

Iowa 2005 - 2006 Hunting and Trapping Season Dates and Bag Limits

Species	Season	Shooting Hours	Bag Limits	
			Daily	Possession
Youth Rooster Pheasant ^{1,3}	Oct. 22 - 23	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	1	2 ²
Rooster Pheasant	Oct. 29 - Jan. 10, 2006	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	3	12
Bobwhite Quail	Oct. 29 - Jan. 31, 2006	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	8	16
Gray Partridge	Oct. 8 - Jan. 31, 2006	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	8	16
Ruffed Grouse	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31, 2006	Sunrise to Sunset	3	6
Rabbit (Cottontail)	Sept. 1 to Feb. 28, 2006	Sunrise to Sunset	10	20
Rabbit (Jack)	Oct. 29 - Dec. 1	Sunrise to Sunset	2	4
Squirrel (Fox and Gray)	Sept. 1 - Jan. 31, 2006	None	6	12
Groundhog	June 15 - Oct. 31	None	None	None
Crow	Oct. 15 - Nov. 30 and Jan. 14 - March 31, 2006	None	None	None
Pigeon ⁴	Oct. 1 - March 31, 2006	None	None	None
Furbearer Hunting Seasons				
Coyote	Continuous Open Season	None	None	None
Raccoon and Opossum	Nov. 5 - Jan. 31, 2006	8 a.m. on First Day	None	None
Fox (Red and Gray)	Nov. 5 - Jan. 31, 2006	8 a.m. on First Day	None	None
Iowa 2005 - 2006 Trapping Season				
Species	Season			
Mink, Muskrat, Raccoon Weasel, Striped Skunk, Badger, Opossum, Fox (Red and Gray), Coyote	Nov. 5 - Jan. 31, 2006	8 a.m. on First Day	None	None
Beaver	Nov. 5 - April 15, 2006	8 a.m. on First Day	None	None
Civet Cat (Spotted Skunk), Bobcat, Otter, Gray Wolf	Continuous Closed			
¹ Residents age 15 or younger ² After first day ³ See below for complete requirements ⁴ Within 100 yards of buildings and bridges, pigeons may be taken year round				

UPLAND GAME HUNTING INFORMATION

See p. 12 - 14 for general hunting regulations that may also apply to upland game hunters.

Resident and Nonresident License Requirements

See p. 6 for eligibility requirements for resident licenses and for licenses required.

Resident and Nonresident License Fees p. 5.

Hunter Orange Required

To hunt upland game birds you must wear at least one of the following articles of visible, external apparel with at least 50 percent of its surface area solid blaze orange in color: hat, cap, vest, coat, jacket, sweatshirt, shirt or coveralls.

Transporting Pheasants

A foot, fully feathered wing, or fully feathered head must remain attached to any pheasant transported within the state. The bird may be field dressed, but the carcass must remain intact.

Youth Pheasant Season

Resident hunters ages 15 or younger may hunt rooster (male) pheasants during the Youth Pheasant Season without having a Hunting License, paying the Habitat Fee, or passing a hunter education course. The youth hunter must be accompanied by an adult 18 years old or older who has a valid Hunting License and has paid the Habitat Fee if normally required to do so to hunt. Only the youth may shoot pheasants. The adult may shoot other game if seasons are open. All other regulations in effect for the regular pheasant season apply during the youth hunt.