

2008-09 New Jersey Small Game Hunting Seasons

| Species (alphabetical) | Inclusive Dates | Hunting Hours | Daily Limits | Notes |
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| Bobwhite quail | <p>North of Route 33: Nov. 8 to Dec. 6 and Dec. 15, 16, 18-31, 2008 and Jan. 1 to Feb. 16, 2009</p> <p>South of Route 33: Nov. 8 to Dec. 6 and Dec. 15, 16, 18-31, 2008 to Jan. 31, 2009</p> | <p>Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset</p> | <p>7 – North</p> <p>4 - South</p> | <p>8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2008 Pheasant and Quail Stamp required on designated areas (See <i>Small Game Hunting</i> page 59 in <i>2008 Digest</i>).</p> |
| <p>Coyote* and Fox, General</p> <p>All coyote must be reported within 24 hrs.</p> | <p>Bow and Arrow only: Oct. 4 to Nov. 7, 2008</p> <p>Firearm or Bow and Arrow: Nov. 8, 2008 to Feb. 16, 2009</p> | <p>½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset</p> | <p>Coyote - 2 Fox – No limit</p> | <p>8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2008 Open Dec. 8-13 and Dec. 17, 2008 with restrictions as specified under <i>Small Game Hunting</i>, page 59, <i>Coyote and Fox in 2008 Digest</i>. Rifle permit required in possession when hunting with muzzleloading rifle (allowed only incidental to deer hunting),</p> |
| <p>Coyote* and Fox, Special Permit Season</p> <p>All coyote must be reported within 24 hrs.</p> | <p>Firearm or Bow and Arrow: Jan. 19 to Feb. 16, 2009 (permit required)</p> | <p>Permit holders may hunt day and night with certain restrictions; see <i>Notes</i> at right.</p> | <p>Coyote - 2 Fox – No limit</p> | <p>For complete details, see <i>Small Game Hunting, Coyote and Fox</i>, page 59 in <i>2008 Digest</i>. Calling and standing hunting only. Predator calling device must be in possession. Rifle permit required in possession when hunting with muzzleloading rifle, allowed only during the daytime hunting hours. During <i>night</i> hunting (½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise), only 10 or 12 gauge shotguns with #4 through “T” size shot are permitted.</p> |
| Gray Squirrel | Sept. 27 to Dec. 6** and Dec. 15, 16, 18-31, 2008 and Jan. 1 to Feb. 16, 2009 | Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset | 5 | 8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2008 |
| Gray Squirrel, Muzzleloading Rifle (.36 caliber or smaller) | Sept. 27 to Nov. 7, 2008 and Jan. 10 to Feb. 16, 2009 | Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset | 5 | Rifle permit required. Designated areas only (see <i>Small Game Hunting in 2008 Digest</i>). |
| Opossum & Raccoon | Oct. 1, 2008 to Mar. 1, 2009 | 1 hour after sunset to 1 hour before sunrise | No limit | Rifle permit required when hunting with rifle. 7:41 p.m. start on Oct. 1, 2008 Closed Dec. 8-13 and Dec. 17, 2008 |
| Pheasant & Chukar | Nov. 8 to Dec. 6 and Dec. 15, 16, 18-31, 2008 and Jan. 1 to Feb. 16, 2009 | Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset | Chukar – 7 Pheasant - 2 | 8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2008 Pheasant and Quail Stamp required on designated areas (see <i>Small Game Hunting</i> page 60 in <i>2008 Digest</i>). |
| Rabbit, Hare and Jackrabbit | Nov. 8 to Dec. 6 and Dec. 15, 16, 18-31, 2008 and Jan. 1 to Feb. 16, 2009 | Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset | Cottontail – 4 Hare – 1 Jackrabbit - 1 | 8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2008 |

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| Ruffed Grouse | Oct. 16 to Dec. 6** and Dec. 15, 16, 18-31, 2008 | Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset | 2 | 8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2008 |
| Turkey (Fall, Either-Sex) | (Period N) Oct. 27 to Nov. 1, 2008 | ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. | 1 Turkey (either sex) per permit | Permit required. Turkey Hunting Areas 1 – 11, 20 and 21 only. |
| Turkey (Spring Gobbler) | (Periods A to G) Apr. 13 to May 22, 2009 | ½ hour before sunrise to noon | 1 Male Turkey per permit | Permit required. Refer to 2009 turkey permit supplement, available in late January, 2009. |
| Turkey (Spring Gobbler, Youth) | (Period Y) Apr. 11 to May 22, 2009 | ½ hour before sunrise to noon | 1 Male Turkey per permit | Permit required. Refer to 2009 turkey permit supplement, available in late January, 2009.. |
| Woodchuck - Bow, Rifle or Shotgun | Mar. 1 to Oct. 1, 2008 Mar. 2 to Sep. 30, 2009 | Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset | No limit | Rifle permit required when hunting with rifle. Rifle hunting prohibited on state property (see <i>General Hunting Regulations</i> , page 28 and <i>Small Game Regulations</i> page 59 in <i>2008 Digest</i>). |
| Woodchuck – Bow or Shotgun | Sept. 27 to Dec. 6** and Dec. 15, 16, 18-31, 2008 and Jan. 1 to Feb. 16, 2009 | Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset | No limit | 8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2008 |
| Woodcock | See Migratory Bird Regulations** | Sunrise to sunset | 3 | HIP number required. 8 a.m. start on Nov. 8, 2008 |
| Youth Turkey Day | Apr. 11 2009 | ½ hour before sunrise to noon | 1 Male Wild Turkey | Permit required. Refer to 2009 turkey permit supplement, available in late January, 2009. |
| Youth Upland Bird Day | Nov. 1, 2008 | 8 a.m. to sunset | Pheasant - 2 | Selected WMAs and licensed semi-wilds (See page 24) in 2008 Digest |

- 1 **All harvested coyote must be reported to a regional Division Law Enforcement Office within 24 hours. Callers must identify themselves by name and daytime phone number.**
- 11 No firearm hunting is permitted on **November 7, 2008** on those WMAs designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas.