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# OREGON GAME BIRD

## HUNTING REGULATIONS



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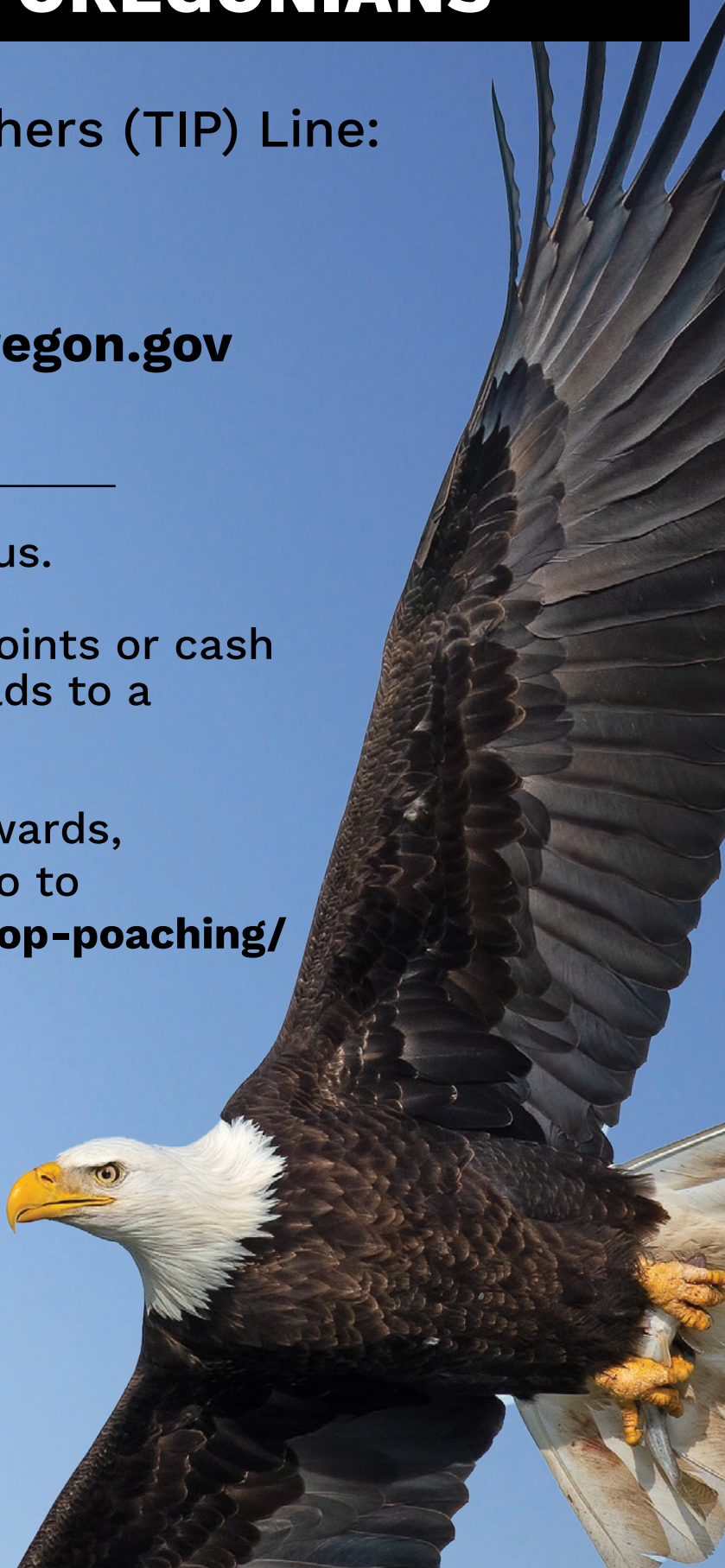
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## WHAT'S NEW FOR 2023-24

- Increased cost of western Oregon fee pheasant permit and created youth permit. See page 4.
- Opened western Oregon fall turkey season on Sept. 1 and created beardless turkey permit. See pages 23-24.



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**Hwy** = Highway  
**ID** = Identification

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**NF** = National Forest  
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**R** = Range  
**RHA** = Regulated Hunt Area  
**Rd** = Road

**Rvr** = River  
**Sq Mi** = Square Miles  
**T** = Township  
**UCAP** = Upland Coop. Access Program  
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# LICENSE, TAG, AND PERMIT FEES

## OREGON GAME BIRD LICENSE, TAG, AND PERMIT FEES

DESCRIPTION	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT
<b>ANNUAL LICENSES</b>		
Hunting	\$34.50	\$172.00
Combination Hunting and Angling	\$73.00	N/A
Sports Pac — Includes Hunting, Angling and Shellfish Licenses, Combined Angling Harvest Tag, Upland Game Bird and Waterfowl Validations, plus a General or Controlled Deer, General or Controlled Elk, Cougar, General or Controlled Bear, and Spring or Fall Turkey Tag.	\$196.50	N/A
Landowner (valid only for game birds on their own property see page 6)	Free	N/A
<b>3-DAY LICENSE</b>		
Three-Day Hunting License for Game Birds and Crows (age 18 and older). See page 7 for applicable game bird validations, permits, and tags required in addition to this license. Cannot be used to apply for controlled hunts.	N/A	\$32.50
<b>PERMITS AND VALIDATIONS</b>		
HIP Validation (valid July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)	Free	
Upland Game Bird Validation (age 18 and older) (valid July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)	\$10.00	N/A
Waterfowl Validation (age 18 and older) (valid July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)	\$13.50	N/A
Nonresident Game Bird Validation (age 18 and older) (valid July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)	N/A	\$44.50
Band-tailed Pigeon Permit		\$2.00
Sage-Grouse Permit		\$2.00
Brant Permit		\$2.00
Sea Duck Permit		\$2.00
Northwest Oregon Goose Permit		\$2.00
Western Oregon Fee Pheasant Permit		\$25.00
Beardless Turkey Permit	\$26.50	\$90.00
<b>TAGS</b>		
Turkey (Spring or Fall)	\$26.50	\$90.00

## OTHER PERMITS AND APPLICATIONS

DESCRIPTION	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT
*Duplicate (Paper Licenses, Tags, Permits)		\$2.00
Wildlife Area Parking Permit — Daily		\$10.00
Wildlife Area Parking Permit — Annual		\$30.00
Controlled Hunt Application — Game Birds		\$4.00
Wildlife Area Reservation Daily Hunt Permits		\$2.00
**Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Permit — Motorized Boats	N/A	\$22.00
Waterway Access Permit (All non-motorized boats 10 feet or longer, Including drift boats, rafts, stand up paddleboards, inflatables, etc.)**	\$7.00 weekly/7 day, \$19.00 annual, \$32.00 two-year	
Oregon Disabilities Hunting and Fishing Permit — Contact ODFW Salem HQ	Free	

## YOUTH

DESCRIPTION	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT
LICENSES		
Combination License (12-17 years old) — Includes Hunting, Angling, Shellfish and Columbia Rvr Basin Endorsement	\$10.00	
Youth Sports Pac — includes Hunting/ Angling/Shellfish Licenses, Combined Angling Harvest Tag, Upland Game Bird and Waterfowl Validations, plus a General or Controlled Deer, General or Controlled Elk, Cougar, General or Controlled Bear, Spring or Fall Turkey Tag and Columbia Rvr Basin Endorsement.	\$55.00	N/A
Youth Game Bird Hunting License for age 11 and younger	Free	
PERMITS AND VALIDATIONS		
Youth Upland Game Bird Validation (age 12-17) (valid July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)	\$4.00	
Youth Waterfowl Validation (age 12-17) (valid July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)	\$4.00	
Youth Western Oregon Fee Pheasant Permit	\$10.00	
Youth Beardless Turkey Permit	\$10.50	
TAGS		
Youth Turkey (Spring or Fall)	\$10.50	

## DISABLED VETERAN AND UNIFORMED SERVICE MEMBER

DESCRIPTION	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT
<b>LICENSES</b>		
Uniformed Services Hunting	\$17.00	\$34.50
Disabled Veteran Combination Angling and Hunting — Includes Columbia Rvr Basin Endorsement	Free	N/A
<b>TAGS AND PERMITS</b>		
Uniformed Services Turkey	\$26.50	

## RESIDENT SENIOR AND PIONEER

DESCRIPTION	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT
<b>LICENSES</b>		
Senior Hunting (age 70 and 5 years Oregon residency)	\$22.00	N/A
Senior Combination Angling and Hunting (age 70 and 5 years Oregon residency)	\$47.50	N/A
Pioneer Combination — Angling, Hunting and Columbia Rvr Basin Endorsement (age 65 and 50 years Oregon residency)	\$6.00	N/A

All fees are non-refundable.

\* Tags cannot be exchanged after the season starts. The fee charged for the tag that was lost, destroyed or stolen is \$2.00.

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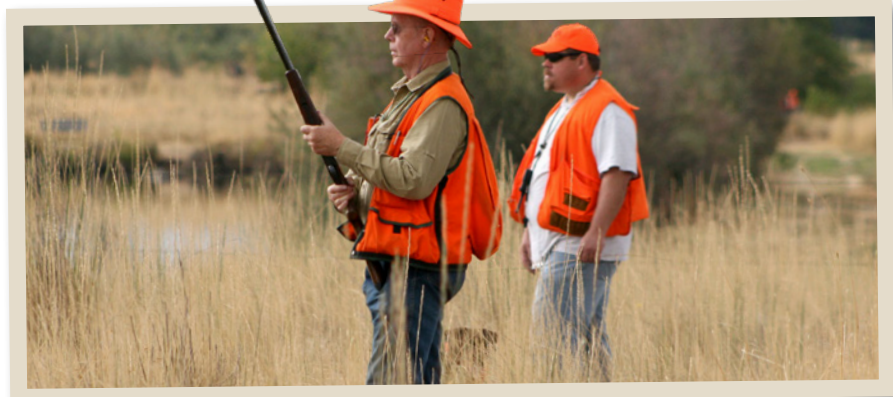




# LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

## All Hunters

- Every hunter must have in his or her possession a valid hunting license (see page 4 for license types).
  - » See exceptions for youths participating in the Mentored Youth Hunter Program on page 28 and youth 11 years of age and under in the Youth section (below).
- Annual hunting licenses are valid beginning Jan. 1, or from the time of purchase if after Jan. 1 through Dec. 31 of the document year.
- No person may possess more than one valid annual hunting license, except a youth between 9 and 11 years of age may hold both a Free Youth Game Bird Hunting License and a Youth Combination License.
- Depending on the species of game bird you are hunting, your age, and your residency status, you must have a signed federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp) or its electronic version (E-Stamp), HIP Validation, game bird validations, permits, and/or turkey tags to hunt (page 7).
  - » Federal Duck Stamps and Upland Game Bird, Waterfowl, Nonresident Game Bird, and HIP Validations are valid from Jul. 1 through Jun. 30 of the following year.
  - » **Before hunting but after Jul. 1, Sports Pac License holders must redeem Sports Pac vouchers for current game bird and HIP Validations. Sports Pac vouchers are not valid for hunting.**
- Any documents in possession, either electronic or paper, must be accessible immediately upon request by Department staff or law enforcement.



## Oregon Residency Requirements

- A resident is any person who:
  - a. Has physically resided in Oregon for not less than six consecutive months immediately prior to making application for a license, tag, or permit.
  - b. Members of the uniformed services of the United States who: (i) Are permanently assigned to active duty in this state, and their spouse and dependent children, (ii) Reside in this state while assigned to duty at any base, station, shore establishment or other facility in this state, (iii) Reside in this state while serving as members of the crew of a ship that has an Oregon port or shore establishment as its home port or permanent station.
  - c. Aliens attending school in Oregon under a foreign student exchange program.
  - d. Except for persons who qualify as a resident in (b) or (c), a "Resident" does not include a person who merely owns real property or pays property taxes in this state, or who claims resident privileges in another state or country for any purpose.
- Submitting a false application is a crime.

- » A Free Youth Game Bird License or a Youth Combination License is required to obtain Band-tailed Pigeon, Brant, Sea Duck, Northwest Goose, Fee Pheasant Permits, HIP Validations or turkey tags and to hunt for those species for which the tag, validation, or permit is required.
- » A Youth Combination License is required to apply for a Controlled Sage-Grouse Permit or a Wildlife Area Reservation Hunt.
- Youths 13 years of age and under while hunting on property other than their own must be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older.
- See exceptions for the Mentored Youth Hunter Program (page 28).

## Nonresidents

- Nonresidents choosing to purchase a Three Day Bird Hunting License must also purchase applicable game bird validations, permits, and/or turkey tags (page 7).
- Three Day Bird Hunting Licenses are valid for three consecutive days.
- Multiple Three Day Bird Hunting Licenses may be purchased during a season.
- A Three Day Bird Hunting License is not valid to apply for Controlled Sage-Grouse Permits or Wildlife Area Reservation Hunts. To apply for these, a regular hunting license is required.

## Landowners

- Resident landowners can obtain a Free Landowner Hunting License to hunt game birds on their own property, except for brant, band-tailed pigeon, sea duck, sage-grouse and turkey. For these hunt types, a regular hunting license and applicable tags and permits are required for landowners hunting on their own property.
- Landowners choosing to obtain a Free Landowner Hunting License must still purchase applicable validations to hunt for game birds (dependent on species, see page 7).

## Youth (Resident and Nonresident)

- All youths 17 years of age and younger must have a Hunter Education Certificate or a Department issued document which includes their Hunter Education Certificate Number in their possession to hunt anywhere except on their own land or land owned by their parent or legal guardian. For Hunter Education information, call the Hunter Education office in Salem at 503-947-6028.
- Youth 11 years of age and under do not need a license to hunt game birds, small game, or unprotected wildlife except:

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## TAG, VALIDATION, STAMP AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Use this table to determine what documents, in addition to a hunting license, you need to hunt each species of game bird. Various classes of hunting licenses, turkey tags and permits, and game bird validations are available depending on the age, residency status, and military service status of the hunter. See page 6 for categories.

HUNTING SEASON	HUNTER CATEGORY	TAG, VALIDATION, STAMP, AND/ OR PERMIT REQUIRED IN ADDITION TO A HUNTING LICENSE <sup>a</sup>
Ruffed Grouse, Blue Grouse, Chukar, Hungarian (Gray) Partridge, Rooster Pheasant, California Quail & Mountain Quail	Residents 18 years and older and any hunter 12-17 years old	Upland Game Bird Validation
	Nonresidents 18 years and older	Nonresident Game Bird Validation
	Any hunter 11 years and younger	No license required
Sage-Grouse <sup>b</sup>	Residents 18 years and older and any hunter 12-17 years old	Upland Game Bird Validation & Sage-Grouse Permit
	Nonresidents 18 years and older	Nonresident Game Bird Validation & Sage-Grouse Permit
	Any hunter 11 years and younger	Sage-Grouse Permit
Western Oregon Fee Pheasant	Residents 18 years and older and any hunter 12-17 years old	Upland Game Bird Validation & Fee Pheasant Permit
	Nonresidents 18 years and older	Nonresident Game Bird Validation & Fee Pheasant Permit
	Any hunter 11 years and younger	Fee Pheasant Permit
Spring Turkey	All hunters	Spring Turkey Tag
Western Oregon Fall Turkey	All hunters	Western Oregon Fall Turkey Tag
Eastern Oregon Fall Turkey	All hunters	Eastern Oregon Fall Turkey Tag
Beardless Turkey Permit Season	All hunters	Beardless Turkey Permit
Mourning Dove & Wilson's Snipe	All hunters	HIP Validation
Band-tailed Pigeon	All hunters	HIP Validation & Band-tailed Pigeon Permit
Coot	Residents 18 years and older and any hunter 12-17 years old	HIP Validation & Waterfowl Validation
	Nonresidents 18 years and older	HIP Validation & Nonresident Game Bird Validation
	Any hunter 11 years and younger	HIP Validation
Duck & Goose (excluding Sea Duck, Brant & Northwest Permit Goose Season)	Residents 18 years and older and any hunter 16 or 17 years old	HIP Validation, Waterfowl Validation & Federal Duck Stamp
	Nonresidents 18 years and older	HIP Validation, Nonresident Game Bird Validation & Federal Duck Stamp
	Any hunter 12-15 years old	HIP Validation & Waterfowl Validation
	Any hunter 11 years and younger	HIP Validation
Sea Duck	All hunters	Same as Duck & Goose + Sea Duck Permit
Brant	All hunters	Same as Duck & Goose + Brant Permit
Northwest Permit Goose Season	All hunters	Same as Duck & Goose + Northwest Goose Permit
Crow	All hunters 12 years and older	None
	All hunters 11 years and younger	No license required

<sup>a</sup> In addition to the documents listed above, all hunters 17 years and younger must have a Hunter Education Certificate or a Department issued document which includes their Hunter Education Certificate Number in their possession to hunt anywhere except on their own land or land owned by their parent or legal guardian.

<sup>b</sup> Falconers are not required to obtain a sage-grouse permit to hunt sage-grouse. See page 25.

## HUNTERS — WE NEED YOUR GROUSE WINGS AND TAILS

Wings and tails from ruffed grouse, blue grouse, and mountain quail provide biologists important data about populations. To request bags and return envelopes, call 503-947-6301.

### What to Do:

1. Remove one entire wing and whole tail including small rump feathers.
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3. Mark the bag with the date and general location of harvest.
4. Drop bag off at designated collection sites located around the state or at ODFW offices. A map of collection sites is available at [myodfw.com](http://myodfw.com).
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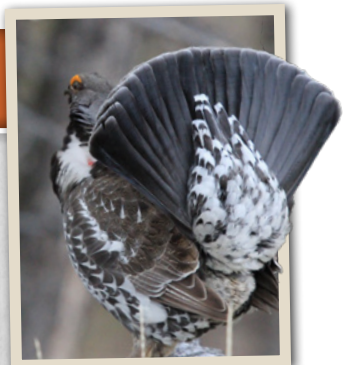


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# SHOOTING HOURS

Legal shooting hours for game birds are listed in the table below except for the following:

1. Fee pheasant hunt shooting hours begin at the time listed in this table and end at 5:00 p.m. at E.E. Wilson and Fern Ridge WAs. Sauvie Island WA ends at 6:00 p.m. Denman WA shooting hours follow the table below.
2. Youth upland hunts, refer to pages 26-27.
3. Northwest Permit Goose Season refer to page 18.
4. Some state or federal areas may have specific shooting hours; refer to pages 34-42.
5. Legal spring wild turkey season shooting hours are ½-hour before sunrise to sunset.

**ZONE A:** All of Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Washington, Multnomah, Yamhill, Clackamas, Lincoln, Polk, Marion, Benton, Linn, Lane, Douglas, Coos, Curry, Josephine and Jackson Cos.

**ZONE B:** All of Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Jefferson, Wheeler, Deschutes and Crook Cos.

**ZONE C:** All of Klamath and Lake Cos.

**ZONE D:** All of Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Grant, Baker, Harney and \*Malheur Cos.



\*A portion of Malheur Co is included in the Mtn Time Zone — plan accordingly.

## 2023-24 GAME BIRD SHOOTING HOURS

		ZONE A - WESTERN OR		ZONE B - CENTRAL OR		ZONE C - KLAMATH & LAKE COS		ZONE D - EASTERN OR		ZONE D - *MOUNTAIN TIME	
DATES		AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
Daylight Saving Time (DST)	Sept. 1 - Sept. 8	6:10 AM	7:41 PM	6:00 AM	7:33 PM	6:03 AM	7:31 PM	5:50 AM	7:22 PM	6:46 AM	8:17 PM
	Sept. 9 - Sept. 15	6:18 AM	7:28 PM	6:09 AM	7:20 PM	6:10 AM	7:19 PM	5:58 AM	7:09 PM	6:54 AM	8:04 PM
	Sept. 16 - Sept. 22	6:26 AM	7:15 PM	6:17 AM	7:07 PM	6:18 AM	7:07 PM	6:06 AM	6:56 PM	7:01 AM	7:51 PM
	Sept. 23 - Sept. 29	6:34 AM	7:02 PM	6:25 AM	6:53 PM	6:25 AM	6:54 PM	6:14 AM	6:43 PM	7:10 AM	7:38 PM
	Sept. 30 - Oct. 6	6:42 AM	6:49 PM	6:34 AM	6:40 PM	6:33 AM	6:42 PM	6:23 AM	6:30 PM	7:18 AM	7:25 PM
	Oct. 7 - Oct. 13	6:51 AM	6:37 PM	6:42 AM	6:28 PM	6:41 AM	6:30 PM	6:31 AM	6:18 PM	7:26 AM	7:13 PM
	Oct. 14 - Oct. 20	6:59 AM	6:25 PM	6:51 AM	6:15 PM	6:49 AM	6:18 PM	6:40 AM	6:06 PM	7:35 AM	7:01 PM
	Oct. 21 - Oct. 27	7:08 AM	6:14 PM	7:00 AM	6:04 PM	6:58 AM	6:07 PM	6:49 AM	5:54 PM	7:44 AM	6:50 PM
	Oct. 28 - Nov. 4	7:17 AM	6:03 PM	7:10 AM	5:54 PM	7:07 AM	5:57 PM	6:58 AM	5:44 PM	7:53 AM	6:39 PM
Standard Time	Nov. 5 - Nov. 10	6:27 AM	4:54 PM	6:19 AM	4:44 PM	6:15 AM	4:49 PM	6:07 AM	4:35 PM	7:02 AM	5:30 PM
	Nov. 11 - Nov. 17	6:36 AM	4:47 PM	6:29 AM	4:36 PM	6:24 AM	4:42 PM	6:16 AM	4:27 PM	7:11 AM	5:23 PM
	Nov. 18 - Nov. 24	6:45 AM	4:40 PM	6:38 AM	4:30 PM	6:33 AM	4:36 PM	6:25 AM	4:21 PM	7:20 AM	5:17 PM
	Nov. 25 - Dec. 1	6:54 AM	4:36 PM	6:47 AM	4:26 PM	6:41 AM	4:32 PM	6:34 AM	4:17 PM	7:29 AM	5:12 PM
	Dec. 2 - Dec. 8	7:01 AM	4:34 PM	6:55 AM	4:23 PM	6:49 AM	4:30 PM	6:42 AM	4:15 PM	7:37 AM	5:10 PM
	Dec. 9 - Dec. 15	7:08 AM	4:34 PM	7:01 AM	4:23 PM	6:55 AM	4:30 PM	6:48 AM	4:15 PM	7:43 AM	5:10 PM
	Dec. 16 - Dec. 22	7:13 AM	4:35 PM	7:06 AM	4:25 PM	7:00 AM	4:32 PM	6:53 AM	4:16 PM	7:48 AM	5:12 PM
	Dec. 23 - Dec. 29	7:16 AM	4:39 PM	7:09 AM	4:29 PM	7:03 AM	4:35 PM	6:56 AM	4:20 PM	7:51 AM	5:15 PM
	Dec. 30 - Jan. 5	7:17 AM	4:45 PM	7:11 AM	4:34 PM	7:05 AM	4:41 PM	6:58 AM	4:26 PM	7:53 AM	5:21 PM
	Jan. 6 - Jan. 12	7:17 AM	4:52 PM	7:10 AM	4:41 PM	7:04 AM	4:48 PM	6:57 AM	4:33 PM	7:52 AM	5:28 PM
	Jan. 13 - Jan. 19	7:14 AM	5:00 PM	7:07 AM	4:50 PM	7:01 AM	4:56 PM	6:54 AM	4:41 PM	7:49 AM	5:36 PM
	Jan. 20 - Jan. 26	7:09 AM	5:09 PM	7:02 AM	4:59 PM	6:57 AM	5:05 PM	6:49 AM	4:50 PM	7:44 AM	5:45 PM
	Jan. 27 - Feb. 2	7:02 AM	5:19 PM	6:55 AM	5:09 PM	6:51 AM	5:14 PM	6:43 AM	5:00 PM	7:38 AM	5:55 PM
	Feb. 3 - Feb. 9	6:54 AM	5:29 PM	6:47 AM	5:19 PM	6:43 AM	5:23 PM	6:35 AM	5:09 PM	7:30 AM	6:05 PM
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	Mar. 2 - Mar. 9	6:11 AM	6:06 PM	6:03 AM	5:57 PM	6:02 AM	5:59 PM	5:52 AM	5:47 PM	6:47 AM	6:42 PM
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## YOUR OREGON GAME BIRD STAMP DOLLARS AT WORK

Oregon game bird stamps have been providing funds to maintain healthy game bird populations in the state for more than 30 years. The Oregon migratory waterfowl stamp began in 1984 and the upland bird stamp followed in 1990. The stamps (now called validations) are purchased by game bird hunters in conjunction with the general hunting license. Collectively, sales of game bird stamps and related artwork generate nearly \$1 million each year. Funds are used to accomplish a variety of program-related activities, such as game bird research and banding, equipment purchases, and habitat improvement and conservation projects.



## HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM (HIP)

Before hunting mourning doves, band-tailed pigeons, snipe, or waterfowl all hunters, regardless of age or residency status, must obtain a HIP Validation by taking a HIP survey. If you obtain a resident waterfowl validation you will automatically be asked to complete the HIP survey and get your HIP validation. If you intend to hunt other migratory game birds (mourning doves, band-tailed pigeon, or snipe) and don't already have a waterfowl validation or if you are a nonresident or youth under 12 years of age, you must obtain your HIP validation by selecting it from the list of available documents in the Electronic Licensing System catalog.

Evidence of compliance will be noted with your hunting license as a "HIP Validation". That's it! There is no cost to you.

**How does HIP work?** Of the total group of HIP validated migratory game bird hunters, the USFWS will select necessary samples of hunter to participate in providing harvest information. Selected hunters will receive hunter record cards prior to hunting seasons or soon thereafter. Hunters will be

asked to record their daily harvest of birds and return the completed record card at the end of the hunting season.

**Why HIP?** Your participation in this program means that important information will be available to wildlife professionals to better manage Oregon's wildlife resources. Hunter participation and migratory game bird harvest levels are needed to assist in setting regulations and justify future hunting seasons.

**Thanks! Your cooperation is essential to responsible resource management and is greatly appreciated.**

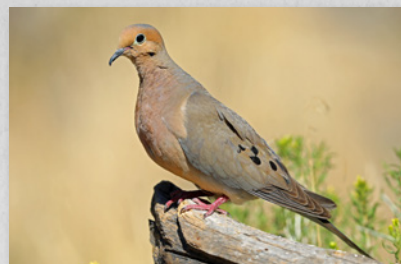


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## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO: CHECK FIRE RESTRICTIONS!

It is a hunter's responsibility to check fire restrictions before heading afield. Check with the land manager where you plan to hunt. To see a list of industrial forestland closures/restrictions visit [oregon.gov/ODF](http://oregon.gov/ODF) and click on Wildfires/Forest Restrictions & Closures.

### Most common fire restrictions

- No smoking
- No off-road driving
- No exploding targets or tracer ammunition
- Check if camp/warming fires are allowed. If open fires are permitted, make sure the fire is truly out when you're done.

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### You may need an Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Permit or a Waterway Access Permit!

- “Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Permit”, required for all motorized boats.
- Oregon resident, Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Permit is automatically included with motorboat registration
- Non-residents motorized boats cost is \$22
- “Waterway Access permit”, required for all Non-motorized boats (drift boats, kayaks, rafts, stand-up paddleboards, canoes, etc.); 10 feet in length or longer for both resident and non-residents.
  - » \$7.00 weekly/7 days,
  - » \$19.00 annual,
  - » \$32.00 two-years.
- One permit required per boat that is on the water; permit is transferable.
- Purchase where hunting/fishing licenses are sold or the Electronic License system or online at Oregon State Marine Board website.

All boats, regardless of size, are required to stop at inspection stations when stations are open.

The Oregon Legislature established the **Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program** in an effort to keep Oregon’s lakes, rivers and streams free of destructive aquatic invasive species like quagga mussels. See [myodfw.com/boater-permits](http://myodfw.com/boater-permits) or [oregon.gov/osmb/boater-info/Pages/AIS-FAQs.aspx](http://oregon.gov/osmb/boater-info/Pages/AIS-FAQs.aspx) for more information

## NOTICE TO HUNTERS

In an effort to make these regulations easier to understand, at times simplified language is used. ODFW’s intention is for these summarized regulations to be consistent with the actual language in Oregon Statutes and Administrative Rules, but in the event of an inconsistency the statutes and administrative rules take precedence. The actual wording of relevant Oregon Revised Statutes and Oregon Administrative Rules can be found at: [odfw.com/oars](http://odfw.com/oars) and [oregonlaws.org/oregon\\_revised\\_statutes](http://oregonlaws.org/oregon_revised_statutes).

Violation of state migratory game bird hunting regulations is a violation of federal regulations. Each hunter should consult the actual federal regulations in Title 50 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20. Also, more restrictive regulations may apply to NWRs open to public hunting. For additional information on federal regulations, contact Resident Agent in Charge, USFWS, 9025 SW Hillman Ct, Suite 3134, Wilsonville, OR 97070; Phone: 503-682-6131.

## NEW TO HUNTING?

Game bird hunting is available across Oregon and is a great way to begin hunting. ODFW has a resource webpage to help you start hunting game birds. On the page, you’ll discover: where to hunt, when to hunt, various game species, and the basic gear and equipment you’ll need to get started.

Scan the QR code or type in the URL to visit the resource page now:

[myodfw.com/articles/start-hunting-game-birds](http://myodfw.com/articles/start-hunting-game-birds)



## SUPPORT WILDLIFE — BUY A HABITAT CONSERVATION STAMP

### Buy an annual stamp to benefit conservation of Oregon’s native species.

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# GENERAL HUNTING REGULATIONS

For a complete copy of all state laws and federal regulations consult Oregon Administrative Rules, the Oregon Revised Statutes and Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations (Title 50 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20).

## Definitions

- **Blue Grouse:** Dusky grouse (*Dendragapus obscurus*) and sooty grouse (*Dendragapus fuliginosus*).
- **Canada Goose:** Any Canada goose (*Branta canadensis*) or cackling goose (*Branta hutchinsii*) including but not limited to the following subspecies; western (*B. c. moffitti*), Vancouver (*B. c. fulva*), dusky (*B. c. occidentalis*), lesser (*B. c. parvipes*), Taverner's (*B. h. taverneri*), Aleutian (*B. h. leucopareia*), and cackling (*B. h. minima*).
- **Dusky Canada Goose:** Any dark-breasted (Munsell 10 YR color value 5 or less) Canada goose with a bill length between 40 and 50 millimeters.
- **Eastern Oregon:** All cos east of the summit of the Cascades, including all of Klamath and Hood Rvr cos.
- **Forest Grouse:** Ruffed grouse and blue grouse.
- **Game Birds:** Any waterfowl, snipe, band-tailed pigeon, mourning dove, pheasant, quail, partridge, grouse, or wild turkey.
- **Migratory Game Birds:** Ducks (including mergansers), geese, coots, snipe, mourning dove, and band-tailed pigeon.

- **Motor Vehicle or Motor-Propelled Vehicle** is any land vehicle or device which has a motor, either permanently or temporarily affixed, is capable of either motor-assisted-propulsion or self-propulsion and is capable of transporting a person or persons or any material or cargo.
- **Raptor:** Any vulture, kite, eagle, hawk, caracara, falcon, or owl listed in 50 CFR 10.13 or hybrid thereof.
- **Sea Ducks:** Harlequin, scoters, long-tailed and eider ducks.
- **Shotgun:** A smooth bore firearm, including muzzleloaders, designed for firing birdshot and intended to be fired from the shoulder, with a barrel length of 18 inches or more, with an overall length of 26 inches or more.
- **Upland Game Birds:** Pheasant, quail, partridge, grouse, and wild turkey.
- **Waterfowl:** Ducks (including mergansers), geese and coots.
- **Western Oregon:** All cos west of the summit of the Cascades, except Klamath and Hood Rvr cos.
- **White Geese:** Snow and Ross' geese.

## Hunter Orange

No person younger than 18 years of age shall hunt with any firearm for any game mammal or upland game bird (excluding wild turkey) unless the person is wearing in a manner visible from all directions a hat or exterior garment of hunter orange. "Exterior garment" means a shirt, jacket, coat, vest, or sweater. Hunter orange camouflage patterns are acceptable. "Hat" means any head covering.

## Decoys and Calls

It is unlawful to:

- Hunt game birds or crows by the use or aid of any live birds for decoys.
- Hunt game birds (except for crows) by the use or aid of recorded or electrically amplified bird calls or sounds, or recorded or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds.
- Hunt game birds with the use of decoys powered by motor, battery, or other self powered methods. Quiver magnets are also illegal. Decoys with parts that are moved solely by human actions (for example, via a cable or pull-string) or the wind are allowed.



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# GENERAL HUNTING REGULATIONS

## Legal Weapons & Ammunition for Hunting Game Birds, Crows, and Western Gray Squirrels

Below are the requirements for weapons that can be used to hunt game birds, crows, and western gray squirrels. In addition to these restrictions some WAs, NWRs, RHAs and other special areas may have further weapon restrictions.

### Game Birds, including Wild Turkey, and Crows (except Ruffed and Blue Grouse) may only be hunted with:

- Shotguns, including muzzleloading shotguns, (see definition on page 11) that are 10 gauge or smaller, and which are incapable of holding more than three shells (plugged), or
- Any recurve, long, or compound bow<sup>1</sup> using any type of arrow or point.

### Ruffed and Blue Grouse may only be hunted with:

- Any of the weapons listed in the previous section, or
- Any rimfire firearm.

### Western Gray Squirrel may only be hunted with:

- Any rifle, handgun or shotgun that is not fully automatic, or
- Any non-matchlock muzzleloader, or
- Any recurve, long, or compound bow<sup>1</sup> using any type of arrow, small game point or broadhead, except if broadheads are used they must be unbarbed and at least 7/8" wide. Broadheads with movable blades that fold/collapse when withdrawn are not considered barbed.

Additionally, game birds and crows may be taken by licensed falconers using raptors (see Falconry Regulations).

Game birds and crows may not be hunted with airguns. Game birds, crows, and western gray squirrels may not be hunted with crossbows or any other method not listed in the previous sections.

### Ammunition Restrictions:

- Game birds, except wild turkey, may not be hunted with steel shot larger than F or shot composed of other material larger than BB.
- Wild turkey may not be hunted with shot (any material) larger than No. 2.
- Tracer shells may not be used to hunt game birds, crows, or western gray squirrel.
- Game birds may not be hunted with shotgun slugs.
- Western gray squirrel may not be hunted with full-metal jacket bullets.
- Waterfowl and snipe may not be hunted with lead shot or while lead shot is in the hunter's possession. Shot used for hunting waterfowl and snipe must be federally approved nontoxic shot. Additionally, on certain WAs, NWRs, and RHAs (pages 29, 34-42) all hunters using shotguns must use federally approved nontoxic shot.

<sup>1</sup>Hunters shall not use any electronic device(s) attached to bow or arrow except lighted arrow nocks that have no function other than to increase visibility of the arrow and cameras that have no other function (such as range-finding) are allowed.

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## Shooting Hours

All game birds may only be hunted between times specified in the shooting hours table on page 8, except as noted. Western gray squirrels may only be hunted from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

## Trespass

It is unlawful to hunt on private property without permission from the landowner. See ORS 105.700 and 498.120.

## Aircraft, Boats, Drones, and Motor Vehicles

It is unlawful to:

- Hunt or shoot game birds from a motor driven land conveyance or aircraft of any kind.
- Hunt or shoot game birds with use of a sink box or any other type of low floating device having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water.
- Drive, rally, or chase any game bird from any motor driven land, water, or air conveyance or sailboat.
- Use drones for the following purposes related to the pursuit of wildlife:
  - » Hunting, trapping, or angling.
  - » Aiding hunting, trapping, or angling through the use of drones to harass, track, locate or scout wildlife.
  - » Interfering in the acts of a person who is lawfully hunting, trapping, or angling.
- Shoot game birds from or with the help of any motorboat or sailboat unless the motor has been shut off and/or sail furled and its progress therefrom has ceased. Sail and motor-propelled craft may be used only to pick up dead or crippled birds. Crippled birds may not be shot from such craft under power.
- Hunt or harass any wildlife from a motor propelled vehicle.
- Operate a snowmobile or ATV, unless firearms and bows are unloaded except for the following circumstances:
  - » A person who is licensed to carry a concealed handgun in Oregon
  - » A current or honorably retired law enforcement officerFor this regulation "unloaded" means:
  - » Revolver — no live cartridge in the chamber that is aligned with the hammer
  - » Muzzleloader — not capped or primed
  - » Bow — all arrows in the quiver
  - » All Other Firearms — no live cartridge in the chamberSee ORS 821.240 for complete statute language.

## Protected Birds

All birds except European starling, house sparrow, Eurasian collared-dove, and rock pigeon are protected by federal and/or state laws and may not be taken without authorization. Contact the law enforcement branch of the USFWS for Federal regulations regarding take at 503-682-6131.

## Baiting

It is unlawful to hunt game birds by aid of baiting, or on, or over a baited area where a person knows or reasonably should know that the area has been baited. A baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after complete removal of any bait. Baiting includes placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of salt, grain, or other feed that could serve as a lure or attraction for game birds to, on, or over areas where hunters are attempting to take them.

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# GENERAL HUNTING REGULATIONS

## Disguising Sex

It is unlawful to disguise the sex or kind of any wildlife while in the field or in transit from the field. The head or one fully feathered wing must be left attached to all game birds in the field or while in transit to the place of permanent residence of the possessor.

**NOTE:** Private hunting preserves are excluded from this regulation. Further restrictions apply to the Northwest Oregon Permit Goose Zone, see page 18.

## Retrieval/Waste

All game birds killed or crippled must be retrieved immediately, if possible, and kept by the hunter in the field except for internal organs. All crippled birds reduced to possession must be immediately killed.

It is unlawful to waste any game birds or edible portions thereof. Waste means to allow any edible portion of any game bird to be rendered unfit for human consumption, or to fail to retrieve game birds from the field. "Edible portions" of game birds means, at a minimum, the meat of the breast associated with the sternum. The duty to retrieve and to not waste does not justify otherwise criminal conduct including but not limited to trespass.

## Possession and Transport

Possession limit means the maximum number of birds that a person may lawfully possess (includes fresh, frozen, or otherwise processed) in the field or in transit to place of permanent residence (see pages 16, 17, 20, 21, and 25 for possession limits). Game birds shipped or given to another person for transport during the season or within 48 hours after the season closes must be accompanied by a written note listing the number and kinds; date killed; name and address of possessor; and signature, address and hunting license number of the hunter. Birds transported more than 48 hours after the season closes must bear a shipping permit or metal seal from ODFW. Shipping permits or metal seals are available at any ODFW regional or district office and any Oregon State Police office.

**Field Possession Limit:** No person may possess, have in custody, or transport more than the daily bag limit or aggregate daily bag limit, whichever applies, of migratory game birds, tagged or not tagged, at or between the place where taken and either (a) automobile or principal means of land transportation; or (b) personal abode or temporary or transient place of lodging; (c) migratory bird preservation facility; (d) Post Office; or (e) common carrier facility.

## Hunting Prohibited

It is unlawful to:

- Hunt on any refuge closed by state or federal government.
- Hunt within corporate limits of any city or town (unless otherwise authorized, see OAR 635-051-0048); public park or cemetery; or on any campus or grounds of a public school, college, or university.
- Hunt or shoot from or across a public Rd, Rd right-of-way or railroad right-of-way, except persons legally hunting on Rds closed to use of motor vehicles by the public.
- Hunt in any safety zones created and posted by ODFW.

## Other Restrictions

It is unlawful to:

- Take furbearers, except in compliance with furbearing mammal regulations.
- Disturb or remove the traps or snares of any licensed trapper while that person is trapping on public lands or on other land by landowner's permission.
- Use an artificial light for hunting any wildlife, except raccoon, bobcat and opossum provided the light is not cast from or attached to a motor vehicle. This includes laser sights or any other sights which project a beam to the target, including scopes with electronic rangefinders and scopes that receive information from a rangefinder or any electronic device. This does not include battery operated sights which only light the reticle.
- Sell, trade, barter, exchange, or offer for sale, trade, barter, or exchange any game bird parts, or game bird feathers thereof EXCEPT as identified in OAR 635, Division 200.
- Disturb, damage, remove, alter, or possess any official ODFW sign.
- Knowingly provide false information to the Department or Commission on any report required by law.
- Counsel, aid, or assist in any violation of the wildlife laws, or share in any of the proceeds of such violation by receiving or possessing any wildlife. Any person who violates this rule shall incur the penalties provided for the person guilty of such violation.
- Release without a permit any wildlife brought from another state or country, or raised in captivity in this state.
- Refuse inspection of any license, tag, or permit, and any wildlife taken, by an employee of ODFW, any person authorized to enforce wildlife laws, or a landowner or agent of the landowner on their land.
- Refuse inspection of any gear used for the purpose of taking wildlife by an employee of the ODFW, or any person authorized to enforce wildlife laws.

## Columbia and Snake River Boundary

- To hunt the Oregon portion of the Columbia Rvr, including that portion of the Lewis and Clark NWR and other islands in Oregon in the Columbia Rvr, hunters must possess a valid Oregon Resident or Oregon Nonresident Hunting License.
- To view a map of the boundary between Oregon and Washington in the Columbia Rvr visit, [oregonhuntingmap.com](http://oregonhuntingmap.com).
- Any hunter with a valid Oregon or Idaho hunting license may hunt in the waters or on the islands of the Snake Rvr, where the Rvr forms the boundary between the two states. All laws and rules of the respective states apply.

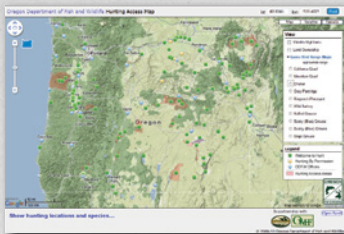
## UPLAND GAME BIRD EMERGENCY CLOSURE PROCEDURES

- ODFW has procedures in place to allow early closure of game bird seasons during unusually severe winter weather.
- Upland game birds can concentrate in high numbers when snow is deep and often near roads, leaving them vulnerable to unethical hunters.
- Disturbance to big game in extended severe weather by upland hunters is also a concern.
- ODFW recognizes that emergency closures can affect the plans of hunters and businesses that rely on upland game birds seasons. Therefore, emergency closures will only take effect on either the 15th or the last day of the month.
- Example 1: if winter conditions do not warrant the closure of chukar season on Dec. 31st, the season will extend at least through Jan. 14th.
- Example 2: if winter conditions do not warrant the closure of chukar season on January 15th, hunters know the season will extend through Jan. 31st.
- Closures will be by Co and publicized as widely as possible.
- Hunters can check the ODFW information line for emergency closures: 503-947-6002 or 1-800-720-6339.

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## FIELD DRESSING OF GAME BIRDS — WHAT'S LEGAL?

Hunters understand the importance to care for meat while in the field to protect it from spoiling. However, what is not understood by many is the legal requirements necessary to transport dressed birds from the field. Some hunters commonly practice “breasting” birds out and discarding the rest of the carcass before getting home. This is not legal and hunters need to note the following:

**The head or one fully feathered wing must be left attached to all game birds in the field or while in transit to the place of permanent residence of the possessor.** Further restrictions apply to the Northwest Oregon Permit Goose Zone, see pages 18.

So why is this necessary? There are many restrictions on sex and species of birds that can be included in your daily bag. Leaving a head or wing attached allows law enforcement personnel to identify the birds taken by a hunter. You can be cited if it is not possible to determine the types of birds in your possession.

The edible portion of a game bird means, at a minimum the meat of the breast associated with the sternum. However, the Department encourages hunters to consume meat from the leg (drumstick), thigh, and wing when practicable. Many hunters don't realize how much meat is lost when just the breast is consumed. On most game birds, 25% to 35% of the meat is found on just the legs and thighs, with only 55% to 60% found on the breast.

Pages 11-14 of this booklet outlines the important regulation for hunting game birds in Oregon. Please familiarize yourself with all these regulations.



