

Urban Deer Management 2018/2019 Season

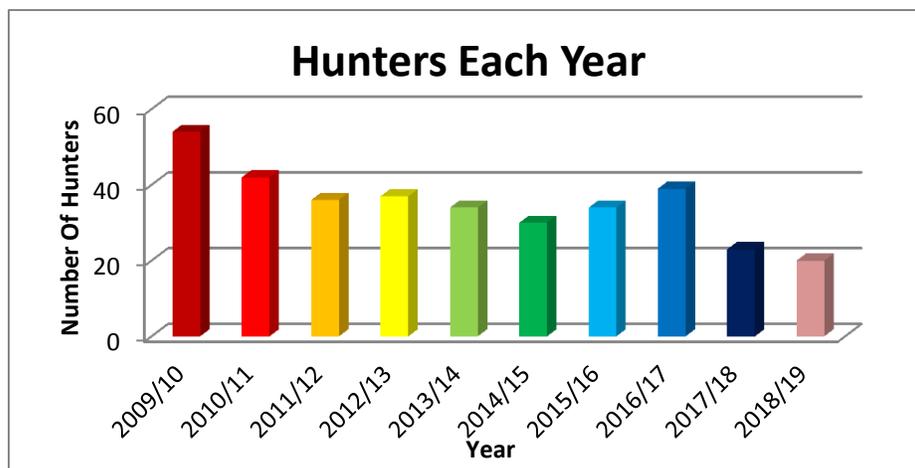
Onalaska Park and Recreation Department continues to work to bring success during the Urban Deer Management seasons, and this year was no exception. The 2018/19 season began on September 15, when the first tags were able to be picked up.

PRIVATE LANDS	PARKLANDS (Monday thru Friday)
September 15 to October 5	October 15 to October 19
October 8 to November 16	November 5 to November 9
December 10 to January 31	December 10 to December 14
NASA October 27 and 28	January 14 to January 18

Some statistics are as follows:

1. The total number of registered hunters and the average amount of days they hunted were:

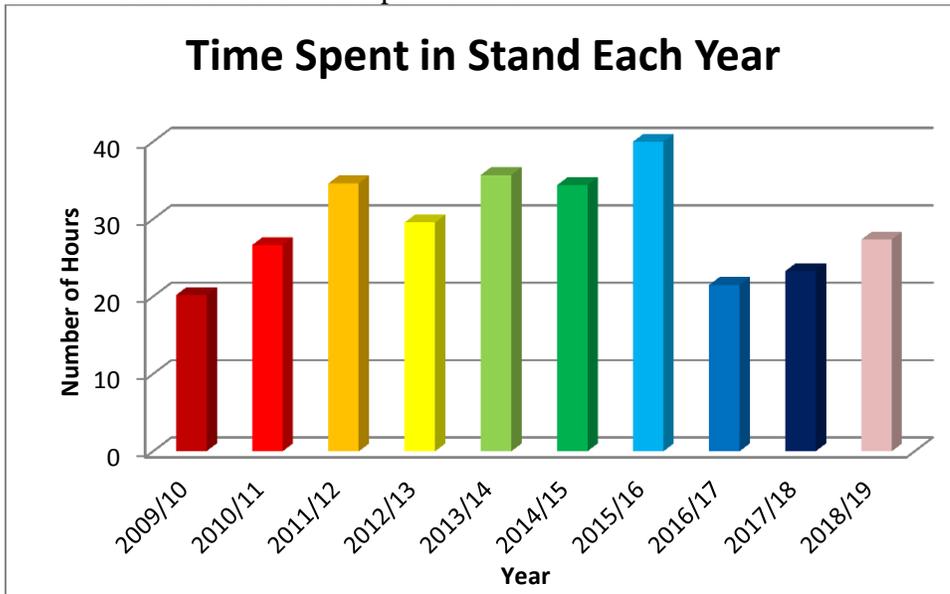
- **2018/19: 20 hunters who hunted an average of 9.35 days**
- 2017/18: 23 hunters who hunted an average of 8.3 days.
- 2016/17: 39 hunters who hunted for an average of 7.1 days.
- 2015/16: 34 hunters who hunted for an average of 10.85 days.
- 2014/15: 30 hunters who hunted for an average of 12.37 days.
- 2013/14: 34 hunters who hunted for an average of 9.5 days.
- 2012/13: 37 hunters who hunted for an average of 12.5 days.
- 2011/12: 36 hunters who hunted for an average of 10.39 days.
- 2010/11: 42 hunters who hunted for an average of 12.30 days.
- 2009/10: 54 hunters who hunted for an average of 7.6 days



