



What Do I Need to Hunt Upland Game Birds in NJ?

| Area | Hunting License | Pheasant/Quail Stamp | Hunter Orange | Report Harvest |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Stocked WMAs | Yes | Yes | Orange Hat* required Firearm | No |
| Delaware Water Gap NRA | Yes | Yes | Orange Hat* required Firearm | No |
| Semi-Wild and Commercial Preserves | Yes | No | Yes, except hunting mallards | No, but birds must be tagged. |

* A SOLID hunter orange hat (no camouflage/logos) is required as part of the 200 sq. inch hunter orange requirement when hunting small game with a firearm on any pheasant/quail-stocked WMA. (See page 55.)

Firearms, Bows and Ammunition Legal for Upland Game Birds

| Weapon Type | Gauge, Caliber or Draw Weight | Projectile(s) | Weapon Transportation |
|--|---|---|---|
| Bow: long, recurve, compound or crossbow capable of firing a single projectile only | 35 pounds pull at archer's draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow) or 75 pounds minimum draw weight (crossbow). | Arrow or bolt with flu flu fletching and using blunt, field, or judo points | All bows MUST be uncocked or uncocked |
| Shotgun: single or double barrel | Not larger than 10 gauge or smaller than .410 caliber and capable of holding no more than three shells. | No shot larger than #4 fine shot | Shotguns MUST be cased and unloaded while in or on a vehicle, including ATVs/UTVs. |

Upland Game Bird Seasons 2021–22

No Sunday hunting except commercial and semi-wild hunting preserves.

| Species | Season | Hunting Hours | Bag Limit |
|--|---|---|---|
| Bobwhite quail (wild), Ruffed grouse | Closed statewide | | Stocked quail may be taken at Peaslee and Greenwood WMAs identified below and on commercial and semi-wild hunting preserves |
| Bobwhite quail | Nov. 6, 2021 at 8 a.m.–Jan. 31, 2022 Closed Dec. 6–11 & 15, 2021 | Sunrise–½ hr after sunset | 4 quail May be taken only at: Greenwood Forest WMA, Peaslee WMA ONLY. Pheasant & Quail Stamp required. |
| Chukar partridge, Hungarian partridge, Pheasant | Nov. 6, 2021 at 8 a.m.–Feb. 21, 2022 Closed Dec. 6–11 & 15, 2021 | Sunrise–½ hr after sunset | 7 partridge, 2 pheasant See Pheasant Stocking schedule on page 55. |
| Youth Upland Bird Day Pheasant For properly licensed Youth hunters, under direct supervision of licensed, non-hunting adult (21 or older) | Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021 | 7 a.m. start (Guided) 1 p.m. start (Open hunt) | 2 pheasant See Youth Pheasant Hunt Day Information on page 20. |
| Youth Pheasant Days For properly licensed Youth hunters, under direct supervision of licensed, non-hunting adult (21 or older) | Nov. 1–5, 2021 | Sunrise–½ hr. after sunset | 2 pheasant See Youth Pheasant Hunt Days Information on page 20. |
| Commercial Shooting Preserves Pheasant/Quail/Partridge/Mallard* | Sept. 1, 2021–May 1, 2022 | Sunrise–½ hr. after sunset | No limit Must be tagged prior to transport off Commercial Preserve Sunday Hunting Allowed |
| Semi-Wild Preserves Pheasant/Quail/Partridge* | Nov. 6, 2021 at 8 a.m.–March 15, 2022 | Sunrise–½ hr. after sunset | No limit Must be tagged prior to transport off semi-wild area Sunday Hunting Allowed |
| Crow | Aug. 9, 2021–Mar. 19, 2022 (Mon., Thurs., Fri. & Sat. only) 8 a.m. start Nov. 6, 2021 on Stocked WMAs Closed Dec. 6–11, 2021 | Sunrise–½ hr after sunset | No limit |
| Woodcock | See Other Migratory Bird Hunting Seasons table on page 63. HIP Certificate Required (\$2) | | |

Dogs are allowed when hunting pheasant, quail, partridge, crow and woodcock.

* Species restricted to those approved on Commercial/Semi-Wild license.

PHEASANT AND QUAIL STOCKING SCHEDULE

Regulations in **red** are new this year.

