

# 2008-2009 Hunting Seasons

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SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT
Bobwhite Quail	Nov. 27, 2008- Mar. 7, 2009	8
Rabbit	Oct. 18, 2008- Feb. 28, 2009	8
Squirrel (Zone 1) *	Oct. 4, 2008- Feb. 28, 2009	8
Youth Squirrel**** (Zone 1)*	Sept. 27, 2008- Oct. 3, 2008	8
Squirrel (Zone 2) **	Oct. 18, 2008- Feb. 28, 2009	8
Youth Squirrel**** (Zone 2) **	Oct. 11, 2008- Oct. 17, 2008	8
Squirrel (Zone 3)***	Oct. 25, 2008- Feb. 28, 2009	8
Youth Squirrel**** (Zone 3) ***	Oct. 18, 2008- Oct. 24, 2008	8
Raccoon	July 1, 2008- Sept. 30, 2008	One per party/night
Opossum, Raccoon and Bobcat	Oct. 1, 2008- Oct. 31, 2008 (for food and sport)	5 per day 8 per party
	Nov. 1, 2008- Feb. 28, 2009 (for food, sport and pelt)	No Limit
Trapping	Nov. 1, 2008- Feb. 28, 2009	No Limit
Frogs A valid hunting or fishing license is required.	Apr. 1, 2008- Sept. 30, 2008  and Apr. 1, 2009- Sept. 30, 2009	25 nightly
Crow	Nov. 1, 2008- Feb. 28, 2009	No Limit
<p>* Zone 1 Areas north of Hwy 82 plus those portions of Sunflower County and Washington County south of Hwy 82.</p> <p>** Zone 2 Areas between Hwy 82 and Hwy 84 plus portions of the state south of Hwy 84 and west of I-55.</p> <p>*** Zone 3 Areas south of Hwy 84 and east of I-55.</p> <p>**** Youth eligible to participate in this special hunt are those fifteen (15) years of age and younger. Each youth must be in the immediate vicinity and under the direct supervision of an adult twenty one (21) years of age or older. Furthermore, if the child is under the age of twelve (12), the supervising adult must be a licensed or exempt hunter.</p>		

## Light Goose Conservation Order Dates:

- October 1, 2008 - November 14, 2008
- January 26, 2009 - January 30, 2009
- February 2, 2009 - March 31, 2009

### Regulations

1. There is no daily bag limit or possession limit during the Conservation Order.
2. Snow, blue, and Ross' geese are the only birds legal for harvest.
3. A free permit number is required to hunt light geese during the Conservation Order.
4. Permit numbers are obtained by calling (601) 432 - 2199 (Monday through Friday 8 am to 5pm).
5. The use of electronic calling devices is allowed.
6. The use of unplugged shotguns is allowed.
7. Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.
8. Hunters need a valid Mississippi hunting license.
9. Hunters are not required to have state or federal waterfowl stamps.
10. Hunters must use steel or other approved non-toxic shot shells.

## 2008-2009 White-tailed Deer Hunting Seasons

Deer Management Zone 1

Areas north of U.S. Hwy 84 plus areas south of U.S. Hwy 84 and west of Mississippi Hwy 35. OPEN PUBLIC LANDS include National Forests, Corps of Engineers lands, etc., that have statewide seasons without special regulations. See [map](#).

