



**2016-17 Waterfowl Seasons
and Bag Limits**

Season	Dates	Daily Bag/ Poss. Limit
Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days	October 22-23	Same as regular season
Youth hunters ages 12-15 accompanied by a properly licensed adult, 21 years of age or older.		
Canada Goose Early Season	September 1-30	15/45
Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset for the September season only.		
Canada Goose Regular Season	November 19-27 December 3, 2016 - January 30, 2017	3/9
Permits and reservations are required to hunt the goose fields at the South Shore Management Area in South Kingstown.		
Canada Goose Late Season	February 4-10, 2017	5/15
Limited to Providence, Bristol & Kent counties and portions of Washington County as described in RI Hunting Regulations §5.1.3.5.		
Snow Geese (Including Blue Geese)	October 16, 2016 - January 30, 2017	25/ (no limit)
Brant	December 4, 2016 - January 22, 2017	2/6

WATERFOWL STAMP and H.I.P PERMIT

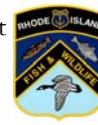
All waterfowl hunters sixteen (16) years of age and older must purchase and carry on their person valid Federal and RI Waterfowl stamps. Both stamps must be signed in ink across the face.

All migratory bird hunters, regardless of age must possess a current Harvest Information Program (HIP) Permit.

YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS

October 22 & 23, 2016

- Youth hunters must be 12 – 15 years of age.
- May take ducks, sea ducks and geese following daily bag and possession limits for the regular seasons.
- Youth hunters shall hunt only in the immediate company of a qualified, licensed adult, 21 years of age or older.
- The accompanying adult(s) are prohibited from hunting on Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days.
- Youth hunters and accompanying adults must have current Rhode Island hunting licenses and H.I.P permits.
- Accompanying adult(s) must also possess valid state and federal waterfowl stamps.



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Ducks	October 7-10	6*/18
	November 23-27	
	December 3, 2016 – January 22, 2017	
*The daily bag limit shall include no more than four (4) mallards of which two (2) may be hens, three (3) wood ducks, two (2) redheads, one (1) black duck, two (2) pintails, two (2) canvasbacks, and two (2) scaup. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.		
Mergansers	Same As Ducks	5**/15
**No more than 2/day or 6 in possession may be Hooded Mergansers		
Coots	Same As Ducks	15/45
Sea Ducks¹	November 24, 2016 - January 22, 2017	5***/15
***The daily bag shall include no more than 4 on one species (Eider, Scoter or Long-Tailed Ducks). The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.		
¹ Except for the periods November 24 - 27 and December 3, 2016 – January 22, 2017 sea ducks may only be taken in the Special Sea Duck Hunting Areas. See regulation 5.3.1 for details.		
Swans	No Season	
Harlequin Duck	CLOSED	

2016-17 WATERFOWL REGULATION HIGHLIGHTS

- Shooting hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise until sunset daily unless otherwise noted in the regulations.
- Non-Toxic Shot Requirement: The possession of shells loaded with any shot other than non-toxic shot by any person hunting waterfowl, rails or snipe is prohibited.
- Discharge of a firearm within 500 feet of an occupied dwelling is prohibited.
- Cripples may be pursued, shot and retrieved from a boat under power in tidal waters seaward of the first upstream bridge; crippled birds must be immediately killed.
- Closed Areas: See regulations for a list and descriptions.
- Tagging Requirement: No person shall give, put or leave any migratory game birds at any place or in the custody of another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunter.

***Note:** This card is meant to provide a convenient summary of the dates and regulations but is not comprehensive. See the complete regulations for more information.