Pheasant Stocking Schedule 2021

Birds stocked the evening prior to the hunting dates listed below. Pheasant & Quail Stamp required in addition to hunting license.

| Northern Region | County | Dog Training Area* | Saturday | Tuesday | Thursday | Saturday | Tuesday | Thursday | Saturday | Tuesday | Thursday | Saturday | Tuesday | Thursday | Saturday | Tuesday | Thursday | Season Total |
|----------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | | 11/6 | 11/9 | 11/11 | 11/13 | 11/16 | 11/18 | 11/20 | 11/23 | 11/25 | 11/27 | 12/1 | 12/3 | 12/6 | 12/8 | 12/11 | 12/13 |
| Berkshire Valley | Morris | No | 80 | 50 | 50 | 70 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 70 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 820 |
| Black River | Morris | Yes | 290 | 170 | 170 | 260 | 170 | 170 | 170 | 260 | 170 | 170 | 170 | 170 | 170 | 170 | 170 | 2,850 |
| Clinton | Hunterdon | Yes | 340 | 200 | 200 | 300 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 300 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 3,340 |
| Delaware Water Gap N.R.A. | Sussex/Warren | No | 530 | 320 | 320 | 470 | 320 | 320 | 320 | 470 | 320 | 320 | 320 | 320 | 320 | 320 | 320 | 5,310 |
| Flatbrook | Sussex | No | 350 | 210 | 210 | 310 | 210 | 210 | 210 | 310 | 210 | 210 | 210 | 210 | 210 | 210 | 210 | 3,490 |
| Pequest | Warren | Yes | 290 | 170 | 170 | 260 | 170 | 170 | 170 | 260 | 170 | 170 | 170 | 170 | 170 | 170 | 170 | 2,850 |
| Walpack | Sussex | No | 80 | 50 | 50 | 70 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 70 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 820 |
| Whittingham | Sussex | Yes | 280 | 170 | 170 | 250 | 170 | 170 | 170 | 250 | 170 | 170 | 170 | 170 | 170 | 170 | 170 | 2,820 |
| Central Region | | | 11/6 | 11/9 | 11/11 | 11/13 | 11/16 | 11/18 | 11/20 | 11/23 | 11/25 | 11/27 | 12/1 | 12/3 | 12/6 | 12/8 | 12/11 | Total |
| Assumpink | Monmouth | Yes | 540 | 320 | 320 | 480 | 320 | 320 | 320 | 480 | 320 | 320 | 320 | 320 | 320 | 320 | 320 | 5,340 |
| Colliers Mills | Ocean | Yes | 330 | 200 | 200 | 300 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 300 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 3,330 |
| Greenwood (Howardsville Section) | Ocean | No | 80 | 50 | 50 | 70 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 70 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 820 |
| Manahawkin | Ocean | No | 80 | 50 | 50 | 70 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 70 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 820 |
| Manasquan | Ocean | Yes | 190 | 110 | 110 | 170 | 110 | 110 | 110 | 170 | 110 | 110 | 110 | 110 | 110 | 110 | 110 | 1,850 |
| Medford | Burlington | No | 140 | 80 | 80 | 130 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 130 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 1,360 |
| Stafford Forge | Ocean | Yes | 270 | 160 | 160 | 240 | 160 | 160 | 160 | 240 | 160 | 160 | 160 | 160 | 160 | 160 | 160 | 2,670 |
| Fort Dix | Ocean | No | 60 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 50 | 60 | 0 | 70 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 350 |
| Southern Region | | | 11/6 | 11/9 | 11/11 | 11/13 | 11/16 | 11/18 | 11/20 | 11/23 | 11/25 | 11/27 | 12/1 | 12/3 | 12/6 | 12/8 | 12/11 | Total |
| Dix | Cumberland | No | 210 | 130 | 130 | 190 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 190 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 2,150 |
| Glassboro | Gloucester | Yes | 170 | 100 | 100 | 150 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 150 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 1,670 |
| Heislerville | Cumberland | No | 80 | 50 | 50 | 70 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 70 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 820 |
| Mad Horse | Salem | No | 150 | 90 | 90 | 140 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 140 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 1,510 |
| Millville | Cumberland | Yes | 570 | 340 | 340 | 510 | 340 | 340 | 340 | 510 | 340 | 340 | 340 | 340 | 340 | 340 | 340 | 5,670 |
| Nantuxent | Cumberland | No | 190 | 110 | 110 | 170 | 110 | 110 | 110 | 170 | 110 | 110 | 110 | 110 | 110 | 110 | 110 | 1,850 |
| Port Republic | Atlantic | No | 80 | 50 | 50 | 70 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 70 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 820 |
| Tuckahoe | Cape May | Yes | 180 | 110 | 110 | 160 | 110 | 110 | 110 | 160 | 110 | 110 | 110 | 110 | 110 | 110 | 110 | 1,820 |
| Winslow | Camden | No | 230 | 140 | 140 | 210 | 140 | 140 | 140 | 210 | 140 | 140 | 140 | 140 | 140 | 140 | 140 | 2,330 |
| Statewide Totals | | | 5790 | 3430 | 3430 | 5170 | 3480 | 3490 | 3430 | 3430 | 5190 | 3490 | 3430 | 3430 | 3430 | 3430 | 3430 | 57480 |

