

2024–2025 Season Dates

Species	Open Dates
Bear	Mountain Bear Management Unit In and west of Surry, Wilkes, Caldwell, Burke and Cleveland: Oct. 14 – Nov. 23, 2024 and Dec 16, 2024 – Jan. 1, 2025
	Piedmont Bear Management Unit Alamance, Anson, Cabarrus, Caswell, Chatham, Davidson, Durham, Granville, Guilford, Lee, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, and Union: Nov. 16, 2024 – Jan. 1, 2025
	Franklin, Harnett, Hoke, Johnston, Moore, Richmond, Scotland, Vance, Wake, and Warren: Oct. 12, 2024 – Jan. 1, 2025
	Alexander, Catawba, Davie, Forsyth, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Stokes, and Yadkin: Nov. 23, 2024 – Jan. 1, 2025
	Coastal Bear Management Unit Zone 1: Dare, Hyde, and Tyrrell: Nov. 9 – Nov. 24 and Dec. 14 – Dec. 29, 2024 Zone 2: Camden, Chowan, and Pasquotank: Nov. 8 – Nov. 17 and Dec. 14 – Dec. 29, 2024 Gates, Currituck, and Perquimans: Nov. 9 – Nov. 17 and Dec. 14 – Dec. 29, 2024 Zone 3: Beaufort, Bertie, Craven, Hertford, Jones, Martin, and Washington: Nov. 9 – Nov. 17 and Dec. 14 – Dec. 29, 2024 Zone 4: Edgecombe, Greene, Halifax, Lenoir, Nash, Northampton, Pitt, Wayne, and Wilson: Nov. 16 – Dec. 15, 2024 Zone 5: Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus, Cumberland, Duplin, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico (use of dogs for hunting bears prohibited in this county), Pender, Robeson, and Sampson: Nov. 11, 2024 – Jan. 1, 2025
Wild Turkey Spring Season <i>(bearded or male turkeys only)</i>	Apr. 13 – May 11, 2024 Apr. 12 – May 10, 2025
Wild Turkey Youth-only Season <i>(bearded or male turkeys only)</i>	Apr. 6 – 12, 2024 Apr. 5 – 11, 2025
Raccoon and Opossum	Oct. 14, 2024 – Feb. 28, 2025
Squirrel	Gray and Red Squirrels: Oct. 14, 2024 – Feb. 28, 2025 Spring Squirrel Season (Gray Squirrel) Private Lands: May 12 – May 26, 2025 Fox Squirrels: Oct. 14, 2024 – Jan. 31, 2025
Rabbit	Oct. 14, 2024 – Feb. 28, 2025
Quail	Nov. 23, 2024 – Feb. 28, 2025
Grouse	Oct. 14, 2024 – Feb. 28, 2025
Bobcat	Oct. 14, 2024 – Feb. 28, 2025
Fox	See “Fox Season Hunting and Trapping Seasons” publication at ncwildlife.org/foxseasons .

Crow	Aug. 2, 2024 – Feb. 22, 2025, June 4, 2025 – July 30, 2025 Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday of each week Crows may also be hunted on Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year’s Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and Independence Day; except when these days fall on a Sunday.
Pheasant	Mainland: Sep. 2, 2024 – Feb. 28, 2025 Outer Banks: Nov. 23, 2024 - Feb 28, 2025
Trapping	Oct. 1, 2024 - Feb. 28, 2025

Deer Seasons

Locations	Type of Season and Dates
Northeastern	Archery: Sept. 7 – Sept. 27, 2024 Blackpowder: Sept. 28 – Oct. 11, 2024 Gun: Oct. 12, 2024 – Jan. 1, 2025
Southeastern	Archery: Sept. 7 – Sept. 27, 2024 Blackpowder: Sept. 28 – Oct. 11, 2024 Gun: Oct. 12, 2024 – Jan. 1, 2025
Central	Archery: Sept. 7 – Nov. 1, 2024 Blackpowder: Nov. 2 – Nov. 15, 2024 Gun: Nov. 16, 2024 – Jan. 1, 2025
Northwestern	Archery: Sept. 7 – Nov. 8, 2024 Blackpowder: Nov. 9 – Nov. 22, 2024 Gun: Nov. 23, 2024 – Jan. 1, 2025
Western	Archery: Sept. 7 – Nov. 15, 2024 Blackpowder: Nov. 16 – Nov. 29, 2024 Gun: Nov. 30 – Jan. 1, 2025 1-week and 1-day blackpowder antlerless season begin in the second Saturday of the season (Nov. 23)
Gun: Either-Sex Seasons	Introductory Season: First open Saturday of the applicable gun season. Conservative Season: Opening day through the 1st Saturday thereafter of the applicable gun season. Moderate Season: Opening day through the 2nd Saturday thereafter of the applicable gun season. Liberal Season: Opening day through the 4th Saturday thereafter of the applicable gun season. Maximum Season: All open days of the applicable gun season.
Blackpowder: Either-Sex Seasons	No Either-Sex Gun Season: Second open Saturday of the applicable blackpowder season. Introductory Either-Sex Gun Season: The second open Saturday through the first Friday thereafter of the applicable blackpowder season. All other Either-Sex Seasons: All open days of the applicable blackpowder season.
Urban Deer Season (open in participating cities only; see regulations digest for list and contact information)	Archery Only: Jan. 11 – Feb. 16, 2025