

Hunting seasons in wildlife reserves 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.

See [2022-2024 hunting seasons \(PDF 259 Kb\)](#)

Specifications on the hunting zones

A wildlife reserve may not offer daily access rights for small game hunting on certain days during a given period. For more information or to find out the opening dates for small game hunting, visit the Sépaq [website](#). Migratory bird hunting seasons in wildlife reserves are the same as those in the federal migratory bird hunting districts in which they are located. Refer to the summary of Environment Canada's migratory birds hunting regulations.

During a season of antlered deer hunting, the holder of an [antlerless deer hunting licence \(random draw\)](#) may hunt antlerless deer in the location indicated on their licence. When antlerless deer licences (random draw) are issued for a wildlife reserve or ZEC, the licences for the zone are not valid in these territories and the licences issued for these territories cannot be used in the zone.

Ashuapmushuan (zone 28)

Species	Gear	2024 hunting season	2025 hunting season
Moose with antlers (10 cm or more) and calf	Firearms, crossbow and bow	September 7 to September 20 This period is reserved for participants in quota hunt.	September 6 to September 19 This period is reserved for participants in quota hunt.
Black bear	Firearms, crossbow and bow	May 15 to June 30	May 15 to June 30
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare	Firearms, crossbow and bow Air rifles are permitted for the hunting of ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare.	September 7 to September 20 This period is reserved for participants in quota hunt.	September 6 to September 19 This period is reserved for participants in quota hunt.
Ruffed grouse, spruce	Firearms, crossbow	September 20 to	September 19 to

grouse	and bow	November 15	November 15
	Air rifles are permitted for the hunting of ruffed grouse and spruce grouse.		
Snowshoe hare	Firearms, crossbow and bow	September 21 to October 28	September 20 to October 27
	Air rifles are permitted for snowshoe hare.		
Snowshoe hare	Snare	September 7 to September 20	September 6 to September 19
		This period is reserved for participants in quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in quota hunt.
		And	And
		September 21, 2024 to March 31, 2025	September 20, 2025 to March 31, 2026
Migratory birds	Refer to the Migratory Birds Regulations .		

Chic-Chocs, des (zone 1)

Species	Gear	2024 hunting season	2025 hunting season
Moose with antlers (10 cm or more) and calf	Firearms, crossbow and bow	September 4 to October 26	September 3 to October 25
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Black bear	Firearms, crossbow and bow	May 15 to June 30	May 15 to June 30
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Coyote	Firearms, crossbow and bow	October 18 to October 26	October 18 to October 25
		This period is reserved for participants in a	This period is reserved for participants in a

		quota hunt.	quota hunt.
		And	And
		October 26 to November 11	October 25 to November 10
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare	Firearms, crossbow and bow Air rifles are permitted for hunting ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare.	September 28 to November 11	October 4 to November 10
Snowshoe hare	Snare	September 28 to November 11	September 27 to November 10
Migratory birds	Refer to the Migratory Birds Regulations .		

Duchénier (zone 2 est)

Species	Gear	2024 hunting season	2025 hunting season
Male, female and calf	Firearms, crossbow and bow	September 3 to October 17 And October 29 to November 17 These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	September 2 to October 16 And October 28 to November 16 These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
White-tailed deer with antlers (7 cm or more)	Firearms, crossbow and bow	October 29 to November 17 This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt. And November 2 to November 17	October 28 to November 16 This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt. And November 1 to November 16

Black bear	Firearms, crossbow and bow	May 15 to June 30 This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	May 15 to June 30 This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Coyote	Firearms, crossbow and bow	October 25 to November 17 This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	October 25 to November 16 This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare	Firearms, crossbow and bow Air rifles are permitted for hunting ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare.	October 18 to December 1 This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt. And October 1 to December 1	October 17 to October 30 This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt. And October 17 to November 30
Snowshoe hare	Snare	November 20, 2024 to March 31, 2025 This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	November 19, 2025 to March 31, 2026 This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Snowshoe hare	Snare	November 18, 2024 to March 31, 2025	November 17, 2025 to March 31, 2026
Migratory birds	Refer to the Migratory Birds Regulations .		

