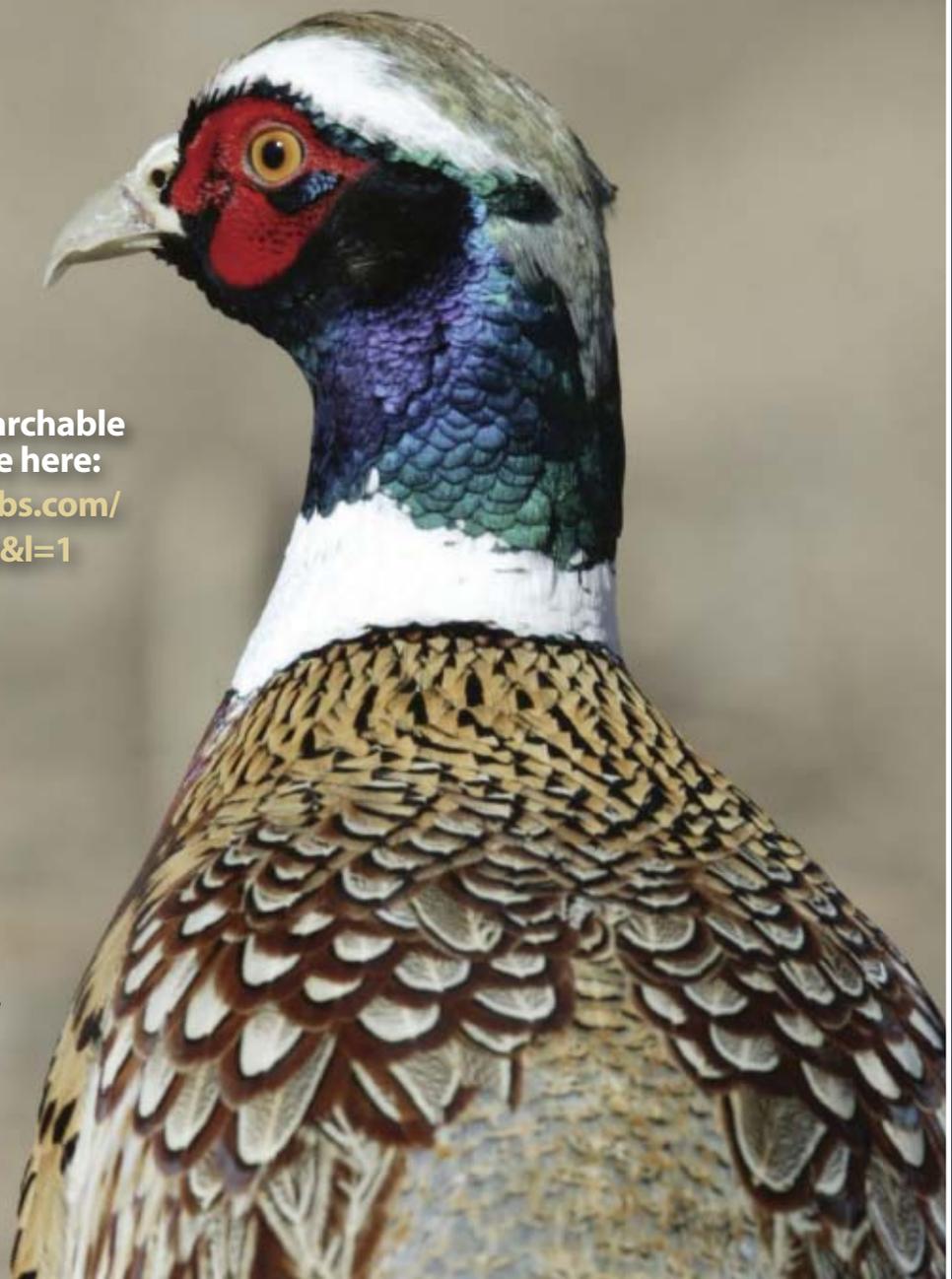


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# New in 2010:

## YOUR FREE DVD

Enclosed in the 2010-2011 Small Game brochure is the Colorado Division of Wildlife's free instructional DVD, "Pheasant Hunting Colorado."

More than two years in the making, this film takes you on a journey into the exciting world of upland hunting, featuring the popular game bird — the ring-necked pheasant. The DVD includes instructional tips and details to get the most out of pheasant hunting in Colorado.

We encourage you to help preserve and protect Colorado's hunting heritage by sharing this DVD with others. Like it? E-mail your comments to [dow.pheasantdvd@state.co.us](mailto:dow.pheasantdvd@state.co.us).



## FREE WALK-IN ACCESS

Beginning this year, small game hunters are no longer required to purchase permits to hunt properties enrolled in the DOW's Walk-In Access (WIA) program. The DOW has eliminated the access fee to offer even greater opportunities for Colorado's small game and waterfowl hunters.

The program provides more than 220,000 acres of private-land access to small game and waterfowl hunters. Depending on the area, these properties offer hunting for pheasants, scaled and bobwhite quail, doves, rabbits, furbearers and, in some cases, ducks and geese.

Properties enrolled for 2010-2011 program include Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) grasslands, sandsage and cholla rangelands and cultivated cropland.

A WIA Atlas, showing the location of enrolled properties opening Sept. 1, will be available at DOW offices and license agents in mid-August, or on the DOW website: [www.wildlife.state.co.us/Hunting/SmallGame/WalkInAccess](http://www.wildlife.state.co.us/Hunting/SmallGame/WalkInAccess). The Late Cropland Supplemental Atlas is available in late October.

## HABITAT STAMP CHANGES

There are new laws in place regarding habitat stamps. Here's what you need to know:

- Anyone 18-64 must purchase a stamp to buy or apply for a hunting or fishing license.
- Stamps cost \$5 each; no more than 2 are required per person per year, valid April 1-March 31. A lifetime stamp is \$200.25.

Hunters applying for a limited license must purchase a stamp to apply in the drawing process.

- Anyone buying a one-day or additional-day license for fishing and/or small game is exempt from purchasing the habitat stamp with the first two of these licenses. The habitat fee will be assessed when a third one-day or additional-day license is purchased for fishing or small game.

## SEASON CHANGE FOR SAGE-GROUSE

The Greater Sage-grouse 2010 season has been reduced to 2 days in game management units 6, 16, 17, 161 and 171 (collectively known as North Park). The North Park season begins

Sept. 11 and closes Sept. 12. The daily bag and possession limits are 2 and 2, respectively. These reductions are in response to declines in the annual lek counts in North Park and subsequent requests by the local working group to limit harvest.

In GMUs 3, 10, 11, 18 (except east of Colorado 125 in Grand County), 27, 28 (except north and east of County Road 50, Church Park Road), 37, 181, 201, 211, the season is 7 days (Sept. 11-17) with a daily bag and possession limit of 2 and 4.

The DOW actively monitors and manages sage-grouse, and this reduction in season length will allow the Division to maintain recreational opportunity while evaluating the bird's status in Colorado. Sage-grouse hunting seasons will be re-evaluated for 2011.

## LICENSE FEES

	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT
» Small Game .....	\$21	\$56
» Small Game (one-day) .....	\$11	\$11
» Youth Small Game (Under 18) .....	\$1.75	\$1.75
» Small Game & Fishing Combo .....	\$41	n/a
» Furbearer .....	\$21	\$56
» Greater Prairie- Chicken permit (see pg. 2) ....	\$5	\$5
» Habitat Stamp (required) .....	\$5	\$5
» Military (60% or more disability, details below) .....	free	n/a

Prices include 25-cent search-and-rescue fee and 75-cent surcharge for the Wildlife Management Public Education Fund.

### SAVE TIME: BUY ONLINE OR BY PHONE

Buy your license through the DOW's website or by calling 1-800-244-5613. Credit cards are accepted for phone and Internet purchases. DOW offices and license agents also sell licenses.



## INFORMATION

### YOUTH LICENSES AND MENTOR HUNTING

People under age 18 must have a license to hunt small game. A youth small game license is \$1, plus surcharge. All youths must meet hunter education requirements. Those under 16 must be accompanied by a mentor while hunting. A mentor must be 18 or older and must meet hunter education requirements. Mentors aren't required to hunt. While hunting, youths and mentors must be able to see and hear each other without binoculars, radios or other aids. Youths under 18 also can buy an adult license as long as they meet hunter education requirements. At age 18, youths must buy an adult license.

### DISABLED VETERANS

Colorado residents who are disabled veterans can get free lifetime combination small game hunting and fishing licenses. They must have served on active duty and have been honorably discharged. Proof is required of a service-related disability rated by the Veterans Administration of at least 60% through disability retirement benefits or a pension administered by the Department of Veteran Affairs or respective service department. Contact the DOW, (303) 297-1192, for details.

### CHILD SUPPORT DELINQUENCY

State law requires Social Security numbers for all licenses purchased. It is not displayed on the license but may be provided, if requested, to Child Support Enforcement authorities. Hunting and fishing licenses are not issued to people delinquent in child support.