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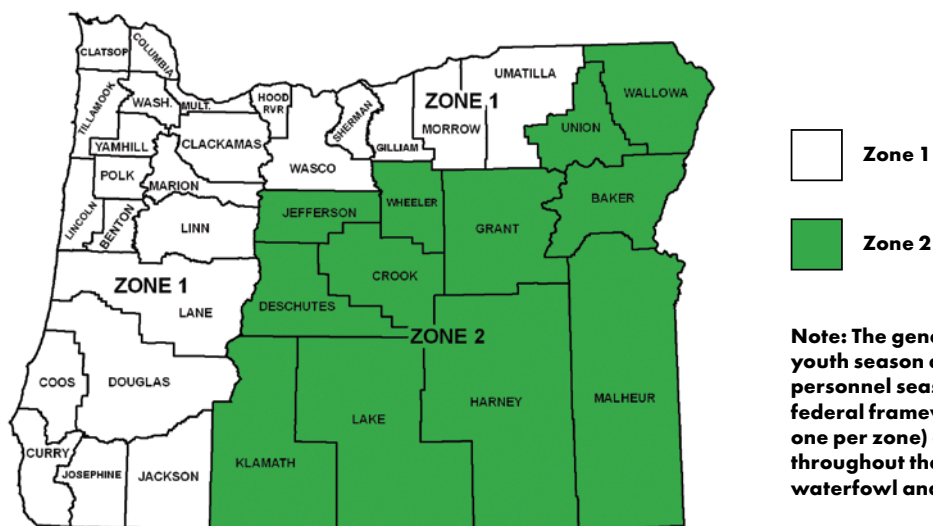
## 2023-24 MIGRATORY GAME BIRD SEASONS

MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS AND CROWS	OPEN AREA	OPEN SEASON (ALL DATES INCLUSIVE)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Mourning Dove	Zone 1	Sept. 1 - Sept. 30 & Nov. 15 - Dec. 14	15	45
	Zone 2	Sept. 1 - Oct. 30		
Band-tailed Pigeon <sup>a</sup>	Statewide	Sept. 15 - Sept. 23	2	6
Duck <sup>a</sup> (including Merganser)	Zone 1	Oct. 14 - Oct. 29 & Nov. 2 - Jan. 28, 2024	See footnote (b)	See footnote (b)
	Zone 1 Scaup	Nov. 4 - Jan. 28, 2024		
	Zone 2	Oct. 14 - Dec. 3 & Dec. 7 - Jan. 28, 2024		
	Zone 2 Scaup	Oct. 14 - Dec. 3 & Dec. 7 - Jan. 10, 2024		
Coot	Statewide	Concurrent with duck seasons listed by zone	25	75
Wilson's Snipe	Zone 1	Nov. 4 - Feb. 18, 2024	8	24
	Zone 2	Oct. 14 - Jan. 28, 2024		
Crow	Statewide	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31, 2024	No Limit	No Limit
SPECIAL SEASONS				
Youth Waterfowl	Statewide	Sept. 30 - Oct. 1	See page 26	
Veterans and Active Military Personnel Waterfowl	Statewide	Feb. 3, 2024	See page 19	

<sup>a</sup> Permits are required for band-tailed pigeons and sea ducks. See page 7 for details.

<sup>b</sup> The daily bag limit of ducks (including mergansers) is seven. Within the daily bag limit, you may not have more than: two scaup (during open season), two hen mallards, one pintail, two redheads, and two canvasbacks. The possession limit is triple the daily bag limit.

## Duck, Snipe, and Mourning Dove Hunting Zones



**Note:** The general duck season in each zone plus the youth season and the veterans and active military personnel season may not exceed 107 days within the federal framework. The split seasons (maximum of one per zone) allow optimizing hunting opportunity throughout the state in consideration of resident waterfowl and flyway migration patterns.

## 2023-24 MIGRATORY GAME BIRD SEASONS

MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS AND CROWS	OPEN AREA	OPEN SEASON (ALL DATES INCLUSIVE)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Brant <sup>a</sup>	Statewide	Nov. 25 - Dec. 10	2	6
September Canada Goose Season	Northwest Permit Zone	Sept. 9 - Sept. 17	5	15
	Note: A Northwest Goose Permit is not needed to hunt during this season.			
	Southwest Zone	Sept. 9 - Sept. 13		
	High Desert and Blue Mtn Zone	Sept. 9 - Sept. 13		
	Mid-Columbia Zone	Sept. 9 - Sept. 13		
	Note: South Coast Zone is closed during this season. See pages 34-42 for other area closures.			
Regular Canada Goose Seasons	Northwest Permit Zone <sup>b</sup>	Oct. 21 - Oct. 29 & Nov. 18 - Jan. 12, 2024 & Feb. 10 - Mar. 10, 2024	3 <sup>b</sup>	9 <sup>b</sup>
	Southwest Zone	Oct. 14 - Oct. 29 & Nov. 7 - Jan. 28, 2024	4	12
	South Coast Zone	Oct. 7 - Dec. 10 & Dec. 23 - Jan. 14, 2024 & Feb. 24 - Mar. 10, 2024	6	18
	High Desert and Blue Mtn Zone	Oct. 14 - Dec. 3 & Dec. 12 - Jan. 28, 2024	4	12
	Mid-Columbia Zone	Oct. 14 - Oct. 29 & Nov. 7 - Jan. 28, 2024	4	12
Regular White-fronted and White Goose	Northwest Permit Zone <sup>b</sup>	Oct. 21 - Oct. 29 & Nov. 18 - Jan. 12, 2024 & Feb. 10 - Mar. 10, 2024	10 <sup>d</sup> White-fronted & 20 White	30 <sup>d</sup> White-fronted & 60 White
	Southwest Zone	Oct. 14 - Oct. 29 & Nov. 7 - Jan. 28, 2024		
	South Coast Zone	Oct. 7 - Dec. 10 & Dec. 23 - Jan. 14, 2024 & Feb. 24 - Mar. 10, 2024		
	High Desert and Blue Mtn Zone	Oct. 14 - Dec. 3 & Jan. 17 - Mar. 10, 2024 <sup>c</sup>		
	Mid-Columbia Zone	Nov. 7 - Jan. 28, 2024 & Feb. 3 - Feb. 24, 2024		

Note: Definitions for Canada and white geese can be found on page 11. White-fronted geese are also known as specklebelly geese.

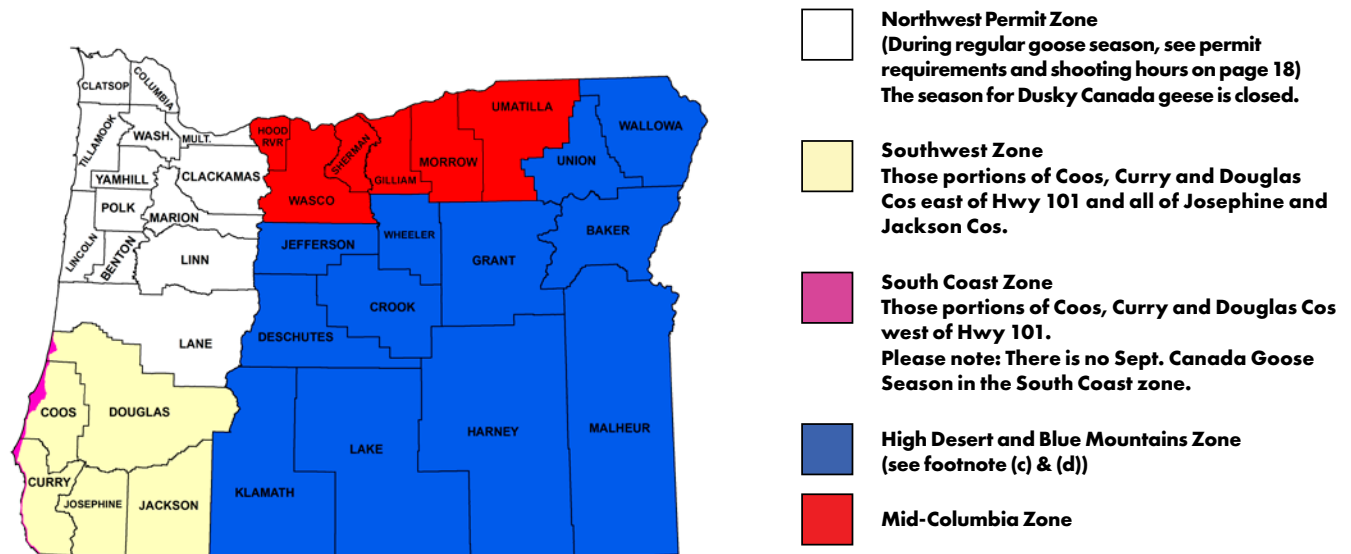
<sup>a</sup> A permit is required for brant. See page 7 for details.

<sup>b</sup> During the regular season the season for dusky Canada geese is closed in the Northwest Permit Zone and all hunters must see page 18 for important regulations regarding this goose season.

<sup>c</sup> From Jan. 29 - March 10 goose hunting is closed on the Miller Island Unit of Klamath WA, Summer Lake WA, Ladd Marsh WA, and all units of the Klamath NWR Complex, except for hunters participating in the Veterans and Active Military Personnel Waterfowl Hunt.

<sup>d</sup> Within Lake Co only, the daily bag limit is one white-fronted goose and the possession limit is three white-fronted geese.

## Goose Hunting Zones





# NORTHWEST PERMIT GOOSE SEASON

## Open Season

- Oct. 21 - Oct. 29
- Nov. 18 - Jan. 12, 2024
- Feb. 10 - Mar. 10, 2024

Except for open units at Sauvie Island WA (see below) where open days are WA hunt days (pages 45-46) occurring during the Northwest Permit Goose Season.

## Bag Limit

- 3 Canada Geese (except dusky Canada geese which are closed to harvest, see dusky Canada goose definition on page 11).
- 10 white-fronted geese
- 20 white geese

Except only white geese (bag limit of 20) may be taken in units of the Sauvie Island WA open to goose hunting during the Northwest Permit Goose Season (see below).

All harvested geese must remain intact and fully feathered in the field and while in transit to the place of permanent residence of the possessor.

## Permit Zone Boundary

All of Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Washington, and Yamhill Cos. Within this boundary, the following

ODFW WAs are closed to goose hunting during the Northwest Permit Goose Season:

- Fern Ridge WA (including Fern Ridge Reservoir and all Corps of Engineers lands in the Fern Ridge Project)
- E. E. Wilson WA
- Sauvie Island WA, except the Eastside, Westside and Oak Island Units. See open season and bag limit exceptions above.

## Shooting Hours

Legal shooting hours for geese in the Northwest Permit Zone during the Northwest Permit Goose Season.

DATES	AM	PM
Oct. 21 - Oct. 27	7:38 AM	6:14 PM
Oct. 28 - Oct. 29	7:47 AM	6:03 PM
Oct. 30 - Nov. 17	—	
Nov. 18 - Nov. 24	7:15 AM	4:40 PM
Nov. 25 - Dec. 1	7:24 AM	4:36 PM
Dec. 2 - Dec. 8	7:31 AM	4:34 PM
Dec. 9 - Dec. 16	7:38 AM	4:34 PM
Dec. 17 - Dec. 22	7:43 AM	4:35 PM
Dec. 23 - Dec. 29	7:46 AM	4:39 PM
Dec. 30 - Jan. 5	7:47 AM	4:45 PM
Jan. 6 - Jan. 12	7:47 AM	4:52 PM
Jan. 13 - Feb. 9	—	
Feb. 10 - Feb. 16	7:15 AM	5:38 PM
Feb. 17 - Feb. 23	7:04 AM	5:48 PM
Feb. 24 - Mar. 1	6:53 AM	5:57 PM
Mar. 2 - Mar. 9	6:41 AM	6:06 PM
Mar. 10	7:32 AM	7:13 PM

## Permit Requirements

In addition to hunting license and stamp/validation requirements, hunters must possess an annual Northwest Goose Permit while hunting. To be eligible to obtain a Northwest Goose Permit, hunters must have passed a goose identification test provided by the Oregon or Washington Departments of Fish and Wildlife after 1996 and have a valid Northwest Goose Certification on file with ODFW. Hunters who successfully complete a goose test in Washington are eligible to receive a permit in Oregon, please call 503-947-6301 for more information. A permit is not needed to hunt during the September Goose Season.

To obtain study material and take the goose identification test, please visit [myodfw.com/articles/hunting-northwest-goose-permit-zone](http://myodfw.com/articles/hunting-northwest-goose-permit-zone). The test can be taken a maximum of three times per season. If you fail the test a third time in one season you will need to wait until the next season to test again. **After passing the test, hunters may obtain a Northwest Goose Permit online or anywhere ODFW licenses are sold.**

Dusky Canada geese are closed to harvest, the permit will become invalid for the remainder of the season if the holder takes any dusky Canada goose. In addition, it is a wildlife violation to take or possess a dusky Canada goose. Hunters who have their permit invalidated for taking a dusky Canada goose may obtain a new permit for subsequent seasons by retaking and passing the goose identification test.

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# VETERANS AND ACTIVE MILITARY PERSONNEL WATERFOWL HUNT



## Season Date

Feb. 3, 2024

## Shooting Hours

See table on page 8 for legal shooting hours, except in the Northwest Permit Zone legal shooting hours for geese are 7:24 a.m. to 5:29 p.m.

## Bag Limit

Hunters may take ducks (including mergansers), coots and geese at the established bag limits (see pages 16-17).

## Eligibility

Veterans (as defined in section 101 of title 38, United States Code) and members of the Armed Forces on active duty, including members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty (other than for training), may participate (federal regulation defines those eligible to participate in this hunt).

## Requirements

Each hunter must have in possession:

- A valid hunting license
- A valid state waterfowl or nonresident game bird validation
- A valid HIP validation
- A valid Federal Duck stamp
- Valid proof of veterans or active duty status issued by the U.S. Department of Defense or Veteran's Affairs.

## Open Areas

Statewide. However, some public lands may not be open for hunting during this season. Please check with the appropriate management agency before hunting during this hunt. All ODFW WAs, except those with seasonal closures to protect big game (Elkhorn, Bridge Creek, etc.) are open for this hunt. Daily hunt permits, where required during the regular season, are

required. At Fern Ridge WA (East, West, and South Coyote units) and Sauvie Island WA (Eastside, Westside and Oak Island) public hunt permits will be issued through a random drawing conducted at the check stations. For check station locations see pages 34-37.

Hunters wishing to participate in the drawings at Sauvie Island must be in the vehicle line at the Westside check station 1-1/2 hours before shooting time or the reservation vehicle line at the Eastside check station 2 hours before shooting time (page 8). Each hunter will be given the opportunity to draw a random number and hunters in parties (up to four members who must all be eligible to participate in the hunt) will be assigned the lowest random number drawn among the party's members. Hunters will be called via AM Radio Station 1580 to the check station in the order of their draw number (lowest to highest) to choose hunting sites and obtain public hunt area permits. Hunters arriving after random numbers are distributed will be issued remaining public hunt area permits on a first-come, first-served basis. Shooting hours end at 4:00 p.m. and all hunters must check out at check stations by 6:00 p.m.

Hunters wishing to hunt in the East, West, and South Coyote units at Fern Ridge must be present at the check station 1-1/2 hours before shooting time. Each hunter will be given the opportunity to draw a random number. WA staff will then draw from a corresponding set of numbers to determine the order for choosing hunting sites. Hunters successful during the drawing may be accompanied by one hunting guest (must also be eligible to participate in the hunt). Shooting hours close at 1:00 p.m. and close to all public access at 2:00 p.m. Hunters must check out using the self-check out boxes located in the parking lots.



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# UPLAND GAME BIRD SEASONS

## 2023-24 UPLAND GAME BIRD SEASONS

UPLAND GAME BIRDS <sup>a</sup>	OPEN AREA (SEE DEFINITIONS PAGE 11)	OPEN SEASON (ALL DATES INCLUSIVE)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Youth Upland Hunts	See season dates and hunt requirements on pages 26-27.			
Ruffed and Blue Grouse	Statewide	Sept. 1 - Jan. 31, 2024	3 each species	9 each species
Chukar and Hungarian (Gray) Partridge	Statewide	Oct. 14 - Jan. 31, 2024	8 <sup>b</sup>	24 <sup>b</sup>
Rooster Pheasant	Statewide (Additional Special Hunt below)	Oct. 14 - Dec. 31	2	8
	Western Oregon	Sept. 1 - Jan. 31, 2024	10	30
Quail (California and Mountain) <sup>c</sup>	Eastern Oregon	Oct. 14 - Jan. 31, 2024	10 (may not include more than 2 Mtn Quail)	30 (may not include more than 6 Mtn Quail)

<sup>a</sup> Please see page 14 regarding emergency closure procedures.

<sup>b</sup> Within the posted boundaries of the Lower Klamath Hills Regulated Hunt Area near Klamath Falls, the daily chukar bag limit is two and possession limit is four. See page 40 for Lower Klamath Hills Regulated Hunt Area Information.

<sup>c</sup> Bobwhite quail may be taken as part of the quail bag limit.

## 2023 WESTERN OREGON FEE PHEASANT HUNTS

Special pheasant hunts are scheduled at the following locations. Birds will be stocked throughout the season. To participate in these hunts, each hunter must have in possession a valid hunting license, upland game bird validation, and Western Oregon fee pheasant permit. See license requirements, page 6 for age exceptions. Each permit will allow harvest of two rooster pheasants. Multiple permits may be purchased. Upon taking a pheasant, each hunter shall immediately record such taking on the permit in ink or electronically record harvest. All hunters are required to check in and out of hunt areas at self-service stations located on each area and carry the daily hunt permit while in the field. Hunter numbers will be limited at any one time to 150 on the E.E. Wilson WA and 75 on the Sauvie Island WA. The possession or use of any shot other than federally-approved nontoxic shot is prohibited at all times.

OPEN AREAS	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	SHOOTING HOURS <sup>a</sup>
Denman WA	Sept. 18 - Oct. 6	Two rooster pheasants per day	Follows table on page 8
E.E. Wilson WA	Sept. 25 - Oct. 31		Closes at 5 p.m.
Fern Ridge WA (Open Areas: East and West Coyote, Fisher Butte and Royal Amazon units)	Sept. 11 - Oct. 8		Closes at 5 p.m.
Sauvie Island WA (Open Area: Eastside Unit)	Sept. 18 - Oct. 1		Closes at 6 p.m.

<sup>a</sup> Shooting hours begin according to table on Page 8

## DON'T SHOOT IF IT'S A SPRUCE GROUSE

### Spruce grouse are protected in Oregon and are not open to hunting

Spruce grouse only occur in the Willowa Mountains of Baker, Union, and Willowa counties of northeastern Oregon. Our small population of spruce grouse is likely geographically isolated from neighboring birds in Washington and Idaho, so we need to take extra care to protect them.

Spruce grouse are smaller than both blue and ruffed grouse. Male spruce grouse have a red eye comb, a black patch that covers the throat and upper chest, and white spotting on the lower chest. Females are browner and have white barring on the chest. Spruce grouse are often less wary of humans than blue and ruffed grouse. If you are grouse hunting in the Willowa Mountains, please take the time to educate yourself on how to identify a spruce grouse before going out in the field.



Artist: Buck Spencer

## 2023 CONTROLLED SAGE-GROUSE SEASON

2023 Permit numbers will be finalized by early August. Please visit [myodfw.com](http://myodfw.com)

**Application Period:** July 1 - Aug. 11. Results Available: Aug. 22

See Controlled Hunt Application Procedures on page 44

OPEN AREAS	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	SEASON BAG LIMIT
See below	Sept. 9-17	2	2
HUNT NUMBER	OPEN AREA	2022 PERMITS	2022 1ST CHOICE APPLICANTS
J65	Beulah Unit	150	116
J66	Malheur Rvr Unit	100	93
J67	Owyhee Unit	70	46
J68A	Trout Cr Mtns <sup>a</sup>	35	73
J68B	E. Whitehorse <sup>b</sup>	85	103
J69	Steens Mtn Unit	40	83
J70	Beatys Butte Unit	60	153
J72	Silvies Unit	20	25
J73A	N. Wagontire <sup>c</sup>	20	76
J74	Warner Unit	60	158

Entire WMU is open unless indicated by a footnote. See Big Game Regulations for WMU boundary description.

### Hunt Descriptions

<sup>a</sup> J68A The part of WMU 68 south of Whitehorse Ranch Rd; west of Hwy 95; and east of Fields-Denio Rd.

<sup>b</sup> J68B WMU 68 excluding that area described for Hunt J68A.

<sup>c</sup> J73A The part of WMU 73 north of Christmas Valley-Wagontire Co Rd.

## PROPOSED 2024-25 UPLAND GAME BIRD SEASONS

UPLAND GAME BIRDS	OPEN AREA	OPEN SEASON
Pheasant	Statewide	Oct. 12 - Dec. 31, 2024
Quail (California and Mountain)	Western Oregon	Sept. 1 - Jan. 31, 2025
	Eastern Oregon	Oct. 12 - Jan. 31, 2025
Ruffed and Blue Grouse	Statewide	Sept. 1 - Jan. 31, 2025
Wild Turkey	Western Oregon Fall Season	Sept. 1 - Jan. 31, 2025
	Eastern Oregon Fall Season	Oct. 12 - Jan. 31, 2025
	Statewide Spring Season	Apr. 15 - May 31, 2025
Chukar and Hungarian (Gray) Partridge	Statewide	Oct. 12 - Jan. 31, 2025

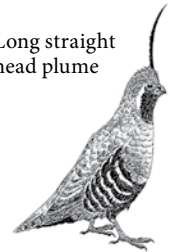
## MOUNTAIN QUAIL LOCATIONS NEEDED

ODFW is tracking the distribution of Mtn Quail in eastern Oregon. Please report any observations including the date, specific location, county of observation and number of Mtn Quail to:

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# WILD TURKEY SEASONS

## All Hunters

- Hunters may purchase tags and permits through the end of the season.
- Must possess a valid turkey tag or permit (see page 24 for beardless turkey permit hunts).
- If you purchase a Sports Pac, you have the option to select a spring turkey tag or a voucher for a fall turkey tag, which can be redeemed beginning July 1st.
- It is unlawful to use shotguns larger than 10 gauge and shot size larger than No. 2
- See page 12 for additional legal hunting methods
- Dogs may be used during the fall season, but not during the spring season.
- For shooting hours, see page 8.

