

Squirrels, rabbits abound

Upper Delta is good site

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Before deer populations soared, most people hunted squirrels and rabbits. Both seasons open on Sept. 14 and run through March 8, 2020, with a daily limit of eight each.

Sportsmen can find squirrels in any area growing with mature hardwood trees or mixed hardwoods and pines. In southern Alabama, some of the best squirrel hunting occurs in the Upper Delta Wildlife Management Area. The David K. Nelson WMA near Demopolis also holds a good squirrel population. Both tracts contain abundant hardwoods, but hunters can only reach

many spots by boat.

“I think we’ll have a really good season for squirrels and rabbits in southern Alabama,” reported Thomas Harms, area biologist for the Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division in Spanish Fort. “Squirrel hunting success depends upon mast production, but I think we’re going to have a good year. The Perdido River WMA has a lot of open fields that have rabbits.”

Masters of concealment, squirrels often challenge even the most experienced sportsmen. To hunt squirrels, find a spot with good mast-bearing trees and move

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A gray squirrel devours a morsel he found on the forest floor.



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