### WEAPONS RESTRICTIONS

Colorado and federal laws prohibit people convicted of certain crimes, such as domestic violence, from possessing weapons even for hunting. If you've been convicted of a crime, check with the appropriate law enforcement authority to find out how these laws apply to you.

# PURCHASING A LICENSE

### LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

1. You must carry your license when hunting and show it when requested by law enforcement officers.
2. Annual fishing, small game and furbearer licenses, as well as Colorado waterfowl stamps, habitat stamps, and walk-in access permits are valid April 1 through March 31 of the following year. Licenses expire on the date printed on them. Lifetime small game and fishing combination licenses are valid as long as you are a Colorado resident.
3. **TO HUNT AND TAKE SMALL GAME**, you need a small game license, a combination small game and fishing or a lifetime small game and fishing license. Small game hunters must register with HIP before their first hunt. See details in the "Harvest Information Program" section below.
4. **TO HUNT COMMON SNAPPING TURTLES**, you need a small game license or fishing license.
5. **TO HUNT FURBEARERS**, you must have a furbearer or small game license.
6. **YOU CAN HUNT COYOTES** without a license during big game seasons if you have an unfilled big game license for the same season and unit. You must use the same method of take for coyotes as your big game license allows.
7. **TO HUNT WATERFOWL**, you need a small game hunting license. If you are 16 or older, you also need a Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp (Duck Stamp) and a Colorado Waterfowl Stamp.
8. **TO HUNT BAND-TAILED PIGEONS AND SANDHILL CRANES**, a separate federal permit number, available through HIP, is required.
9. If a license is restricted to a specific area, you can hunt only that area.
10. Licenses are not transferable.
11. False statements made in buying a license and altering a license are illegal and void the license.
12. Lost or destroyed licenses can be replaced by buying a new one or signing an affidavit and paying a fee. Forms are available at DOW offices and license agents.

### HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM (HIP)

Small game, furbearer and migratory bird hunters, including falconers, must sign up with HIP each year before their license is valid.

Write the new HIP number in the space provided on your license. If you signed up with HIP for the 2009 season and buy a small game license in 2010, remember to also transfer the old HIP number to your new license.

To sign up with HIP, call 1-866-265-6447 (1-866-COLOHIP) or go to [www.colohip.com](http://www.colohip.com). You will need to provide basic information, including how many birds you harvested the previous season and species you plan to hunt this year.

The HIP phone line and website run 24 hours daily. For help, call 1-800-368-4683, from 6 a.m.-4 p.m. (MST) Monday-Saturday.

### HUNTER EDUCATION (SAFETY) REQUIREMENTS

Hunters born on or after Jan. 1, 1949, must have completed an approved hunter education course sanctioned by a state or province before purchasing a license. Colorado honors hunter education courses from other states and provinces. You must present an original hunter safety card when buying a license (unless previously verified) or enter the required information when applying by mail or online. You must carry your hunter education card while hunting unless a "V" is printed on the license, which indicates hunter education has been verified at a DOW office.

Hunter education courses can be found online at [www.wildlife.state.co.us/Hunting/HunterEducation/CourseCalendar](http://www.wildlife.state.co.us/Hunting/HunterEducation/CourseCalendar). Details on seminars/clinics: [www.wildlife.state.co.us/Hunting/HunterOutreach/ClinicsAndSeminars](http://www.wildlife.state.co.us/Hunting/HunterOutreach/ClinicsAndSeminars).

### YOUR 75-CENT WILDLIFE EDUCATION FEE WORKS FOR YOU

The Wildlife Management Public Education Advisory Council uses these funds to educate the public about the importance of wildlife management and that this management is funded primarily through the sale of hunting and fishing licenses. Visit the website at [www.keepingcoloradowild.org](http://www.keepingcoloradowild.org).



### RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

These are the requirements to qualify as a Colorado resident to buy a hunting license:

1. You must have lived continuously in Colorado at least six months immediately before applying for or buying a license, and must intend to make Colorado home (except #2 and #3 below.) The residence address given to purchase or apply for a license must be the same address used on your Colorado income tax return.
2. U.S. armed services personnel and military personnel of U.S. allies on active duty in Colorado under permanent orders and their dependents. This includes people who were Colorado residents when they entered the armed services and maintain Colorado as their home of record, and their dependents (unless they change their home of record to another state.) Also included are personnel of the U.S. Diplomatic Service or diplomatic services of nations recognized by the U.S. assigned to duty here on permanent active duty orders and their dependents. Active duty does not include reserve status or National Guard.
3. Full-time students enrolled and attending a Colorado college, university or trade school at least six months immediately before applying for or buying a license. This includes students who are temporarily absent from Colorado but still enrolled. Colorado residents who attend school full-time out of state and pay nonresident tuition still qualify for a resident license.
4. Children under 18 have the same residency status as their parent, legal guardian or person with whom they live the majority of the time per court order.
5. If you have a home in Colorado and another state, call (303) 297-1192 to make sure you comply with Colorado residency requirements before obtaining a hunting or fishing license.
6. Except as in #2 and #3 above, you lose your Colorado residency if you apply for, buy or accept a hunting, fishing or trapping license as a resident of another state or country; register to vote outside Colorado or get a driver's license with an address in another state.

### GREATER PRAIRIE-CHICKEN PERMITS

Greater prairie-chicken permits are limited in number and can be purchased on the website, at DOW offices and license agents starting Sept. 1. Permits cost \$5 and include 2 carcass tags. Permits are valid in game management units 97, 98, 100, 101, 102. You also must buy either a small game license or falconry license. You cannot hunt any other species with this permit, including lesser prairie-chickens or plains sharp-tailed grouse.

For other regulations applying to greater prairie-chickens, see "Species Identification" and "Tagging Requirements" on page 4.

### WALK-IN ACCESS PROGRAM

The Walk-In Access (WIA) Program provides opportunities to hunt small game, migratory game birds and furbearers on enrolled properties. The (1) regular season properties are open Sept. 1 through the end of February. The (2) late cropland season properties are open from opening day of pheasant season through the end of February. The (3) extended walk-in properties are open from the start of pheasant season through the end of March.

WIA properties allow hunting small game, furbearers, migratory game birds and Eurasian collared-doves but only during established season dates. Properties are closed to hunting Gambel's quail, Gunnison's sage-grouse and Greater sage-grouse.

Properties are open to foot access only. For small game hunting, lands are open one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset. A WIA permit is no longer required to hunt WIA lands, but hunters must have a small game license. Properties enrolled are posted with Walk-In Access signs and published in a WIA atlas. Access is prohibited as posted when the landowner is actively harvesting crops.

Two atlases for 2010-11 will be published. An early version will be available in mid-August and includes properties open Sept. 1. A second atlas will be available in late October and includes all properties.

# KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

more hunting laws and legal methods of take on pages 10-11

## Attention: Snow goose hunters



If you removed the plug from your shotgun during the 2010 Spring Conservation Action, remember to replace the plug in your gun before hunting during the fall small game and waterfowl seasons.

### LEGAL HUNTING HOURS

Legal times to hunt small game are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. An exception is made for furbearers, which can be hunted from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

Raccoons, coyotes, bobcats, striped skunks, beavers and red, gray and swift foxes can be hunted at night. See "Furbearers: Legal Methods of Take" on page 10 for details.

The sunrise/sunset chart below lists Denver times. Subtract 1 minute from opening and closing time for each 12 1/2 miles east of Denver. Add 1 minute to opening and closing time for each 12 1/2 miles west of Denver. (These changes assume that each degree of longitude equals 50 miles and a change of 1 degree of longitude equals a 4-minute change in sunrise and sunset times.)