2. The average amount of time spent in the stands was:

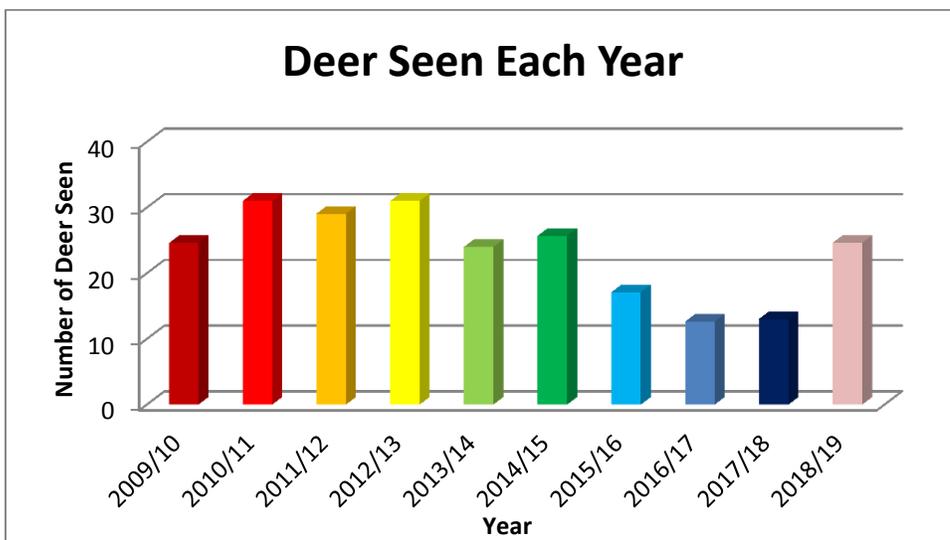
- **2018/19: 27.35 hours per hunter**
- 2017/18: 23.28 hours per hunter
- 2016/17: 21.5 hours per hunter
- 2015/16: 40 hours per hunter
- 2014/15: 34.38 hours per hunter

- 2013/14: 35.7 hours per hunter
- 2012/13: 29.56 hours per hunter
- 2011/12: 34.62 hours per hunter
- 2010/11: 26.65 hours per hunter
- 2009/10: 20.18 hours per hunter.



3. The average number of deer seen per hunter and the total number of deer seen was:

- **2018/19: average of 24.65 deer seen per hunter with a total of 493 deer**
- 2017/18: average of 11.91 deer seen per hunter with a total of 274 deer
- 2016/17: average of 12.64 deer seen per hunter with a total of 493 deer
- 2015/16: average of 17.12 deer seen per hunter with a total of 582 deer
- 2014/15: average of 25.7 deer seen per hunter with a total of 771 deer
- 2013/14: average of 24 deer seen per hunter with a total of 822 deer
- 2012/13: average of 31 deer seen per hunter with a total of 1,176 deer
- 2011/12: average of 29.06 deer seen per hunter with a total of 1,046 deer
- 2010/11: average of 31 deer seen per hunter with a total 1,302 deer
- 2009/10: average of 24.6 deer seen per hunter with a total of 1,329 deer



	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
HUNTER SEEN	17	5	8	5	29	25	29	24	40
NON-HUNTER SEEN	19	19	76	66	87	93	95	55	76
SHOTS TAKEN	27	22	31	39	49	37	42	39	46
ARROWS RETRIVED	26	22	30	37	47	35	42	39	43
DEER HIT	25	21	28	35	46	33	36	36	37
DEER RECOVERED	23	19	23	27	40	28	33	30	30
NON RECOVERED	2	2	5	8	6	5	3	6	7
% RECOVERED	92%	90%	82%	77%	87%	84%	92%	83%	81%

Some of the reasons that deer have not been recovered is because of losing blood trail and land access.

Since the inception of the City of Onalaska Urban Deer Management program 253 deer have been harvested. This program continues to be an ethical way to thin the urban deer herd.



Staff Time

It has been requested that we include staff time in this report. Although it is difficult to pinpoint every moment spent dealing with the Urban Deer Management Program, we have broken down our time as the following:

- 12 hours of field work by park staff to make sure proper signs are up and each zone is identified
- 10 hours spent registering program participants
- 47 hours of data entry and annual report preparation