

Pa. Small Game Season Opens

The regular statewide small game season in Pennsylvania will open this Saturday, October 29, at 9 a.m. Daylight Saving Time.

Game Commission Executive Director Glenn L. Bowers reminded hunters that NO wild birds or wild animals, including migratory birds, may be hunted before 9 a.m. E.D.T. this Saturday.

Hunting hours for the first day of the season will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time. Beginning next Monday, October 31, and continuing thereafter, daily shooting hours for small game will be 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Species which will become legal targets on October 29 include male ringneck pheasants, cottontail rabbits, wild turkeys and bobwhite quail. An early season on ruffed grouse and squirrel began October 15.

The season on all of the above species, except turkey, will continue through November 26. The season for turkey will end in all but the North-central Pennsylvania area on

November 12. In the north-central part of the state, the turkey season will continue until November 26.

Bowers said, "Pre-season reports from the field indicate that nearly all species of wildlife had a productive year. Favorable food and cover conditions prevailed generally, and if the weatherman cooperates, hunters can look forward to a good year."

Following are daily and season bag limits for small game species:

COTTONTAIL RABBITS — A limit of four per hunter per day and 20 for the season.

RINGNECK PHEASANTS — The daily limit is two, with a season limit of eight (males only).

WILD TURKEY — A season limit of one per hunter.

BOBWHITE QUAIL — A limit of four per day and 20 per season.

RUFFED GROUSE — A daily limit of two, with a season limit of ten.

SQUIRRELS — Six per day and 30 per season.

A winter season on squirrels, grouse and cottontail rabbits will open on December 26 and close on January 7. The season on snowshoe hares will open on December 26 and close on January 2.

Fricasseed Raccoon Recipe Offered

When was the last time you served fricasseed raccoon or baked stuffed muskrat or fried woodchuck for dinner?

If your husband is a hunter, chances are you may soon be faced with the challenge of cooking a variety of wild game that is triumphantly carried home after the kill, says a food-nutrition specialist.

Deer, rabbit, squirrel, pheasant, wild duck and wild goose are the most prized of wild game. But opossum, raccoon, muskrat, and woodchuck make good eating too — as long as all the meat is carefully caled for before reaching home and properly prepared in the kitchen.

In her publication—"Good Eating With Game Meats"—Mrs. Edith Pheil, University of Maryland Extension Service, tells how to dress birds and mammals and cook the fare.

The home economist especially warns hunters to "take extra caution when dressing rabbits because of the possibility of tularemia (rabbit fever)."

"Hunters should avoid 'sick-looking or acting rabbits,'" she stresses. "Most human cases

of tularemia have been contracted through cuts or other injuries on the hands."

Mrs. Pheil also asks hunters to "free all game animal carcasses of hair, gun shot, severely damaged flesh or other debris before presenting them to the cook."

Here are two recipes from "Good Eating With Game Meats"

FRICASSEED RACCOON
8 servings — 2 1/4 hours cooking time.

1 raccoon
2 tablespoons salt
1 teaspoon pepper
1 cup flour
1/4 cup fat
2 cups broth

Clean raccoon and remove all fat. Cut into 8 or 10 pieces. Rub with salt and pepper and roll in flour. Cook in hot fat until brown, add the broth, cover and simmer for 2 hours or until tender.

SMOTHERED WILD DUCK
3-4 servings.

1 duck
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/2 cup flour
1/2 cup fat
1 cup milk

Cut cleaned duck into 6 or 7 pieces. Season with salt and pepper and roll in flour. Fry duck slowly in hot fat until

To Make Good Pickles Use:
High quality ingredients. Cucumbers or other vegetables or fruits to be pickled should be:

Fresh and free from blemishes

Freshly pickled—a good rule is less than 6 hours from vine to brine or pickling solution.

Of proper maturity—slightly immature vegetables make the best pickles. Fruits should be firm and slightly underripe.

Sorted for size and ripeness. Salt should be pure granulated or common salt. Iodized salt may make pickles cloudy.

Vinegar should be Good and clear. Homemade vinegar may not give good results.

Distilled white to produce light colored pickles.

Cider or distilled white when making other pickles.

Spices should be Fresh to give the desired flavor.

Whole so pickles will not become darkened.

brown on both sides, about 30 minutes, turning only once.

Add the milk, cover tightly and simmer slowly for 1 hour or until tender (It may be baked in slow oven, 325 deg. F.)

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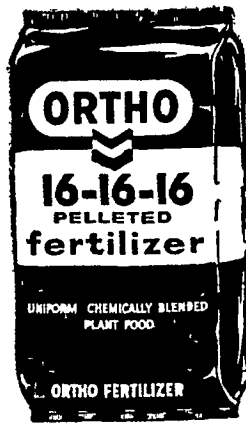
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