## Tagging Requirements

The following are the tagging requirements for hunters that purchase a spring, spring youth, western Oregon fall, or eastern Oregon fall turkey tag. Separate rules apply for beardless turkey permit hunts (see page 24).

### Tagging

There are two options for tagging a turkey: paper tags or electronic tags. Hunters must choose one option at the time of purchase.

### Paper Tags:

- The owner of a turkey tag that kills a turkey for which a paper tag is issued shall immediately validate the tag by writing on the tag, in ink, the date and time of harvest, and the WMU where harvest occurred; and attach the tag in plain sight securely to the turkey.
  - » To keep the tag legible, one option is to place it in a plastic bag to protect it.
  - » Paper tags must be signed upon purchase or prior to use in the field.
  - » It is unlawful to have in possession an unsigned tag and/or reproduction/photocopied/resized tag(s).
- Resized: In relation to permits and tags, resized means to change the dimensions of a permit or tag, either electronically or physically, from the original size as printed on 8.5" x 11" (letter) paper; trimming to the border of the document itself after printing to original size is allowed.

### Electronic Tags:

- When the owner of any turkey tag kills a turkey for which an electronic tag is issued the owner shall immediately validate the tag by pressing the "Validate" button on the image of the tag in the MyODFW mobile application. Follow the prompts and complete the tag validation process by clicking "Save". After validation a confirmation number will become visible.
  - » In addition to validating a tag electronically, the tag owner's name,

date of birth, ODFW ID number, harvest date, and confirmation number must be written in ink on material of the tag owner's choice (options include flagging tape, duct tape, and paper in a plastic bag to protect it), and attached in plain sight securely to the turkey.

### All Tags:

- The required information, or paper turkey tag, must be maintained in legible condition at all times.
- The electronic tag validation information, or paper tag must be kept attached to the carcass or remain with any parts as long as any parts are preserved.

## Reporting Requirements

All hunters who purchased a turkey tag or beardless turkey permit are required to report online at [huntfishoregon.com](http://huntfishoregon.com) by logging in and selecting Mandatory Reporting, or at a license sales agent.

- For 2023 fall tags and beardless turkey permits, the deadline is April 15, 2024.
- For 2024 spring tags, the deadline is Jan. 31, 2025.

## 2024 SPRING WILD TURKEY SEASON

TAG REQUIRED	OPEN SEASON	DAILY BAG LIMIT	SEASON BAG LIMIT	OPEN AREAS
Spring	Apr. 15 - May 31, 2024	One male wild turkey or a wild turkey with a visible beard	3 <sup>b</sup>	Statewide
Youth Spring	Apr. 13 - 14 <sup>a</sup> and Apr. 15 - May 31, 2024			

<sup>a</sup> An adult 21 years or older, who may not hunt, must accompany not more than one youth.

<sup>b</sup> It is unlawful to obtain and possess more than three 2024 spring turkey tags. Each tag will allow the harvest of one wild turkey.

## REPORTING TURKEY BANDS

Please report turkey bands online at: [odfw.wufoo.com/forms/hunters-please-report-banded-turkeys/](http://odfw.wufoo.com/forms/hunters-please-report-banded-turkeys/) or call 503-947-6301.



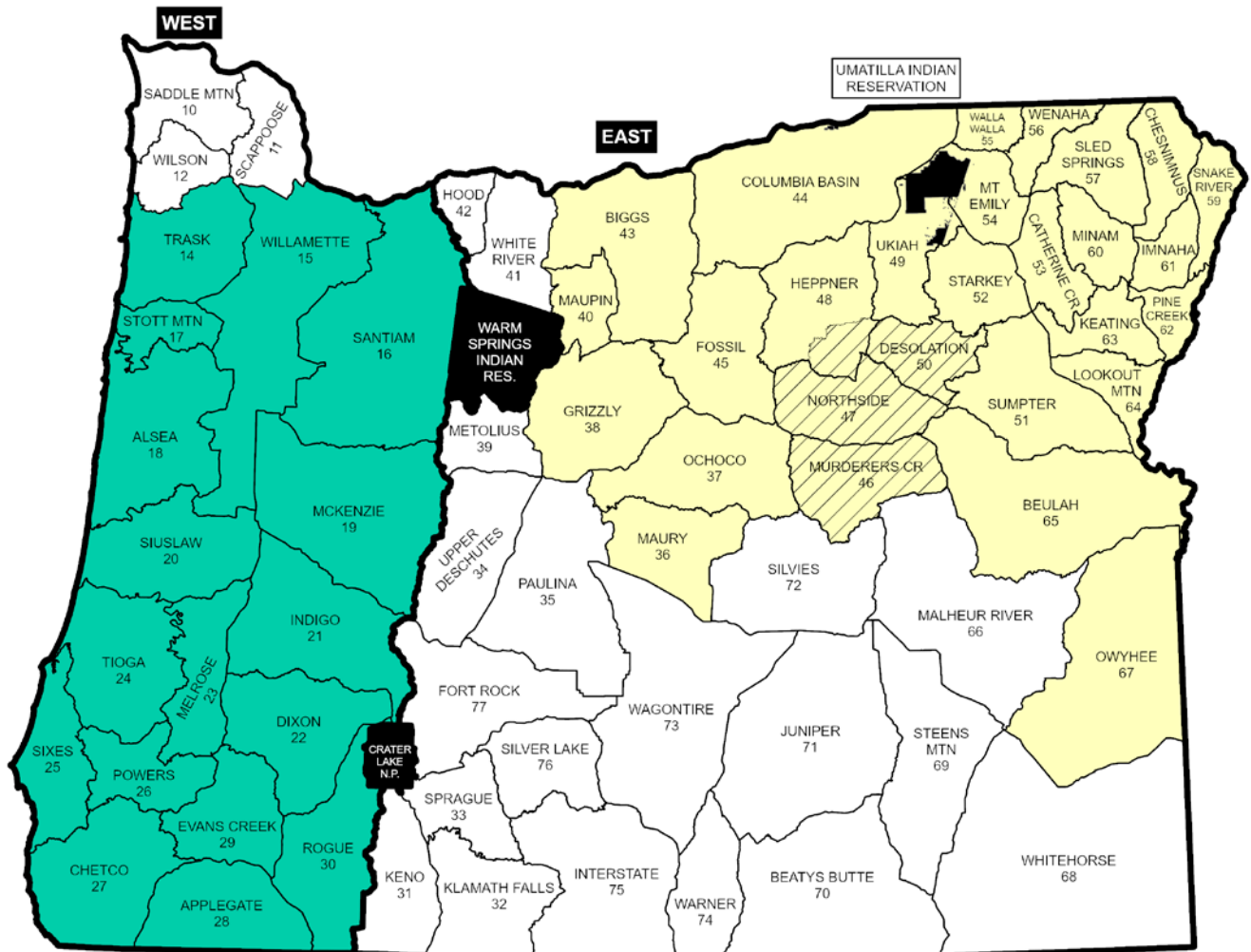
## 2023-24 FALL WILD TURKEY SEASONS

	OPEN SEASON	TAG REQUIRED <sup>b</sup>	DAILY BAG LIMIT	SEASON BAG LIMIT	OPEN AREAS
	Sept. 1 - Jan. 31, 2024	Western Oregon Fall	Two wild turkeys of either sex	2	WMUs 14-30
	Oct. 14 - Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 - Jan. 31, 2024 <sup>a</sup>	Eastern Oregon Fall	One wild turkey of either sex	1	WMUs 36-38, 40, 43-45, 48 (area north and west of the N Fork John Day Rvr), 49, 51, 52, 53-65, and 67 <sup>c</sup>
	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 - Jan. 31, 2024 <sup>a</sup>		One wild turkey of either sex	1	WMUs 46, 47, 48 (area south and east of the N Fork John Day Rvr), and 50

<sup>a</sup> From Dec. 1 - Jan. 31, 2024 hunting is allowed only on private lands by permission. Private lands are any lands not owned or controlled by any state, county, or federal agency.

<sup>b</sup> It is unlawful to obtain or possess more than two 2023-24 fall turkey tags, of which only one can be an eastern Oregon fall turkey tag. Each tag will allow the harvest of one wild turkey. See tagging requirements on page 22.

<sup>c</sup> All allotted and/or tribal lands inside the exterior boundary of the Umatilla Indian Reservation are not open to hunting (see map below).



 There are no hunting seasons on NP lands or Tribal Lands in these areas.

 Closed to fall turkey hunting.



# WILD TURKEY SEASONS

## Beardless Turkey Permit Hunts

Hunters may obtain a beardless turkey permit. Each permit will allow the harvest of three hen wild turkeys or turkeys without a visible beard, from the open area described below. Up to three permits may be purchased for the 2023-24 season. Upon taking a wild turkey, each hunter shall immediately record such taking on the permit in ink or electronically record harvest. Turkeys harvested on this permit are not required to be tagged. Don't forget that all wild turkey hunters are required to report, see page 22.

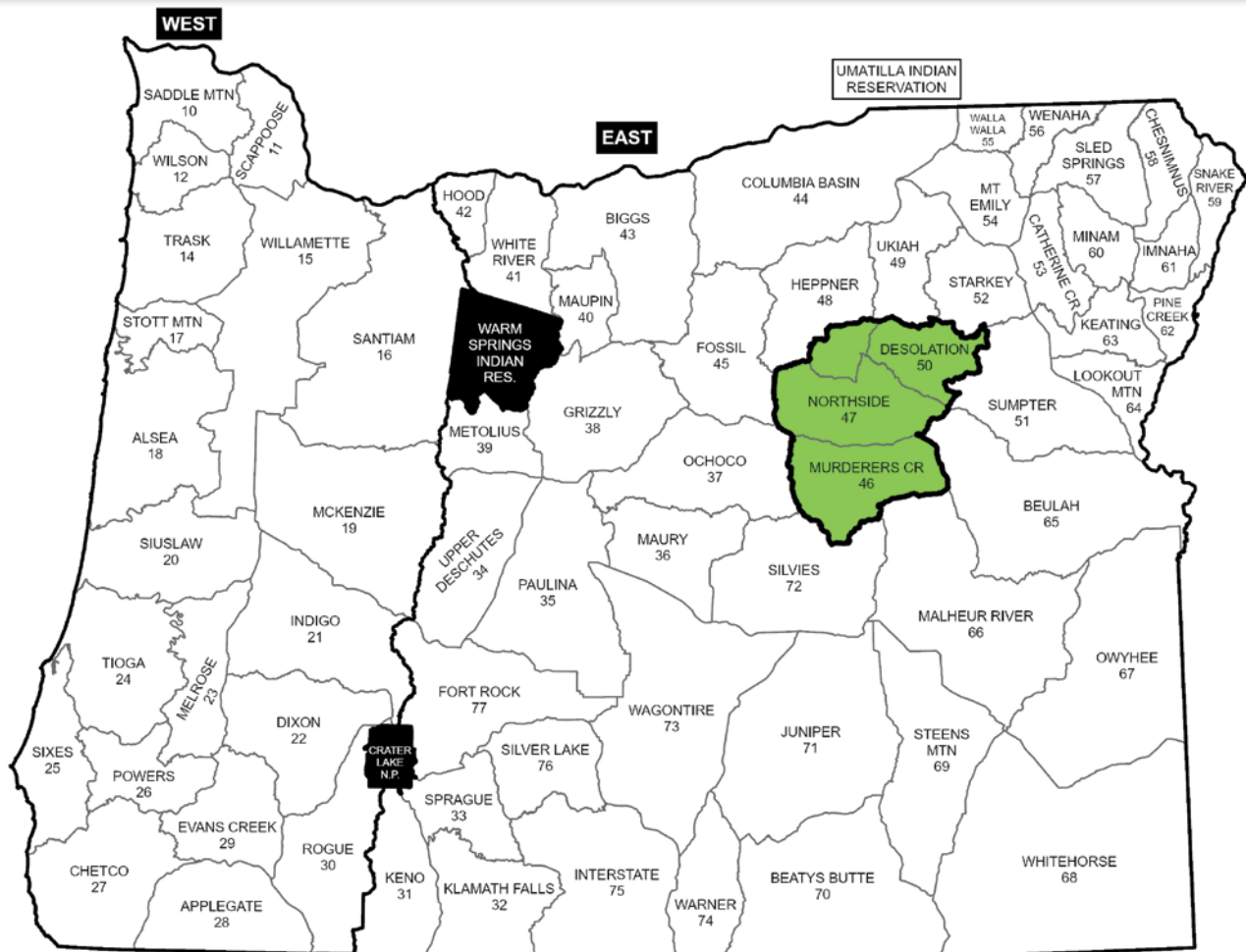


### 2023-24 BEARDLESS WILD TURKEY PERMIT SEASON

OPEN SEASON	PERMIT REQUIRED	DAILY BAG LIMIT <sup>a</sup>	SEASON BAG LIMIT <sup>a</sup>	OPEN AREAS
Nov. 1 - Jan. 31	Beardless Turkey Permit	3 hen wild turkeys and/or wild turkeys without a visible beard	9 (3 permits)	Private lands <sup>b</sup> within WMUs 46, 47, 48 (area south and east of the N Fork John Day Rvr), and 50

<sup>a</sup> Beardless turkey permit bag limits are in addition to fall turkey season bag limits, see page 23.

<sup>b</sup> Private lands are any lands not owned or controlled by any state, county, or federal agency.



There are no hunting seasons on NP lands or Tribal Lands in these areas.

Closed to beardless turkey permit hunts.

# FALCONRY REGULATIONS

## 2023-24 FALCONRY REGULATIONS

Falconers must possess a valid falconry license, an Oregon hunting license and all applicable permits, validations and stamps for wildlife they will be hunting (see page 7). Falconers wanting to hunt on state WAs should refer to specific regulations on pages 34-38 and hunt dates on pages 16-21.

	OPEN AREA	OPEN SEASON (ALL DATES INCLUSIVE)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
<b>UPLAND GAME BIRDS</b>				
Pheasant (either sex)	Statewide	Sept. 1 - Mar. 31, 2024	1	3
California Quail, Chukar, Hungarian (Gray) Partridge, Ruffed and Blue Grouse	Statewide	Sept. 1 - Mar. 31, 2024	2 each species	6 each species
Sage-Grouse	Areas open to controlled sage-grouse hunting. See page 21.	Sept. 1 - Jan. 31, 2024	1	2 <sup>a</sup>
<b>MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS &amp; CROWS</b>				
Duck (including Merganser) and Coot	Statewide	See dates by zones on page 16.	3 <sup>b</sup>	9 <sup>b</sup>
Mourning Dove, Band-tailed Pigeon	Statewide	Sept. 1 - Dec. 16		
Wilson's Snipe	Statewide	See dates by zones on page 16.		
Crow	Statewide	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31, 2024		
Goose	Statewide, except closed in the Northwest Permit Zone.	See dates by zone on page 17.		

<sup>a</sup> Season limit is two sage-grouse.

<sup>b</sup> Federal law states the following: "Falconry daily bag and possession limits for all permitted migratory game birds shall not exceed three and nine, respectively, singly, or in the aggregate..." When the season for dove, pigeons, crow and/or for snipe overlaps that for waterfowl, the falconer's bag may contain not more than three of all the federally regulated species (dove, pigeon, duck, merganser, geese, coot, crow and snipe). Call law enforcement, USFWS, 503-682-6131 for further information. Additionally, the daily bag may not include more than one goose (brant are closed) and one band-tailed pigeon. The possession limit is three geese and one band-tailed pigeon.

## SMALL GAME HUNTING

Small game species provide a variety of hunting opportunities throughout the state and are an excellent way to introduce new hunters to hunting. Only the appropriate hunting license is necessary to hunt small game (no tags or permits). The western gray squirrel is a "game mammal" with specific season dates. Many species of what hunters consider "small game" are "unprotected mammals".

### Western Gray Squirrel

A hunting license is required to hunt western gray squirrels. Western gray squirrels can only be hunted during the seasons listed below.

#### North - Central Oregon

**Open Season:** Sept. 15 - Oct. 31

**Bag Limit:** 3 squirrels daily.

**Possession Limit:** 6 in possession.

**Open Area:** Units 34, 35, 39, 41 and 42.

#### Remainder of the State

**Open Season:** Sept. 1 - Nov. 15

**Bag Limit:** 5 squirrels daily.

**Possession Limit:** 15 in possession.

**Open Area:** Units 10-33, 36-38, 40, 43-77.

Exception: No bag limit or closed season in that part of Unit 30 south of Rogue Rvr and S Fork Rogue Rvr and north of Hwy 140.

See Big Game Hunting Regulations for WMU boundary descriptions.

### Unprotected Mammals

Unprotected mammals are not covered under the game mammal, furbearer, or sensitive species rules. For unprotected mammals, there are no closed seasons or bag limits. However, a hunting license is required and all general hunting regulations still apply. Commonly hunted unprotected mammals

include coyote, cottontail rabbits, black-tailed jackrabbit, opossum, nutria, California ground squirrel, and Belding's ground squirrels.

For more information about hunting unprotected mammals scan the QR code below or visit [myodfw.com/articles/small-game-hunting-oregon](https://myodfw.com/articles/small-game-hunting-oregon)





# YOUTH HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

## Youth Waterfowl Hunts

### Eligibility

Unless noted, hunters 17 years and younger who are accompanied by a non-hunting adult 21 years of age or older, are eligible to participate. Youth participating in the Mentored Youth Hunter Program (see page 28) are not eligible to participate. **On ODFW managed lands, shooting glasses (eye protection) must be worn by all participants, including adults.**

### Requirements

Each youth hunter must have in possession:

- A Hunter Education Certificate (or a Department issued document [ex. hunting license] which includes their Hunter Education Certificate Number).
- Permit for the hunt area (if required).
- Valid hunting license with HIP validation in possession.
- Hunters 12 years of age or older must have a state waterfowl validation in possession.
- Hunters 16 years of age or older must have a valid federal duck stamp in possession.

### Statewide Season

Sept. 30 - Oct. 1. Some public lands are not open for hunting during this season, please check with the appropriate management agency for allowance of youth hunting. All ODFW WAs allow youth hunting. Note: only the Westside Unit of Sauvie Island WA is open and this youth hunt will be conducted in the same manner as the Westside Units during general waterfowl season. Hunting at Baskett

Slough NWR is by advance reservation. For application and more information, see [fws.gov/refuge/baskett-slough](https://fws.gov/refuge/baskett-slough). Applications are accepted Aug. 1-31. Phone: 541-757-7236.

### Bag Limit

Hunters may take ducks (including scaup), mergansers, coots and geese at the established bag limits (see pages 16-17).

### Additional Wildlife Area / Refuge Youth Days

- **Fern Ridge WA:** Nov. 25 and Dec. 27. The East, West, and South Coyote units are open only to youth hunters. Hunters should apply for a hunt (see page 44 for application procedures). Successful applicants must purchase their reservation permit before arriving at the WA.
- **Klamath WA:** Oct. 28. The Miller Island Unit will be open to youth hunters only.
- **Sauvie Island WA:** Oct. 28, Nov. 12, Dec. 9, Dec. 28, and Jan. 13, 2024. The Mudhen, Hunt and Racetrack units will be open, except Mudhen will not be open for the Nov. 12 youth hunt. Youth only until noon. After 12 p.m., Mentored Youth Hunters and adults accompanied by youth hunters, may hunt. Hunters may apply for hunts (see page 44 for application procedures); however, no one over the age of 17 may apply with a youth in a party application. Hunters with reservations will have first opportunities at selecting hunting blinds. Successful applicants must purchase their reservation permit before arriving at the WA.
- **Tualatin Rvr NWR:** Nov. 11, Nov. 19, Nov. 25, Dec. 3, Dec. 9, Dec. 17, Dec. 23, Dec. 31, and Jan. 6, 2024 by reservation in

the Riverboat Unit. For application and more information, see [fws.gov/refuge/tualatin-river/visit-us/activities/hunting](https://fws.gov/refuge/tualatin-river/visit-us/activities/hunting). Applications are accepted Aug. 15 - Oct. 1. Phone: 503-625-5944.

- **Umatilla NWR:** Nov. 18, youths must be 10-17 years old to participate in this hunt, and must be accompanied by an adult companion at least 18 years old. Reservation and blind fees are waived for the Youth Hunt Day. Applications for the Youth Hunt Day are accepted through the second Friday in Sept. For online applications, more information, and refuge-specific regulations, see [fws.gov/refuge/umatilla](https://fws.gov/refuge/umatilla). Phone: 509-546-8300.

## Youth Upland Bird Hunts

### Season Dates

- Sept. 9-10: Fern Ridge WA.
- Sept. 16-17: Denman, Klamath, Ladd Marsh, Sauvie Island, White River WAs. Central Oregon (Madras) and John Day.
- Sept. 23: Irrigon WA
- Sept. 23-24: Coquille Valley and E. E. Wilson.
- Oct. 28: Klamath WA.

### Bag Limit

Hunters may take rooster pheasants, quail and doves according to statewide bag limits unless otherwise indicated under specific area regulations. Pheasants purchased with upland game bird validation revenue will be stocked.

### Eligibility

Hunters age 17 years and younger are eligible to participate. In these hunts an adult 21 years or older, who may not hunt, must accompany not more than one youth hunter. All participants must attend a safety briefing.

### Requirements

Each youth hunter must have in possession:

- A Hunter Education Certificate (or a Department issued document [ex. Hunting license] which includes their Hunter Education Certificate Number).
- Permit for the hunt area (if required).
- Hunters 12 years or older must have a valid hunting license with an upland game bird validation.
- **A blaze orange hat, shooting glasses (eye protection) and vest must be worn by all participants, including adults.**

### Reservations

Hunting is available by reservation unless noted otherwise. Each hunter may reserve only one day. However, youth hunters without a reservation and those wishing to hunt a second day, may hunt on a standby basis if reservations are underfilled, or as registered

## ONLINE HUNTER EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Sign up for a class online: [myodfw.com/articles/hunter-education-classes-and-field-days-schedule](https://myodfw.com/articles/hunter-education-classes-and-field-days-schedule). For more information, call 503-947-6028.

