



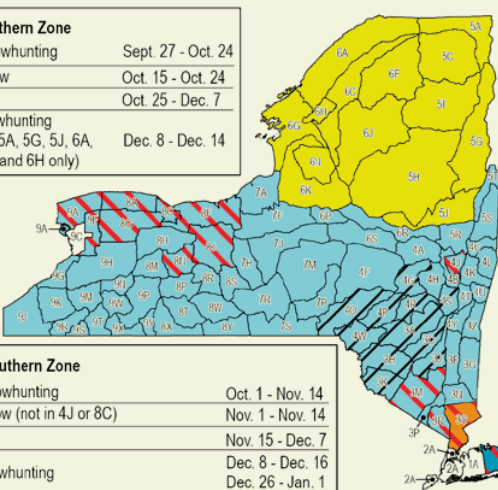
“I am an outdoor sportsman, shooting enthusiast, and firearms instructor. I am pleased to support the continuation of this tradition of hunting and conservation in our state.”

Joe

Regular & Bowhunting Deer Seasons

Hunting Hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset

Northern Zone	
Early Bowhunting	Sept. 27 - Oct. 24
Crossbow	Oct. 15 - Oct. 24
Regular	Oct. 25 - Dec. 7
Late Bowhunting (WMUs 5A, 5G, 5J, 6A, 6C, 6G, and 6H only)	Dec. 8 - Dec. 14



Southern Zone	
Early Bowhunting	Oct. 1 - Nov. 14
Crossbow (not in 4J or 8C)	Nov. 1 - Nov. 14
Regular	Nov. 15 - Dec. 7
Late Bowhunting	Dec. 8 - Dec. 16
	Dec. 26 - Jan. 1

Westchester County (3S)	
Regular - bowhunting only	Oct. 1 - Dec. 31
Suffolk County (1C)	
Regular - Bowhunting Only	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31
Special Firearms (Permit Req.)	Jan. 4 - Jan. 31
Early Antlerless Season	
	Sept. 13 - Sept. 21

Tags: DMP and DMAP
Vertical Bow-Only: 1C, 3S, 4J, 8C
Firearms, Bow, & Crossbow: 3M, 3R, 8A, 8F, 8G, 8J, 8N, 9A, and 9F

Youth Firearms

Season Dates

Oct. 11 - 13

Area Open

All open areas, except bowhunting only WMUs

Eligible Hunters

- Youth 14-15 yrs
- Youths 12-13 yrs (select counties, see dec.ny.gov)

Bag Limit

One deer

Tags

Regular (either sex), DMP and DMAP (antlerless only); Bow/Muzz tags are not valid

Antler Point Restrictions

During all seasons, antlered bucks must have at least 1 antler with 3 or more points that are at least 1 inch long. Young hunters (ages 12-16) are exempt.

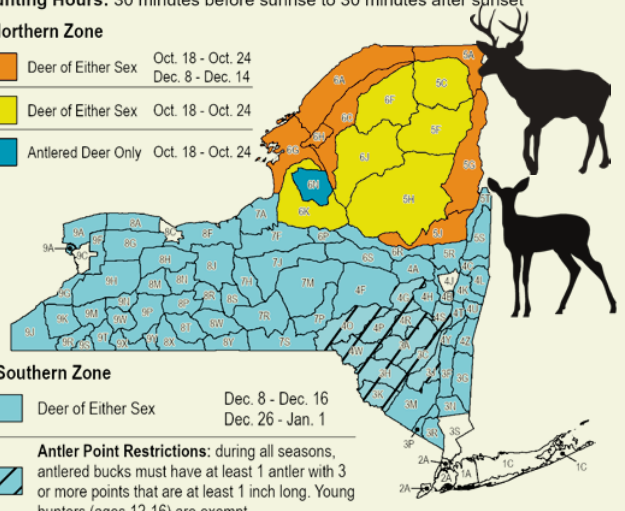
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Muzzleloading Deer Seasons

Hunting Hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset

Northern Zone

Deer of Either Sex	Oct. 18 - Oct. 24
	Dec. 8 - Dec. 14
Deer of Either Sex	Oct. 18 - Oct. 24
Antlered Deer Only	Oct. 18 - Oct. 24



Southern Zone

Deer of Either Sex	Dec. 8 - Dec. 16
	Dec. 26 - Jan. 1

Closed



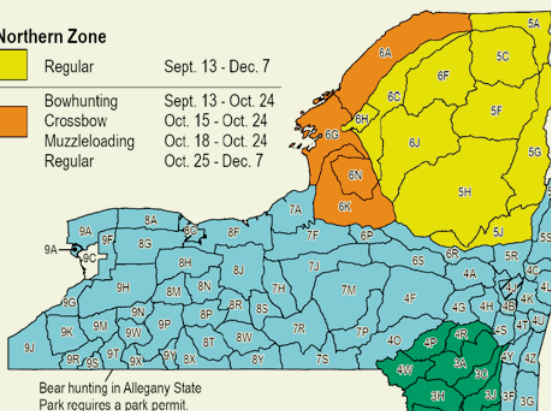
Crossbows may be used to hunt deer and bear during their respective firearms seasons (early bear, regular and muzzleloading deer & bear seasons). Crossbows may not be used to hunt deer during the youth firearms season, or anytime in WMUs 1C, 3S, 4J or 8C.

Black Bear Hunting

Hunting Hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset

Northern Zone

Regular	Sept. 13 - Dec. 7
Bowhunting	Sept. 13 - Oct. 24
Crossbow	Oct. 15 - Oct. 24
Muzzleloading	Oct. 18 - Oct. 24
Regular	Oct. 25 - Dec. 7



Southern Zone

Early Firearms	Sept. 6 - Sept. 21
Early Bowhunting	Oct. 1 - Nov. 14
Crossbow (Not in WMUs 4J or 8C)	Nov. 1 - Nov. 14
Regular	Nov. 15 - Dec. 7
Late Bowhunting	Dec. 8 - Dec. 16
Late Muzzleloading	Dec. 8 - Dec. 16

Westchester County (3S)	
Regular - bowhunting Only	Oct. 1 - Dec. 31

Bowhunting Only WMUs

Closed

Youth Firearms

Season Dates

Oct. 11 - 13, 2025

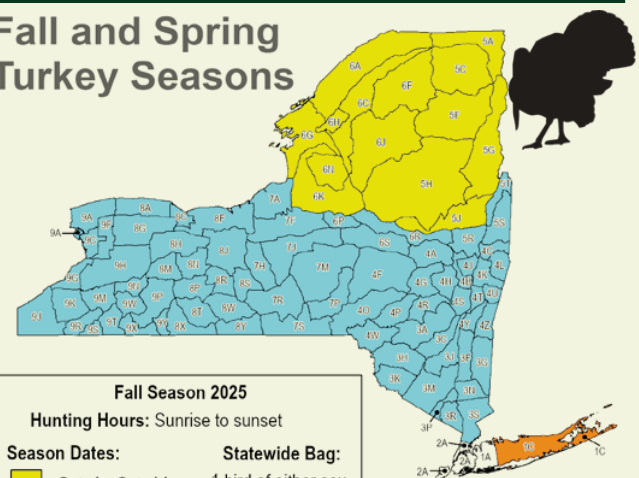
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Eligible Hunters

Youth 14-15 yrs

Fall and Spring Turkey Seasons



Fall Season 2025

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to sunset

Season Dates:		Statewide Bag:	
Oct. 1 - Oct. 14		1 bird of either sex	
Oct. 18 - Oct. 31			
Nov. 15 - Nov. 28			
Closed			

Spring Season 2026

Hunting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to noon

Season Dates:		Statewide Bag:	
May 1 - May 31		- 2 bearded birds, no more than 1 per day.	
in all open areas		- No more than 1 in WMU 1C.	
Closed			

Youth Turkey Season Spring 2026

Hunting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to noon
Season Dates: April 25 - 26, 2026
Statewide Bag Limit: 1 bearded bird
Open Areas: Same as regular spring season



