

# Hunting seasons for small game 2024-2026

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Hunting dates are established based on the zone where hunting is permitted, the type of weapon used, the sex of the animal and its maturity.

Changes to the authorized periods and segments may be made at any time as required. It is your responsibility to abide by the terms and conditions in effect before you practice your activity.

[Hunting may be prohibited](#) in certain territories within a given zone. If it is permitted, the conditions may differ from those of the hunting zone in which those territories are located. You will need to communicate with the person or group responsible for the territories in question to find out the rules.

In the Macpès territory (zone 2), small game hunting with a crossbow or bow, hare and eastern cottontail snaring, small game hunting with a bird of prey are permitted, but hunting with a firearm is prohibited.

To find out [what to do before, during and after hunting](#) small game, refer to the rules for this species.

### Eastern cottontail, Arctic hare and snowshoe hare

In the Îles-de-la-Madeleine (zone 21), hunting for snowshoe hares is prohibited. However, on Île Havre Tobert, a short hunting season takes place from November 16 to December 8, 2024, and from November 15 to December 7, 2025. For more information, please contact the regional office.

Zone where hunting is permitted	Gear	2024-2025 hunting season	2025-2026 hunting season
1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 27, 28	Firearms, air rifles, crossbow and bow	September 21, 2024 to March 31, 2025	September 20, 2025 to March 31, 2026
	The use of a crossbow is prohibited in zone 17.		
5, 8, 9, 11, 15, 26	Firearms, air rifles, crossbow and bow	September 7, 2024 to March 31, 2025	September 6, 2025 to March 31, 2026
19 South, 29	Firearms, air rifles, crossbow and bow	September 14, 2024 to April 30, 2025	September 13, 2025 to April 30, 2026
22	Firearms, air rifles and bow	September 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025	September 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026
23, 24	Firearms, air rifles and bow	August 25, 2024 to April 30, 2025	August 25, 2025 to April 30, 2026
1, 2, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16,	Snare	September 21, 2024	September 20, 2025 to

17, 18, 20, 27 (except île d'Orléans), 28	In zone 17, the use of snares to catch hare is permitted only in and around non-Indigenous institutions.	to March 31, 2025	March 31, 2026
11, 15	Snare	October 25, 2024 to March 31, 2025	October 25, 2025 to March 31, 2026
3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 21 (except Îles-de-la-Madeleine)	Snare	December 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025	December 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026
19 South, 29	Snare	September 14, 2024 to April 30, 2025	September 13, 2025 to April 30, 2026
26	Snare	September 7, 2024 to March 31, 2025	September 6, 2025 to March 31, 2026

## Coyote and wolf

Zone where hunting is permitted	Gear	2024-2025 hunting season	2025-2026 hunting season
1, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 21, 28	Firearms, crossbow and bow	October 18, 2024 to March 31, 2025	October 18, 2025, to March 31, 2026
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 15, 26, 27	Firearms, crossbow and bow	October 25, 2024 to March 31, 2025	October 25, 2025 to March 31, 2026
8	Firearms, crossbow and bow	November 8, 2024 to March 31, 2025	November 8, 2025 to March 31, 2026
19 South, 29	Firearms, crossbow and bow	October 11, 2024 to April 15, 2025	October 11, 2025 to April 15, 2026

## Woodchuck

Zone where hunting is permitted	Gear	2024-2025 hunting season	2025-2026 hunting season
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19 south, 21, 26, 27, 28, 29	Firearms, crossbow and bow	All year	All year

## Raccoon

Zone where hunting is permitted	Gear	2024-2025 hunting season	2025-2026 hunting season
4, 5, 6, 7, 8	Firearms, crossbow and bow	October 25, 2024 to March 1, 2025	October 25, 2025 to March 1, 2026
4, 5, 6, 7, 8	.22 rifle with rimfire cartridges, at night, with dogs	October 25, 2024 to December 15, 2024	October 25, 2025 to December 15, 2025

## Red foxes, silver foxes, cross foxes

Zone where hunting is permitted	Gear	2024-2025 hunting season	2025-2026 hunting season
3, 4, 5, 6, 7	Firearms, crossbow and bow	October 25, 2024 to March 1, 2025	October 25, 2025 to March 1, 2026
8	Firearms, crossbow and bow	November 8, 2024 to March 1, 2025	November 8, 2025 to March 1, 2026

## Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and sharp-tailed grouse

Zone where hunting is permitted	Gear	2024-2025 hunting season	2025-2026 hunting season
1, 2 (except île Verte), 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 27, 28	Firearms, air rifles, crossbow and bow	September 21, 2024 to January 15, 2025	September 20, 2025 to January 15, 2026
	The use of a crossbow is prohibited in zone 17.		
19 South, 29	Firearms, air rifles, crossbow and bow	September 14, 2024 to January 15, 2025	September 13, 2025 to January 15, 2026
5, 8, 9, 11, 15, 26	Firearms, air rifles, crossbow and bow	September 7, 2024 to January 15, 2025	September 6, 2025 to January 15, 2026
22	Firearms, air rifles and bow	September 1, 2024 to January 15, 2025	September 1, 2025 to January 15, 2026
23, 24	Firearms, air rifles and bow	August 25, 2024 to January 15, 2025	August 25, 2025 to January 15, 2026

## Grey partridge

Zone where hunting is permitted	Gear	2024-2025 hunting season	2025-2026 hunting season
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1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29	Firearms, air rifles, South, crossbow and bow  The use of a crossbow is prohibited in zones 17, 22, 23 and 24.	September 21, 2024 to November 15, 2024	September 20, 2025 to November 15, 2025
5, 9, 11, 15, 26	Firearms, air rifles, crossbow and bow	September 7, 2024 to November 15, 2024	September 6, 2025 to November 15, 2025

## Rock ptarmigan and willow ptarmigan

Zone where hunting is permitted	Gear	2024-2025 hunting season	2025-2026 hunting season
1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 27, 28	Firearms, air rifles, crossbow and bow  The use of a crossbow is prohibited in zone 17.	September 21, 2024 to April 30, 2025	September 20, 2025 to April 30, 2026
5, 8, 9, 11, 15, 26	Firearms, air rifles, crossbow and bow	September 7, 2024 to April 30, 2025	September 6, 2025 to April 30, 2026
19 South, 29	Firearms, air rifles, crossbow and bow	September 14, 2024 to April 30, 2025	September 13, 2025 to April 30, 2026
22	Firearms, air rifles and bow	September 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025	September 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026
23, 24	Firearms, air rifles and bow	August 25, 2024 to April 30, 2025	August 25, 2025 to April 30, 2026

## Red-winged blackbird, American crow, European starling, house sparrow, common grackle, brown-headed cowbird

Zone where hunting is permitted	Gear	2024-2025 hunting season	2025-2026 hunting season
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29	Firearms, air rifles, crossbow and bow  The use of a crossbow is prohibited in zones 17, 22, 23 and 24.	July 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025	July 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026

## Quail, northern bobwhite, pheasant, francolin, rock partridge, chukar partridge, red-legged partridge and guinea fowl

Zone where hunting is permitted	Gear	2024-2025 hunting season	2025-2026 hunting season
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 South, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29	Firearms, air rifles, crossbow and bow	August 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024	August 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025
	The use of a crossbow is prohibited in zones 17, 22, 23 and 24.		

## Training and competition activities for hunting dogs, using quail, northern bobwhite, pheasant, francolin, rock partridge, chukar partridge, red-legged partridge, rock dove, and guinea fowl

Zone where hunting is permitted	Gear	2024-2025 hunting season	2025-2026 hunting season
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 South, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29	Firearms, air rifles, crossbow and bow	All year	All year
	The use of a crossbow is prohibited in zones 17, 22, 23 and 24.		

## Rock dove

Zone where hunting is permitted	Gear	2024-2025 hunting season	2025-2026 hunting season
1, 2 (except île Verte), 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 South, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29	Firearms, air rifles, crossbow and bow	All year	All year
	The use of a crossbow is prohibited in zones 17, 22, 23 and 24.		

## Migratory birds

Zone where hunting is permitted	Gear	2024-2025 hunting season
In zones, ZECs and wildlife reserves	Firearms, crossbow and bow	Refer to the <a href="#">Migratory Birds Hunting Regulations</a> brochure from Environment and Climate Change Canada.