### 2010 SUNRISE/SUNSET TABLE (DENVER)

DAY	SEPT.		OCT.		NOV.		DEC.		JAN. 2011	
	RISE A.M.	SET P.M.								
1	6:28	7:31	6:56	6:42	7:29	5:58	7:02	4:36	7:21	4:46
2	6:29	7:29	6:57	6:41	7:30	5:57	7:03	4:36	7:21	4:47
3	6:30	7:28	6:58	6:39	7:31	5:56	7:04	4:36	7:21	4:48
4	6:31	7:26	6:59	6:37	7:32	5:55	7:05	4:35	7:21	4:49
5	6:32	7:25	7:00	6:36	7:33	5:54	7:06	4:35	7:21	4:50
6	6:33	7:23	7:01	6:34	7:34	5:52	7:07	4:35	7:21	4:51
7	6:34	7:21	7:02	6:33	7:35	5:51	7:07	4:35	7:21	4:52
8	6:35	7:20	7:03	6:31	7:36	5:50	7:08	4:35	7:21	4:53
9	6:35	7:18	7:04	6:30	7:37	5:49	7:09	4:35	7:21	4:53
10	6:36	7:17	7:05	6:28	7:38	5:48	7:10	4:35	7:21	4:54
11	6:37	7:15	7:06	6:27	7:39	5:47	7:11	4:36	7:20	4:56
12	6:38	7:13	7:07	6:25	7:40	5:46	7:12	4:36	7:20	4:57
13	6:39	7:12	7:08	6:24	7:41	5:45	7:12	4:36	7:20	4:58
14	6:40	7:10	7:09	6:22	7:42	5:44	7:13	4:36	7:20	4:59
15	6:41	7:08	7:10	6:21	7:43	5:44	7:14	4:36	7:19	5:00
16	6:42	7:07	7:11	6:19	7:44	5:43	7:14	4:37	7:19	5:01
17	6:43	7:05	7:12	6:18	7:45	5:43	7:15	4:37	7:18	5:02
18	6:44	7:03	7:13	6:16	7:46	5:42	7:16	4:37	7:18	5:03
19	6:45	7:02	7:14	6:15	7:47	5:41	7:16	4:38	7:17	5:04
20	6:46	7:00	7:15	6:13	7:48	5:41	7:17	4:38	7:17	5:05
21	6:47	6:59	7:16	6:12	7:49	5:40	7:17	4:39	7:16	5:06
22	6:48	6:57	7:18	6:11	7:50	5:40	7:18	4:39	7:16	5:08
23	6:49	6:55	7:19	6:09	7:51	5:39	7:18	4:40	7:15	5:09
24	6:49	6:54	7:20	6:08	7:52	5:39	7:19	4:40	7:14	5:10
25	6:50	6:52	7:21	6:07	7:53	5:38	7:19	4:41	7:14	5:11
26	6:51	6:50	7:22	6:05	7:54	5:38	7:20	4:42	7:13	5:12
27	6:52	6:49	7:23	6:04	7:55	5:37	7:20	4:42	7:12	5:13
28	6:53	6:47	7:24	6:03	7:56	5:37	7:20	4:43	7:11	5:15
29	6:54	6:45	7:25	6:02	7:57	5:37	7:20	4:44	7:11	5:16
30	6:55	6:44	7:26	6:00	7:58	5:36	7:21	4:45	7:10	5:17
31			7:27	5:59			7:21	4:45	7:09	5:18

### TIME ADJUSTMENT FOR OTHER COLORADO CITIES

This table reflects the minutes to add to the chart above for select towns. These are approximate, use only as a general reference. Consult a state map for more details.

Alamosa	+3	Gr. Junction	+13
Buena Vista	+5	Gunnison	+7
Burlington	-10	La Junta	-6
Craig	+9	Lamar	-9
Durango	+11	Sterling	-6
Fort Morgan	-4	Walden	+5

Source: www.usno.navy.mil and Rand McNally Atlas

## Common hunting definitions

- AGGREGATE:** total number of animals allowed in a bag limit regardless of species.
- CANADA LYNX RECOVERY AREA:** in San Juan and Rio Grande national forests, and associated land above 9,000 feet, west from a north-south line passing through Del Norte and east from a north-south line passing through Dolores; and from New Mexico north to the Gunnison basin, including Taylor Park east to the Collegiate Range. It includes Game Units 55, 65-68, 70, 71, 74-81, 551, 681, 711 and 751.
- CROSSBOW:** bow fired from the shoulder, attached perpendicularly to its stock. Has mechanical device to hold string cocked.
- DAILY BAG LIMIT:** maximum number of wildlife you can take in a day, including any consumed or donated during day taken.
- FALCONRY (OR HAWKING):** hunting with a trained raptor.
- FURBEARERS:** mink, pine marten, badger, red fox, gray fox, swift fox, striped skunk, western spotted skunk, beaver, muskrat, long-tailed weasel, short-tailed weasel, coyote, bobcat, opossum, ring-tailed cat, raccoon.
- HAND-HELD BOW:** long bow or compound bow with a manually held or drawn string.
- HANDGUN:** pistol, revolver, without shoulder stock or attachment.
- LIKE LICENSE:** license to take the same wildlife in same manner at same time.
- LIVE TRAPS:** box traps, Snead-design colony traps, cage traps.
- MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS:** migratory birds included in conventions between U.S. and foreign countries to protect birds for which seasons are offered. They are: waterfowl (ducks, including mergansers, and geese, including brant), mourning and white-winged doves, band-tailed pigeons, sandhill cranes, American coots, sora, Virginia rail, Wilson's snipe, crows.
- PELLET GUN:** handgun or rifle powered by compressed air or gas that is .177 caliber or larger and fires pellets.
- PELT:** skin of a furbearer with hair intact.
- POSSESSION LIMIT:** maximum number of wildlife you can have at any time.
- RELOCATION:** moving live wildlife to a site not contiguous to the capture site.
- RIFLE:** firearm fired from the shoulder with a rifled bore, 16-inch or longer barrel, at least 26 inches in overall length.
- SHOTGUN:** firearm fired from the shoulder with a smooth bore, at least an 18-inch barrel and at least 26 inches in overall length.
- SLINGSHOT:** hand-held device manually drawn or held with elastic band attached to arms or attachment points for propelling stones or metal projectiles. Wrist-brace attachments and non-elastic projectile pouches are normal parts of a slingshot.
- SMALL GAME BIRDS:** grouse, ptarmigan, pheasant, quail, partridge, greater prairie-chicken.
- SMALL GAME MAMMALS:** cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare, jackrabbit, marmot, fox squirrel, pine squirrel and Abert's squirrel.
- OTHER SMALL GAME:** prairie dog, Wyoming (Richardson's) ground squirrel, prairie rattlesnake, European starling, English or house sparrow, common snapping turtle.
- TRAPPING:** taking or attempting to take wildlife with a trap.

## 2010 Colorado Small Game Hunting



### ATTENTION HUNTERS!

The DOW has released Canada lynx in southwest Colorado, which may be found elsewhere in the state. If you see one, please report it to a DOW office. Bobcat hunters should make sure they don't shoot a lynx. Lynx differ from bobcats in several ways:

- **THE TIP OF A LYNX TAIL** is black all around. On a bobcat, the underside of the tip of its tail is white.
- **THE EAR TUFTS** of lynx are more than one-inch long.
- **THE BELLY FUR** on a lynx is tawny colored. On a bobcat, it is white.
- **LYNX TRACKS** are 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 inches wide. Bobcat tracks are smaller than 2 1/2 inches wide.

### TAGGING REQUIREMENTS

After you kill wildlife requiring a carcass tag, you must immediately sign and date the carcass tag, then attach it to the animal. The tag must be attached while the animal is transported, in camp, at a residence, in storage or in your possession. If you accidentally detach the tag from your license, lose or destroy it, you must get a duplicate tag before hunting. You can get a duplicate after providing proof of accidental detachment, loss or damage to the DOW. To transport wildlife not requiring a carcass tag, license holders must accompany the animal. Wildlife shipped by common carrier must be accompanied by the license, photocopy of license or carcass tag.

### SPECIES IDENTIFICATION

A fully feathered wing or head must be attached to all birds, except turkeys, doves and band-tailed pigeons, in transit to hunter's home or commercial processor. For pheasants, a foot with visible spur can be substituted. Note: While in the field or during transport, all dressed (not fully feathered) doves count against the daily bag and possession limit for mourning and white-winged doves during the Sept. 1-Nov. 9 dove season. Eurasian collared-doves must be fully feathered while in the field or during transport at all other times.

### BOBCAT SEALS

All bobcats or their pelts must be personally presented by the hunter for inspection and sealing by the DOW within 30 days after take or within five days after the season closes, whichever is sooner. Any bobcat hide/pelt without a seal within five days after the season closes is illegal and becomes the property of the state. Seals will be placed only on bobcats taken legally in Colorado. Inspection and sealing is free, and seals must stay attached to hide until processed. Bobcat hides/pelts cannot be transported, shipped or otherwise taken from Colorado until inspected and sealed. It is illegal to buy, sell, trade or barter an untanned bobcat hide/pelt without a seal. One seal per hide/pelt. Contact a DOW office for details.

### DONATING WILDLIFE

You can donate edible parts of wildlife to a like-license holder anywhere or to anyone at the recipient's home. Bag and possession limits apply to donors and recipients and birds must be properly tagged. See "Migratory Bird Transporting, Shipping" on page 11.

### WILDLIFE CAUSING DAMAGE

Colorado law allows landowners to protect private property from most wildlife damage. For information, call (303) 297-1192.

## Safe handling of game meat

Concern has grown about diseases affecting wild animals that could potentially make humans sick. Most of the time, properly handled and prepared game meat poses no greater risk than domestic meat of causing disease in humans. Hunters are encouraged to contact their local public health department or DOW office for information on wildlife diseases that may be present where they plan to hunt. Public health officials recommend the following precautions when handling and preparing game meat:

1. Do not handle animals that are obviously sick or found dead. Report sick or dead animals you find to a DOW office.
2. Keep game cool, clean and dry.
3. Do not eat, drink or smoke while dressing game.
4. Use disposable gloves when cleaning game.
5. Wash your hands with soap and water or use alcohol wipes after dressing game.
6. Clean all tools and surfaces immediately afterward. Use hot soapy water, then disinfect with a 10% chlorine bleach solution.
7. Cook game meat to an internal temperature of at least 165° F to kill disease organisms and parasites. Juices from adequately cooked game meat should be clear.
8. Do not eat any raw portions of wild game.
9. Do not feed raw wild game to domestic pets.