Remember to Report Your Game Harvest

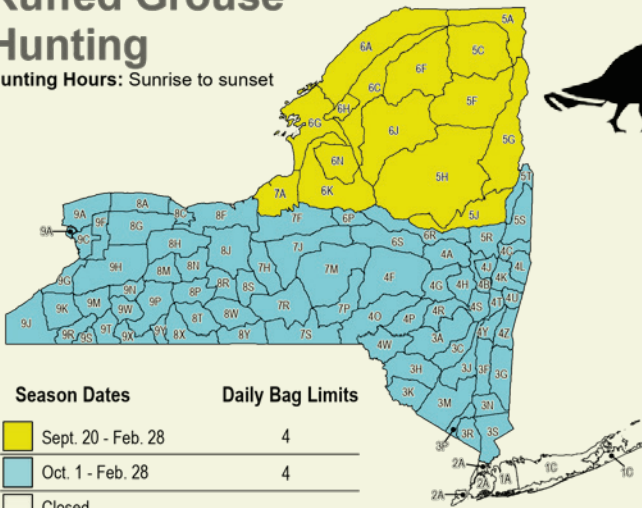
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Most regulations are in effect Sept. 1, 2025 through Aug. 31, 2026

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Ruffed Grouse Hunting

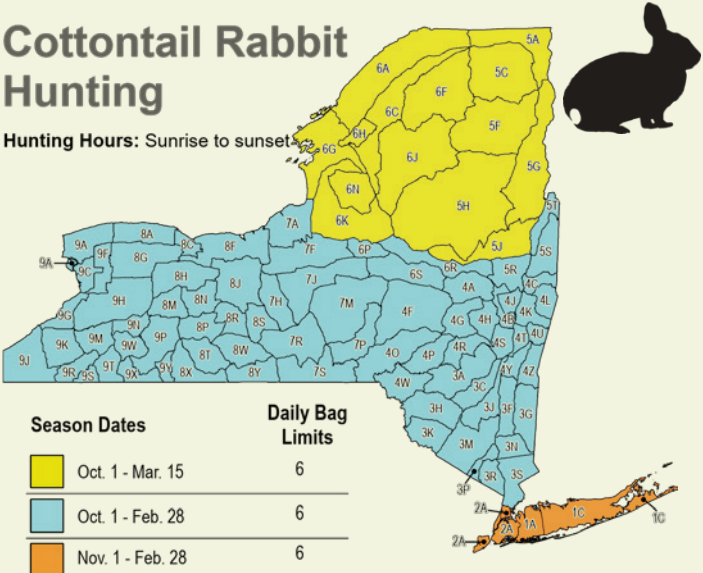
Hunting Hours: Sunrise to sunset



Season Dates	Daily Bag Limits
Sept. 20 - Feb. 28	4
Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	4
Closed	

Cottontail Rabbit Hunting

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to sunset

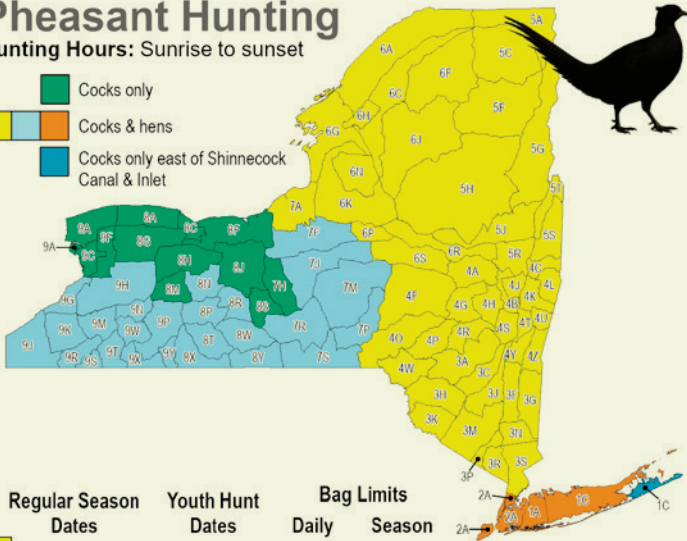


Season Dates	Daily Bag Limits
Oct. 1 - Mar. 15	6
Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	6
Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	6

