

## 2025-2026 VERMONT MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING SEASONS

(regulations in effect September 1, 2025 through April 24, 2026)

| Species   | Lake Champlain Zone  | Interior Vermont Zone  | Connecticut River Zone  |
|---|--|--|---|
| Ducks, Coots and Mergansers                                 | Oct. 11 - Nov. 2<br>Nov. 22 - Dec. 28  | Oct. 11 - Dec. 9   | Oct. 13 - Nov. 11<br>Nov. 27 - Dec. 26  |
| Scaup   | See Hybrid Season Daily<br>Bag Limit Below                                   | See Hybrid Season Daily<br>Bag Limit Below                                   | Oct. 13 - Nov. 11<br>Nov. 27 - Dec. 26<br>(See Bag Limit Chart below)   |
| Canada Geese  | Sept. 1 - Sept. 25<br>Oct. 11 - Nov. 9<br>Dec. 1 - Jan. 19                   | Sept. 1 - Sept. 25<br>Oct. 11 - Nov. 9<br>Dec. 1 - Jan. 19                   | Sept. 1 - Sept. 25<br>Oct. 13 - Nov. 11<br>Nov. 27 - Dec. 26<br>Dec. 27 - Jan. 15 (applies to land,<br>not CT River waters) |
| Snow Geese (includes blue geese)<br>Conservation Order (CO) | Oct. 1 - Dec. 31, 2025<br>Feb. 26 - Mar. 10, 2026<br>Mar. 11 - Apr. 24, 2026 | Oct. 1 - Dec. 31, 2025<br>Feb. 26 - Mar. 10, 2026<br>Mar. 11 - Apr. 24, 2026 | Oct. 13 - Nov. 11<br>Nov. 27 - Dec. 26<br>Mar. 11 - Apr. 24, 2026 (applies to<br>land, not CT River waters)                 |
| Brant   | Oct. 11 - Nov. 9   | Oct. 11 - Nov. 9   | Oct. 13 - Nov. 11   |
| Woodcock and Wilson's Snipe                                 | Statewide Sept. 27 - Nov. 10   |  |   |

### Youth Waterfowl Hunting Weekend - September 27 & 28

#### BAG LIMIT CHART

The daily bag limit is the maximum number of birds of each species any person may take (or possess in the field) during any one day. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit for all waterfowl species except snow geese.

| Species                                | Daily Limit | Possession Limit |
|--|-------------|------------------|
| Ducks *                                | 6           | 18               |
| Scaup*                                 |             |                  |
| Lake Champlain Zone                    |             |                  |
| Oct. 11 - Nov. 2 &<br>Nov. 22 - Dec. 8 | 1           | 3                |
| Dec. 9 - Dec. 28                       | 2           | 6                |
| Interior Vermont Zone                  |             |                  |
| Oct. 11 - Nov. 19                      | 1           | 3                |
| Nov. 20 - Dec. 9                       | 2           | 6                |
| Connecticut River Zone                 |             |                  |
| Oct. 13 - Nov. 11                      | 1           | 3                |
| Nov. 27 - Dec. 26                      | 1           | 3                |
| Mergansers                             | 5           | 15               |
| Coot                                   | 15          | 45               |
| Brant                                  | 1           | 3                |
| Woodcock                               | 3           | 9                |
| Wilson's Snipe                         | 8           | 24               |

| Species  | Daily Limit | Possession Limit |
|--|-------------|------------------|
| Canada Geese   |             |                  |
| September Season   |             |                  |
| Lake Champlain Zone  | 8           | 24               |
| Interior Vermont Zone  | 8           | 24               |
| Connecticut River Zone   | 5           | 15               |
| Oct. - Nov. Season   |             |                  |
| Lake Champlain Zone  | 1           | 3                |
| Interior Vermont Zone  | 1           | 3                |
| Connecticut River Zone   | 2           | 6                |
| Dec. - Jan. Season   |             |                  |
| Lake Champlain Zone  | 5           | 15               |
| Interior Vermont Zone  | 5           | 15               |
| Connecticut River Zone<br>(applies to land, not CT River waters) | 5           | 15               |
| Snow Geese   | 25          | No limit         |
| Mar. 11 – Apr. 24, 2026 (CO)                                     | 15          | No limit         |

(CO) Snow Goose Conservation Order regulations. See special regulations and permit requirements at [vtfishandwildlife.com](http://vtfishandwildlife.com).

\* The daily limit of 6 ducks may include no harlequin, and no more than 4 mallards (2 of which may be hens), 2 black ducks, 3 wood ducks, 2 pintail, 2 canvasbacks, 2 redheads, 2 or 1 scaup depending on dates, 4 sea ducks (including no more than 3 scoters, 3 eiders{1 of which may be a hen}, and 3 long-tailed ducks).

White-fronted geese may be taken as part of the Canada goose daily bag and possession limits.