Dunière, de (zone 1)

Species	Gear	2024 hunting season	2025 hunting season
Male, female and calf	Firearms, crossbow and bow	September 3 to November 6 This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	September 2 to November 5 This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Black bear	Firearms, crossbow and bow	May 15 to June 30	May 15 to June 30

		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare	Firearms, crossbow and bow Air rifles are permitted for hunting ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare.	November 7 to November 17	November 6 to November 16
Snowshoe hare	Snare	November 7, 2024 to March 31, 2025	November 6, 2025 to March 31, 2026
Migratory birds	Refer to the Migratory Birds Regulations .		

Laurentides (including the Tourilli sector) (zone 27 West)

Species	Gear	2024 hunting season	2025 hunting season
Moose with antlers (10 cm or more)	Firearms, crossbow and bow	August 31 to October 16	August 31 to October 16
Black bear	Firearms, crossbow and bow	<p>This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.</p> <p>May 15 to June 30</p> <p>And</p> <p>August 31 to October 16</p> <p>These period are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.</p>	<p>This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.</p> <p>May 15 to June 30</p> <p>And</p> <p>August 31 to October 16</p> <p>These period are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.</p>
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare	Firearms, crossbow and bow Air rifles are permitted for hunting ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare.	September 21 to September 30	September 20 to September 30
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare	Firearms, crossbow and bow	October 17 to November 3	October 17 to November 2

hare	Air rifles are permitted for hunting ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare.		
Snowshoe hare	Snare	October 19, 2024 to March 31, 2025	October 18, 2025 to March 31, 2026
Migratory birds	Refer to the Migratory Birds Regulations .		

Laurentides (Tourilli sector) (zone 27 West)

Species	Gear	2024 hunting season	2025 hunting season
White-tailed deer with antlers (7 cm or more)	Crossbow and bow	November 9 to November 14	November 8 to November 13
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
White-tailed deer with antlers (7 cm or more)	Shotguns, muzzle-loading firearms, crossbow and bow	November 15 to November 17	November 14 to November 16
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.

La Vérendrye (zones 12 and 13)

Species	Gear	2024 hunting season	2025 hunting season
White-tailed deer with antlers (7 cm or more)	Firearms, crossbow and bow	October 26 to November 17	October 25 to November 16
		This period is reserved for participants in a hunt that is subject to quotas.	This period is reserved for participants in a hunt that is subject to quotas.
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare	Firearms, crossbow and bow	September 9 to October 9	September 8 to October 8
	Air rifles are permitted for hunting ruffed grouse, spruce grouse	And November 2 to	And November 1 to

	and snowshoe hare.	November 17	November 16
		These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Black bear	Firearms, crossbow and bow	May 15 to June 30	May 15 to June 30
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare	Firearms, crossbow and bow Air rifles are permitted for hunting ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare.	October 10, 2024 to January 15, 2025	October 9, 2025 to January 15, 2026
Snowshoe hare	Snare	November 18, 2024 to March 31, 2025	November 17, 2025 to March 31, 2026
Migratory birds	Refer to the Migratory Birds Regulations .		

Mastigouche (zone 26)

Species	Gear	2024 hunting season	2025 hunting season
Moose with antlers (10 cm or more) and calf	Firearms, crossbow and bow	September 3 to October 4	September 2 to October 3
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Black bear	Firearms, crossbow and bow	May 15 to June 30	May 15 to June 30
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare	Firearms, crossbow and bow Air rifles are permitted for hunting ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare.	September 28 to December 31	September 27 to December 31

Snowshoe hare	Snare	September 28, 2024 to March 31, 2025	September 27, 2025 to March 31, 2026
White-tailed deer with antlers (7 cm or more)	Crossbow and bow	November 9 to November 14	November 8 to November 13
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
White-tailed deer with antlers (7 cm or more)	Shotguns, muzzle-loading firearms, crossbow and bow	November 15 to November 17	November 14 to November 16
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Migratory birds	Refer to the Migratory Birds Regulations .		