### Who Needs to Take Hunter Education?

- Anyone age 17 or under must have proof of hunter education in their possession (certificate or valid license that includes hunter education number) when hunting on land other than their own property, except youths participating in the Mentored Youth Program.
- Many states require ALL hunters to have passed hunter education — plan your out-of-state hunts accordingly.
- There is no minimum age requirement to take a class; however a child must be able to physically handle a firearm safely and understand the concepts of firearm safety and other topics covered in class.

### How to Obtain a Duplicate Card?

- Download form from: [myodfw.com/articles/get-duplicate-hunter-education-card](https://myodfw.com/articles/get-duplicate-hunter-education-card)
- Fax to 503-947-6009 or mail to: 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem, OR 97302

hunters check out. Reservations must be made online ([myodfw.com](http://myodfw.com)) or at a license sales agent. There is no cost to register. The deadline to register is the Thursday before the hunt.

### Check In and Out

Hunters and accompanying adults must check in and out at the location specified for each hunt area. Permits will be issued at the check station on the day of the hunt. Unless noted below, check-in time and hunting hours will be provided when making a reservation.

### Open Hunt Areas and Regulations

- **Central Oregon (Madras):** Maximum number of hunters is 80. The hunt will take place on private land near Madras. Call 541-447-5111 for more information.
- **Coquille Valley WA:** Maximum number of hunters is 20 per day. Only federally-approved nontoxic shot may be used. Call 541-888-5515 for more information.
- **Denman WA:** Maximum number of hunters is 85. Only federally-approved nontoxic shot may be used. Call 541-826-8774 for more information.
- **E.E. Wilson WA:** Maximum number of hunters is 70. Only a designated portion of the area will be open. Only federally-approved nontoxic shot may be used. Call 541-745-5334 for more information.
- **Fern Ridge WA:** Maximum number of hunters is 75 in the field at any one time. No advanced reservations are required. Hunters check-in starting at 7:00 a.m. at a check station located in the Nielson Rd parking lot. Hunting hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. East and West Coyote and Fisher Butte units are open to hunting. Only federally-approved nontoxic shot may be used. Call 541-935-2591 for more information.
- **Irrigon WA:** Maximum number of hunters is 30 per day with no more than 15 at any time. Only federally-approved nontoxic shot may be used. The shotgun skills clinic will take place on cooperating private lands located near Irrigon. Call 541-276-2344 for more information.
- **John Day Area:** Maximum number of hunters is 30. The hunt will take place on private lands in the John Day Valley. Call 541-575-1167 for more information.
- **Klamath WA:** Sept. 16-17 hunt — Maximum number of hunters is 80. Hunting hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Only federally-approved nontoxic shot may be used. Oct. 28 hunt — The Miller Island Unit will be open to youth hunters only. Hunting is on a first-come basis. No reservations are required. The local chapter of Unlimited Pheasants ([unlimitedpheasantskfalls.com/](http://unlimitedpheasantskfalls.com/)) provide additional pheasants for this hunt. Call 541-883-5732 for more information.
- **Ladd Marsh WA:** Maximum number of hunters is 35. No advanced reservations are required. Hunters check in and out at a check station located at the Ladd Marsh Headquarters, 59116 Pierce Rd. Check stations will be open at 7:00 a.m. and hunting hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Only a designated portion of the area will be open. Only federally-approved nontoxic shot may be used. Call 541-963-4954 for more information.
- **Sauvie Island WA:** Maximum number of hunters is 50. Hunting will occur only on Eastside hunt units and entry to this area without a valid youth hunt permit is prohibited on hunt days. Only federally-approved nontoxic shot may be used. Call 503-621-3488 for more information.
- **White River WA:** Maximum number of hunters is 20 per day. The hunt will take place on White River WA near Wamic. Call 541-296-4628 for more information.

## Youth Chukar Hunt

The Klamath Chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association, in cooperation with ODFW, will offer a youth hunting opportunity for chukar in the Lower Klamath Hills Regulated Hunt Area on Oct. 21-22. The bag limit is two chukar. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult age 21 years or older. The adult will be asked to refrain from hunting and will be required to wear hunter orange. The mentored youth hunter program will apply to this hunt since it is within the general season dates for chukar. Youth hunters will be required to wear hunter orange and safety glasses. Hunting is available by reservation, call Jason Reed, Klamath Chapter OHA at 541-643-7077 prior to the hunt. The number of participants for this youth hunt will be limited.

## Spring Youth Wild Turkey Hunt

There will be a spring youth wild turkey hunt Apr. 13-14, 2024. Hunters age 17 years and younger are eligible to participate. In these hunts an adult 21 years or older, who may not hunt, must accompany not more than one youth hunter. Youth participating in the Mentored Youth Hunter Program (see page 28) are not eligible to participate in the April 13-14 youth hunt. Hunters must possess a 2024 youth spring turkey tag. Youths with an unfilled tag may also hunt during the Apr. 15 - May 31 spring season (see page 22).

## YOUTH SHOTGUN SKILLS CLINICS

The ODFW Hunter Education Program will sponsor free shotgun skills clinics in conjunction with some Sept. Youth Hunts. Clinics are open to anyone 17 years of age and younger. Participants will be taught basic shotgun skills and many will be given the opportunity to shoot sporting clays. Clay targets and shotshells will be provided. The clinics will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and individuals can come and leave at any time.

For further information please call your local ODFW office or the Oregon Hunter Education Program 503-947-6028. No pre-registration is required.

## LEARN TO HUNT GAME BIRDS

Throughout the year, ODFW hosts several learn-to-hunt workshops designed to teach beginning hunters (or those who need a refresher) how to hunt game birds in Oregon. Participants learn how to handle firearms safely, hunt game birds, and clean birds after harvesting. Focus species include pheasant, waterfowl, and wild turkey. Participants are required to complete an ODFW Shotgun Skills course before participating in a pheasant or waterfowl workshop. To register for ODFW workshops, visit [myodfw.com/workshops-and-events](http://myodfw.com/workshops-and-events). Workshops update seasonally, so be sure to check before your season starts.



# Pass It On:

## Mentored Youth Hunter Program

Resident and nonresident youth may participate in the Mentored Youth Hunter Program, without first passing an approved Hunter Education Program, provided the youth:

### Youth Participation

A youth may participate in the mentored youth hunter program, provided the youth:

- Is 9 through 15 years of age. At age 16, a youth is no longer eligible to participate in the Mentored Youth Hunting Program and must pass an approved hunter education program, possess a Youth License, and appropriate tags/permits/validations.
- Hunts while accompanied by a supervising hunter who is 21 years of age or older and who has a valid license and tag(s) for the dates, area and species being hunted.
- Completes the free annual registration. Register Online at: [myodfw.com/articles/mentored-youth-hunter-program](http://myodfw.com/articles/mentored-youth-hunter-program) or at your local license agent.
- Possesses the registration document while hunting.
- Reviews and acknowledges understanding of material on safe hunting practices provided by the Department by signing form.
- Follows all hunting regulations.
- Remains under the immediate control of the supervising hunter at all times while the youth is in possession of any legal weapon for the hunt.

- Is wearing a hunter orange exterior garment (shirt, jacket, coat, vest, or sweater) or hat when hunting with a firearm for game mammals or upland game birds (except wild turkey). The exterior garment or hat must have hunter orange visible in all directions (360 degrees).

### Supervising Hunter

The supervising hunter shall:

- Have a valid hunting license and tag(s) valid for the dates, area and species being hunted.
- Maintain immediate control of the mentored youth hunter at all times while the youth is in possession of any legal weapon for the hunt.
- Ensure that all Oregon hunting regulations are followed. The supervising hunter shall be responsible and accountable for all actions of the mentored youth hunter while engaged in hunting.
- Supervise only one mentored youth hunter at any given time while engaged in hunting.
- Review information on safe hunting practices provided by the Department with the youth.

### Safety

While engaged in mentored youth hunting activities:

- The supervising hunter shall maintain immediate control of the mentored youth hunter at all times while the mentored youth hunter is in possession of any legal weapon for the hunt.
- The supervising hunter shall not accompany more than one mentored youth hunter at any given time while engaged in hunting.

- The supervising hunter and the mentored youth hunter shall not collectively possess more than one weapon legal for the hunt at any given time while engaged in hunting.

### Seasons and Bag Limits

- Any wildlife harvested by the mentored youth hunter shall be counted towards the supervising hunter's bag limit.
- The mentored youth hunting program is not applicable to designated youth only seasons and hunts.

### Mentored Youth Preference Points

- Youth participating in the mentored youth hunting program will receive one mentored youth preference point for each year the youth registers for the program.
- The mentored youth preference points will be "banked" and held in the licensing system with no expiration date. To redeem banked points, the mentored youth will be required to fill out a form supplied by the department's License Services Section that clearly states what species the mentored youth wants their mentored youth preference points moved to.
- Points must be used at one time and may not be split among species.
- Once Mentored Youth Preference Points are redeemed, they are converted to the Preference Point System and are subject to the Oregon Administrative Rules that govern preference points.

### For Registration and More Information Please Visit:

[myodfw.com/mentored-youth-program](http://myodfw.com/mentored-youth-program)

### Note:

Mentored youth can only take an animal the supervising hunter could legally harvest. Youth Hunts do not qualify under the Mentored Youth Hunter Program because the supervising hunter cannot legally hunt during a Youth Hunt.





# ACCESS AREA PROGRAMS

ODFW provides public hunting access to millions of acres of private land through the various access programs described below. These programs involve trust. ODFW trusts landowners to provide a reasonable amount of public access. Landowners trust hunters to remember they are guests on the land, follow the written restrictions, and abide by the spirit of respect and cooperation required to make this program successful. Remember, hunting on private lands is a privilege, not a right.

## Access and Habitat Program (A&H)

Through the A&H Program, the Department provides hunting access to approximately 35 "Access Areas" on private land, many of which offer game bird hunting. Enrolled properties can be found at: [myodfw.com/articles/hunting-private-lands-access-habitat-program](http://myodfw.com/articles/hunting-private-lands-access-habitat-program). The A&H Program also administers the Oregon Open Fields program, which expands upland hunting access in the Columbia Basin and provides public goose hunting opportunities in the Willamette Valley. Please visit [myodfw.com/open-fields-program](http://myodfw.com/open-fields-program) for more details or contact the A&H Program Coordinator at 503-947-6087.

## Upland Cooperative Access Program (UCAP)

UCAP provides public upland game bird hunting opportunities in Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam and Morrow counties. Most landowners provide "Hunting by Permission" while others opt for "Welcome to Hunt" or Hunt By Reservation. Hunters must take the initiative to locate UCAP properties. The ODFW contacts listed on this page will provide general directions to UCAP properties. However, the hunter is responsible for contacting the landowner to schedule a hunt on "Hunting by Permission" properties. The extra effort ensures landowners that only responsible hunters are guests on their land.

### For more information contact:

- ODFW Heppner District Office: 541-676-5230
- ODFW The Dalles District Office: 541-296-4628
- ODFW Upland Game Bird Coordinator: 503-947-6323

## Hunt By Reservation

This private-land access program provides hunters a chance to reserve specific hunting dates in advance through either an online lottery

## ACCESS PROGRAM REGULATIONS

It is unlawful to hunt or enter any posted area without written permission unless the area is posted as "Welcome to Hunt." Hunters accessing A&H "Welcome to Hunt" properties are required to follow the area regulations printed on the map produced by ODFW for each Access Area. Specific regulations for each Access Area can be found through the Oregon Hunting Map at: [oregonhuntingmap.com](http://oregonhuntingmap.com).

### Heppner RHA

This Regulated Hunt Area (RHA) provides access for big game and upland bird hunting opportunities. Closed to all motor vehicle use year-round unless posted otherwise, open fires and camping prohibited in posted areas. Approximately 23 sq Mi in T3, 4 and 5S and R26, 27, and 28E.

### Columbia Rvr RHA

No entry permit required and open seven days-a-week. Hunt area boundary: Beginning at the eastern city limits of Arlington; east on I-84 to Threemile Canyon (Mi post 151); north to the north side of the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way; east on the railroad right-of-way to the boundary of the Umatilla NWR Boardman Unit; north to the Oregon/Washington state line; west on the Oregon/Washington state line to a point due north of the eastern city limits of Arlington; due south to the point of beginning.

Area is open for game bird, rabbit, and Eurasian collared-doves only during authorized game bird seasons. It is unlawful to use or possess shot other than federally approved nontoxic shot for all game bird hunting. Camping is allowed only at Quesnel Park (Threemile Canyon, Mi post 151) within the posted safety zone; not to exceed 7 days in any consecutive 14-day period.

### Port of Morrow RHA

Maps available at RHA entrance located by traveling north on Laurel Rd from exit 165 off I-84, 0.5 Mi east on Columbia Ave and

0.3 Mi southeast on Rippee Rd. No entry permit required and open 7 days per week Oct. 14 - Jan. 28. Area is open for hunting of game birds and Eurasian collared-doves only during authorized game bird seasons. It is unlawful to use or possess shot other than federally-approved nontoxic shot. A map can be found here [odfw.com/port-of-morrow-map](http://odfw.com/port-of-morrow-map)

The **Columbia Rvr** and **Port of Morrow RHAs** near Boardman in Morrow Co provide opportunities for public access and hunting for upland game birds and waterfowl. These areas are also subject to year-round rd closures. The following are prohibited:

- Driving or being transported upon any area except for designated open rds.
- Hunting, entering, or shooting across closed areas and safety zones.
- Camping (use between 10 p.m. and 4 a.m.), except at Quesnel Park.
- Discharging rifles, handguns, or shotguns with slugs, except by specific ODFW authorization.
- Placing waterfowl hunting sites closer than 200 yards apart.
- Leaving decoys set out overnight (10 p.m. to 4 a.m.).
- Digging pit blinds.

Because of landowner concerns for safety and maintenance of agricultural operations, some areas may be temporarily closed. Hunter numbers will be limited if crowding occurs.

### UCAP

It is Unlawful to:

- Use a motorized vehicle on fields, trails and posted roads.
- Hunt any posted safety zone or enter any "NO PUBLIC ACCESS" area.
- Build or use open fires without landowner permission.
- Use rifles, handguns or shotguns with slugs on any hunt area unless specific authorization has been given by the landowner.

or a first-come, first-served booking calendar. Hunt dates and group size are limited to reduce crowding and emphasize safety in the field. While the program focuses on wild turkey hunting, hunting for other species is also available. Hunters receive property-specific rules, maps, and landowner contact information during the reservation process. For a list of properties and information about the lottery and first-come, first-served options, visit: [myodfw.com/HBR](http://myodfw.com/HBR)





# Species Highlight: Chukar

**Chukar are one of the most-popular upland game birds to hunt in Oregon. With abundant flocks located on public land throughout scenic eastern Oregon, these partridge have become a favorite challenge for upland hunters.**

Chukar are native to some of the most rugged terrain in the world. Oregon's chukar stock likely originated from northern India, but has adjusted well to the high desert drainages and rimrock habitats of eastern Oregon.

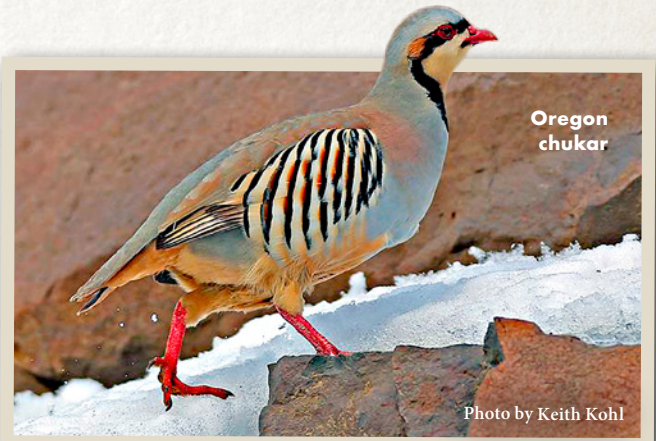
Oregon's free-ranging population of chukar was initiated with the release of 280 adult birds from the Ontario Game Farm in 1951 on the west slope of Hart Mountain. Pen-raised game birds are not known to thrive for long in the wild, but after releasing over 76,000 birds, Oregon's wild chukar populations were established.

The first chukar season in Oregon was held in the fall of 1956 with a daily bag and possession limit of 3 birds. Populations continued to increase and peaked around 1980 when 34,000 hunters harvested nearly half a million chukar in Oregon. Today harvest is more modest, averaging 41,000 birds with an 8 bird daily bag limit and a season that runs from mid-October through the end of January.

Large fluctuations in populations are common in the partridge family. Chukar tend to have short life spans, but have the ability to produce many young. Clutches up to 21 eggs have been observed. Even when chukar have a year of poor survival, they have the ability to repopulate fairly quickly.

Another remarkable quality of chukar is their ability to survive on the seemingly limited food resources of the high desert. One study of eastern Oregon chukar found cheatgrass seeds in 88% and the starchy root bulbs of the prairie star (*Lithophragma* sp.) in 46% of chukar crop contents. Learning to identify prairie star could make you a better chukar hunter!

When scouting for potential chukar hunting locations, look for steep rocky slopes with sagebrush and cheatgrass, but no trees. Chukar are always associated with some kind of water on the landscape, whether a creek, pond, or wildlife guzzler. You may catch them coming to water in the morning or evening, and when you hear their distinctive "chuck-chuck-chukar" call, you will know you're in the right place!



Typical Oregon chukar habitat

Photo by Dave Budeau



# Birds of a Feather



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# Protect Your Dog In The Outdoors



## Protect Your Dog From Traps

It's rare but it happens, usually during winter when trapping activity is at its peak — a dog gets caught in a trap set for a bobcat or another furbearer. Dogs can be released safely from these traps, but some dogs are injured or die.

To reduce this risk, rules require that traps not be set within 50 feet of trails or 300 feet of campgrounds. But, dogs allowed to roam freely in the outdoors can still be at risk from traps. Here are some steps to take to reduce the risk:

- Remain in close contact with your bird dog.
- Carry a pair of wirecutters to release the dog from a snare.

It is unlawful to disturb or remove the traps or snares of any licensed trapper while that person is legally trapping on public lands or on private lands with landowner permission. If you believe a trap or snare has been illegally set, contact Oregon State Police.

Like hunting, trapping is an important wildlife management tool.

## Don't Let Your Dog Chase Wildlife

It's dangerous for your dog, and against the law, because it harms wildlife — especially during the winter, when dogs can put more pressure on vulnerable animals trying to conserve energy.

State law prohibits people from allowing their pets to “harass” (chase, molest, worry, disturb) wildlife, except when hunting or during pursuit seasons. (Pursuit season is Sept. 1 - Jan. 31 for wild hatched upland birds. There is no pursuit season for sage-grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, or spruce grouse.) See wildlife area regulations for information on training dogs at wildlife areas.

## Raw Fish and Stagnant Water — Dangerous for Dogs

Don't let your dog eat raw salmon. It can carry the bacteria that causes deadly salmon poisoning disease (SPD) in dogs. Dogs can become severely ill when they eat fish with bacteria.

Signs of SPD in a dog are a high fever within 5-7 days of eating fish, lack of appetite, depression, dehydration, vomiting, and watery/bloody diarrhea. Seek immediate veterinary care if you think your dog has SPD — most dogs die if left untreated. (Care usually requires specific antibiotics to kill the bacteria, a wormer and intravenous rehydration.)

Freeze fish at -4 degrees F (-20 degrees C) for 24 hours or thoroughly cook it to kill the bacteria that cause SPD.

Stagnant water is another threat to dogs as it can harbor the bacteria leptospirosis. Signs of this infection in dogs are fever, reluctance to move due to joint or muscle pain, decreased appetite, weakness, vomiting and diarrhea, discharge from nose and eyes, frequent urination and jaundice.

Antibiotics can treat this infection if it is caught in time. Also talk to your vet about a vaccine that is available for some strains of leptospirosis.

## Caution: Wolves and Hunting Dogs

Encounters between wolves and hunting dogs are rare. But wolves are by nature territorial and may act aggressively toward dogs. Hunters who use dogs can take steps to reduce the risk of conflict between dogs and wolves:

- Keep your dogs within view. Place a bell or beeping collar on wider ranging dogs.
- Talk loudly to the dog or other hunters
- Use whistles or otherwise control your dog so that it stays close to you. (You want wolves to associate the dog with a human.)
- If wolves are present or fresh wolf sign is observed, keep dogs close, which may require using a leash.

For more information on wolves in Oregon, please visit ODFW's website at [odfw.com/wolves](http://odfw.com/wolves).

## Keep Your Dog Up To Date on Vaccinations

Wildlife can carry diseases that affect dogs — like canine distemper virus, parvovirus, adenovirus, and rabies. These pose a threat to unvaccinated pets. Visit your vet and get your dog up to date on vaccinations before outdoors season.

## The Wildlife Restoration Program funds projects and programs to enhance your outdoor experience, using an excise tax from purchase on:

- Firearms and ammunition
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# STATE WILDLIFE AREA REGULATIONS

## A WILDLIFE AREA PARKING PERMIT IS REQUIRED

### Display your parking permit at wildlife areas

Don't forget to display the parking permit that comes with your hunting license on your vehicle at the following wildlife areas:

- |                  |                  |                        |                 |
|------------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| • Coyote Springs | • Fern Ridge     | • Ladd Marsh           | • Sauvie Island |
| • Ken Denman     | • Irrigon        | • Phillip W. Schneider | • Summer Lake   |
| • EE Wilson      | • Jewell Meadows | • Power City           | • White River   |
| • Elkhorn        | • Klamath        |                        | • Willow Creek  |

A free annual permit comes with the purchase of an annual hunting license or Sports Pac. All other WA users need to purchase a permit. Permits are available where fishing and hunting licenses are sold and on the ODFW website ([myodfw.com](http://myodfw.com)).

The following language pertains to game bird hunting regulations only. Regulations regarding big game hunting can be found in the Oregon Big Game Regulations. All other rules regarding Department administered WAs can be found online at [myodfw.com/visit-odfw-wildlife-areas](http://myodfw.com/visit-odfw-wildlife-areas). The Department may evict any person from a state WA for violation of any Department rules or regulations or when continued presence of that person could cause a threat to the rights and safety of others or property. A WA parking permit is required at certain WAs.

## Columbia Basin WAs

### Coyote Springs

Located out of Boardman. Open to hunting during authorized seasons except for big game. Phone: 541-276-2344. See area rules.

