

2023 Furharvester bag limits and open seasons

Furharvester licences are **not** issuable to non-residents. They are only issued to individuals who: a) are Nova Scotia residents, and; b) have a Wildlife Resources Card with FQ or FT certification

BEAVER Zones	Start	End	Limit
1 Cape Breton, Inverness, Richmond, Victoria	Nov 1 2023	Mar 31 2024	30
2 Antigonish, Colchester, Cumberland, Guysborough, Halifax, Hants, Pictou	Nov 1 2023	Mar 31 2024	20
3 Annapolis, Kings, Lunenburg	Nov 1 2023	Mar 31 2024	20
4 Digby, Queens, Shelburne, Yarmouth	Nov 1 2023	Mar 31 2024	20

BOBCAT

Carcasses must be turned in and pelts stamped at a NRR office

Start Nov 1 2023	End Feb 29 2024	5
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OTTER

Start Nov 1 2023	End Feb 29 2024	No limit
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MINK, MUSKRAT, RED SQUIRREL, SKUNK, and WEASEL

Start Nov 1 2023	End Mar 31 2024	No limit
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FOX and COYOTE

Start Oct 15 2023	End Mar 31 2024	No limit
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RACCOON

Trapping:	Start Nov 1 2023	End Mar 31 2024	No limit
Hunting:	Start Oct 15 2023	End Mar 31 2024	No limit

* Requires Wildlife Habitat and Furharvester Stamps. Raccoons taken accidentally in a trap lawfully set for fox or coyote prior to the raccoon season may be kept.

LYNX, MARTEN and FISHER*

Closed season

* Animals accidentally caught must be released or reported, and immediately turned into a NRR office. The pelt of one fisher caught in a trap legally set for another species may be kept, but the carcass must be turned in and the pelts stamped at a NRR office.

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DEER	Season	Limit
Archery and Muzzel loader*	Sep 11 – Dec 9	1
Youth**	Oct 13 – 21	1
General	Oct 27 – Dec 2	1

* Sep 11 to Sep 23 restricted to bow only. ** Individuals aged 16 to 18 may hunt deer under the authority of a Deer Hunting Stamp (General). Information on the allotment of Antlerless Deer Hunting Stamps, by zone, is available online at wrs.novascotia.ca/DeerDraw/ddzones.asp

BEAR	Season	Limit
Hunting	Sep 11 – Dec 2	1
Snaring	Oct 1 – Dec 2	2

To obtain a bear snaring stamp you must be: 1) a Nova Scotia resident, 2) 16 years of age or older, and 3) certified as a furharvester (FT or FQ on your WRC). It is prohibited to possess or use rifles, shotguns or muzzleloaders for the purpose of bear hunting within the lands designated as Moose Management Zones 2, 3 & 4 from Mon, Sep 11 to Sat, Oct 7, 2023.

SNOWSHOE HARE	Season	Limit
Hunting	Nov 1 2023 – Feb 29 2024	None
Snaring	Nov 1 2023 – Feb 29 2024	None

* No person shall hunt snowshoe hare with a dog from Nov 1 to Nov 15 inclusive. **NOTE:** To hunt hare, Nova Scotia residents require a Wildlife Habitat Stamp. Non-residents require a Wildlife Habitat Stamp and Non-Resident Small Game Stamp.

RUFFED GROUSE	Season	Limit
Hunting <i>Small Game Stamp required</i>	Oct 1 – Dec 31	5 per day. (After the first day, possession limit is 10 at any time).

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RING-NECKED PHEASANT <i>male only</i>	Season	Bag limit
Annapolis, Kings, Hants <i>Small Game Stamp required</i>	Nov 1 — Dec 15	2 per day.
All other counties	Oct 1 — Dec 15	After the first day, the possession limit is 4 birds at any time.

OTHER HARVESTABLE WILDLIFE	Season	Limit
Coyote	Jan 1 2023 — Dec 31 2023	None
Bullfrog	Jul 15 2023 — Sep 30 2023	None
Crow	Sep 1 2023 — Mar 31 2024	None
Red Squirrel	Nov 1 2023 — Feb 28 2024	None

Wildlife Habitat Stamp required

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SEASON	Season start	Season end	Limit
Season 1	Sep 25	Sep 30	1
Season 2	Oct 2	Oct 7	1
Season 3	Oct 9	Oct 14	1
Season 4	Oct 16	Oct 21	1
Season 5	Oct 23	Oct 28	1
Season 6	Oct 30	Nov 4	1
Season 7	Dec 12	Dec 14	1

Restrictions on Sunday hunting: Hunting on Sunday is limited to the two Sundays immediately following the last Friday in October. On those days, hunting is allowed for all species, except moose, for which a season is open at that time.