Quail Stocking Schedule 2021

| Statewide | County | Dog Training Area* | Saturday | Tuesday | Thursday | Saturday | Tuesday | Thursday | Saturday | Tuesday | Thursday | Saturday | Tuesday | Thursday | Saturday | Tuesday | Thursday | Season Total |
|-----------|------------|--------------------|----------|---------|----------|----------|---------|----------|----------|---------|----------|----------|---------|----------|----------|---------|----------|--------------|
| | | | 11/6 | 11/9 | 11/11 | 11/13 | 11/16 | 11/18 | 11/20 | 11/23 | 11/25 | 11/27 | 12/1 | 12/3 | 12/6 | 12/8 | 12/11 | 12/13 |
| Greenwood | Ocean | No | 600 | 280 | 260 | 400 | 280 | 400 | 400 | 280 | 280 | 400 | 280 | 280 | 260 | 400 | 400 | 5,500 |
| Peaslee | Cumberland | No | 600 | 280 | 260 | 400 | 280 | 400 | 400 | 280 | 280 | 400 | 280 | 280 | 260 | 400 | 400 | 5,500 |

Maps showing the areas to be stocked with pheasants during the small game season can be found at NJFishandWildlife.com/smgame_info.htm
 * WMAs with dog training areas receive 20 chukar each week (Saturday), for the four weeks of pre-season for dog training purposes.

Pheasant and Quail Stamp

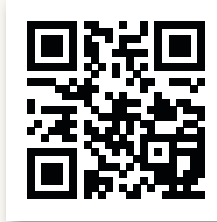
Anyone aged 16 and over (except 16-year-olds who are still eligible to use their youth firearm license) hunting or possessing pheasant (or quail only on Greenwood Forest or Peaslee WMAs) on the following designated wildlife management areas must have in possession a current Pheasant and Quail Stamp:

Assunpink, Berkshire Valley, Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Dix, Flatbrook, Glassboro, Greenwood Forest, Howardsville, Heislerville, Mad Horse, Manahawkin, Manasquan River, Medford, Millville (Bevan), Nantuxent, Peaslee, Pequest, Port Republic, Rockport, Stafford Forge, Tuckahoe (Mac-Namara), Walpack, Whittingham and Winslow. The Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area is also a designated pheasant and quail stamp area. Pheasant and quail stamps are valid for the calendar year, January–December. Quail may be hunted or possessed **ONLY** on Peaslee or Greenwood Forest WMAs.

Pheasant and Quail Stocking Maps

Scan this QR code or follow the link for maps of the pheasant and quail stocked fields for each stocked WMA.

Go to **NJFishandWildlife.com/pheasmaps.htm**.



New Jersey Pheasant and Quail Stocked Areas



Areas Open to Quail Hunting

The statewide quail hunting season is closed except at Peaslee WMA and Greenwood Forest WMA where Fish and Wildlife will provide hunters and falconers the opportunity to hunt for quail.

No person may release quail for dog training purposes on the following WMAs: Buckshutem, Dix, Egg Island, Fortescue, Millville (Bevans), Nantuxent, New Sweden and Stafford Forge.

See *Upland Game Bird Seasons* chart, page 54 for season dates and bag limits. Exception: This statewide closure does not apply to certain semi-wild and commercial shooting preserves that were permitted to stock quail during the 2009–10 season, the only ones that may continue to stock quail.

Ruffed Grouse Season Closed

Ruffed grouse rely on young forest habitat which currently comprise only 5% of state forest lands. This lack of habitat has caused grouse populations to decline below the level necessary to support a hunting season. In an effort to reduce the decline, the grouse hunting season is closed statewide. No exceptions.

Edible Portions Guide

Edible portions do not include meat from the head or neck; meat that has been damaged by the method of taking; bones, sinew, and meat reasonably lost as a result of butchering, boning, or close trimming of bones, or viscera. Edible portions do not include meat from diseased or scavenged carcasses. See *Wanton Waste of Game*, page 23.

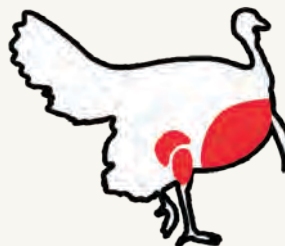
For rabbit and squirrel:

- Front shoulders
- Thighs
- Backstrap



For game birds such as turkey:

- breast, legs and thighs



For game birds other than turkey:

- breast