Pheasant Hunting

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to sunset

- Cocks only
- Cocks & hens
- Cocks only east of Shinnecock Canal & Inlet

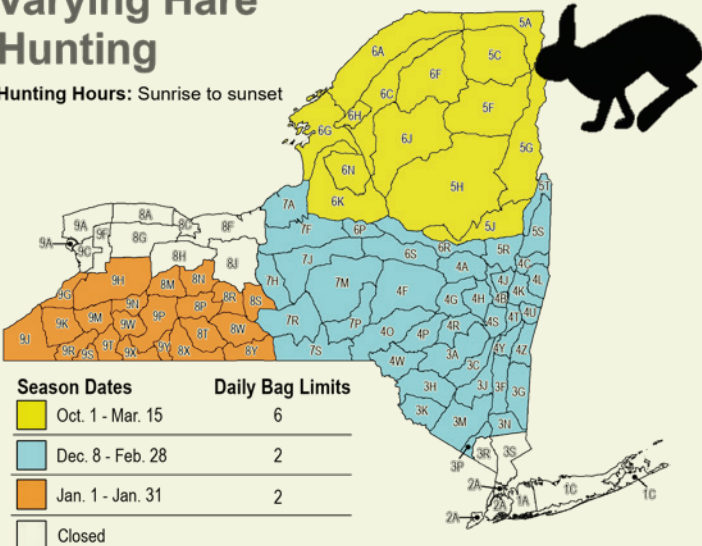


Regular Season Dates	Youth Hunt Dates	Bag Limits Daily	Season
Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	Sept. 27 & 28	2	--
Oct. 18 - Feb. 28	Oct. 11 & 12	2	--
Oct. 18 - Dec. 31	Oct. 11 & 12	2	--
Nov. 1 - Dec. 31	Oct. 25 & 26 ¹	2 ¹ /4 ^{**}	30
Nov. 1 - Dec. 31	Oct. 25 & 26	2 ¹ /4 ^{**}	30

¹In WMU 2A no youth hunt; hunting is by falconry only
^{**}Youth hunt
^{**}Regular season

Varying Hare Hunting

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to sunset



Season Dates	Daily Bag Limits
Oct. 1 - Mar. 15	6
Dec. 8 - Feb. 28	2
Jan. 1 - Jan. 31	2
Closed	

Gray, Black & Fox Squirrel Hunting

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to sunset

Long Island & NYC: Nov. 1 Feb. 28

All other areas of New York: Sept. 1 Feb. 28

Daily bag limit of 6 total, regardless of species



Red squirrels are unprotected, and may be hunted at any time without limit.

Bobwhite Quail Hunting

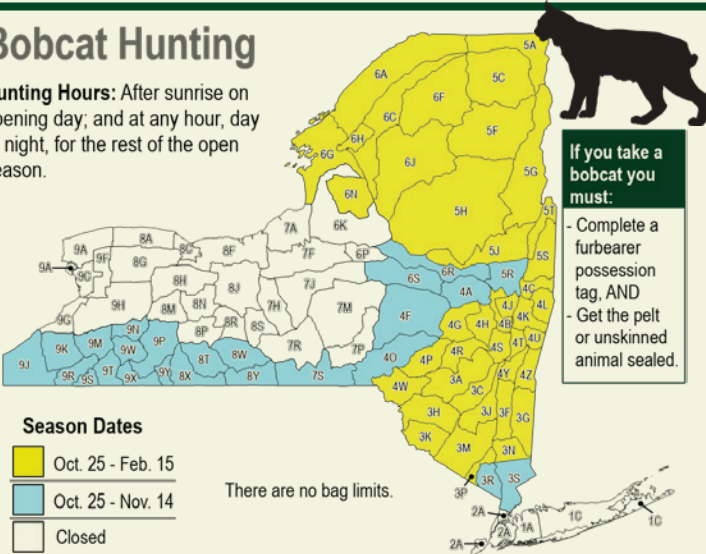
Hunting Hours: Sunrise to sunset

Season Dates	Bag Limits Daily	Season
Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	4	10
Nov. 1 - Dec. 31	6	40
Closed		



Bobcat Hunting

Hunting Hours: After sunrise on opening day; and at any hour, day or night, for the rest of the open season.



Season Dates
Oct. 25 - Feb. 15
Oct. 25 - Nov. 14
Closed

There are no bag limits.

If you take a bobcat you must:

- Complete a furbearer possession tag, AND
- Get the pelt or unskinned animal sealed.

Raccoon, Fox, Skunk, Opossum & Weasel Hunting

Long Island & NYC: Nov. 1 Feb. 25

All other areas of New York: Oct. 25 Feb. 15

There are no bag limits for these species. They may be hunted during the day or night, except weasel, which may only be hunted from sunrise to sunset.



