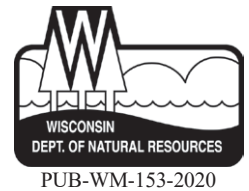


# 2020 Wisconsin Hunting and Trapping Seasons

## Get your regulations faster!

Visit [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) to view and print regulations up to one month before they are available in hard copy. **Some seasons may be subject to change.** Consult the hunting regulation pamphlet(s) or [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) before hunting.



## DEER\*

Archery & Crossbow	Sept. 12–Jan. 3, 2021
Youth Deer Hunt	Oct. 10 & 11
Gun Deer Hunt for Hunters with Disabilities <sup>▲</sup>	Oct. 3–11
Gun	Nov. 21–Nov. 29
Muzzleloader	Nov. 30–Dec. 9
Statewide antlerless hunt	Dec. 10–Dec. 13

Antlerless-only Holiday Hunt Dec. 24–Jan. 1, 2021\*\*

\*Please check the [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov), keyword \$deer\$ for a complete set of dates and unit designations.

<sup>▲</sup>This is not a statewide season. More information is available at [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov), keyword: “disabled deer hunt”.

\*\*Open only in select Farmland (Zone 2) counties; see 2020 regulations for open counties.

## ELK\*

Clam Lake Elk Management Zone	
Drchery, crossbow, firearm	Oct. 17–Nov. 15; Dec. 10–18

\*Licenses awarded through a drawing. Only bull elk may be harvested. See [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov), keyword “elk” for details.

## GAME BIRDS

### Pheasant

Statewide	Oct. 17 (9 AM)–Jan. 3, 2021
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### Bobwhite Quail

Statewide	Oct. 17 (9 AM)–Dec. 9
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### Hungarian Partridge

Statewide*	Oct. 17 (9 AM)–Jan. 3, 2021
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\* Closed in Clark, Marathon and Taylor counties

### Ruffed Grouse

Zone A	Sept. 12–Jan. 3, 2021
Zone B	Oct. 17–Dec. 8

### Sharp-tailed Grouse

Season is under review. Visit [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) for updates.

### Crow

Statewide	Sept. 12–Nov. 19 & Jan. 25–March 20, 2021
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## SMALL GAME

### Cottontail Rabbit

Northern Zone	Sept. 12–Feb. 28, 2021
Southern Zone	Oct. 17 (9 AM)–Feb. 28, 2021

### Squirrels (Gray and Fox)

Statewide	Sept. 12–Jan. 31, 2021
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## TURKEY

Youth Turkey Hunt	Apr. 11 & 12
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### Open Zones

Spring	Period A	Apr. 15–21
	Period B	Apr. 22–28
	Period C	Apr. 29–May 5
	Period D	May 6–12
	Period E	May 13–May 19
	Period F	May 20–May 26

Fall	Zones 1-5	Sept. 12–Jan. 3, 2021
	Zones 6 & 7	Sept. 12–Nov. 20

## BEAR

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

- Sept. 9–Oct. 13
- with aid of bait
- with all other legal methods **not** using dogs

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

- Sept. 9–15
- With aid of bait
- With all legal methods **not** using dogs
- Sept. 16–Oct. 6
- with aid of dogs
- with aid of bait
- with all other legal methods

Oct. 7–13

- With aid of dogs only

## MIGRATORY BIRDS

### Early Canada Goose

Statewide	Sept. 1–15
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### Early Teal Season

Dates will be established in mid-April.

### Duck Season

Dates will be established in mid-April.

### Regular Goose Season

Dates will be established in mid-April.

### Woodcock

Statewide	Sept. 19–Nov. 2
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### Mourning Dove

Statewide	Sept. 1–Nov. 29
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## PROTECTED SPECIES

Hunting protected species—such as badger, jackrabbit, moose and flying squirrel—is prohibited. See the *2020 Small Game Regulations* for more details.

# FURBEARERS

## Coyote

Hunting Continuous open season.  
Trapping Oct. 17–Feb. 15, 2021

## Beaver

Trapping Only  
Zone A (Northwest) Nov. 7–Apr. 30, 2021  
Zone B (Northeast) Nov. 7–Apr. 30, 2021  
Zone C (South) Nov. 7–Mar. 31, 2021  
Zone D (Mississippi River) Day after duck season closes to Mar. 15, 2021

## Mink and Muskrat

Trapping Only  
Statewide Oct. 24–Mar. 7, 2021  
Mississippi River Zone Nov. 11\*\*–Mar. 7, 2021

\*\*Zone opens either the day after the duck season closes or Nov. 11, whichever occurs first.

## Fox (Red and Gray)

Hunting and Trapping Oct. 17–Feb. 15, 2021

## Bobcat

Hunting and Trapping - Permits required  
Period 1 Oct. 17–Dec. 25  
Period 2 Dec. 26–Jan. 31, 2021

## Fisher

Trapping Only - Permits required  
Various zones Oct. 17–Jan. 3, 2021

## Otter

Trapping Only - Permits required  
North Zone Nov. 7–Apr. 30, 2021  
South Zone Nov. 7–Mar. 31, 2021

## Raccoon

Hunting and Trapping  
Resident Oct. 17–Feb. 15, 2021  
Non-resident Oct. 31–Feb. 15, 2021

## Woodchuck, Opossum, Skunk, Weasel and Snowshoe Hare

No season limits, bag limits, size limits or possession limits, but a license is required.



### Find more information on hunting and trapping in Wisconsin!

Visit [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) and search keyword "hunt" and "trap" for season dates, regulations, license and permit requirements, finding a place to hunt or trap and more.

# GET IN THE GAME!

## Mentored Hunting Licenses

Adults and youth who have not completed hunter education are eligible to hunt through the Mentored Hunting Program. Visit [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) and search keyword "mentored hunting" for more information.

## Mentored Trapping Licenses

Youth age 16 – 17 and adults who have not completed trapper education are eligible to trap through the Mentored Trapping Program. Youth under the age of 16 may trap without a license when under the supervision of a licensed trapper, even if the youth has not completed trapper education. Visit [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) and search keyword "mentored trapping" for more information.

## Reduced License Fees

Youth ages 11 and younger, first-time hunters and those who have not hunted in the preceding 10 years are eligible to purchase hunting licenses at a reduced fee. Resident hunters who recruit three first-time hunters, trappers or anglers are also eligible for reduced fees.

## Permit Application Deadlines

Elk	May 31
Bobcat	August 1
Fisher	August 1
Wolf (only if removed from fed. endangered species list)	August 1

## Timing of Drawings

Elk	Early June
Bobcat	Mid-September
Fisher	Mid-September
Spring Turkey	Early January
Bear	Early February

An otter application will no longer be required for the 2020 season.

To check your drawing status go to  
[gowild.wi.gov](http://gowild.wi.gov)



## For more information...

Visit [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) and search keyword "wildlife."

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