Small Game and Upland Hunting Seasons

Species	Season Dates	Shooting Hours	Bag Limits Daily	Bag Limits Possession
Rooster Pheasant (Youth)	Oct. 24-25	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	1	2
Rooster Pheasant	Oct. 31 - Jan. 10, 2027	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	3	12
Bobwhite Quail	Oct. 31 - Jan. 31, 2027	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	8	16
Gray Partridge	Oct. 10 - Jan. 31, 2027	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	8	16
Ruffed Grouse	Oct. 3 - Jan. 31, 2027	Sunrise to Sunset	3	6
Mourning Dove	Sept. 1 - Nov. 29	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	15	45
Rabbit (Cottontail)	Sept. 5 - Feb. 28, 2027	Sunrise to Sunset	10	20
Rabbit (Jack)	**Closed**			
Squirrel (Fox and Gray)	Sept. 5 - Jan. 31, 2027	No Restrictions	6	12
Crow	Oct. 15 - Nov. 30 and Jan. 14 - March 31, 2027	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
Raccoon[1], Coyote & Groundhog	Continuous Open Season	No Restrictions	No Limit	No Limit
Opossum, Fox (Red & Gray), Badger, Bobcat* & Raccoon[2]	Nov. 7 - Feb. 28, 2027	8 a.m. First Day	No Limit	No Limit No Limit
	Nov. 7 - Feb. 28, 2027	8 a.m. First Day	*See p. 32	*See p. 32

[1]On private land only. [2]On public land.



2026-27 Iowa Deer Hunting Seasons

Season	Season Dates
Youth	Sept. 19 - Oct. 4
Disabled Hunter	Sept. 19 - Oct. 4
Archery	Oct. 1 - Dec. 4 **AND** Dec. 21 - Jan. 10, 2027
Muzzleloader	
Early:	Oct. 17-25
Late:	Dec. 21 - Jan. 10, 2027

Season	Season Dates
Regular Gun	
First:	Dec. 5-9
Second:	Dec. 12-20
Nonresident Holiday	Dec. 24 - Jan. 2, 2027
[1]Pop. Mgmt Jan. Antlerless	Jan. 11-24, 2027
[1]Excess Tag Jan. Antlerless	Jan. 11-24, 2027

[1] See 2026-27 Iowa Hunting, Trapping & Migratory Game Bird Regulations

2026 Fall Turkey Hunting

License Types	Season Dates
Gun/Bow	Oct. 12 - Dec. 4
Archery Only	Oct. 1 - Dec. 4 **AND** Dec. 21 - Jan. 10, 2027

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.*

2026-27 Iowa Trapping Seasons

Species	Season Dates	Trapping Hours	Daily/Season
Muskrat, Fox (Red and Gray), Coyote, Badger, Mink, Weasel, Opossum, Striped Skunk	Nov. 7 - Feb. 28, 2027	8 a.m. First Day	No Limit
Beaver	Nov. 7 - April 15, 2027	8 a.m. First Day	No Limit
Otter*	Nov. 7 - Feb. 28, 2027	8 a.m. First Day	3 / 3
Bobcat*	Nov. 7 - Feb. 28, 2027	8 a.m. First Day	See p. 32
Raccoon[1]	Continuous Open	No Restrictions	No Limit
Civet Cat (Spotted Skunk) & Gray Wolf	**Closed**		

*[1]Outside the furharvester season, **only** cage traps or dog-proof traps are legal methods of take. During the furharvester season, trappers may use other lawful traps normally allowed during the trapping season.*

**Furharvesters must contact a conservation officer within 24 hours of taking an otter or bobcat to receive a CITES tag. See Iowa Hunting, Trapping & Migratory Game Bird Regulations for more information on bobcat harvest restrictions.*

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