### SMALL GAME SURVEYS

The DOW conducts several small game harvest surveys annually to estimate harvest, hunter numbers and recreation days, in addition to assessing satisfaction and crowding. In many cases, surveys represent the primary means of monitoring populations of several species, especially those difficult to survey by observation. Harvest surveys also are valuable to hunters wanting to learn more about small game in Colorado. Past surveys are available on our website, and updated reports are available after surveys conclude. Hunters are selected randomly to participate. Small game surveys are by telephone or by e-mail. If contacted, your participation is not required, but responding, even if you did not hunt or harvest an animal, helps us manage small game.

### NONTOXIC SHOT

1. It is illegal to use or have toxic (lead) shot, either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading, while taking or attempting to take ducks, geese or coots in Colorado. This includes national wildlife refuges open to hunting. Toxic shot, either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading, cannot be in a hunter's gun, on his/her person or near a hunter taking or attempting to take waterfowl. Store lead shot in your vehicle. You can store lead shot elsewhere if it's not readily accessible while hunting waterfowl.
2. Nontoxic shot is required in commercial wildlife parks, field trials and dog-training while hunting captive-reared mallards.
3. Nontoxic shot is any type approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Go to: [www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/nontoxic.htm](http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/nontoxic.htm).
4. It is illegal to have or use nontoxic shot larger than size T to hunt ducks, geese or coots.

## OPERATION GAME THIEF

Operation Game Thief (OGT) is a non-profit organization working with DOW law enforcement. It pays rewards to citizens who report poachers or resource violations. Callers don't have to reveal their names, testify in court or sign a deposition. Rewards are paid if the information leads to the arrest of a poacher or a citation is issued. Rewards do not depend on a conviction but must be requested when a violation is reported. **Call toll-free: 1-877-COLOOGT or e-mail [game.thief@state.co.us](mailto:game.thief@state.co.us).** Please do not use this phone number for information requests or emergencies.





## MIGRATORY AND OTHER BIRD REGULATIONS:

### BAND-TAILED PIGEON

**SEASON:** Sept. 1-30

**AREAS:** Statewide

**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 5

**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 10

**NOTE:** Permit required through HIP. See "License Requirements," page 2, for more.

### CHUKAR

**SEASON:** Sept. 1-Nov. 28

**AREAS:** Statewide

**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 4

**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 12

### CROW

**SEASON:** Oct. 1-Jan. 31, 2011

**AREAS:** Statewide

**BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:** Unlimited

**NOTE:** Recorded or electronically amplified calls may be used during this season.

### DUSKY (BLUE) GROUSE

**SEASON:** Sept. 1-Nov. 21

**AREAS:** Only game management units west of I-25.

**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 3

**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 9

### EUROPEAN STARLING; ENGLISH OR HOUSE SPARROW

**SEASON:** Year-round

**AREAS:** Statewide

**BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:** Unlimited

### GREATER PRAIRIE-CHICKEN

**SEASON:** Oct. 1-Nov. 12

**AREAS:** Game management units 97, 98, 100, 101, 102

**ANNUAL BAG LIMIT:** 2 of either sex

**NOTE:** Permit required. See "Greater Prairie-Chicken Permits," page 2.

### GREATER SAGE-GROUSE

**SEASON 1:** Sept. 11-12

**AREAS:** Units 6, 16, 17, 161, 171

**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 2 birds

**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 2 birds

**SEASON 2:** Sept. 11-17

**AREAS:** Units 3, 10, 11, 18 except east of Colo. 125 in Grand County, 27, 28 except north and east of Grand CR 50 (Church Park Rd.), 37, 181, 201, 211

**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 2

**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 4

## Hunting doves?

Learn how to identify the types of doves found in Colorado and the regulations for each species. **PAGE 6**



### MOUNTAIN SHARP-TAILED GROUSE

**SEASON:** Sept. 1-19

**AREAS:** Closed statewide except units 4, 5, 12, 13, 14, 131, 211, 214, 441

**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 2

**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 4

### PHEASANT

**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 3 cocks

**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 9 cocks

**SEASON 1:** Nov. 13-Jan. 31, 2011

**AREAS:** Units east of I-25

**SEASON 2:** Nov. 13-Jan. 2, 2011

**AREAS:** Units west of I-25.

### QUAIL: NORTHERN BOBWHITE, SCALED, GAMBEL'S

**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 8 of each species

**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 24 of each species

**SEASON 1:** Nov. 13-Jan. 2, 2011

**AREAS:** Units east of I-25 and north of I-70 from I-25 east to Byers and Hwy. 36 from Byers to Kansas.

**SEASON 2:** Nov. 13-Jan. 31, 2011

**AREAS:** Units east of I-25 and south of I-70 from I-25 to Byers and Hwy. 36 from Byers to Kansas, and parts of the following counties that are west of I-25: Pueblo, Fremont, Huerfano and Las Animas.

**SEASON 3:** Nov. 13-Jan. 2, 2011

**AREAS:** Units west of I-25 except in Pueblo, Fremont, Huerfano and Las Animas counties.

### SANDHILL CRANE

**SEASON:** Oct. 2-Nov. 28

**AREAS:** East of the Continental Divide except North Park (Jackson County) and San Luis Valley.

**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 3

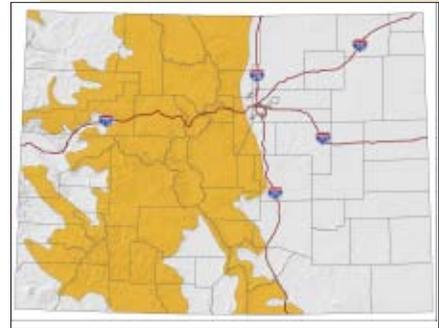
**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 6

**NOTE:** Permit required through HIP. See "License Requirements," page 2, for more.

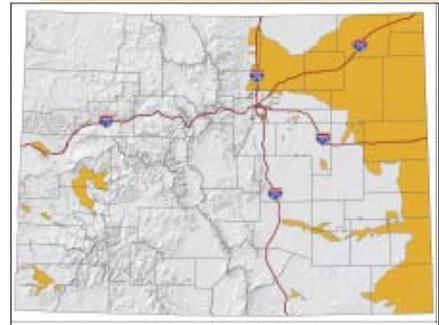
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The ranges of popular Colorado birds to hunt are shaded in orange below. The red lines through the state indicate I-70 east and west, I-25 north and south and I-76 northeast from Denver.

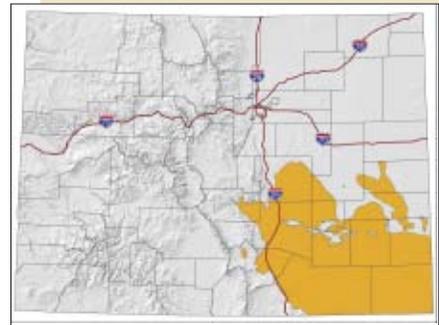
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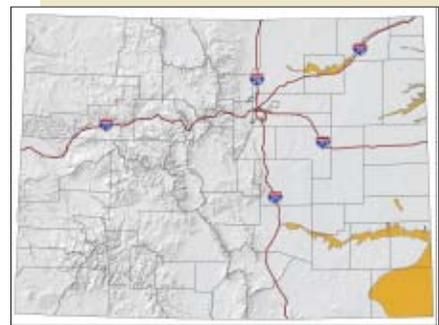
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### SCALED QUAIL:



### BOBWHITE QUAIL:



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## HOW TO IDENTIFY DOVES

There are three types of doves in Colorado. Knowing how to identify each is important to avoid violating the law while hunting.

White-winged doves are relatively uncommon in Colorado and occur primarily along the Front Range, while Eurasians occur sporadically throughout the state. The white-winged dove is pioneering new habitats north of its historic range in the southwest U.S. The Eurasian collared-dove is an exotic introduced into the U.S.

### DOVE BANDING

Mourning doves are being banded in Colorado and other states as part of a nationwide program to monitor their status. Hunters should report banded mourning doves to the USGS Bird Banding Lab, [www.reportband.gov](http://www.reportband.gov) or 1-800-327-BAND.

## DOVE REGULATIONS AND SEASON DATES:

### MOURNING, WHITE-WINGED

**SEASON:** Sept. 1-Nov. 9

**AREAS:** Statewide

**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 15 singly or in aggregate for either species

**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 30 of either species

**NOTE:** See "Species Identification" on page 4 for transit requirements. See Eurasian note below for influence on bag limits.

### EURASIAN COLLARED

**SEASON:** Year-round

**AREAS:** Statewide

**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** Unlimited

**POSSESSION LIMIT:** Unlimited

**NOTE:** See "Species Identification" on page 4 for transit requirements.

**NEW:** If taken Sept. 1-Nov. 9, fully feathered Eurasians will not be counted toward mourning and white-wing bag and possession limits. If Eurasians taken at this time are not fully feathered, they count toward all dove bag and possession limits. Eurasians must be fully feathered if taken at times other than Sept. 1-Nov. 9.