Matane, de (zone 1)

Species	Gear	2024 hunting season	2025 hunting season
Moose with antlers (10 cm or more) and calf	Firearms, crossbow and bow	September 3 to November 10	September 2 to November 10
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Coyote	Firearms, crossbow and bow	October 18 to December 21	October 18 to December 21
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Black bear	Firearms, crossbow and bow	May 15 to June 30	May 15 to June 30
		And	And
		September 3 to September 29	September 2 to September 28
		These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Ruffed grouse, spruce	Firearms, crossbow	October 22 to	October 21 to

grouse and snowshoe hare	and bow	December 1	December 1
	Air rifles are permitted for hunting ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare.		
Snowshoe hare	Snare	October 22, 2024 to March 31, 2025	October 21, 2025 to March 31, 2026
Migratory birds	Refer to the Migratory Birds Regulations .		

Papineau-Labelle, de (zone 10 East)

Species	Gear	2024 hunting season	2025 hunting season
Moose with antlers (10 cm or more) and calf	Firearms, crossbow and bow	September 16 to October 3	September 15 to October 2
		And	And
		October 4 to October 10	October 3 to October 9
		These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
White-tailed deer with antlers (7 cm or more)	Firearms, crossbow and bow	October 4 to October 10	October 3 to October 9
		And	And
		October 26 to November 17	October 25 to November 16
		These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse, snowshoe hare and eastern cottontail	Firearms, crossbow and bow	October 4 to October 10	October 3 to October 9
		And	And
		Air rifles are permitted for hunting ruffed grouse, spruce grouse, October 28 to	October 27 to November 15

	snowshoe hare and eastern cottontail.	November 16	These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
		These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Black bear	Firearms, crossbow and bow	May 15 to June 30	May 15 to June 30
		And	And
		October 4 to October 10	October 3 to October 9
		And	And
		October 26 to November 17	October 25 to November 16
		These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse, snowshoe hare and eastern cottontail	Firearms, crossbow and bow	September 2 to September 15	September 1 to September 14
	Air rifles are permitted for hunting ruffed grouse, spruce grouse, snowshoe hare and eastern cottontail.	And	And
		October 11 to October 27	October 10 to October 26
		And	And
		November 17, 2024 to January 15, 2025	November 16, 2025 to January 15, 2026
Snowshoe hare and eastern cottontail	Snare	November 17, 2024 to January 15, 2025	November 16, 2025 to January 15, 2026
Migratory birds	Refer to the Migratory Birds Regulations .		

Port-Cartier–Sept-Îles, de (zone 19 South)

Species	Gear	2024 hunting season	2025 hunting season
Male, female and calf	Firearms, crossbow and bow	September 13 to October 13	September 12 to October 12

		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Black bear	Firearms, crossbow and bow	September 13 to October 13	September 12 to October 12
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
		May 15 to June 30	May 15 to June 30
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare	Firearms, crossbow and bow	September 13 to October 13	September 12 to October 12
	Air rifles are permitted for hunting ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse	Firearms, crossbow and bow	October 5, 2024 to January 15, 2025	October 4, 2025 to January 15, 2026
	Air rifles are permitted for hunting ruffed grouse and spruce grouse.		
Rock ptarmigan, willow ptarmigan	Firearms, crossbow and bow	October 5, 2024 to April 30, 2025	October 4, 2025 to April 30, 2026
	Air rifles are permitted for hunting ptarmigans.		
Snowshoe hare	Snare	September 13 to October 13	September 12 to October 12
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
		October 5, 2024 to April 30, 2025	October 4, 2025 to April 30, 2026
Migratory birds	Refer to the Migratory Birds Regulations .		

Port-Daniel, de (zone 1)

Species	Gear	2024 hunting season	2025 hunting season
Moose with antlers (10 cm or more) and calf	Firearms, crossbow and bow	September 3 to September 29	September 9 to October 5
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
White-tailed deer with antlers (7 cm or more)	Firearms, crossbow and bow	November 14 to November 24	November 13 to November 23
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Black bear	Firearms, crossbow and bow	May 1 to June 30	May 1 to June 30
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare	Firearms, crossbow and bow	September 30 to October 13	October 6 to October 12
	Air rifles are permitted for hunting ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare.		
Coyote	Firearms, crossbow and bow	September 30 to October 13	October 6 to October 12
Snowshoe hare	Snare	September 30, 2024 to March 31, 2025	October 6, 2025 to March 31, 2026
Migratory birds	Refer to the Migratory Birds Regulations .		