Coyote Hunting

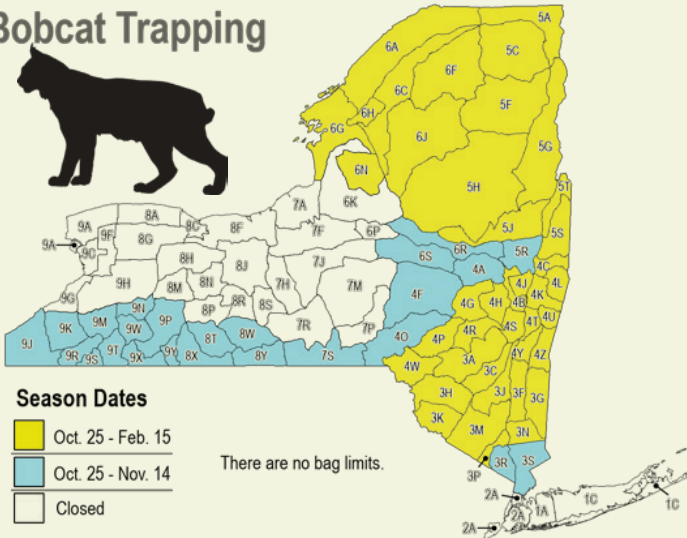
Statewide except Long Island & NYC: Oct. 1 Mar. 29

There are no bag limits for coyotes. They may be hunted during the day or night.

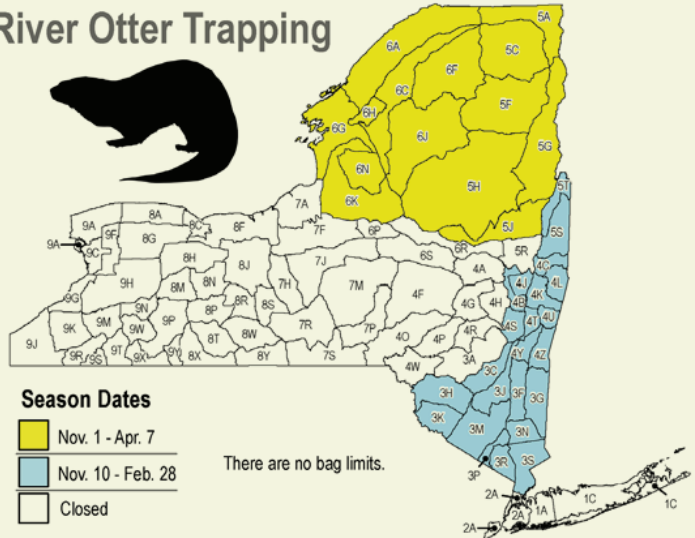


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Bobcat Trapping



River Otter Trapping



If you take a bobcat, otter, fisher, or marten, you must:

- Complete a furbearer possession tag, AND
- Get the pelt or unskinned animal sealed.

Fisher & Marten Trapping

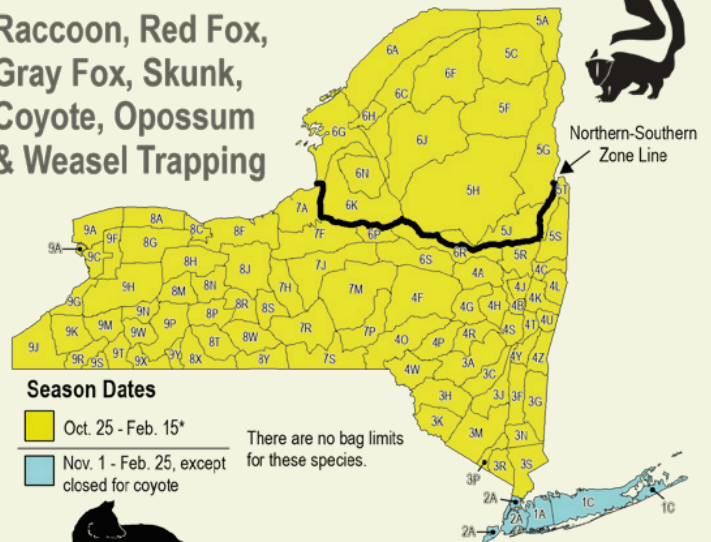
To trap marten, you also need a free permit from a Regional Wildlife Office.