### Irrigon

Located on the Columbia Rvr between Irrigon and Umatilla Rvr. Open to hunting during authorized seasons. Phone: 541-276-2344. See area rules.

### Power City

Located between Hermiston and Umatilla. Open to hunting during authorized seasons. Phone: 541-276-2344. See area rules.

### Willow Creek

Located adjacent to I-84 approximately 14 Mi west of Boardman. Access is through Threemile Canyon (exit 151), then follow signs. Open to hunting during authorized seasons. Phone: 541-276-2344. See area rules.

### Rules for the Columbia Basin WAs

All of the above Columbia Basin WAs are open seven days a week. No entry permit is required for wildlife-oriented public use unless otherwise excluded or restricted by the following:

- Camping or overnight stay is prohibited.
- Open fires are prohibited.
- Discharging shotguns at Power City and Irrigon is prohibited except during authorized game bird and game mammal seasons.
- Discharging firearms other than shotguns is prohibited except at Willow Creek WA.
- No person shall possess or use any shot other than federally-approved nontoxic shot at any time, except for big game hunters using buckshot or slugs.
- Entry into the area between 10 p.m. and 4 a.m. is prohibited except in designated parking areas.
- Leaving decoys set out overnight (10 p.m. through 4 a.m.) is prohibited.
- Placing waterfowl hunting sites closer than 200 yards apart is prohibited.
- Digging, for any purpose including concealment while hunting, is prohibited.

## Coquille Valley

Located about 3.5 Mi north of Coquille adjacent to Hwy 42 and North Bank Ln in Coos Co. The area is 687 acres in size and consists of the Beaver Slough and Winter Lk Tracts. Phone: 541-888-5515.

In addition to state and federal laws, the following rules apply to public use of Coquille Valley WA:

- Visitors must possess a Hunting/Access permit at all times. Permits are available at the self-check station located at the parking lot along North Bank Ln.

- Access to the WA must be through the access point located on North Bank Ln.
- Parking is allowed in WA designated parking areas only.
- Hunting/Access permits must be completed and returned to a check-out box located at the parking lot by the end of the day.
- The Beaver Slough Tract is open to public use and hunting daily.
- The Winter Lk Tract is open to public use and hunting Wed., Sat., Sun. and state and federal holidays Sept. 1 through Jan. 31.
- Feb. 1 through August 31 the Winter Lk Tract is open to public use and hunting daily.
- The WA is open to public access 4 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- No vehicles or boats with gas powered motors may be used on or launched from the WA except by access permit from ODFW.
- No person shall possess or use shot other than federally approved nontoxic shot at any time, except for big game hunters using buckshot or slugs.
- Camping is prohibited.
- Leaving decoys out overnight (10 p.m. to 4 a.m.) is prohibited.

## Denman

Located six Mi north of Medford, just west of White City. Phone: 541-826-8774.

Big game and game bird hunting is allowed during authorized hunting seasons according to the restrictions described below for specific units. All hunters must check in and out each day at self-service check stations located throughout the WA.

In addition to general state and federal laws the following are prohibited:

- No person shall possess or use any shot other than federally-approved nontoxic shot at any time, except for big game hunters using buckshot or slugs.
- Hunting within posted safety zones surrounding Whetstone Lk and a posted area north of TouVelle Rd.

### Hall Tract Unit

ODFW land north and west of East Gregory Rd, east of Table Rock Rd, south of Ave A and west of Agate Rd. Beginning Nov. 1 through the end of waterfowl season, hunting is allowed on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day only.

## E.E. Wilson

Located on Hwy 99W, approximately 10 Mi north of Corvallis. Big game, game bird, and rabbit hunting is allowed only by permit issued by ODFW, during authorized seasons (Sept. 1, 2023 - Feb. 29, 2024). **Spring turkey hunting is allowed for participants of**

### Department organized programs with an access permit.

Hunting is only open to participants in Department organized events on Sept. 23 and 24.

Permits are free and are available at self-service check stations located at area parking lots. Hunters must check in and out daily. No person shall possess or use any shot other than federally-approved nontoxic shot at any time, except for big game hunters using buckshot or slugs. Federally approved nontoxic shot is also required in the trap shooting area. Public use is prohibited between the hours of 10 p.m. and 4 a.m. From Sept. 25 - Oct. 31, all game bird hunters are required to have in possession a Western Oregon fee pheasant permit and an upland game bird validation to hunt on the area. See page 7. All hunting during Sept. 25 - Oct. 31 ends at 5 p.m. Rabbit hunting is permitted from Nov. 1 - Feb. 29. Phone: 541-745-5334.

In addition to the rules listed in "Dogs on Dept Lands" (page 35), dogs may also be off leash while accompanied by a licensed hunter when being used to hunt rabbits during the authorized season, including while going to or coming from hunting locations.

A rabbit hunt for people with disabilities will be held on Feb. 3, 2024. All hunters with an Oregon Disabilities Hunting and Fishing Permit and valid hunting license or disabled hunter's license are eligible to participate. Members of the Marys Peak Hound Club will have dogs and dog handlers available to assist hunters. Pre-registration is requested with a maximum number of hunters limited to 50. Start time is 8:00 a.m. Only shotguns with federally-approved nontoxic shot may be used.

## Fern Ridge

Located west of Eugene on Hwy 126. All lands owned or controlled by ODFW and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in and around Fern Ridge Reservoir are closed to all entry with the following exceptions listed below for the units. Phone: 541-935-2591.

No person shall possess or use any shot other than federally-approved nontoxic shot at any time, except for big game hunters using buckshot or slugs. Discharging firearms is prohibited except as authorized during game bird and game mammal seasons, or by permit. All garbage generated during hunting activities (including shotgun shells) should be removed. Open fires prohibited. The WA is closed to all public use between 10 p.m. and 4 a.m.

Daily hunting permits are required for all units, must be possessed at all times by hunters, and must be completed and returned at the end of the day. Free daily permits are available at self-service check stations located in parking lots off Hwy 126 (West 11th Ave) Cantrell Rd, Green Oaks Dr, Halderson

Rd, Nielson Rd, Royal Ave, Territorial Hwy and east Kirk Park on Clear Lake Rd. For reservation waterfowl hunt program, see reservation application procedures on page 44.

The WA is open to goose hunting only for the Sept. Canada Goose Season and Sept. youth waterfowl season.

### East, West and South Coyote Units

Located south of Hwy 126 (West 11th Ave) and east of Central Rd on the east and west side of Coyote Cr. Marked trail to viewing platform accessible from Nielson Rd parking lot remains open daily year-round. Access is by designated trail only during periods of unit closures.

- **May 1 - Oct. 8:** Open to public use daily; open to hunting during authorized game bird and game mammal seasons. Sept. 9 and 10 are designated for Youth Upland Bird Hunt program (see page 26). A Western Oregon fee pheasant permit is required for pheasant hunting from Sept. 11 - Oct. 8 (see page 20), except the South Coyote Unit is closed to the pheasant hunt and youth upland bird hunt.
- **Oct. 9 - Nov. 17:** Closed to all public access.
- **Nov. 18 - Jan. 27:** Open only for waterfowl hunting by reservation permit on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays until 1:00 p.m. Closed to all public access at 2:00 p.m. Reminder: Successful applicants must purchase their reservation permit before arriving at the WA. Licensing documents are not available at the WA. Permit holders must have in their possession a valid reservation permit to check into the area. Check-in and blind selection will be held 1-1/2 hours before shooting time (see page 8). Permit holders not present at check-in time forfeit their permit for the day. A free drawing for stand-by hunters will be held at the same time to fill blinds left vacant by permit holders who do not arrive for the hunt. Hunters must check in at a check station trailer located at 27733 Ken Nielsen Rd. Permit holder may be accompanied by one guest. Nov. 25 and Dec. 27 are reserved for youth waterfowl hunters only. See Youth Hunts on page 26 and Reservation Application Procedures, page 44.
- **Jan. 28 - Feb. 2:** Closed to all public access.
- **Feb. 3:** Open only for waterfowl hunting for qualified hunters during the Veterans and Active Military Personnel Waterfowl Hunt Day until 1:00 p.m. Closed to all public access at 2:00 p.m. See page 19 for check-in procedures.
- **Feb. 4 - Apr. 30:** Open to public use on Saturdays. Closed to all public access Sunday through Friday. Hunting and the discharge of firearms is prohibited.

### Fisher Butte and Royal Amazon Units

Located north of Hwy 126 (West 11th Ave) and south of the Amazon Cr channel. Marked

trails to viewing platforms accessible from the Royal Ave and Hwy 126 parking lots will remain open to public use daily, year-round. Designated rd and trail use only during periods of unit closures. Hunting is allowed during the dates and time specified below.

- **May 1 - Oct. 8:** Open to public use daily; open to hunting during authorized game bird and game mammal seasons. Sept. 9 and 10 are designated for Youth Upland Bird Hunt program (see page 26). Western Oregon fee pheasant permit is required for pheasant hunting from Sept. 11 to Oct. 8 (see page 20).
- **Oct. 9 - Oct. 13:** Closed to all public access.
- **Oct. 14 - Jan. 28:** Open for public use and hunting until 1:00 p.m. daily. Closed to all public access after 2:00 p.m.
- **Jan. 29 - Feb. 2:** Closed to all public access.
- **Feb. 3:** Open only for waterfowl hunting for qualified hunters during the Veterans and Active Military Personnel Waterfowl Hunt Day until 1:00 p.m. (see page 19 for details including check-in procedures). Closed to all public access at 2:00 p.m.
- **Feb. 4 - Apr. 30:** Open to public use on Saturdays. Closed to all public access Sunday through Friday. Hunting and the discharge of firearms is prohibited.

### All Other Units at Fern Ridge WA including Fern Ridge Lake

Open to public use daily and open to hunting during authorized game bird and game mammal seasons. Lane Co. and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers parks are closed to hunting and the discharge of firearms.

## DOGS ON DEPT LANDS

The following rules apply to all Department owned, managed, or controlled areas:

- All dogs must be kept on a leash except:
  - » While accompanied by a licensed hunter when being used to hunt game birds, including while going to or coming from hunting locations;
  - » In a posted dog training area;
  - » While the dog is under direct control in a posted parking area, designated campground or on a road currently open to public motor vehicle traffic; or
  - » As otherwise specified in 635-008-0112, 0147, 0190, 0211 (see Sauvie Island and EE Wilson sections for additional exceptions.)



# STATE WILDLIFE AREA REGULATIONS

## Klamath

Located six Mi south of Klamath Falls between Hwy 97 and the Klamath Rvr. The area contains 2,680 acres in the Miller Island Unit. In addition to this area, there are three outlying units: Gorr Island, Shoalwater Bay and Sesti Tgawaals, which contain an additional 990 acres.

Gorr Island is located four Mi south of the Miller Island Unit in the Klamath Rvr and is only accessible by boat. Shoalwater Bay and Sesti Tgawaals are both located on the west side of Upper Klamath Lk approximately 10 Mi to the north and west of Klamath Falls. Phone: 541-883-5732.

In addition to general state and federal laws, the following apply to Klamath WA:

- No person shall possess or use any shot other than federally-approved nontoxic shot at any time.
- Public use is prohibited between the hours of 10 p.m. and 4 a.m.
- Camping is prohibited.
- Discharging firearms is prohibited except during authorized game bird hunting seasons.

### Gorr Island, Shoalwater Bay and Sesti Tgawaals

Open for public use daily. Open for hunting daily during authorized hunting seasons. No permit required. For big game hunting, please see big game regulations.

### Miller Island Unit

Miller Island Unit is divided into three subunits: A, B and C. Hunter numbers will be limited to 35 at any one time in each subunit.

- Subunit A: North of Miller Island Rd and east of Delameter Rd.
- Subunit B: West of Delameter and Miller Island Rds.
- Subunit C: East and South of Miller Island Rd.

Daily hunting permit is required while hunting at the Miller Island Unit. Hunters shall be in possession of permit while in the field; check out is required. Daily hunt permits are available at the check station located on the North side of Miller Island Rd just west of the railroad tracks.

**May 1 - Sept. 30:** Open to public use daily; open to hunting during authorized game bird seasons. Sept. 16-17 are reserved for youth upland hunters only and Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> is reserved for youth waterfowl hunters only (see page 26).

**Oct. 1 - Dec. 31:** Open to public use Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays.

- Open on Oct. 1st to youth waterfowl hunters only (see page 26).
- Open to game bird hunting Oct. 14th and 15th and every following Monday,

Wednesday and Saturday during authorized game bird seasons. All other days are closed to all entry, except public rds, parking areas, boat ramp, designated birding trail and designated dog training area.

- Upland game bird shooting hours begin at 10:00 a.m.
- Saturday Oct. 14th is by reservation only (see pages 44 and 46). The check station opens 2 hours before waterfowl shooting time and all reservation holders must check in at least ½ hour before waterfowl shooting time (see page 8). All hunters must have in their possession a valid reservation permit to check into the area. Successful applicants must purchase their reservation permit before arriving at the WA. Licensing documents are not available at the WA.
- Oct. 28, all of Miller Island Unit is open to youth hunters only on a first-come basis (see pages 26 and 27 for youth hunt details).
- Throughout the pheasant season a pheasant release program will occur. After Oct. 20, pheasants will be released in subunits A and C of the Miller Island Unit. Pheasants are donated by Unlimited Pheasants.

**Jan. 1 - Jan. 28:** Open to public use daily; open to hunting during authorized game bird seasons.

**Jan. 29 - Feb. 2:** Public use is restricted to public rds, parking areas, boat ramp, designated birding trail and designated dog training area to minimize disturbance to migrating waterfowl.

**Feb. 3:** Open only for waterfowl hunting for qualified hunters during the Veterans and Active Military Personnel Waterfowl Hunt Day (see page 19).

**Feb. 4 - April 30:** Public use is restricted to public rds, parking areas, boat ramp, designated birding trail and designated dog training area to minimize disturbance to migrating waterfowl.

## Ladd Marsh

Located five Mi south of La Grande in Union Co, hunting is allowed according to specific regulations listed below. Phone: 541-963-4954.

In addition to general state and federal laws, the following apply to Ladd Marsh WA:

- The area is closed between 10 p.m. and 4 a.m. An entry permit is required at all other times.
- Free daily entry permits are available at self-service check stations located at area parking lots. Hunters and other visitors must check in and out daily.
- Leaving decoys set out overnight is prohibited (10 p.m. - 4 a.m.).
- Motorized boats are prohibited.

- Camping is prohibited.
- No person shall possess or use any shot other than federally-approved nontoxic shot at any time, except for big game hunters using buckshot or slugs.
- Discharging firearms is prohibited except when lawfully hunting during authorized game bird and big game hunting seasons.

### Lands East of Foothill Rd

Except posted refuge areas and safety zones, areas are open to hunting on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays and federal holidays, Aug. 1 - Jan. 31 and open on Feb. 3 only for waterfowl hunting for qualified hunters during the Veterans and Active Military Personnel Waterfowl Hunt Day (see page 19).

### Lands West of Foothill Rd

Closed to all entry Feb. 1 - Mar. 31 except by access permit issued by ODFW.

## Sauvie Island

Located 10 Mi north of Portland off Hwy 30. The WA includes Westside, Eastside, Oak Island and North units, and the Columbia Rvr Beach area. Maps are available at check stations (Westside, Eastside, North units, and Willow Bar parking lot) and the WA Headquarters (18330 NW Sauvie Island Rd). The Willow Bar parking lot is located at the Multnomah-Columbia Co line on Reeder Rd. Portions of Sauvie Island WA are closed to all entry except when in possession of a valid daily public hunt area permit from Oct. 1 - Apr. 30. A Beginners Guide to Waterfowl Hunting on Sauvie Island WA is available at: [myodfw.com/sauvie-waterfowl-hunting](http://myodfw.com/sauvie-waterfowl-hunting). Phone: 503-621-3488.

In addition to general state and federal laws, the following regulations also apply to all ODFW lands on Sauvie Island, including Gilbert Rvr and Sturgeon Lk.

- The WA is closed to hunting of game mammals, furbearers, predators, and unprotected and protected wildlife (except black-tailed deer, rabbit, crow, Eurasian collared-dove, and game birds). For black-tailed deer hunting, please see big game hunting regulations.
- The WA is closed to the public between 10 p.m. and 4 a.m. daily.
- No person shall possess or use any shot other than federally-approved nontoxic shot at any time.
- Operation of boats in Sturgeon Lk Refuge is prohibited from Oct. 1 - Apr. 15. Operating boats over 5 mph is prohibited on all area Lks.
- Posted refuges, including Sturgeon Lk and North Oak Island, are closed to all hunting year-round.
- The Columbia Rvr Drainage District Dike is closed to all hunting.

- All dogs must be on leash except while accompanied by a licensed hunter when being used to hunt during authorized season, including while going to or coming from hunting locations or; pursuant to a valid "Competitive Hunting Dog Trial Permit" or "Sauvie Island WA Individual Dog Training Permit".

## Youth Hunting

See page 26 for youth hunting opportunities.

## Fee Pheasant

**Sept. 18 - Oct. 1:** In the Eastside Unit only. See page 20 for additional details. Hunters must check in and out at Willow Bar and Eastside self-service check stations only, where ODFW dated public hunt area permits are available. In addition to a valid hunting license and public hunt area permit, all bird hunters are required to have in possession a Western Oregon fee pheasant permit and an upland game bird validation to hunt in the Eastside Unit. All bird hunting ends at 6 p.m.

## North Unit and Columbia River Beaches

These areas are open to hunting every day of the authorized seasons for dove, snipe, pheasant, quail, duck, coot, crow, and Sept. Canada goose (pages 16, 17 and 20). Rabbit hunting is allowed in the North Unit only during Sept. 1 - Jan. 31, 2024. Voluntary check in and out at the North Unit parking lot located at the end of Reeder Rd is encouraged.

## Westside, Eastside and Oak Island Units

**Sept. 1 - Oct. 1:** During this time period these units are open to hunting during authorized seasons for dove, quail, crow, and Sept. Canada goose (pages 16, 17 and 20). A free daily public hunt area permit is required in these units. Permits can be obtained at self-service check stations at the WA Headquarters, Westside, Eastside, and Willow Bar parking lot. See exceptions below:

- During the youth pheasant hunt (Sept. 16 & 17) the Eastside Unit is only open to youth hunt participants, see pages 26-27.
- During the Sept. youth waterfowl hunt (Sept. 30 - Oct. 1) the Westside Unit is only open to youth hunt participants, see pages 26-27.
- During the fee pheasant hunt (Sept. 18 - Oct. 1) Eastside Unit hunters must follow Fee Pheasant hunt procedures listed above.

**Oct. 2 - Oct. 13:** These units are closed to all hunting and all public access.

**Oct. 14 - Jan. 28:** During this time period these units are open to hunting during authorized seasons for dove, snipe, pheasant, quail, duck, coot, crow, and white geese (pages 16-18 and 20), only on reservation hunt days

found on pages 45-46. Shooting hours end at 4 p.m. and all hunters must check out at check stations by 6 p.m.

**Feb. 3:** Open only for waterfowl hunting for qualified hunters during the Veterans and Active Military Personnel Waterfowl Hunt Day (see page 19).

## A free daily public hunt area permit issued at the Westside or Eastside check stations is required in these units:

- **Westside Unit:** Public hunt area permits will be issued through a random number drawing conducted each hunt day at the Westside check station located at the north end of Sauvie Island Rd. Hunters wishing to participate in the drawing must be in the vehicle line at the Westside check station 1-1/2 hours before shooting time (page 8). Each hunter will be given the opportunity to draw a random number and hunters in parties (up to four members) will be assigned the lowest random number drawn among the party's members. Hunters will be called via AM Radio Station 1580 to the check station in the order of their draw number to choose hunting sites and obtain public hunt area permits. Hunters arriving after 1-1/2 hours before shooting time will be issued remaining public hunt area permits on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **Eastside and Oak Island Units:** Public hunt area permits are issued to hunters holding reservation permits at the Eastside check station located at the intersection of Reeder and Rentenaar Rds. Reservation permits must be obtained through the controlled hunt draw process (see pages 44-46) except for the Veterans and Active Military Personnel Waterfowl Hunt Day (see page 19). Reservation hunters must be in line at least 2 hours before shooting time and will be called via AM Radio Station 1580 to the check station by the check-in sequence number printed on their reservation permit. Reminder: Successful applicants must purchase their reservation permit before arriving at the WA. License documents are not available at the check stations. Unfilled reservations are available to hunters without reservations on a first-come, first-served basis at the check station beginning 1 hour before shooting time. Separate vehicle lines are designated for reservation and non-reservation hunters. Note: In the Oak Island Unit, water is not available until Columbia Rvr levels at Vancouver reach 15 feet.
- **Westside, Eastside and Oak Island Units:**
  - » Hunters in check station lines must check through in the vehicles in which they arrive.
  - » All hunting in units with designated shooting locations will be from the assigned blinds/sites, unless otherwise authorized. No more than four persons (one reservation hunter may bring up to three guest hunters)

will be allowed at designated shooting sites in Mud Lk, Steelman, Holman Point, Mudhen, Racetrack, Hunt, Reeder Tract, Oak Island, Seal and Johnson units. In a non-designated shooting site unit (room unit), only one non hunting person may accompany a permit holder, unless otherwise authorized.

## Summer Lake

Located adjacent to Hwy 31 in north Lake Co, 100 Mi southeast of Bend. Over 60 percent of the area's 18,900 acres are open to big game and game bird hunting during authorized seasons (except as indicated below). Hunting is permitted seven days-a-week. Overnight camping is permitted at four designated sites on the area. Hunters must obtain a free daily hunting permit at Area Headquarters prior to hunting. No more than two daily hunt permits, valid for consecutive days, may be possessed at any one time. Hunters must check-out at the end of the day or following two consecutive days by depositing their daily hunting permit in a self-checkout box. Area maps are available at Area Headquarters, 1.3 Mi south of the town of Summer Lk or online at [myodfw.com/summer-lake-wildlife-area-visitors-guide](http://myodfw.com/summer-lake-wildlife-area-visitors-guide). Phone: 541-943-3152.