DEER	SEASON DATES	LEGAL DEER
Archery	Oct. 1 – Nov. 21, 2008	Either sex on private and open public lands
Gun (with dogs)	Nov. 22 – Dec. 1, 2008	Either sex on private lands; Legal bucks only on open public lands
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2 – 15, 2008	Either sex on private and open public lands
Gun (without dogs)	Dec. 16 – 19, 2008	Either sex on private lands; Legal bucks only on open public lands
	Dec. 20 – 21, 2008	Either sex on private and open public lands
	Dec. 22 – 23, 2008	Either sex on private lands; Legal bucks only on open public lands
Gun (with dogs)	Dec. 24, 2008 - Jan. 21, 2009	Either sex on private lands; Legal bucks only on open public lands
Primitive Weapon	Jan. 22 – 31, 2009	Either sex on private and open public lands
Youth Gun Youth less than 16 years old	Nov. 15 – 21, 2008 Dec. 2 – 15, 2008 Jan. 22 – 31, 2009	Either sex on private lands and authorized state or federal public lands

### BAG LIMIT:

**Antlered Buck Deer:** The bag limit on antlered buck deer is one (1) buck per day, not to exceed three (3) per license year. See below for description of legal bucks. On private lands, a person fifteen (15) years of age or younger may harvest one (1) deer with any hardened antler per license year. **Legal Bucks for Deer Management Zone 1:** Only antlered buck deer with antlers of four (4) points or greater may be taken. An antler point is defined as any antler protrusion that would hold any size ring. **Antlerless Deer:** The bag limit on antlerless deer is one (1) per day, not to exceed three (3) per license year; except that two (2) additional antlerless deer per license year may be taken with a bow and arrow.

## 2008-2009 Migratory Bird Seasons

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY	POSSESSION
Sept. Teal	Sept. 13, 2008- Sept. 28, 2008	4	8
Sept. Canada Geese*	Sept. 1, 2008- Sept. 15, 2008	5	10
Woodcock	Dec. 13, 2008- Jan. 26, 2009	3	6
Snipe	Nov. 8, 2008- Feb. 22, 2009	8	16
Moorhens and Gallinules	Sept. 27, 2008- Dec. 5, 2008	15 Singly or in aggregate	30 Singly or in aggregate
Rails, Clapper and King	Sept. 27, 2008- Dec. 5, 2008	15 Singly or in aggregate	30 Singly or in aggregate
Rails, Sora and Virginia	Sept. 27, 2008- Dec. 5, 2008	25 Singly or in aggregate	25 Singly or in aggregate
Mourning and White-winged Doves (North Zone) **	Sept. 1, 2008- Sept. 21, 2008 AND Oct. 3, 2008- Nov. 9, 2008 AND Jan. 1, 2009- Jan. 11, 2009	15 Singly or in aggregate	30 Singly or in aggregate
Mourning and White-winged Doves (South Zone) ***	Sept. 1, 2008- Sept. 14, 2008 AND Oct. 11, 2008- Oct. 26, 2008 AND Dec. 7, 2008- Jan. 15, 2009	15 Singly or in aggregate	30 Singly or in aggregate
Ducks, Mergansers, and Coots	Nov. 27, 2008 - Jan. 25, 2009	See below for species bag limits.	
Canada Geese	Nov. 17, 2008 - Jan. 25, 2009	3	6
Snow, Blue, and Ross's Geese	Nov. 15, 2008 - Jan. 25, 2009	20	No Limit
White-fronted Geese	Nov. 15, 2008 - Jan. 25, 2009	2	4
Brant	Nov. 17, 2008 - Jan. 25, 2009	2	4
Youth Waterfowl Days	Jan. 31 & Feb. 1, 2009	See below for species bag limits.	

\* Sept. Canada Goose season is closed on Roebuck Lake in Leflore County.

\*\* (Dove North Zone) Areas north of U.S. Hwy. 84 plus areas south of U.S. Hwy. 84 and west of MS Hwy. 35.

\*\*\* (Dove South Zone) Areas south of U.S. Hwy. 84 and east of MS Hwy. 35.

### Bag Limits:

Ducks - A total of 6 ducks, including no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 of which may be females), 3 mottled ducks, 3 wood ducks, 2 redheads, 1 scaup, 1 black duck, and 1 pintail. Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit. Canvasback season is closed.

Mergansers - A total of 5, only 2 of which may be hooded mergansers. Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

Coots - 15 daily. Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.