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### MOURNING DOVE:

- » 12 inches long from tip of beak to end of tail
- » Grayish-brown color
- » **Long, pointed tail**
- » **Rapid wing beat**, erratic flight path
- » Soft call, "cooAHoo," followed by several coos



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### EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE:

- » 15 inches from tip of beak to end of tail
- » Larger, heavier than mourning dove
- » Dark grayish-brown
- » **Long, squared tail**
- » **Thin black band** on neck with white upper border
- » **Gray belly** and undertail coverts with black visible on tail
- » Coarse, rapidly delivered, three-part cooing, "coo-coo-coo," with middle coo longest



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### WHITE-WINGED DOVE:

- » Slightly larger than mourning dove
- » Gray-brown color
- » **Long, moderately rounded tail**
- » **White bar** on upper wing surface
- » Soft call, "hoo-hoo hoo-hoo," with last note descending



## BIRD REGULATIONS (cont.)

### SORA AND VIRGINIA RAIL

**SEASON:** Sept. 1-Nov. 9

**AREAS:** Statewide

**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 25 singly or aggregate

**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 25 singly or aggregate

### TEAL

**SEASON:** Sept. 11-19

**AREAS:** In Lake and Chaffee counties and east of I-25.

**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 4 singly or in aggregate.

**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 8 singly or in aggregate.

### WHITE-TAILED PTARMIGAN

**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 3

**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 6

**SEASON 1:** Sept. 11-Oct. 3

**AREAS:** Statewide except units 44, 45, 53, 54, 66, 67, 68, 70, 71, 74-81, 444, 751

**SEASON 2:** Sept. 11-Nov. 21

**AREAS:** Units 44, 45, 53, 54, 66, 67, 68, 70, 71, 74-81, 444, 751

### WILSON'S SNIPE

**SEASON:** Sept. 1-Dec. 16

**AREAS:** Statewide

**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 8

**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 16



## SMALL GAME REGULATIONS, STATEWIDE HUNTING:

### ABERT'S SQUIRREL

**SEASON:** Nov. 15-Jan. 15, 2011  
**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 2  
**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 4

### BEAVER

**SEASON:** Oct. 1-April 30, 2011  
**BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:** Unlimited

### BOBCAT

**SEASON:** Dec. 1-end of Feb. 2011  
**BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:** Unlimited  
**NOTE:** See "Bobcat Seals," page 4.

### COMMON SNAPPING TURTLE

**SEASON:** April 1-Oct. 31, 2010 & April 1-Oct. 31, 2011  
**BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:** Unlimited

### COTTONTAIL, SNOWSHOE HARE, WHITE-TAILED & BLACK-TAILED JACKRABBIT

**SEASON:** Oct. 1-end of Feb. 2011

**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 10 cottontails, 10 snowshoes, 10 jackrabbits  
**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 20 cottontails, 20 snowshoes, 20 jackrabbits

### COYOTE

**SEASON:** Year-round  
**BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:** Unlimited

### FOX & PINE SQUIRREL

**SEASON:** Oct. 1-end of Feb. 2011  
**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 5 of each species  
**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 10 of each species

### MARMOT

**SEASON:** Aug. 10-Oct. 15  
**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 2  
**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 4

### PRAIRIE DOGS: WHITE-TAILED, BLACK-TAILED, GUNNISON'S

**PUBLIC LAND SEASON:** June 15-end of Feb. 2011

**PRIVATE LAND SEASON:** Year-round  
**BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:** Unlimited

### PRAIRIE RATTLESNAKE

**SEASON:** June 15-Aug. 15  
**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 3  
**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 6

### WYOMING (RICHARDSON'S)

### GROUND SQUIRREL

**SEASON:** Year-round  
**BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:** Unlimited

### BADGER, MINK, PINE MARTEN, GRAY FOX, RED FOX, SWIFT FOX, RACCOON, RING-TAILED CAT, STRIPED SKUNK, WESTERN SPOTTED SKUNK, LONG-TAILED WEASEL, SHORT-TAILED WEASEL, OPOSSUM, MUSKRAT

**SEASON:** Nov. 1-end of Feb. 2011  
**BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:** Unlimited



## HAWKING AND FALCONRY REGULATIONS:

### COTTONTAIL, SNOWSHOE HARE, WHITE-TAILED & BLACK-TAILED JACKRABBIT

**SEASON:** Sept. 1-March 31, 2011  
**AREA:** Statewide  
**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 10 of each species  
**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 20 of each species

### CHUKAR

**SEASON:** Sept. 1-March 31, 2011  
**AREA:** Statewide  
**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 4 birds  
**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 12 birds

### DUCKS, GEESE, MERGANSER, COOTS, SORA, VIRGINIA RAIL, BAND-TAILED PIGEON, DOVES, WILSON'S SNIPE, CROW

**SEASON:** Dates coincide with established seasons.  
**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 3 singly or in the aggregate for species with an open hunting season or special falconry season  
**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 6 singly or in aggregate  
**NOTE:** Falconry bag and possession limits are not in addition to gun bag limits.

### DUSKY (BLUE) GROUSE

**SEASON:** Sept. 1-March 31, 2011  
**AREA:** Units west of I-25

**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 3 birds  
**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 9 birds

### EUROPEAN STARLING, ENGLISH OR HOUSE SPARROW

**SEASON:** Year-round  
**AREA:** Statewide  
**BAG, POSSESSION LIMITS:** Unlimited

### FOX & PINE SQUIRREL

**SEASON:** Sept. 1-March 31, 2011  
**AREA:** Statewide  
**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 5 of each species  
**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 10 of each species

### FURBEARERS

**SEASON:** Dates coincide with established seasons.  
**AREA:** Statewide  
**BAG, POSSESSION LIMITS:** Unlimited

### GREATER PRAIRIE-CHICKEN

**SEASON:** Oct. 1-Dec. 31  
**AREAS:** Units 97, 98, 100, 101, 102.  
**ANNUAL BAG LIMIT:** 2 of either sex  
**NOTE:** Permit required, see page 2.

### GREATER SAGE-GROUSE

**SEASON:** Sept. 1-Jan. 31, 2011  
**AREA:** Units 3, 6, 10, 11, 16-18 except that portion of unit 18 east of Colo. 125 in Grand

County; 27, 28 except that portion of unit 28 north and east of Grand Co. Rd. 50 (Church Park Rd.); 37, 161, 171, 181, 201, 211

**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 2 birds  
**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 4 birds

### MOUNTAIN SHARP-TAILED GROUSE

**SEASON:** Sept. 1-Jan. 31, 2011  
**AREA:** Closed statewide except for units 4, 5, 12-14, 131, 211, 214, 441  
**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 2 birds  
**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 4 birds

### PHEASANT

**SEASON:** Sept. 1-March 31, 2011  
**AREA:** Statewide  
**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 3 cocks  
**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 9 cocks

