

## 1970-71 Small Game Seasons Announced

Although it's midsummer now, New York's half million hunters are looking forward to their fall seasons. The State Department of Environmental Conservation has announced details of the 1970-71 small game seasons. There are no major changes in regulations or bag limits this year as compared to previous years.

Hunters should remember, however, that generally there are separate opening dates for the Southeastern Zone which was created last year. The Southeastern Zone covers most of the lower Hudson Valley with the following boundaries: all that area (exclusive of Long Island) lying south and east of a continuous line extending along Route 209 from the New York-Pennsylvania border (at Port Jervis in Orange County) to Route 199 and along Route 199 to the east shore of the Hudson River, then north along the east shore to the Rensselaer-Washington County line and along it to the New York-Vermont border.

The Southeastern Zone, therefore, includes all of Columbia, Dutchess, Putnam, Rensselaer, Rockland and Westchester Counties, as well as portions of Orange, Sullivan and Ulster Counties.

Hunting hours in the State remain from sunrise to sunset. These hours apply to woodcock as well even though it is a migratory bird. For other migratory birds, shooting hours are one-half before sunrise to sunset. No Federal duck stamp is required when hunting woodcock, gallinules, rails or snipe, but the shotgun must be plugged to hold no more than three shells. This same regulation, of course, applies when hunting ducks and geese.

Dates for the waterfowl season are set by the Federal government and these are expected to be announced in late August.

Hunters are advised to check the 1970-71 Hunting Trapping-Fishing Guide for specific references to season bag limits and area descriptions. The guide will be available at license issuing agencies in late summer.

General information on small game seasons is available from the following:

CLINTON  
Squidlet  
Lancaster  
Saratoga  
Schoharie

Orange  
Ulster

Albany  
Columbia  
Dutchess  
Putnam  
Rensselaer  
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ton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Herkimer, Lewis, St. Lawrence, Warren and Washington Counties, and in the Northern Zone part of Saratoga County, 3 per day.

October 19 - February 28, Jefferson, Onondaga and Oswego, 3 per day.

December 2 - February 28, Delaware, Greene, Rensselaer, Sullivan and Ulster Counties, that part of Orange County outside the Southeastern Zone, as well as parts of Otsego and Schoharie Counties, (See Guide), 3 per day.

December 15 - December 31, Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua and Steuben Counties, 2 per day.

February 1 - February 28, Albany, Chenango, Columbia, Madison and Montgomery Counties, as well as parts of Broome, Cortland, Onondaga, Otsego and Schoharie Counties, (See Guide), 2 per day.

European Hare

December 2 - February 28, Albany, Columbia, Delaware, Dutchess, Greene, Montgomery, Orange, Otsego, Putnam, Rensselaer, Rockland, Schoharie, Schoharie, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester Counties, 2 per day.

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Wild Turkey

November 2 - 14, Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chemung, Schuyler and Steuben Counties as well as parts of Delaware and Erie Counties, 1 in fall.

May 10 - 15, bearded turkeys only in area to be announced, 1 in spring.

Raccoon

October 1 - March 14, Upstate except Southeastern Zone, no limit.

October 19 - March 14, Southeastern Zone, no limit.

Rails (King, Clapper, Sora and Virginia)

September 1 - November 9, Upstate, King & Clapper, 7 per day, 14 in possession, singly or in the aggregate.

Sora & Virginia, 25 per day, 25 in possession, singly or in the aggregate.

Woodcock

September 21 - November 24, 10 in possession, 10 in possession.

Northern Zone, 5 per day, 10 in possession.

October 1 - November 24, Southern Zone, 5 per day, 10 in possession.

Common (Wilson's) Snipe

September 21 - November 24, Northern Zone, 8 per day, 16 in possession.

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Gallinules

September 1 - November 9, Upstate, 15 per day, 30 in possession.

LONG ISLAND

Squirrels

November 1 - January 31, 5 per day.

Ruffed Grouse (Partridge)

November 1 - December 31, 1 per day.

Pheasants

November 1 - December 31 (Sundays included), 4 per day, 30 per season.

\* Check 1970-71 Hunting-Trapping-Fishing Guide for details about taking hen pheasants.

Quail

November 1 - December 31, 6 per day, 40 per season.

Cottontail Rabbit

November 1 - February 15, 6 per day.

Raccoon

November 1 - March 14, No limit. Rails (King, Clapper, Sora and Virginia)

September 14 - November 9, Same bag and possession limits as Upstate.

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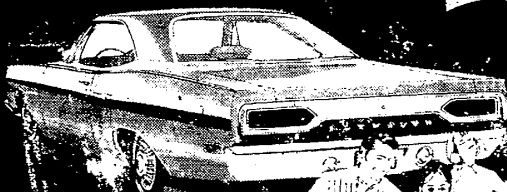
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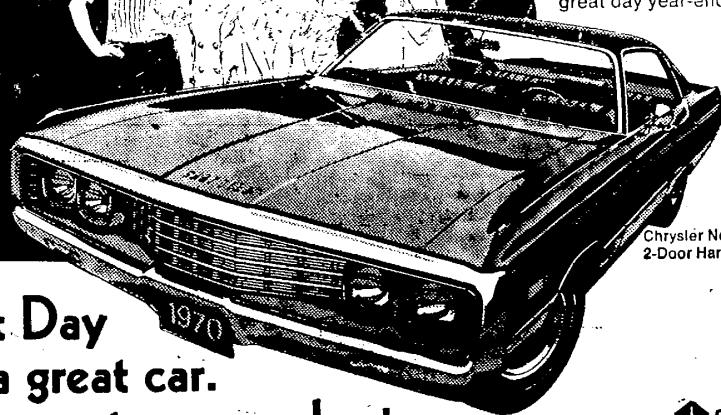
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Varying Hare (Snowshoe Rabbit) October 1 - February 28, Clinton, Essex and Franklin Counties, 2 per day.