In addition to general state and federal laws, the following are prohibited:

- Hunting in or shooting into posted refuges, campgrounds and safety zones.
- Operating motor vehicles on closed Rds or driving cross-country.
- Parking or leaving motor vehicles unattended except in areas designated for that use or in campgrounds.
- Leaving decoys set out overnight (8 p.m. to 4 a.m.).
- Possession or use of any shot other than federally-approved nontoxic shot at any time, except for big game hunters using buckshot, slugs, or by permit issued by ODFW.
- Hunting geese during the Sept. Canada Goose Season and from Jan. 29 - Mar. 10, 2024 except for qualified persons during the Feb. 3, 2024 Veterans and Active Military Personnel Waterfowl Hunt (see page 19).
- Entering posted refuges during authorized game bird and game mammal hunting seasons, except to retrieve lawfully taken wildlife. Motor vehicle access along the Wildlife Viewing Loop, which goes through a posted refuge, is permitted except during any waterfowl season authorized at the area and during the seven days prior to the opening day of the Zone 2 duck season.
- Entering any portion of the WA south of Thousand Springs Ln (Lake Co Rd 4-17), except the Foster Place unit and open rds and campgrounds, between Oct. 7 through 4 a.m. on Oct. 14.
- Operating boats with gas-powered motors.



# STATE WILDLIFE AREA REGULATIONS

## Other Wildlife Areas Open to Game Bird Hunting

### Bridge Cr. (Umatilla Co)

Open to public access and hunting Apr. 15 - Nov. 30. Motorized vehicle travel restricted to open rd. Phone: 541-276-2344.

### Elkhorn (Baker/Union Cos)

Open to all public access Apr. 11 - Nov. 30, or by permit. Roth Tract closed to all hunting; an entry permit is required at all times of the year. Phone: 541-898-2826.

### Enterprise (Wallowa Co)

Open to hunting seven days-a-week. No entry permit is required. Posted portions of the area lying south of the Union Pacific Railroad line and the entire Marr Tract are closed to all hunting. Phone: 541-426-3279.

### Gods Valley (Clatsop Co)

Vehicles are restricted to Co rds. Phone: 503-755-2264.

### Jewell Meadows (Clatsop Co)

All areas posted as "Wildlife Refuge" are closed to public access (entry). Posted portions of the Beneke Tract are closed to entry during any open Saddle Mtn Unit elk season. See current Oregon Big Game Regulations. It is unlawful to shoot bows or firearms from or across open fields on the Humbug Tract during any open Wilson Unit elk season. Phone: 503-755-2264.

### Lower Deschutes (Wasco/ Sherman Cos)

Open to the discharge of firearms only while hunting of big game and game birds during authorized seasons, except that discharge of firearms is prohibited within the Wild and Scenic waterway boundary from the third Saturday in May through August 31. Access by foot, boat, or bicycle only. Public access to the Woosley tract is only allowed from the Deschutes River through adjacent Bureau of Land Management lands. Phone: 541-296-4628.

### Minam River (Wallowa Co)

Open to public access and hunting Apr. 1 - Nov. 30. Exception: Year-round public access is permitted on the Minam Rvr Trail and associated parking area along Hwy 82. Camping is prohibited. The WA is closed to the public between 10 pm and 4 am. ATV and snowmobile use is prohibited on all area lands except for administrative use. Phone: 541-963-4954.

### Phillip W. Schneider (Grant Co)

Open to public access and hunting Apr. 15 - Jan. 31. Motorized vehicle travel restricted to open rds. Some rds closed seasonally from Dec. 1 - Apr. 14. Phone: 541-987-2171.

### Riverside (Malheur/Harney Cos)

Open to hunting during authorized seasons. Discharge of firearms is prohibited the remainder of the year. Motorized vehicle travel restricted to designated rds. Phone: 541-573-6582.

### St. Louis Ponds (Marion Co)

Open for game bird hunting between the beginning of pheasant season and the end of waterfowl season. The following are

prohibited: discharge of rifles and pistols; use any shot other than federally-approved nontoxic shot at any time; use of all floating crafts; and use of the area for any purpose between one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise.

### Tami Wagner (Lincoln Co)

Open for wildlife-oriented public use unless otherwise excluded or restricted by the following rules: discharge of any firearm is prohibited except as authorized during game bird and game mammal seasons, or by permit. Camping is prohibited. Unauthorized motor vehicle use is prohibited. Phone: 541-867-4741

### Wenaha (Wallowa Co)

Open to public access and hunting Apr. 1 - Dec. 31. Motorized vehicle travel restricted to open rds. Phone: 541-828-7721.

### White River (Wasco Co)

Open to hunting during authorized seasons, except the WA lands north of FR 27 are closed to the public from Dec. 1 - Mar. 31. Motor vehicles are prohibited except on parking areas, designated campsites, and open rds. No cross country travel or off rd motor vehicle use is allowed, except for administrative use. ATV/OHV and snowmobile use are prohibited on all area lands except for administrative use or by access permit issued by ODFW. Camping is prohibited except in designated campsites and shall not exceed a total of 14 days during any 30 day period. Campfires and open burning prohibited except at designated campsites. Fires are prohibited during designated fire closures. Phone: 541-544-2126.

## PLANNING YOUR HUNT

Did you know that many WAs post daily, weekly, and/or monthly harvest and hunter effort numbers to [myodfw.com/articles/game-bird-hunting-statistics-odfw-wildlife-areas/](http://myodfw.com/articles/game-bird-hunting-statistics-odfw-wildlife-areas/)? WAs include: Denman, E.E. Wilson, Fern Ridge, Klamath, Ladd Marsh, Sauvie Island, and Summer Lake.

You can also find tips for applying for reservation hunts at Fern Ridge and Sauvie Island, including strategies for increasing your likelihood of getting drawn and the number of first choice applicants that applied for reservations by date.

See [myodfw.com/game-bird-harvest-stats](http://myodfw.com/game-bird-harvest-stats) for more information.

## HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA

Avian influenza, or "bird flu," is a respiratory disease of birds caused by influenza A viruses. Wild birds can carry and spread these viruses but may show no signs of illness.

Although avian influenza viruses rarely infect people, you should still protect yourself:

- Do not harvest or handle wild birds that are obviously sick or found dead.
- Always wear disposable gloves when handling or cleaning game and wash hands with soap and water immediately afterward.
- Dress game birds in a location away from poultry and other birds and bag the carcass for disposal. Disinfect all tools and work surfaces.
- Clothing and boots used in hunting wild birds should be changed before handling live poultry.
- Cook game meat thoroughly.
- Report dead wild birds to ODFW 866-968-2600 or email [Wildlife.Health@odfw.oregon.gov](mailto:Wildlife.Health@odfw.oregon.gov)

For more information about avian influenza, go to [www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/home/](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/home/).

## Hunter Ethics



As a hunter, you are responsible to adopt and follow a **personal code of ethics** that reflects your values

and your respect for wildlife, hunting and pass on the sport of hunting to those who come after you. Remember the following points to help ensure the future of Oregon's hunting heritage.

### Respect Landowners

- Ask for permission to hunt well before you plan on hunting.
- Leave all gates the way you find them.
- Follow all landowner restrictions.
- Offer to share part of your harvest with the landowner.

### Respect the Resource

- Leave the land better than you found it.
- Adhere to fair chase rules.
- Know your capabilities and limitations as a marksman.
- Harvest no more than you will use, and take care of what you take.
- Abide by game laws and regulations.

### Report hunting violations to the Oregon State Police at

1-800-452-7888 or dial \*OSP (\*677).

### Respect Others

- Follow safe firearm handling practices and insist your hunting partners do the same.
- Know what is beyond your target. Shot pellets can be fatal to both people and dogs.
- Don't interfere with another person's hunt.
- If mentoring a youth hunter, be sure to pass on safe, responsible and ethical knowledge and skills.
- Wear hunter orange when hunting.

**Be Safe – Be Seen.**

Interested in  
*Archery?*



**FOR KIDS GRADE 7-12:** Join an in-school "Varsity Archers" program, run in conjunction with NASP. Compete in 3D tournaments and get an introduction to bowhunting.

**FOR ADULTS:** ODFW hosts classes geared towards adults new to archery and bowhunting. Learn everything you need to sight in your bow, bowhunting regulations and terminology, shot scenarios and vital arrow placement.

### ALREADY AN ARCHER OR BOWHUNTER? **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Contact Lora Baker, ODFW Archery Education Coordinator.

[Lora.l.baker@odfw.oregon.gov](mailto:Lora.l.baker@odfw.oregon.gov)



For more information about archery at ODFW, scan this QR code

# Stop Poaching

Poachers steal fish, birds and wildlife from all of us. You can help solve Oregon's poaching problem. Report a wildlife or habitat law violation or suspicious activity.

You can remain anonymous, and if your tip leads to an arrest or citation, you can get a cash reward or hunter preference points.

Call 1-800-452-7888 or \*OSP (\*677) from a mobile device.

Or email: [TIP@osp.oregon.gov](mailto:TIP@osp.oregon.gov) (Mon-Fri., 8-5)



Scan or go to to  
<https://dfw.state.or.us/stop-poaching/>  
to learn more





# STATE AND FEDERAL REFUGE AREA REGULATIONS

## State Parks

Select state parks are open to game bird hunting. Refer to Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's (OPRD) online Hunting Map for location and details. If you have any questions or need assistance accessing OPRD's Hunting Map, please call 1-800-551-6949.

## State Refuges

### Columbia Rvr Refuge

Columbia Rvr Refuge from the railroad bridge at Celilo in Wasco Co to 4.3 Mi west of Boardman is open to pheasant, quail, partridge, waterfowl, snipe and rabbit hunting with shotgun and bow with flu-flu arrows only.

### John Day Rvr Wildlife Refuge (Sherman and Gilliam Cos.)

Includes all public and private land and water within ¼ Mi of the John Day Rvr mean high water line from the Columbia Rvr upstream to Thirtymile Cr. That portion of the refuge from the Columbia Rvr to Rock Crk is closed to all waterfowl hunting; upland game bird hunting is closed except between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31. Hunting is allowed in the remainder of the refuge during authorized seasons. Hunting on private lands within this refuge requires landowner permission.

## State Refuge Closures

Hunting is prohibited for the following:

- Brown's Island and Minto Island refuges
- Carlton Lk Refuge
- Deschutes Rvr Refuge for the first 1/2 Mi above the Hwy 30 bridge.
- Lake Lytle Refuge
- Multnomah-Clackamas Refuge
- Sturgeon Lk Refuge

**Note:** For refuge descriptions refer to Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS 501.400-501.540).

## Area Information

### Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument

Located southeast of Ashland, Oregon and administered by the BLM. Open for all hunting during authorized seasons. Within the Monument motorized and mechanized vehicle use off rd is prohibited.

### Coos Bay (Coos Co)

That part of Coos Bay described as follows is closed to waterfowl hunting: Beginning on Russell Point at the north end of Hwy 101 Bridge across Coos Bay in Coos Co; west approximately

3/4 of a Mi on Parallel 43°26' to the Southern Pacific Railway to a point due north of the northeast point of the North Bend airport; south to the northeast point of the North Bend airport; southerly on the west bank of Pony Slough to the Charleston-North Bend Hwy; east on the Charleston-North Bend Hwy to the east bank of Pony Slough; northerly on the east bank of Pony Slough and Coos Bay to the south end of the Hwy 101 Bridge; northerly on the Hwy 101 Bridge to the point of beginning.

### Crater Lk National Park (Klamath Co)

Hunting is prohibited within the boundaries of Crater Lk National Park. Phone: 541-594-3000.

### Dean Cr Elk Viewing Area (Douglas Co)

All BLM lands within or adjacent to T22S, R11W (including Spruce Reach Island) are closed to hunting. Also, other lands located within the following boundary are closed to hunting during all elk and deer seasons that pertain to this area: beginning at the intersection of Schofield Rd and Hwy 38, south on Schofield Rd to its intersection with Hakki Ridge Rd, east on Hakki Ridge Rd to the crest of Hakki Ridge, east along the crest of Hakki Ridge to its intersection with the BLM boundary located in T22S, R11W Section 4, easterly along the BLM boundary to Hwy 38, west on Hwy 38 to the point of beginning.

### Devils Lk (Lincoln Co)

Closed to all game bird hunting.

### Eckman Lk (Lincoln Co)

A Co ordinance prohibits the firing or discharge of any bow and arrow, air rifle, or firearm on or within 150 feet of the Lk.

### Gold Island (Malheur Co)

An island in the Snake Rvr, three Mi south of Nyssa. Pheasant season begins Oct. 21. Shooting hours begin at 10 a.m. daily.

### John Day Fossil Beds National Monument (Grant/Wheeler Cos)

Hunting is prohibited within the boundaries of the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument. Phone: 541-987-2333.

### Lower Klamath Hills RHA

Located 10 Mi south of Klamath Falls. The area is open 7 days-a-week and is administered cooperatively by BLM and ODFW. A year-round rd closure is in effect. Phone: 541-883-5732. See page 27 for a special youth chukar hunting opportunity.

### Metolius Wildlife Refuge

Located in the Metolius Unit. All hunting, injuring, taking, killing, or destroying any wild bird or mammal on public land is prohibited within T12 and T13S, R9E, bounded by USFS Rd 1420 and 1419 on the west; Rd 1400 on the south and east; and rd 1420-400, Metolius Rvr,

and posted boundary from the Metolius Rvr to Rd 1400 on the north (36 CFR 261.58(v)).

### Newberry Crater National Monument

Located in the Paulina Unit. All hunting, injuring, taking, killing, or destroying any wild bird or mammal is prohibited on public lands within the rim of Newberry Crater in: T21S, R12E; T22S, R12E; T21S, R13E; T22S, R13E.

### Plat I Reservoir (Douglas Co)

The reservoir and adjacent posted lands are closed to the hunting of game birds except on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays between Oct. 14, 2023 and Jan. 28, 2024.

### Rimrock Springs WA (Jefferson Co)

Closed to all hunting and trapping.

### Sandy Rvr Delta (Multnomah Co)

This area, bounded by the land above the mean high water line on the Sandy Rvr on the west, I-84 on the south and the land above the mean high water line on the Columbia Rvr on the north is owned and managed by USFS. The area is closed to all hunting except the portion of the area north and east of the BPA Powerline, which is open to waterfowl hunting with shotgun only during authorized waterfowl seasons. Phone: 541-308-1700

### Siletz Bay (Lincoln Co)

Hunting is prohibited at Siletz Bay within 200 yards of the shoreline in the following described areas:

- Beginning at a posted point near Hwy 101 on the southeast shore of Siletz Bay, west and north the length of Salishan Spit to the mouth of Siletz Bay.
- Beginning at a posted point south of Drift Cr bridge on Hwy 101, west and north to the mouth of Siletz Bay.

### South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve (Coos Co)

Specific areas are closed to hunting. For more information please visit: [oregon.gov/dsl/SS/Pages/About.aspx](http://oregon.gov/dsl/SS/Pages/About.aspx) or contact the reserve headquarters at 541-888-5558 ext 121 for specific closure details.

### Starkey Experimental Forest Enclosure (Union Co)

Approximately 20,500 acres within the research enclosure are open to game bird hunting, except from Nov. 15 - May 1. The 1,500-acre Campbell Flat Pasture, 3,600-acre intensive timber management area and 900-acre winter feed ground are closed to all game bird hunting.

### Upper Deschutes Rvr (Deschutes Co)

Most of the Deschutes Rvr between the southwest boundary of LaPine State Park and the north end of Sunriver is closed to the discharge of firearms by Co ordinance, Oregon State Parks regulation and Deschutes

NF order. For more information contact the Deschutes Co Sheriff's office at 541-388-6655.

### **Wanaket WA (Umatilla Co)**

Game bird hunting is permitted through the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) Hunt Program. The Wanaket WA is located on Hwy 730 between Hat Rock and McNary.

- Hunting is in accordance with applicable state and federal regulations. In addition to state and federal regulations, several area regulations apply. Only geese, ducks, coot, pheasant, quail and partridge may be hunted during authorized state seasons.
- Hunting is permitted on Wednesdays and Saturdays only. Upland bird hunting begins at noon. Contact the CTUIR Wildlife Program for specific information on hunt days and entry requirements.
- All upland and waterfowl hunters must possess a CTUIR Daily Hunt Permit for Wanaket WA. All hunters must return the Daily Hunt Permit.
- Only shotgun or bow with flu-flu arrow hunting is permitted.
- Only federally-approved nontoxic shot may be possessed or used. Hunters may not possess more than 25 shells per day.
- Portable blinds and construction of temporary blinds from natural materials is permitted. Digging or using pit blinds is prohibited. Waterfowl hunters must hunt at designated ponds only.
- The use of boats or other watercraft is prohibited.
- Other restrictions may apply. Please contact the CTUIR Wildlife Program, 541-429-7200 or [ctuir.org/departments/natural-resources/wildlife/](http://ctuir.org/departments/natural-resources/wildlife/), for details including updated information on areas open to hunting and for information on other hunting opportunities on tribal lands.

### **Winchester Dam (Douglas Co)**

The still water above Winchester Dam at Rvr Mi 7 on the North Umpqua, upstream to the lower end of the island, a distance of 1.5 Mi, is closed to hunting.

### **Yaquina Bay (Lincoln Co)**

Closed to hunting in Newport city limits, map of city limits available at: [newportoregon.gov/dept/cdd/LandUseMaps.asp](http://newportoregon.gov/dept/cdd/LandUseMaps.asp)

## **National Wildlife Refuges**

**Note:** ODFW is not responsible for the accuracy of any information in this section. This information is provided by the USFWS and printed as a courtesy. Portions of the following NWRs posted as public hunting areas will be open for hunting specified game

animals during authorized seasons. Only federally-approved nontoxic shot may be used or be in possession while hunting on any refuge, unless otherwise noted.

### **Bandon Marsh**

- **Bandon Marsh Unit:** Waterfowl and snipe may be hunted daily during authorized seasons on that portion west of US Hwy 101 and outside Bandon city limits.
- **Ni-les'tun Unit:** Waterfowl may be hunted on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays on that portion south of a designated east-west line that is south of N. Bank Ln and adjacent to the Coquille Rvr. Hunters may park boats in the marsh while hunting. Boats along the bank of the Coquille Rvr are required to park in designated locations. Foot access to the hunting area from the N. Bank Ln parking lot is allowed through the retrieval zone.

On both units, only portable blinds or blinds constructed of on-site dead vegetation or driftwood may be used. All blinds and decoys must be removed at the end of the day. Entry to refuge lands is prohibited from one hour after sunset to two hours before sunrise. For more information [fws.gov/refuge/bandon-marsh](http://fws.gov/refuge/bandon-marsh) or 541-347-1470.

### **Columbian White-tailed Deer Refuge (Julia Butler Hansen)**

The refuge-owned shorelines, tidelands and interior sloughs of Wallace and Crims Islands, and the refuge-owned shorelines of the Westport Unit are open to waterfowl and snipe hunting during state authorized seasons. Tenasillahe Island is closed to all hunting. The placement of permanent blinds is prohibited. Phone: 360-795-3915.

### **Hart Mtn Antelope**

Chukar, California quail, and waterfowl may be hunted during state authorized seasons. Sage-grouse hunting is prohibited. Nontoxic shot is not required to hunt chukar or California quail. Contact the refuge headquarters for current regulations at 541-947-2731 or [fws.gov/refuge/hart-mountain-national-antelope](http://fws.gov/refuge/hart-mountain-national-antelope)

### **Klamath Marsh, Lower Klamath and Upper Klamath**

Waterfowl and snipe hunting during authorized seasons, except Sept. Canada goose season is closed on Klamath Marsh and Lower Klamath Refuges. All Refuges are closed to goose hunting after Jan. 28, 2024. A reservation permit is required to hunt waterfowl the first weekend of the season in Lower Klamath Refuge east of the Straits Drain. Information on the reservation draw is available at [fws.gov/refuge/lower-klamath/visit-us/activities/hunting](http://fws.gov/refuge/lower-klamath/visit-us/activities/hunting). Pheasant hunting is allowed only on Lower Klamath Refuge during authorized seasons. Phone: 530-667-2231.

### **Lewis & Clark**

All unposted shorelines and interior sloughs of refuge islands are open to waterfowl and snipe hunting. Areas closed to all hunting are posted and include Miller Sands Island and its partially enclosed lagoon and the diked portion of Karlson Island. The placement of permanent blinds is prohibited. Phone: 360-795-3915.

### **Malheur**

For more information, including maps and access locations please visit: [fws.gov/refuge/malheur](http://fws.gov/refuge/malheur), phone: 541-493-2612 or email [malheur@fws.gov](mailto:malheur@fws.gov). When Malheur Lk water level is low (<10,000 acres) Malheur Lk North and South hunt units will be closed to waterfowl hunting. Drive-in access may be difficult during hunt season. The South Malheur Lk unit can only be accessed from the North Malheur Lk unit, access is not available near the Refuge Headquarters. Call number listed above for current conditions.

- **North Malheur Lk Hunt Unit Area:** 22,500 acres open to waterfowl, dove, partridge, pheasant, quail, and snipe during authorized state waterfowl and pheasant seasons, including the state designated statewide youth waterfowl hunt season. Nonmotorized or boats with electric motors are authorized during the hunt season. Temporary blinds may be erected but must be removed on a daily basis.
- **South Malheur Lk Hunt Unit:** 4,600 acres open to waterfowl and snipe during authorized state seasons. Caspian Tern Island is closed to hunting. Nonmotorized or boats with electric motors are authorized during the hunt season. Temporary blinds may be erected but must be removed on a daily basis.
- **Buena Vista Hunt Unit:** 36,200 acres east of Hwy 205 as posted. Open to waterfowl, dove, partridge, pheasant, quail, and snipe during authorized state waterfowl and pheasant seasons. Boats are not permitted. Temporary blinds may be erected but must be removed on a daily basis.
- **Boundary Hunt Unit:** 2,500 acres west of Hwy 205 and Krumbo Cr. hunt area. Open to dove, partridge, pheasant, and quail during authorized state seasons.

### **Mid-Columbia River Refuge Complex**

See individual Refuge tear sheets for additional site specific information: [fws.gov/mcriver/regulations/](http://fws.gov/mcriver/regulations/). Phone: 509-546-8300.

