

- **GENERAL RESTRICTIONS**
 - o Field possession limit while hunting is the same as the daily bag limit.
 - o No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to one’s vehicle, hunting camp or residence.
 - o Axes and saws may not be carried when raccoon or opossum hunting.
 - o It is unlawful to shoot raccoon during the daytime, west of U.S. 1, except in Richmond County.
 - o It is unlawful to carry firearms or climbing irons when training dogs during closed seasons, except under special field-trial regulations.
- **RACCOON AND OPOSSUM**
 - o **Oct. 16 (at sunrise) – Feb. 28**
 - o Opossum: No bag limits
 - o Raccoon daily limit 3
 - o No possession or season limits
- **SQUIRREL**
 - o Gray and Red (statewide)
 - **Oct. 16 – Feb. 28**
 - Daily limit 8
 - No possession or season limits.
 - o Fox Squirrel
 - **Oct. 16 – Dec. 31**
 - Daily limit 1
 - Possession 2
 - Season 10 In the following counties
 - Alleghany
 - Edgecombe
 - Moore
 - Scotland
 - Anson
 - Greene
 - New Hanover
 - Stokes
 - Ashe
 - Harnett
 - Onslow
 - Surry
 - Bladen
 - Hoke
 - Pender
 - Watauga
 - Brunswick
 - Johnston
 - Pitt
 - Wayne
 - Cumberland
 - Jones
 - Richmond
 - Wilkes
 - Duplin
 - Lenoir
 - Sampson
- **RABBIT**
 - o **Nov. 18 – Feb. 28 (hunting and box-trapping*)**
 - o Daily limit 5
 - o No possession or season limits
 - o A trapping license is not required to box-trap rabbits, but a valid hunting license is necessary
- **QUAIL**
 - o **Nov. 18 – Feb. 28**
 - o Daily limit 6
 - o Possession 12
 - o Season, no limit
- **GROUSE**
 - o **Oct. 16 – Feb. 28**
 - o Daily limit 3

- Possession 6
- Season 30
- **GROUNDHOG, NUTRIA, COYOTE, SKUNK (STRIPED), ARMADILLO AND FERAL SWINE (HOGS)**
 - There is no closed season or bag limit. Hunters may use electronic calls for coyotes and feral swine.
 - Feral swine may be hunted at night with lights.
 - Coyotes may be hunted at night except in the counties of **Beaufort, Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington**. In those five counties, the following apply:
 - Hunting hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset
 - All coyote hunting requires a permit
 - Permits can be obtained at ncwildlife.org or by calling 1-888-248-6834
 - All coyote harvests must be reported.
 - See page 62 for more information about coyote hunting in the five counties listed above.
- **PHEASANTS**
 - **Nov. 18 – Feb. 1 (male pheasant only)**
 - Daily limit 3
 - Possession 6
 - Season 30
- **FOX**
 - Year Round (including Sundays)
 - Must be taken with dogs only;
 - No limits.
 - Local laws may restrict hunting foxes with dogs. Visit ncwildlife.org/foxseasons for restrictions.
 - **Nov. 18 – Jan. 1 (archery season); Nov. 19 - Jan. 2 (firearm season)**
 - Daily limit 2;
 - Season 10
 - This season applies as follows: **In those counties and parts of counties east of I-77 where local laws do not prohibit the taking of foxes or that do not have established fox seasons and Mitchell and Caldwell County.**
 - Foxes taken during this hunting season shall not be bought or sold.
 - In **Caldwell County**, foxes may be taken by firearms only.
 - **Jan. 6 – 27, 2018**
 - Daily limit 2
 - Season 10
 - Foxes may be taken in the counties listed below by legal weapons and may be sold after being properly tagged (refer to page 10 for more information on fox tags)
 - Clay
 - Henderson
 - Tyrrell
 - Graham
 - Macon
 - Hunters must possess fox tags prior to harvesting foxes during this season.
 - There is no open weapons hunting season in any other county **except** where provided by local laws. To see if your county has a hunting season on foxes, visit ncwildlife.org/foxseasons, or call **919-707-0050** to request a copy.