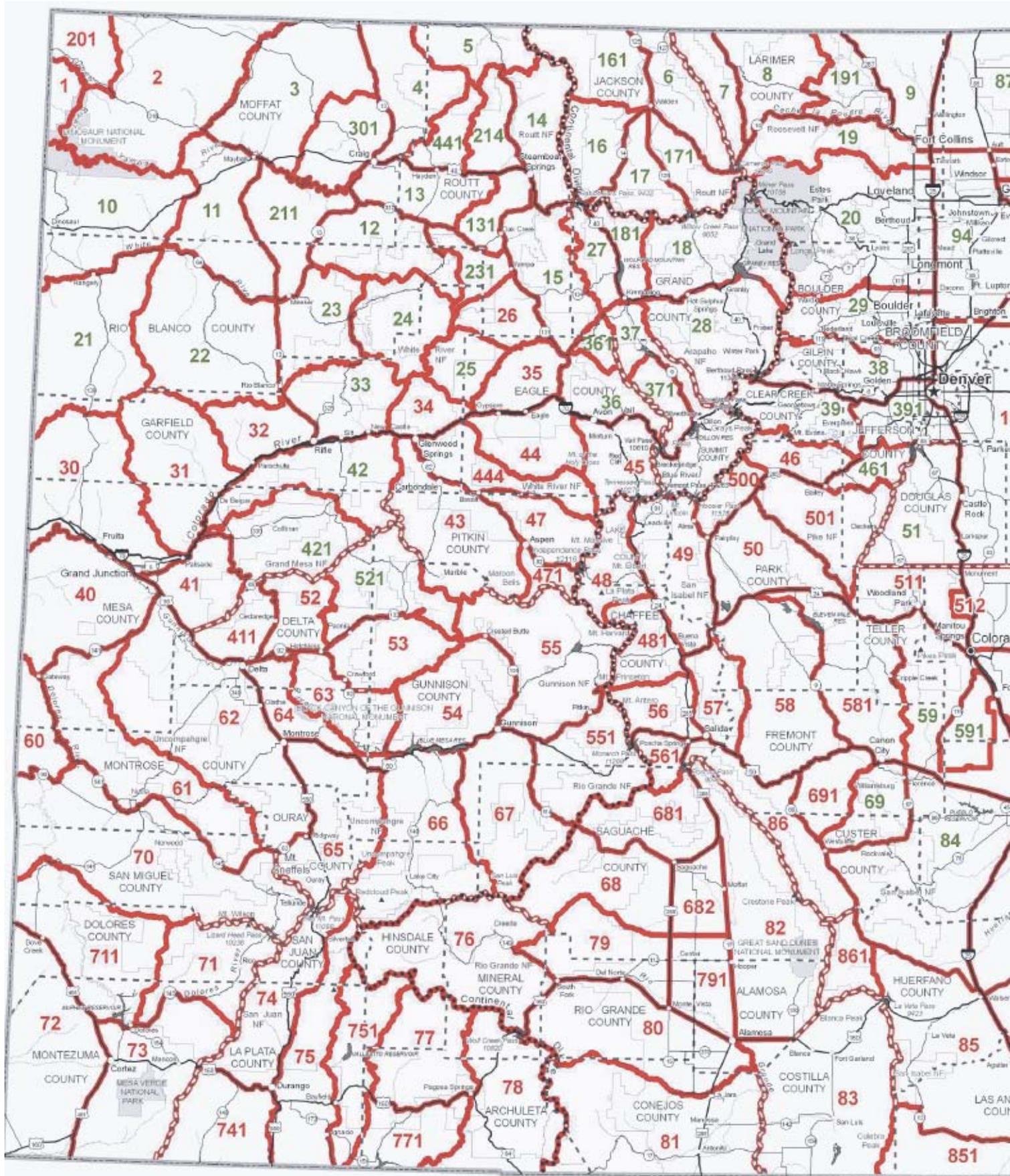
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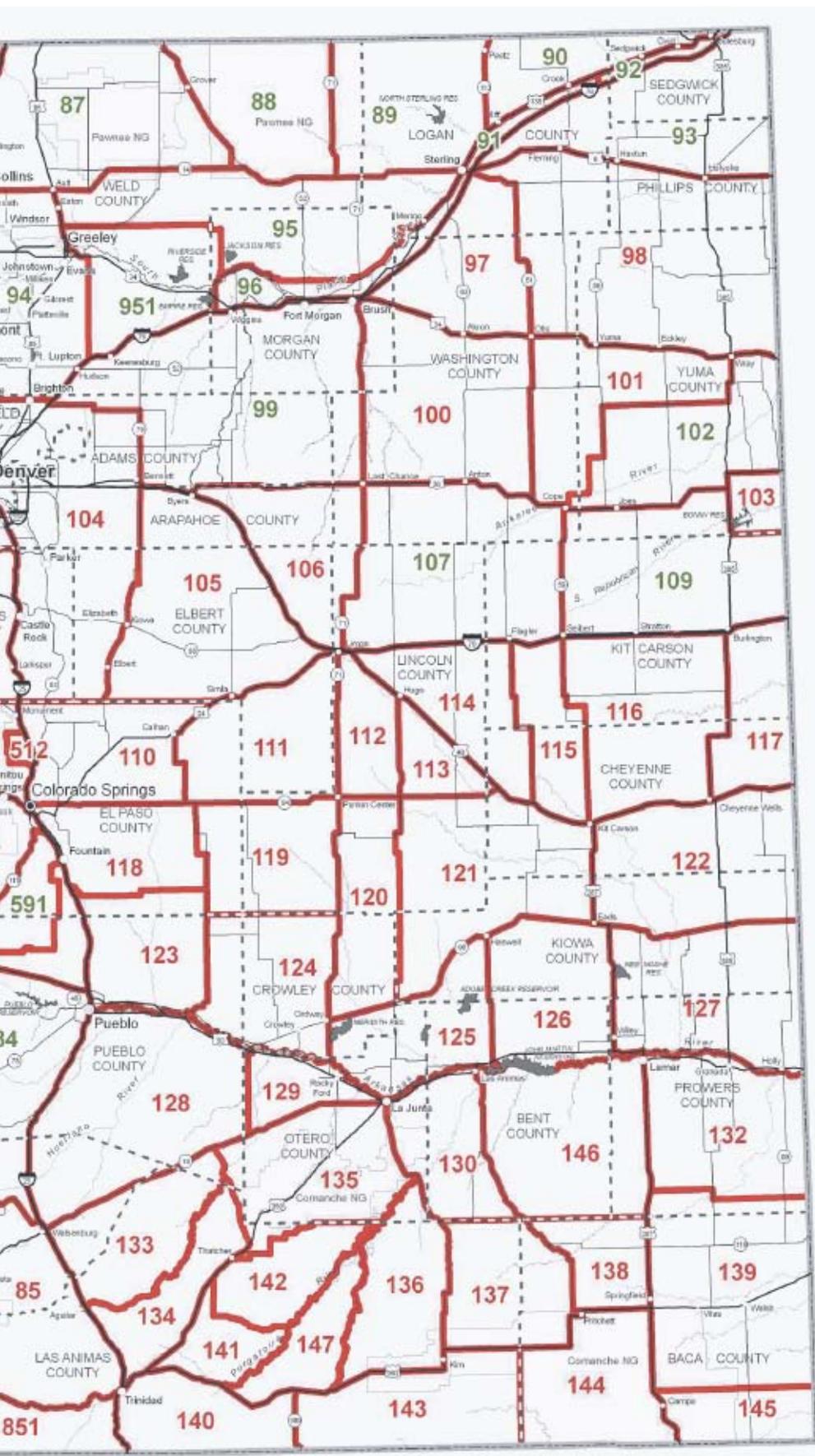
**SEASON 1:** Sept. 1-March 31, 2011  
**AREA:** Statewide  
**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 8 of each species  
**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 24 of each species

### WHITE-TAILED PTARMIGAN

**SEASON:** Sept. 1-March 31, 2011  
**AREA:** Statewide  
**DAILY BAG LIMIT:** 3 birds  
**POSSESSION LIMIT:** 6 birds

# 2010 Small Game Hunting – Unit Map





## LEAD BULLETS & GAME MEAT

Recently, concerns have been raised about the potential risk of exposure to lead from eating wild game harvested with lead bullets. Ingesting lead from a variety of sources can cause significant health problems, especially in young children and pregnant women. Not enough research has been done to fully evaluate potential health risks that may be associated with lead in game meat, but data from a recent study suggest these risks are low for most people. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and DOW offer recommendations to minimize exposure to lead in wild game:

**LEAD FRAGMENTS CANNOT BE ELIMINATED WITH COMPLETE CERTAINTY**, so pregnant women and children younger than 6 should avoid eating meat from game animals harvested with lead bullets. These people are more sensitive to the health effects of lead, and ingesting even small amounts may be harmful. Lead can affect the development of infants and young children.

**HUNTERS CAN USE LEAD-FREE SHOT OR BULLETS** to eliminate lead in game meat.

**WHEN PROCESSING AN ANIMAL, LIBERALLY TRIM AND DISCARD MEAT DAMAGED BY THE BULLET** because lead fragments may scatter some distance from the visible wound. Discard meat that is bruised, discolored or contains hair, dirt, grass, bone or lead fragments.

**LEAD IS A SOFT METAL** that can be ground with meat, spreading lead contamination through an entire batch of ground meat. Lead has been found more often in ground meat than whole meat cuts. To minimize the amount of processed game meat potentially contaminated with lead, clean the grinder frequently, preferably between each animal.

**EVEN IF A CARCASS IS PROCESSED USING THESE RECOMMENDATIONS**, at home or at a commercial processor, there is still a chance small amounts of lead may remain in the meat if lead bullets have been used.

# HUNTING LAWS & LEGAL METHODS OF TAKE

### GENERAL HUNTING LAWS

1. The DOW can post firing lines at its properties.
2. It is illegal to kill, capture, injure or harass wildlife from an aircraft or motor vehicle. It is also illegal to operate aircraft with intent to injure, harass, drive or rally wildlife. It is illegal to discharge a firearm or release an arrow from an aircraft or motor vehicle.
3. It is illegal to discharge a firearm or release an arrow from, on or across a public road. Hunting with rifles, handguns, shotguns firing a single slug and archery equipment prohibited within 50 feet on each side of the center line of any public road. On a divided road, the prohibition includes the median, and the 50-foot requirement is measured from the center line of both roads.
4. It is illegal to carry or have a firearm, except a pistol or revolver, in or on a motor vehicle unless the chamber is unloaded. While using artificial light from a vehicle, it is illegal to have a firearm with cartridges in the chamber or magazine, or possess a strung bow unless the bow is cased.
5. You must take edible parts of game meat home to eat or provide it for human consumption. Do not leave wounded wildlife (or possibly wounded wildlife) without attempting to track and kill it.
6. Possession of wildlife is evidence you hunted.
7. Small game and migratory bird hunters are not required to wear solid daylight, fluorescent orange clothes. However, the DOW encourages you to wear fluorescent orange clothes for safety.
8. You must stop at DOW check stations when told to do so.
9. Violations of Colorado wildlife laws carry point values. You can face suspension of license privileges for up to five years or more if you accumulate 20 or more points in five years.
10. It is illegal to promote, conduct, offer to conduct or participate in a competitive event that involves killing small game or furbearers for which there is no bag and possession limit (including coyotes and prairie dogs). Contests are allowed if no more than 5 of each species are killed by each participant during the event. Contests of marked or tagged small game and game birds for money or valuable prizes also are illegal. Tokens of recognition without significant monetary value are not considered valuable prizes. This does not apply to wildlife parks and field trials licensed by the DOW.
11. During deer, elk, pronghorn antelope and bear seasons, firearms (except handguns) must be unloaded in the chamber and magazine when carried on an off-highway vehicle. Firearms (except handguns) and bows carried on an OHV must be fully enclosed in a hard or soft case. Scabbards or cases with open ends or sides are prohibited. This regulation does not apply to landowners or their agents carrying a firearm on an OHV for the purpose of taking depredated wildlife on property owned or leased by them.

