



# Hunting News

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### Submit Your Pics!

Got a cool photo from a recent hunting trip in Grafton? Send it to [hunting@graftonland.org](mailto:hunting@graftonland.org) and we'll publish it in the "Photo of the month" section of *Hunting News*.

Dear Hunter,

RE: New Hunting Policy Approved

The Grafton Land Trust (GLT) recognizes hunting as one of many viable recreational uses of our properties. We also recognize the need to maintain open lines of communication between our membership, hunting permit holders, abutting land owners and the public-at-large with regard to all aspects of our hunting program. To that end, the GLT Board of Directors recently approved a new hunting policy.

The policy, which was written with both hunters and non-hunters in mind, serves as an excellent educational document and establishes a set of reasonable controls to ensure the safety of all those utilizing our properties during hunting season.

A copy of our hunting policy can be found at [graftonland.org](http://graftonland.org).

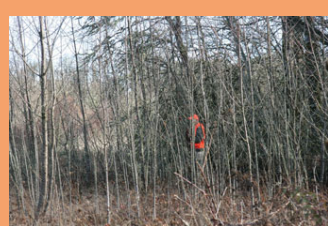
We wish you a safe and successful hunting season.

Sincerely,

Troy M. Gipps  
Hunting Program Coordinator  
Grafton Land Trust

### Safety Tip

Be Safe ... Be Seen. Wearing hunter orange is the single most important thing you can do to ensure a safe and successful hunting season this year. Massachusetts mandates the wear of "hunter orange" by hunters during the period when it is legal to hunt deer with a shotgun, during this time all hunters, except waterfowl hunters hunting within a blind or from a boat, must wear, in a conspicuous manner on chest, back, and head, a minimum of 500 square inches of "hunter orange" clothing or material. During the muzzleloader season, all deer hunters must comply with the 500 sq. inch hunter orange requirement. The state also requires the wear of hunter orange cap on public shooting grounds or WMAs where pheasant or quail are stocked. If you are hunting on GLT property from a camouflaged ground blind during the shotgun or primitive firearms season for deer we require that you affix a sufficient amount of hunter orange material to your blind to ensure it is visible from all directions. *Be Safe, Be Seen, Go Orange!*

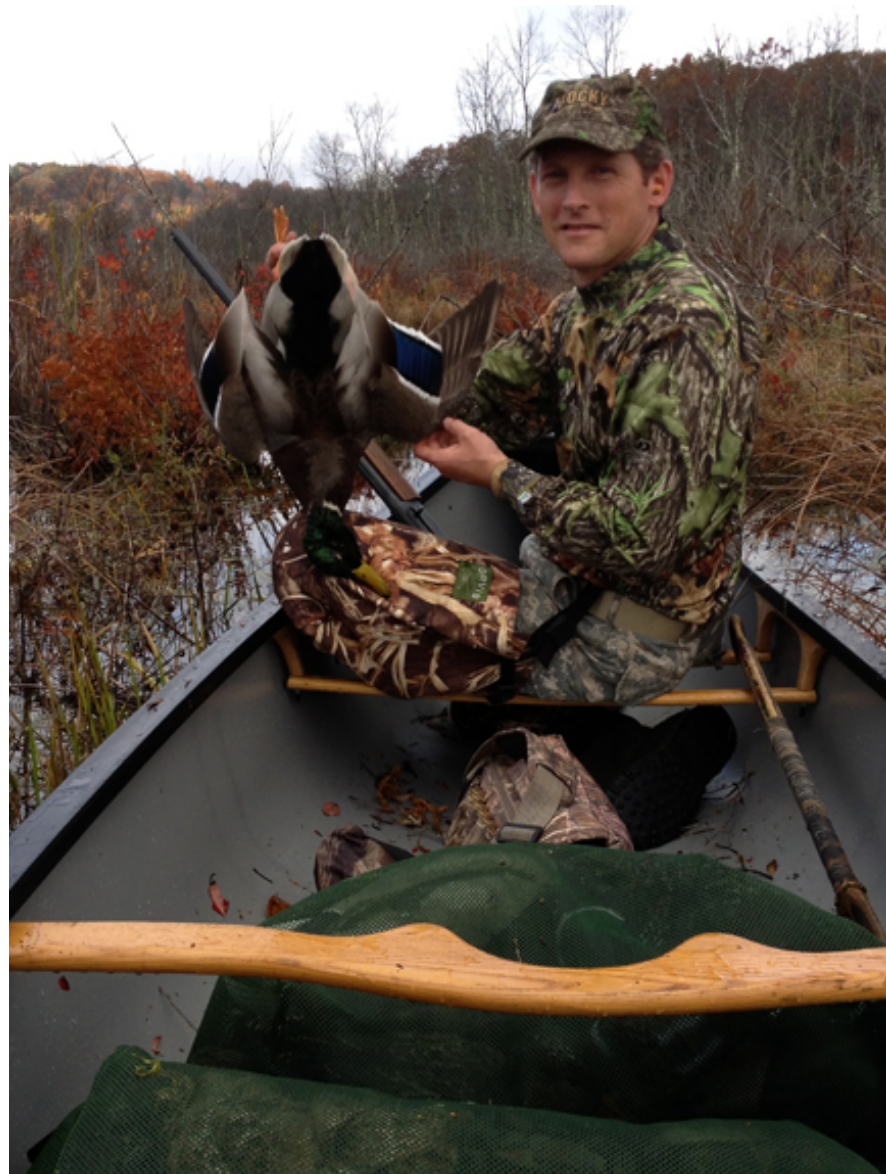


### What's in season this month?

- Whitetail Deer (Archery) ... Oct. 15 - Nov. 24
- Wild Turkey ... Oct. 29 - Nov. 3
- Gray Squirrel ... Sept. 10 - Jan. 2, 2013
- Cottontail Rabbit ... Oct. 13 - Feb. 28, 2013
- Ruffed Grouse ... Oct. 13 - Nov. 24
- Pheasant ... Oct. 13 - Nov. 24
- Coyote ... Oct. 13 - Mar. 8, 2013
- Raccoon ... Oct. 1 - Jan 31, 2013
- Opossum ... Oct. 1 - Jan 31, 2013
- Woodcock ... Oct. 3 - Oct 27 & Oct. 29 - Nov. 17
- Ducks (Central) Oct. 8 - Nov. 24
- Canada Goose (Central/except Snow & Blue) ... Oct. 8 - Nov 24
- Snow & Blue Goose ... same as ducks
- American Coot ... same as ducks
- Mergansers ... same as ducks



### Photo of the month



GLT Hunting Program Coordinator, Troy Gipps, bagged this big drake mallard during a recent hunt in a Grafton wetland. It was his first duck of the 2012-2013 waterfowl season. (Photo by Dean Cerrati)

The Grafton Land Trust is a private, member-supported, nonprofit organization that preserves, maintains, and advocates for open space in Grafton, and promotes environmental education and stewardship.

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