

Small Game and Upland Hunting Seasons

Species	Season Dates	Shooting Hours	Bag Limits	
			Daily	Possession
Rooster Pheasant (Youth)	Oct. 21-22	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	1	2
Rooster Pheasant	Oct. 28 - Jan. 10, 2018	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	3	12
Bobwhite Quail	Oct. 28 - Jan. 31, 2018	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	8	16
Gray Partridge	Oct. 14 - Jan. 31, 2018	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	8	16
Ruffed Grouse	Oct. 7 - Jan. 31, 2018	Sunrise to Sunset	3	6
Mourning Dove	Sept. 1 - Nov. 29	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	15	45
Rabbit (Cottontail)	Sept. 2 - Feb. 28, 2018	Sunrise to Sunset	10	20
Rabbit (Jack)	Closed			
Squirrel (Fox and Gray)	Sept. 2 - Jan. 31, 2018	No Restrictions	6	12
Crow	Oct. 15 - Nov. 30 and Jan. 14 - March 31, 2018	No Restrictions	No Limit	No Limit
Pigeon	Continuous Open Season	No Restrictions	No Limit	No Limit

Furbearer Hunting Seasons

Species	Season Dates	Shooting Hours	Daily	Possession
Coyote, Groundhog	Continuous Open Season	No Restrictions	No Limit	No Limit
Raccoon and Opossum	Nov. 4 - Jan. 31, 2018	8 a.m. First Day	No Limit	No Limit
Fox (Red and Gray)	Nov. 4 - Jan. 31, 2018	8 a.m. First Day	No Limit	No Limit
Bobcat*	Nov. 4 - Jan. 31, 2018	8 a.m. First Day	1	1

2017-18 Iowa Hunting Seasons & Limits



Refer to the Iowa Hunting, Trapping & Migratory Game Bird Regulations for species quotas and regulations at www.iowadnr.gov.

**2017-18 Iowa Deer
Hunting Seasons**

<u>Season</u>	<u>Season Dates</u>
Youth	Sept. 16 - Oct. 1
Disabled Hunter	Sept. 16 - Oct. 1
Archery	Oct. 1 - Dec. 1 AND Dec. 18 - Jan. 10, 2018
Muzzleloader	
Early:	Oct. 14-22
Late:	Dec. 18 - Jan. 10, 2018

<u>Season</u>	<u>Season Dates</u>
Shotgun	
First:	Dec. 2-6
Second:	Dec. 9-17
Nonresident Holiday	Dec. 24 - Jan. 2, 2018

2017 Fall Turkey Hunting

<u>License Types</u>	<u>Season Dates</u>
Gun/Bow	Oct. 16 - Dec. 1
Archery Only	Oct. 1 - Dec. 1 AND Dec. 18 - Jan. 10, 2018

Shooting Hours

Gun: 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset
Bow: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset

Shooting hours for all deer seasons are 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

*Hunters are required to report **deer** and **turkey** harvest either at iowadnr.gov or by calling the number printed on the harvest reporting tag.*

**2017-18 Iowa
Trapping Seasons**

<u>Species</u>	<u>Season Dates</u>	<u>Trapping Hours</u>	<u>Daily/Season</u>
Raccoon, Muskrat, Fox (Red and Gray), Coyote, Badger, Mink, Weasel, Opossum, Striped Skunk	Nov. 4 - Jan. 31, 2018	8 a.m. First Day	No Limit
Beaver	Nov. 4 - April 15, 2018	8 a.m. First Day	No Limit
Otter*	Nov. 4 - Jan. 31, 2018	8 a.m. First Day	2 / 2
Bobcat*	Nov. 4 - Jan. 31, 2018	8 a.m. First Day	1 / 1
Civet Cat (Spotted Skunk) & Gray Wolf	Closed		

**Furharvesters must contact a conservation officer within 7 days of taking an otter or bobcat to receive a CITES tag. Bobcat season is in southern and certain western counties. Only one bobcat and two otters are allowed per season per licensed furharvester, either hunted or trapped. See Iowa Hunting, Trapping & Migratory Game Bird Regulations for more information.*

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