## Legal hunting methods for small game

### GAME MAMMALS

- A. Rifles or handguns.
- B. Shotguns cannot be larger than 10 gauge. Shotguns cannot be capable of holding more than 3 shells in magazine and chamber combined.
- C. Hand-held bows and crossbows.
- D. Pellet guns and slingshots.
- E. Hawking.

### GAME BIRDS (EXCEPT MIGRATORY BIRDS)

- A. Rifles or handguns allowed for dusky (blue) grouse and ptarmigan.
- B. Shotguns cannot be larger than 10 gauge not firing a single slug. Shotguns cannot be capable of holding more than 3 shells in magazine and chamber combined.
- C. Hand-held bows and crossbows.
- D. Pellet guns and slingshots allowed for dusky (blue) grouse and ptarmigan.
- E. Hawking.

### CALIBER RESTRICTION

- A. It is illegal to hunt game birds, small game mammals or furbearers with a centerfire rifle larger than .23 caliber in regular rifle deer and elk seasons west of I-25, unless you have an unfilled deer or elk license for the season you are hunting. A small game license is required.

### AIDS IN HUNTING SMALL GAME

- A. Dogs are allowed to hunt small game, waterfowl and furbearers but only to pursue, bring to bay, retrieve, flush or point. It is illegal to use dogs to hunt cottontail rabbits, snowshoe hares and tree squirrels during regular rifle big game seasons.
- B. Artificial decoys are permitted.
- C. European ferrets are permitted for hawking. Ferrets must be neutered, tattooed on left inguinal area and dyed along one-fourth of their body for easy field identification.
- D. Mechanical devices designed to call wildlife are allowed.

### HAWKING & FALCONRY GENERAL HUNTING LAWS

1. Apprentices cannot hunt with more than 1 raptor at a time.
2. A resident falconry license is required.
3. Nonresident falconers must buy a nonresident falconry license from the DOW's Special Licensing Section and a one-day small game hunting license or a nonresident small game hunting license. Hunter education laws apply.
4. Falconers must comply with HIP.
5. Firearms prohibited while hawking.
6. Hawking prohibited from a public road.
7. Hawking on private property is illegal without permission from owner or person in charge.
8. Nonresidents also must obtain an import permit at least 30 days in advance from Special Licensing. The permit is free, but a current health certificate issued within 30 days of the

proposed entry from state of origin required. Import permit applications and import permits are available on the DOW website.

### FURBEARERS:

#### LEGAL METHODS OF TAKE

1. The following methods of take are legal to hunt furbearers: Any rifle, handgun, shotgun, handheld bow or crossbow or live traps — limited to cage, box or Snead-design colony traps.
2. If wildlife (except Canada lynx) is accidentally captured alive when trapping season is closed or is illegal for that species, you must release the animal immediately. You cannot kill it. If you find a dead animal in your trap, you must bring its carcass to a DOW officer or office within 5 days. Failing to do so is evidence of illegal possession of wildlife. Trappers who comply will not be charged with illegal possession.
3. If you accidentally capture a live animal for which trapping season is open, you must kill or release it immediately upon checking the trap.
4. You must check traps at least daily. In Canada lynx recovery area or where lynx are, you must check traps every 24 hours.
5. If you accidentally capture a Canada lynx but it's not injured, you must release it immediately and report it the DOW within 24 hours. If a lynx is accidentally injured, but not in your possession, you must report it to the DOW within 24 hours. If you capture a lynx accidentally and injure it, take the lynx to the DOW or licensed veterinarian and report it to the DOW within 24 hours. If you accidentally kill a lynx, you must report it to the DOW within 24 hours and take the carcass to the DOW within 3 days after the report. Failing to follow these rules is considered unlawful take and possession. You will not be charged if you comply with these requirements, are registered in the DOW's Lynx Conservation Plan or use the plan's best management practices to avoid accidentally taking a lynx.
6. Except when legally placed on private property by permit, it is illegal to set traps or snares within 50 feet of either side of the travelled part of state or federal highways or county roads.
7. Hunting furbearers with bait is legal. When permitted, bait must be made solely of plants or animals. Bait cannot contain metal, glass, porcelain, plastic, cardboard or paper. Wildlife used as bait can be carcasses or parts of legally taken furbearers, carp, shad, white and long-nose suckers, and inedible parts of legally obtained game mammals, birds or game fish.
8. Electronic calls are legal to hunt furbearers.
9. On private land, artificial light is allowed at night to hunt beavers, raccoons, coyotes, bobcats, striped skunks and red, gray or swift foxes with permission of landowner or agent.
10. On public land, artificial light is allowed at night with permit from local district or area wildlife manager, to hunt raccoons, coyotes, bobcats, striped skunks, beavers and red, gray or swift foxes. Permits are valid for time and place specified.
  - a. Permits are not valid 24 hours before or during deer, elk, or pronghorn rifle seasons,

nor opening weekend of grouse, pheasant, quail and waterfowl seasons.

**b.** It is illegal to hunt with a light permanently attached to a vehicle or to project light from inside a vehicle.

**c.** It is illegal to take furbearers within 500 yards of a dwelling, building, campground or other structure, or in areas that jeopardize human safety.

**d.** You must carry the permit while hunting to show if requested by a law enforcement officer.

**e.** DOW can deny a permit for management purposes.

**f.** Night hunting permits are not issued for bobcat on public land in Canada lynx recovery areas or where lynx are. If a bobcat hunter kills a Canada lynx during bobcat hunting season, the DOW will not issue any more night hunting permits for bobcat for the rest of the calendar year in the recovery area or where the lynx was killed. The DOW also will revoke all night hunting permits previously issued for bobcats.

**11.** It is illegal to destroy or damage beaver or muskrat houses, dens or dams, except to maintain water flow or prevent property damage.

### ILLEGAL HUNTING METHODS

#### FOR SMALL GAME AND FURBEARERS, IT IS ILLEGAL TO:

1. Use toxicants, drugs, explosives, stupefying substances or leghold traps, instant kill body-gripping design traps or snares to hunt, kill, capture, injure or harass wildlife, except with permits issued by DOW or the Colorado Department of Agriculture.
2. Use electronic devices and electronic calls, except as in "Furbearers: Legal Methods of Take"
3. Use any artificial light as an aid in hunting or taking wildlife, except as in "Furbearers: Legal Methods of Take"
4. Use bait to hunt small game mammals, game birds and migratory birds. You can hunt migratory game birds over standing crops or feed used in the course of agricultural planting, harvesting or other normal agricultural practices.
5. Use visual lures, fresh meat baits, fish oil and anise oil lures to attract felids in lynx recovery areas or where lynx are.

### MIGRATORY BIRD, EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVES LEGAL HUNTING METHODS

1. Shotguns cannot be larger than 10 gauge. They cannot be capable of holding more than 3 shells in magazine and chamber combined. They must be fired from the shoulder. To reduce capacity of shotguns that hold more than 3 shells in the chamber and magazine combined, the magazine must be cut off, altered or plugged with a 1-piece filler that cannot be removed unless the gun is disassembled. Slugs are illegal to hunt waterfowl.
2. Hand-held bows are allowed only if the arrow or bowstring is not held or drawn mechanically. It is illegal to use bows on firing lines designated by the Wildlife Commission.
3. It is legal to hunt waterfowl in the open, from a blind or other concealed place except a sink box. When camouflaged with vegetation from agricultural crops, camouflaging cannot result in exposing, depositing, distributing or scattering grain or other feed.

**4. a.** It is illegal to take migratory birds and waterfowl by the aid of baiting, or on or over any baited area, if you know or reasonably should know the area is baited. It is illegal to place or direct placement of bait on or next to an area to cause, induce or allow anyone to take or attempt to take migratory birds with the help of bait or over a baited area.

**b.** Baiting means directly or indirectly placing, exposing, distributing or scattering salt, grain or other feed as an attraction for migratory game birds to, on or over where hunters are trying to hunt.

**c.** It is legal to take migratory birds, including waterfowl, coots and cranes, on or over the following lands not otherwise baited: standing or flooded standing crops; standing flooded or manipulated natural vegetation; flooded harvested crop lands; where seeds or grains were scattered solely from normal agricultural planting, harvesting, post-harvest manipulation or normal soil stabilization practice; flooded, standing agricultural crops where grain is inadvertently scattered solely by a hunter entering or exiting an area, placing decoys or retrieving downed birds.