- **Cold Springs:** Only the southern portion of the Refuge is open to hunting. See tear sheet map for details. Waterfowl, snipe, dove and all upland game birds, except wild turkey. Hunting on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays and federally observed holidays during authorized seasons. All dove hunting only during the authorized mourning dove seasons. Big game hunting may occur under the Emergency Hunt Process. Memorial Marsh waterfowl



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hunters are required to park in the designated parking lot at the numbered parking space matching the number of the blind they are using.

- **McKay Cr:** Waterfowl, snipe, dove, upland game birds and fall wild turkey. Hunting on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays and federally observed holidays during authorized seasons. All dove hunting only during the authorized mourning dove seasons. Open to fall wild turkey hunting Oct. 16 to Nov. 30, 2023.
- **Umatilla Boardman Unit:** Waterfowl, dove, snipe and all upland game birds, except wild turkey. Hunting is allowed during authorized seasons. All dove hunting only during the authorized mourning dove seasons.
- **Umatilla McCormack Unit:** Waterfowl, snipe and all upland game birds, except wild turkey. Hunting is allowed Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Thanksgiving and New Year's Day during the Zone 1 duck season. The McCormack Unit is closed to hunting at all other times, except for controlled deer hunting (see Oregon Big Game Regulations). The check station is open from 1-1/2 hours before legal hunting hours to 8:00 a.m. and from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. An on-site drawing is held each day for non-reservation holders to fill unclaimed reservations; hunters wishing to participate in the daily drawing should be at the Hunter Check Station 1-1/2 hours before legal hunting time. Waterfowl hunters may enter the McCormack lottery or hunt standby and are required to check in and out at the Hunter Check Station. A daily permit and \$15/day use fee is required to hunt waterfowl. For the first weekend of upland game bird season only, hunters must enter the lottery and obtain a reservation permit to hunt upland game birds, as well as pay a \$15/day use fee. After the first weekend, a free daily permit (available from the Hunter Check Station) is required to hunt upland game birds. Hunting waterfowl and upland game birds on Veteran's Day (Nov. 11, 2023) is exclusively reserved for veterans and active duty military personnel. For Youth Waterfowl Hunt Opportunities, see page 26. During the waterfowl season, hunting information is available through the Hunter Hotline at 541-922-HUNT. Information and instructions for reservation permits are at [fws.gov/refuge/Umatilla/](https://fws.gov/refuge/Umatilla/) applications must be received by the second Friday in Sept.

## Nestucca Bay

Ducks, geese, and coots may be hunted daily on Brooten Marsh and the mouth of the Little Nestucca Rvr east of its confluence with Nestucca Bay. Only portable blinds or blinds constructed of on-site dead vegetation or driftwood may be used. All blinds and decoys must be removed at the end of the day. Entry to

refuge lands is prohibited from one hour after sunset to two hours before sunrise. For more information [fws.gov/refuge/nestucca-bay](https://fws.gov/refuge/nestucca-bay) or 541-867-4550.

## Siletz Bay

- **Siletz Bay Unit:** Waterfowl may be hunted daily on that portion of the unit that is west of US Hwy 101 south of Drift Cr and north of Millport Slough.
- **Millport Slough Unit:** Waterfowl may be hunted on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays on that portion that is south of Millport Slough and east of US Hwy 101.

On both units, only portable blinds or blinds constructed of on-site dead vegetation or driftwood may be used. All blinds and decoys must be removed at the end of the day. Entry to refuge lands is prohibited from one hour after sunset to two hours before sunrise. For more information [fws.gov/refuge/siletz-bay](https://fws.gov/refuge/siletz-bay) or 541-867-4550.

## Snake Rvr Islands of Deer Flat

Waterfowl, mourning dove, pheasant, quail, and partridge hunting during authorized seasons. Closed to all public entry Feb. 1 - June 14. Some islands remain closed thru June 30. Check the islands for posted dates of closures or contact Deer Flat NWR at [fws.gov/refuge/deer-flat](https://fws.gov/refuge/deer-flat) or Phone: 208-467-9278.

## Tualatin Rvr

Open for controlled waterfowl hunting for youth only by reservation. See [fws.gov/refuge/tualatin-river](https://fws.gov/refuge/tualatin-river) or call 503-625-5944 for more information.

## Wapato Lk

Open for controlled waterfowl hunting only by reservation. See [fws.gov/refuge/wapato-lake](https://fws.gov/refuge/wapato-lake) for more information.

## Willamette Valley Refuges

- **Ankeny:** Closed to all game bird hunting.
- **Baskett Slough:** A portion of the refuge is open for the Sept. Canada goose season and open for controlled waterfowl hunting for youth only by reservation during the Sept. youth weekend. See [fws.gov/refuge/baskett-slough](https://fws.gov/refuge/baskett-slough) or call 503-623-2749 for more information.
- **William L. Finley:** Only Snag Boat Bend unit open to roam waterfowl hunting. See [fws.gov/refuge/william-l-finley](https://fws.gov/refuge/william-l-finley) or call 541-757-7236 for more information.

## THANK YOU FOR PROTECTING OREGON'S RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE

- Cultural Resources in Oregon include both Indian and early Euro-American archaeological sites, burials, and sacred objects.
- Cultural sites are not a renewable resource. Once taken or damaged they are lost forever.
- They are protected by law on public and private land. Disturbing them can lead to serious penalties.
- Further information is available at [oregon.gov/oprd/OH/pages/technicalresources.aspx](https://oregon.gov/oprd/OH/pages/technicalresources.aspx)



**TIPS can remain anonymous**  
**1-800-452-7888**  
**or dial \*OSP (\*677)**

# DISABILITIES HUNTING AND FISHING PERMIT INFORMATION

Oregon makes hunting and fishing more accessible for people with permanent disabilities.

## Who May Apply

In order to be considered a person with a disability under the wildlife laws, a person shall provide either:

- Written certification from a licensed physician, licensed physician assistant or certified nurse practitioner which states that the applicant:
  - » Is permanently unable to walk without the use of, or assistance from, a brace, cane, crutch, prosthetic device, wheelchair, scooter or walker;
  - » Is restricted by lung disease to the extent that the person's forced expiratory volume for one second, when measured by a spirometer, is less than 35 percent predicted, or arterial oxygen tension is less than 55 mm/Hg on room air at rest;
  - » Has a cardiac condition to the extent that the person's functional limitations are classified in severity as Class III or Class IV, according to standards established by the American Heart Association;
  - » Has a permanent, physical impairment that prevents the person from holding or shooting a firearm or bow or from holding a fishing rod in hand; or
  - » Has central visual acuity that permanently does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with corrective lenses, or the widest diameter of the visual field is no greater than 20 degrees; or

- Written proof that the last official certification of record by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States shows the person to be at least 65 percent disabled (ORS 496.018).

## Accommodations

An "Oregon Disabilities Hunting and Fishing Permit" holder may:

- Hunt from a parked motor-propelled vehicle except on any public road or Hwy, or within Cooperative Travel Management Areas. A public road is the entire right of way of any road over which the public has a right of use. Public roads include, but are not limited to, road related structures that are in the right of way such as tunnels, bridges, or similar structures. Roads on federal, state, or local government lands are public roads. Hunting from a parked motor-propelled vehicle is allowed on private land with the landowner's permission and on public land where offroad travel is permitted.
- Have an able-bodied companion accompany them and kill any animal wounded by the permit holder. The wounded animal must be killed using a legal weapon for the season and species designated on the tag. The companion must immediately complete the tagging procedure as described on page 15-16 for the permit holder. The companion is not required to possess a hunting license or tag (OAR 635-065-0090(3)), except a person accompanying a visually impaired hunter is required to possess

a valid hunting license and may shoot a game animal on behalf of the hunter while in the presence of the hunter (ORS 198.170).

## Assistance From Others

Disabilities listed above must be permanent. A Disabilities Hunting and Fishing Permit will not be issued for temporary disabilities. Permits are valid for five calendar years. To renew a permit, the holder must submit a new, updated application form.

A person who is not visually impaired and who accompanies a hunter who is visually impaired that possesses an "Oregon Disabilities Hunting and Fishing Permit" may:

- assist the hunter in selecting a game animal or bird;
- assist the hunter aiming or sighting a firearm;
- advise the hunter when to fire a firearm;
- shoot a game animal or bird on behalf of the hunter while in the immediate presence of the hunter; and
- tag and retrieve game animals and birds on behalf of the hunter.

The person accompanying a hunter who is visually impaired is required to possess a valid hunting license and may also hunt game animals or birds if the person possesses the appropriate tags, permits, validations and stamps for the area and time period.

**NOTE: FEDERAL MIGRATORY GAME BIRD EXCEPTION:** No persons shall take migratory game birds from or by means, aid, or use of any motor vehicle, motor driven land conveyance, or aircraft of any kind, except that paraplegics and persons missing one or both legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance.

## PERMIT APPLICATION

For more information or to obtain an "Oregon Disabilities Hunting and Fishing Permit" application packet, please visit our website at [myodfw.com/articles/oregon-disabilities-hunting-and-fishing-permit-information](http://myodfw.com/articles/oregon-disabilities-hunting-and-fishing-permit-information). Application packets are also available by calling 503-947-6101.





# RESERVATION AND CONTROLLED HUNTS

## How the Controlled Hunt Drawing Works for Game Birds

Each controlled hunt application is assigned a unique seven-digit random number. A seven-digit seed number is drawn for each hunt series, which serves as a starting point for determining which applications successfully draw a permit/reservation for each hunt within each series.

Hunting parties are maintained by the computer and only the party leader's 7-digit number is used in the drawing.

Permits/Reservations are awarded beginning with the applicant whose 7-digit number matches (or is closest to and above) the start number.

The selection continues with the applicant having the next higher number and continues until all available permits/reservations are awarded.

Permits/Reservations are assigned to first choice applicants as above until all permits/reservations are assigned or all first choices are filled. Permits/Reservations are only assigned to second choice applicants after all first choices have been filled. This sequence is followed for 3rd, 4th and 5th choices.

### To Apply

1. Apply online from your own device.
2. Visit any license agent.
3. The application period opens July 1.
4. You must have a valid hunting license to apply, or purchase at the time of

application. Nonresidents: A 3-Day Nonresident Hunting License is NOT valid to apply for controlled game bird hunts. To apply for controlled game bird hunts, a regular nonresident hunting license is required.

5. Parties must assign ONE person as the Party Leader. You must indicate whether you are applying as a party member or party leader. The party leader must apply before the party member(s). Party members must include the party leader's ODFW ID# on their applications, and the party leader's choices will apply to the entire group.
6. Verify that all information entered is what you requested before the transaction is completed. No permits/reservations will be issued because of agent error. It is the hunter's responsibility to ensure accuracy of applications. The license agent will give you an application receipt showing your hunt choices. You should check it for accuracy prior to leaving the license agent and keep it for proof of application.

### Party Size (Includes Party Leader)

1. \*Fern Ridge WA - 1 (no parties)
2. Sauvie Island WA - 4
3. Klamath WA - 4
4. Sage-grouse - 4

The party leader's hunt choices will be used for the entire party. All members must list the same choices as the party leader on their individual application. If successful, all party members will receive the same hunt choice as the party leader.

\* Fern Ridge successful applicants will receive a permit valid for self and one guest.

**Controlled Hunt Information Line**  
503-947-6102.

**Licensing**  
503-947-6100

### Results Available

Results (successful or unsuccessful) will be made available by August 22 (Sage-Grouse) or by the dates listed in the tables on pages 45-46 for WA reservation hunts. Check draw results by logging into your ODFW account or visiting a license agent.

### If Successful

Permits/Reservations must be purchased online or anywhere ODFW licenses are sold through the last day of the season for sage-grouse or before check-in time on the day of a WA Reservation Hunt.

**NOTE:** Licenses, tags, reservations and permits cannot be purchased at most WAs.



# WILDLIFE AREA RESERVATION HUNTS

## Sauvie Island Wildlife Area Hunts for Eastside and Oak Island Units

Hunt days are shown in the calendars below. Find the date you wish to hunt in the calendar and record the day number. Then decide which unit you wish to apply for. You will use the day number and hunt unit abbreviation to apply for the hunt. For example, if you wish to apply for a hunt on Oct. 14 (Day 01) in the Racetrack unit, you will apply for hunt 01RT. Each hunter may apply once for each of the seven hunt periods. **See tables below and page 26 for information on Youth Hunts.** See page 44 for controlled hunt application procedures. Also see pages 36-37 for Area Regulations. A \$4.00 application fee applies to each hunt period, and if successful, a \$2.00 permit fee applies. Permit must be purchased prior to checking in at the WA. Sauvie Island recorded information: 503-621-3488 ext 1.

### HUNT PERIOD A

APPLICATION DEADLINE: SEPT. 16 PERMITS AVAILABLE: OCT. 2

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						Oct. 14 Day 01
	Oct. 16 Day 02		Oct. 18 Day 03		Oct. 20 Day 04	
Oct. 22 Day 05		Oct. 24 Day 06		Oct. 26 Day 07		Oct. 28 Day 08*

\*Signifies youth hunt only (17 years of age and younger) in Hunt, Mudhen, and Racetrack units

### HUNT PERIOD B

APPLICATION DEADLINE: OCT. 5 PERMITS AVAILABLE: OCT. 20

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				Nov. 2 Day 09		Nov. 4 Day 10
	Nov. 6 Day 11		Nov. 8 Day 12		Nov. 10 Day 13	
Nov. 12 Day 14*		Nov. 14 Day 15				

\*Signifies youth hunt only (17 years of age and younger) in Hunt and Racetrack units. Please note the Mudhen unit is reserved on Nov. 12 for a Learn to Hunt workshop, see page 27 for workshop information.

### HUNT PERIOD C

APPLICATION DEADLINE: OCT. 19 PERMITS AVAILABLE: NOV. 3

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				Nov. 16 Day 16		Nov. 18 Day 17
	Nov. 20 Day 18		Nov. 22 Day 19			Nov. 25 Day 20
	Nov. 27 Day 21		Nov. 29 Day 22			

### HUNT PERIOD D

APPLICATION DEADLINE: NOV. 3 PERMITS AVAILABLE: NOV. 19

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					Dec. 1 Day 23	
Dec. 3 Day 24		Dec. 5 Day 25		Dec. 7 Day 26		Dec. 9 Day 27*
	Dec. 11 Day 28		Dec. 13 Day 29			

\*Signifies youth hunt only (17 years of age and younger) in Hunt, Mudhen, and Racetrack units

### HUNT UNITS

ABBREVIATION	UNIT NAME
AA	Aaron
DW	Dead Willow
FB	Footbridge
HT	Hunt+
JO	Johnson+
MK	Malarky
MN	McNary
MH	Mudhen+
PO	Pope
RT	Racetrack+
RR	Rentenaar
SZ	Stutzer
O1	Oak Island 1+
O2	Oak Island 2+
O3	Oak Island 3+
O4	Oak Island 4+
O5	Oak Island 5+
O6	Oak Island 6+
RE	Reeder Tract

+ Signifies hunt units with designated shooting sites

**Attention Sauvie Island Westside Unit hunters:** the dates listed for Eastside reservation hunts on pages 45-46 are also the hunting days for the westside units. See pages 36-37 for more information.





# WILDLIFE AREA RESERVATION HUNTS

## HUNT PERIOD E

APPLICATION DEADLINE: NOV. 17 PERMITS AVAILABLE: DEC. 4

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					Dec. 15 Day 30	
Dec. 17 Day 31		Dec. 19 Day 32		Dec. 21 Day 33		Dec. 23 Day 34
		Dec. 26 Day 35		Dec. 28 Day 36*		Dec. 30 Day 37

\*Signifies youth hunt only (17 years of age and younger) in Hunt, Mudhen, and Racetrack units

## HUNT PERIOD F

APPLICATION DEADLINE: DEC. 4 PERMITS AVAILABLE: DEC. 20

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Jan. 1 Day 38		Jan. 3 Day 39		Jan. 5 Day 40	
Jan. 7 Day 41		Jan. 9 Day 42		Jan. 11 Day 43		Jan. 13 Day 44*

\*Signifies youth hunt only (17 years of age and younger) in Hunt, Mudhen, and Racetrack units

## HUNT PERIOD G

APPLICATION DEADLINE: DEC. 18 PERMITS AVAILABLE: JAN. 3

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Jan. 15 Day 45		Jan. 17 Day 46		Jan. 19 Day 47	
Jan. 21 Day 48		Jan. 23 Day 49		Jan. 25 Day 50		Jan. 27 Day 51

## HUNT UNITS

ABBREVIATION	UNIT NAME
AA	Aaron
DW	Dead Willow
FB	Footbridge
HT	Hunt+
JO	Johnson+
MK	Malarky
MN	McNary
MH	Mudhen+
PO	Pope
RT	Racetrack+
RR	Rentenaar
SZ	Stutzer
O1	Oak Island 1+
O2	Oak Island 2+
O3	Oak Island 3+
O4	Oak Island 4+
O5	Oak Island 5+
O6	Oak Island 6+
RE	Reeder Tract

+ Signifies hunt units with designated shooting sites

**Attention Sauvie Island Westside Unit hunters:** the dates listed for Eastside reservation hunts on pages 45-46 are also the hunting days for the westside units. See pages 36-37 for more information.

## FERN RIDGE WILDLIFE AREA HUNTS FOR EAST AND WEST COYOTE UNITS

EACH HUNTER MAY SUBMIT ONLY ONE APPLICATION. DETAILED RESERVATION HUNT APPLICATIONS PROCEDURES ARE ON PAGE 44. AN APPLICATION FEE APPLIES, AND IF SUCCESSFUL, A PERMIT FEE APPLIES. \*YOUTH HUNT DATES ARE IN RED (SEE PAGE 26). THE TWO LETTERS BEFORE THE DATE INDICATE THE DAY OF THE WEEK.

SELECT THE HUNT NUMBER WHICH FOLLOWS THE DATE YOU WOULD LIKE TO HUNT FROM THE LIST BELOW.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: OCT. 21		PERMITS AVAILABLE: NOV. 6		PERMIT SALES END: JAN. 27	
SA Nov. 18 - H01	SA Dec. 2 - H07	SA Dec. 16 - H13	MO Jan. 1 - H19	MO Jan. 15 - H25	
MO Nov. 20 - H02	MO Dec. 4 - H08	MO Dec. 18 - H14	WE Jan. 3 - H20	WE Jan. 17 - H26	
WE Nov. 22 - H03	WE Dec. 6 - H09	WE Dec. 20 - H15	SA Jan. 6 - H21	SA Jan. 20 - H27	
SA Nov. 25* - H04	SA Dec. 9 - H10	SA Dec. 23 - H16	MO Jan. 8 - H22	MO Jan. 22 - H28	
MO Nov. 27 - H05	MO Dec. 11 - H11	WE Dec. 27* - H17	WE Jan. 10 - H23	WE Jan. 24 - H29	
WE Nov. 29 - H06	WE Dec. 13 - H12	SA Dec. 30 - H18	SA Jan. 13 - H24	SA Jan. 27 - H30	

## KLAMATH WILDLIFE AREA HUNTS FOR MILLER ISLAND - SUBUNITS A, B, AND C

APPLICATION DEADLINE: SEPT. 16 PERMITS AVAILABLE: OCT. 2 PERMIT SALES END: OCT. 14

	HUNT DATE	SUBUNIT A	SUBUNIT B	SUBUNIT C
Detailed reservation hunt application procedures are on page 44. An application fee applies, and if successful, a permit fee applies.	SA Oct. 14	I25A	I25B	I25C





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# OREGON GAME BIRD STAMPS

2023 Oregon Waterfowl Stamp



Greater Scaup by Frank Dolphens

2023 Oregon Upland Game Bird Stamp



Mountain Quail by Marissa Gibson

Game Bird stamps are not automatically mailed to hunters. Game bird validations are printed on the hunting license, so it is no longer required that state hunting stamps be carried in the field. As a courtesy for several years ODFW had continued to mail the stamps to hunters each spring. However, some hunters are not interested in receiving the stamps. This, coupled with increasing production and mailing costs and mandates for all state agencies to reduce operational costs, prompted ODFW to begin a program where hunters with game bird validations can request stamps at no additional charge. This program saves a substantial amount of money which is used for programs such as game bird population surveys and habitat development.

To request your game bird stamp(s), complete the on-line application: [dfw.state.or.us/resources/hunting/waterfowl/stamp\\_order\\_form.asp](https://dfw.state.or.us/resources/hunting/waterfowl/stamp_order_form.asp)

## Art Prints Available for Purchase!

The sale of prints helps fund game bird research, surveys, habitat improvement, and conservation projects. See [dfw.state.or.us/stamp\\_contest/](https://dfw.state.or.us/stamp_contest/) or call 503-947-6301 for more information.



# SHOOTERS & HUNTERS: HELP PREVENT WILDFIRES.

**T**he target shooting and hunting community prides itself on being safe and responsible with firearms in all situations—from using them outdoors to storing them safely at home. Sometimes, however, unusual conditions such as extremely dry environments require an extra level of awareness and safety on the part of shooters.

Wildfires have many possible causes. The National Shooting Sports Foundation, the trade association for the firearms and ammunition industry, reminds all shooters that during dry and hot weather conditions their use of certain ammunition and targets could accidentally ignite a wildfire. NSSF reminds all target shooters and hunters, as well as other outdoor enthusiasts, to consider the potential consequences of their activities in fire-prone environments.

- **Make it a point to know the regulations and rules related to shooting in areas experiencing dry and hot conditions, whether on public or private land or at shooting ranges. Many national forests, for example, do not allow recreational shooting when fire restrictions are in effect.**
- **Consider the type of ammunition and targets you are using. Minimize the risk of fires by not using steel-jacketed ammunition, ammunition with steel-core components, tracer rounds or exploding targets in fire-prone areas.**
- **Remember that equipment, such as cars and ATVs, can have extremely hot exhaust systems that could ignite dry vegetation, so park only in designated areas.**
- **Extinguish and dispose of smoking materials safely.**
- **Follow guidelines to extinguish campfires.**
- **Warn others of potential dangers and behaviors for starting wildfires.**
- **Report any wildfire you see to authorities.**
- **Spread this message to other target shooters, hunters and outdoor enthusiasts.**



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