Season Dates	Species
Yellow	Fisher and marten.
Light Blue	Fisher only.
Orange	Fisher only.
White	Closed

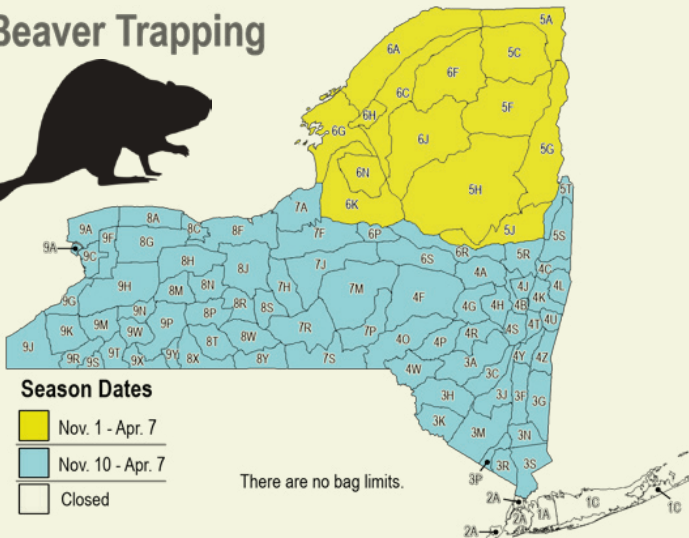
There are no bag limits for fisher. Season limit of 6 marten.

Raccoon, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Skunk, Coyote, Opossum & Weasel Trapping

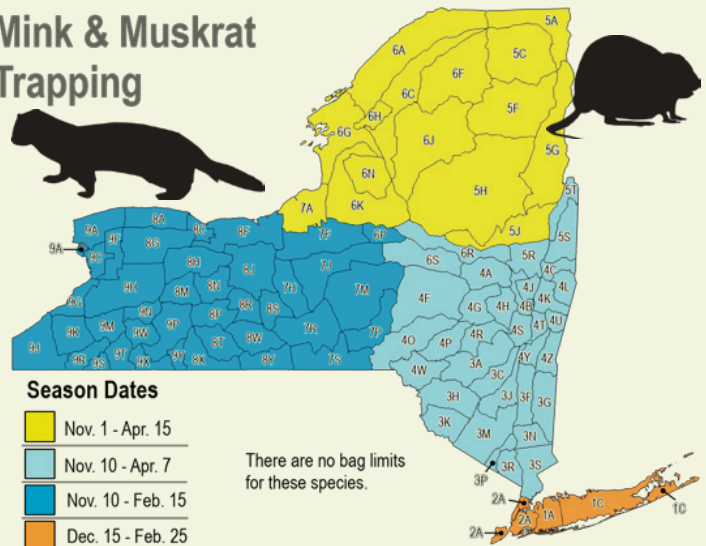


*In the Northern Zone, body gripping traps set on land may not be set with bait or lure if the fisher and marten season is closed.

Beaver Trapping



Mink & Muskrat Trapping



Annual Hunting License	Resident	\$5	Non-resident	\$5
Agnes 12-15		\$5		\$5
Agnes 16-69		\$22		\$100
Agnes 70+		\$5		\$100
Bowhunting Privilege	Resident	\$4	Non-resident	\$4
Agnes 12-15		\$4		\$4
Agnes 16-69		\$15		\$30
Agnes 70+		No fee		\$30
Muzzleloading Privilege	Resident	\$15	Non-resident	\$30
Agnes 14-69		\$15		\$30
Agnes 70+		No fee		\$30
Turkey Permit	Resident	\$10	Non-resident	\$20
Agnes 12+		\$10		\$20

Active military and some veterans may qualify for reduced fees.



The block contains a portrait of Joe Angelino on the left and his campaign logo on the right. The logo features a green hill with blue pine trees and a blue sky with white clouds. The text "Joe Angelino" is written in a large, white, sans-serif font, with "STATE ASSEMBLY" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font below it.

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Hunting is a tradition shared by many and is an important part of the heritage of Upstate New York.



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BULLETIN: Scan here to check the status of the bill passed which will allow crossbows to be used in any area where longbows are allowed.

