bow	Sept. 15 - Nov. 15 & Nov. 17 - Jan. 6, 2013
Youth Deer Hunt	Oct. 6 - 7
Gun	Nov. 17 - 25
Muzzleloader	Nov. 26 - Dec. 5
Statewide Antlerless Hunt	Dec. 6 - 9
CWD Holiday Hunt	Dec. 24 - Jan. 6, 2013

\*\* Check the 2012 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations for a complete set of dates, including the October antlerless-only hunt for CWD units, and unit designations.

## GAME BIRDS

### Pheasant

Statewide	Oct. 20 (noon) - Dec. 31
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### Bobwhite Quail

Statewide	Oct. 20 (noon) - Dec. 12
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### Ruffed Grouse

Zone A	Sept. 15 - Jan. 31, 2013
Zone B	Oct. 20 - Dec. 8

### Sharp-tailed Grouse

Oct. 20 - Nov. 11

### Hungarian Partridge

Statewide*	Oct. 20 (noon) - Dec. 31
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\* Closed in Clark, Marathon, and Taylor counties

### Crow

Statewide	Jan. 19 - Mar. 20 Sept. 15 - Nov. 15
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## MIGRATORY BIRDS

### Woodcock

Statewide	Sept. 22 - Nov. 5
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### Mourning Dove

Statewide	Sept. 1 - Nov. 9
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## TURKEY

Youth Turkey Hunt	Apr. 7 - 8
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### Open Zones

Spring	Period A	Apr. 11 - 17
	Period B	Apr. 18 - 24
	Period C	Apr. 25 - May 1
	Period D	May 2 - 8
	Period E	May 9 - 15
	Period F	May 16 - 22
Fall	Statewide	Sept. 15 - Nov. 15
	Zones 1-5	Nov. 26 - Dec. 31

## WATERFOWL

Youth Waterfowl Hunt	Sept. 15 - 16
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### Canada Goose

Early Goose Season		Sept. 1 - 15
Exterior Zone	North	Sept. 16 - Nov. 4 & Nov. 10 - Dec. 21
	South	Sept. 16 - Oct. 7 & Oct. 13 - Dec. 21
Mississippi River Subzone		Sept. 22 - 30 & Oct. 13 - Jan. 3, 2013
Horicon Zone	Period 1	Sept. 16 - Oct. 28
	Period 2	Oct. 29 - Dec. 16

### Snow, Blue, and Ross' Geese, and Brant

Same as the Canada goose zone or subzone in which you are hunting

### White-Fronted Geese

Exterior Zone	North	Sept. 20 - Nov. 4 & Nov. 10 - Dec. 21
	South	Sept. 20 - Oct. 7 & Oct. 13 - Dec. 21
Mississippi River Subzone		Sept. 26 - 30 & Oct. 13 - Jan. 3, 2013
Horicon Zone		Sept. 20 - Dec. 16

### Ducks

Northern Zone	Sept. 22 - Nov. 4 & Nov. 10 - 25
Southern Zone	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7 & Oct. 13 - Dec. 2
Mississippi River Zone	Sept. 22 - 30 & Oct. 13 - Dec. 2

## BEAR

Zone C where dogs **are not** permitted:

Sept. 5 - Oct. 9

- with aid of bait
- with all other legal methods not utilizing dogs

All other zones where dogs **are** permitted:

Sept. 5 - 11

- with aid of bait
- with all other legal methods not utilizing dogs

Sept. 12 - Oct. 2

- with aid of dogs
- with aid of bait
- with all other legal methods

Oct. 3 - 9

- with aid of dogs only

# FURBEARERS

## Coyote

Hunting	Continuous open season
Trapping	Oct. 20 - Feb. 15, 2013

## Beaver

### Trapping Only

Zone A (Northwest)	Nov. 3 - Apr. 30, 2013
Zone B (Northeast)	Nov. 3 - Apr. 30, 2013
Zone C (South)	Nov. 3 - Mar. 31, 2013
Zone D (Mississippi River)	Day after duck season closes to Mar. 15, 2013

## Mink

### Trapping Only

North Zone	Oct. 20 - Feb. 28, 2013
South Zone	Oct. 27 - Feb. 28, 2013
Winnebago Zone	Oct. 27 - Mar. 15, 2013
Mississippi River Zone	Day after duck season closes or Nov. 12, whichever comes first, to Feb. 28, 2013.

## Muskrat

### Trapping Only

North Zone	Oct. 20 - Feb. 28, 2013
South Zone	Oct. 27 - Feb. 28, 2013
Winnebago Zone	Oct. 27 - Mar. 15, 2013
Mississippi River Zone	Day after duck season closes or Nov. 12, whichever comes first, to Feb. 28, 2013.

## Fox (Red and Gray)

Hunting and Trapping	Oct. 20 - Feb. 15, 2013
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## Bobcat

### Hunting and Trapping - Permits required

Period 1	Oct. 20 - Dec. 25
Period 2	Dec. 26 - Jan. 31, 2013

## Fisher

### Trapping Only - Permits required

Various zones	Oct. 20 - Dec. 31
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## Otter

### Trapping Only - Permits required

North Zone	Nov. 3 - Apr. 30, 2013
Central Zone	Nov. 3 - Mar. 31, 2013
South Zone	Nov. 3 - Mar. 31, 2013

## Raccoon

### Hunting and Trapping

Resident	Oct. 20 - Feb. 15, 2013
Non-resident	Nov. 3 - Feb. 15, 2013

## Opossum, Skunk, Weasel, and Snowshoe Hare

No season limits, bag limits, size limits, or possession limits.

# WOLF

Hunting and Trapping	Oct. 15 - Feb. 28, 2013
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# SMALL GAME

## Cottontail Rabbit

Northern Zone	Sept. 15 - Feb. 28, 2013
Southern Zone	Oct. 20 (noon)- Feb. 28, 2013

## Squirrels (Gray and Fox)

Statewide	Sept. 15 - Jan. 31, 2013
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# PROTECTED SPECIES

Hunting protected species such as badger, woodchuck, jackrabbit, and flying squirrel is prohibited. See *2012 Small Game Regulations* for more details.

## Permit Application Deadlines

Horicon Zone Goose Season	August 1
Fall Turkey	August 1
Sharp-tailed Grouse	August 1
Bobcat	August 1
Otter	August 1
Fisher	August 1
Wolf	August 1
Spring Turkey	December 10
Bear	December 10

## Timing of Drawings

Horicon Zone Goose Season	Late August
Fall Turkey	Late August
Wolf	Early September
Sharp-tailed Grouse	Mid-September
Bobcat	Mid-September
Otter	Mid-September
Fisher	Mid-September
Spring Turkey	Late January
Bear	Early February

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