Portneuf, de (zone 27 West)

Species	Gear	2024 hunting season	2025 hunting season
Moose with antlers (10 cm or more)	Firearms, crossbow and bow	September 3 to October 4	September 2 to October 3
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
White-tailed deer with antlers (7 cm or more)	Crossbow and bow	November 9 to November 14	November 8 to November 13
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.

White-tailed deer with antlers (7 cm or more)	Shotguns, muzzle-loading firearms, crossbow and bow	November 15 to November 17	November 14 to November 16
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Black bear	Firearms, crossbow and bow	May 15 to June 30	May 15 to June 30
		And	And
		September 3 to October 4	September 2 to October 3
		These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare	Firearms, crossbow and bow	October 5 to December 15	October 4 to December 14
	Air rifles are permitted for hunting ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare.		
Snowshoe hare	Snare	October 5, 2024 to March 31, 2025	October 4, 2025 to March 31, 2026
Migratory birds	Refer to the Migratory Birds Regulations .		

Rimouski, de (zone 2 East)

Species	Gear	2024 hunting season	2025 hunting season
Male, female and calf	Firearms, crossbow and bow	September 1 to December 1	September 1 to December 1
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
White-tailed deer with antlers (7 cm or more)	Firearms, crossbow and bow	November 14 to November 24	November 13 to November 23
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.

Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare	Firearms, crossbow and bow Air rifles are permitted for hunting ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare.	November 8 to November 17 This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	November 7 to November 16 This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Coyote	Firearms, crossbow and bow	October 25 to November 17 This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	October 25 to November 16 This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Black bear	Firearms, crossbow and bow	May 5 to June 30 This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	May 15 to June 30 This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare	Firearms, crossbow and bow Air rifles are permitted for hunting ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare.	October 15 to December 1	October 15 to December 1
Snowshoe hare	Snare	November 4, 2024 to March 31, 2025	November 10, 2025 to March 31, 2026
Migratory birds	Refer to the Migratory Birds Regulations .		

Rouge-Matawin (zone 15 West)

Species	Gear	2024 hunting season	2025 hunting season
Moose with antlers (10 cm or more) and calf	Firearms, crossbow and bow	September 14 to October 10 This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	September 13 to October 9 This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
White-tailed deer with antlers (7 cm or more)	Firearms, crossbow and bow	October 4 to October 10 And	October 3 to October 9 And October 25 to

		October 26 to November 17	November 16
		These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare	Firearms, crossbow and bow	October 13 to November 17	October 12 to November 16
	Air rifles are permitted for hunting ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Black bear	Firearms, crossbow and bow	May 5 to June 30	May 15 to June 30
		And	And
		September 14 to October 10	September 13 to October 9
		These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	These periods are reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare	Firearms, crossbow and bow	September 3 to November 4	September 2 to November 3
	Air rifles are permitted for hunting ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare.		
Snowshoe hare	Snare	November 5, 2024 to March 31, 2025	November 4, 2025 to March 31, 2026
Migratory birds	Refer to the Migratory Birds Regulations .		

Saint-Maurice, du (zone 26)

Species	Gear	2024 hunting season	2025 hunting season
Moose with antlers (10 cm or more) and calf	Firearms, crossbow and bow	September 3 to October 4	September 2 to October 3
		This period is reserved	This period is reserved

		for participants in a quota hunt.	for participants in a quota hunt.
Black bear	Firearms, crossbow and bow	May 15 to June 30	May 15 to June 30
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare	Firearms, crossbow and bow Air rifles are permitted for hunting ruffed grouse, spruce grouse and snowshoe hare.	September 28 to December 31	September 27 to December 31
Snowshoe hare	Snare	September 28, 2024 to March 31, 2025	September 27, 2025 to March 31, 2026
White-tailed deer with antlers (7 cm or more)	Crossbow and bow	November 9 to November 14	November 8 to November 13
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
White-tailed deer with antlers (7 cm or more)	Shotguns, muzzle-loading firearms, crossbow and bow	November 15 to November 17	November 14 to November 16
		This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.	This period is reserved for participants in a quota hunt.
Migratory birds	Refer to the Migratory Birds Regulations .		