**d.** It is legal to take migratory birds, except waterfowl, coots and cranes, on or over the following lands not otherwise baited: where grain or other feed is distributed or scattered solely from manipulation of agricultural crops or other feed, or solely from normal agricultural operations.

**5.** Hunting is allowed from vessels (except sink boxes) with motors or sails if the motor is off, and/or sails furled and forward movement has stopped. Hunting is allowed from drifting vessels and those propelled by hand. Motorized vessels are only allowed to pick up dead or injured birds, or to put out and retrieve decoys.

**6.** Hawking or falconry permitted.

**7.** Dogs, artificial decoys, duck calls or goose calls are legal, except recorded or electronically amplified calls or sounds. Recorded or electronically amplified calls are legal to hunt common crows.

### MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING LAWS

In Colorado, the Pacific Flyway is west of the Continental Divide, and the Central Flyway is east of the Continental Divide. Federal and state laws apply.

1. The Wildlife Commission sets waterfowl seasons in August. See the DOW's waterfowl brochure.
2. You cannot hunt migratory birds on a federal reservation, federal land set aside as a wildlife reservation, breeding ground or refuge or federal land closed by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, except as permitted.
3. It is illegal to hunt migratory birds from, on or across a highway, road, trail, public or private right-of-way in national wildlife refuges. Stricter regulations may apply on wildlife refuges. Contact: Alamosa and Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuges, (719) 589-4021; Browns Park NWR, (970) 365-3613; Arapaho NWR, (970) 723-8202.
4. In the areas bounded on N by Wyoming; E and S by Hwy. 71, U.S. 36 and I-70; and W by the Continental Divide and Larimer-Jackson county line; and in Bent, Crowley, Kiowa, Mesa, Otero and Prowers counties:
  - a. It's illegal to hunt waterfowl within 50 yards on either side of center line of a public road.
  - b. It is illegal to hunt waterfowl within 150 yards of a dwelling, including directly above it,

without first obtaining permission from owner, occupant or person in charge of the dwelling.

**5.** The most restrictive state or federal laws apply. See [www.fws.gov/hunting/whatres.html](http://www.fws.gov/hunting/whatres.html) for more.

**6.** You cannot kill, have, transport, import or export migratory birds, their parts, nests or eggs that were taken, bought, sold, transported, possessed or exported illegally.

**7.** It is illegal to have or transport live migratory birds or waterfowl, including wounded birds. You must kill migratory birds immediately after you injure them, and they become part of your bag limit.

**8.** You don't need a permit to have and transport plumage or skins of legally taken migratory birds for your use.

**9.** You don't need a permit to have, dispose and transport feathers from wild ducks and wild geese legally killed, or from birds seized and condemned by wildlife authorities. It is legal to use feathers to make fishing flies, bed pillows, mattresses and similar commercial items, except for millinery or ornamental use.

**10.** It is illegal to buy, sell, barter or offer to buy or sell feathers or mounted specimens of migratory birds.

**11.** It is illegal to receive or have someone else's migratory birds unless they are tagged as required.

**12.** Sandhill crane hunters: Whooping cranes are federally endangered and illegal to hunt. They may be in Colorado during sandhill crane season.

### MIGRATORY BIRD TRANSPORTING, SHIPPING

You must tag migratory birds or packages of birds before transporting them, including to a taxidermist or someone else for picking, cleaning, processing and storage. You must sign the tag and include your address, number and species of birds, harvest date and license number. You don't need to tag birds you have at home. You can ship migratory birds only if you mark the package outside with name and address of sender, name and address of recipient, and number of birds by species.

### MIGRATORY BIRD IMPORTING

During a week (beginning on Sunday), you cannot import more than 25 doves and 10 pigeons from a foreign country. You also cannot import more than 10 ducks and 5 geese from a foreign country, except Canada and Mexico. Doves and waterfowl imported from Canada and Mexico cannot exceed Canadian and Mexican export limits. Export limits vary among provinces and states. One fully feathered wing must stay attached to migratory game birds transported between ports of entry and a person's home or migratory game bird facility. It is illegal to import someone else's migratory game birds.

### PRESERVATION FACILITIES

It is illegal to receive or have someone else's migratory birds to pick, clean, freeze, process, store or ship without records showing number of each species, date birds were received, date birds were disposed, name and address of person receiving the birds. You must keep records for 1 year after the last entry on them. Officers authorized to enforce this regulation can enter facilities at reasonable hours to inspect records and premises.

# LAND USE RULES

**NOTE:** *This is not a complete list of properties or restrictions. See the State Wildlife Areas and State Trust Lands brochures detailing land use.*

### ANDRICK SWA:

1. Public access is limited to Sat., Sun., Wed., and legal holidays. During these days, public access is prohibited from 9 p.m.-3 a.m. Night hunting is prohibited.
2. Hunting by reservation only. See "Reservation Procedures" (top of page) for details. Max. 4 hunters allowed in each area at any time. From Sept. 1 through end of regular goose season, only 3 reservations allowed per hunter annually.
3. From Sept. 1-Nov. 30, all public use prohibited except migratory bird hunting within designated hunting areas.
4. From Dec. 1 through end of regular goose season, hunting is permitted for waterfowl and small game. During this time, the property will be divided into small game and migratory bird hunting areas, and hunt days will be established as small game hunting or migratory bird hunting only to minimize conflicts. Hunters need to refer to the waterfowl brochure to find which dates are designated small game hunting only and which dates are designated waterfowl hunting only.
5. From the end of dark goose season through the Friday prior to Memorial Day, only spring turkey hunting permitted.
6. Mandatory check in and check out as posted.

### ATWOOD STL:

1. Hunting prohibited except Sat., Sun., Wed., Labor Day, Columbus Day (observed), Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day and Presidents Day.
2. Small game and waterfowl hunting regulated by reservation system and mandatory check station. See "Reservation Procedures" (top of page) for details. Hunters may hunt only area specified on reservation. Mandatory check in and check out as posted.
3. Two reservations are for the general public: 1 for mobility-impaired hunters and 1 for youth and their mentor. General public and mobility-impaired must hunt the up-river side of Hwy. 63. Youths and mentors must hunt down-river side of the highway.
4. Hunting prohibited with centerfire rifles.

### ATWOOD SWA:

1. Beginning with first day of the regular duck season through last day of regular duck season, waterfowl and small game hunters must check out at the designated check station. Access from designated parking areas only.

### BANNER LAKES SWA:

1. Closed first day of regular waterfowl season to the day before the first day of pheasant season except for waterfowl hunting on Sat., Sun., Mon. and legal holidays.
2. Reservations available for waterfowl but not required. See "Reservation Procedures" (top of

## Reservation Procedures

On properties requiring reservations, call 1-800-846-9453 (1-800-UGO-WILD).

- Reservations are not accepted more than 14 days in advance of hunt date nor after noon the day before the hunt date or noon Friday for hunts on Sunday and holidays falling on Monday.
- To cancel, hunters must do so by noon the day before the hunt date. Failing to cancel reservations or follow check station procedures may result in losing future reservation rights for the rest of the hunting season.
- Maximum 1 reservation per hunt date and 1 reservation per phone call. Reservations are not transferable. The person making the reservation must be a licensed hunter for the species to be hunted and must be at the property the day of the hunt.

page) for details. Hunters can only hunt the area specified on the reservation. Max. 4 hunters per reservation.

3. Reservations valid during reserved day until hunter with reservation checks out. Hunters may check in on first-come, first-served basis after a hunter with a reservation checks out. If a reserved area is not claimed by legal sunrise, or if no reservation exists for a hunt area, hunters may check in after midnight the morning before the hunt.
4. Waterfowl hunters must follow check-in and check-out procedures as posted.
5. Access only through designated parking areas.

### BRAVO SWA:

1. Beginning with the first day of the regular duck season through the last day of the regular duck season, reservations are required for all hunting. See "Reservation Procedures" (top of page) for details.
2. Waterfowl and small game hunting is permitted only on Sat., Sun., Wed., Columbus Day (observed), Veterans Day (observed), Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
3. Reservations are limited as follows: County Road 34 and 36 parking lots: 1 waterfowl and 1 small game reservation per day; County Road 370 parking lot #1: 2 waterfowl and 2 small game reservations per day; Youth/Mentor parking lot: 1 waterfowl reservation per day (no more than two mentors and at least one youth per reservation); County Road 370 parking lot #2: 1 waterfowl and 1 small game reservation per day. Max. 4 people allowed per reservation.
4. Waterfowl and small game hunters must check out by 2 p.m. daily and must follow check-in and check-out procedures as posted.
5. Access from designated parking areas only.
6. **SCALVA PARCEL:** All public access requires a reservation. See "Reservation Procedures" (top of page) for details.
  - a. From Sept. 1-May 31, only hunting is allowed and is limited to archery, muzzle-loading and shotgun during established seasons. Hunting is only on Sat., Sun., Wed., Labor Day, Columbus Day (observed), Veterans Day (observed), Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Presidents Day.

- b. Access by foot only 4 a.m.-9 p.m. through designated parking and mandatory check station.

7. Deer and fall turkey hunting allowed in established seasons. Deer and turkey hunters do not need to check in or out, but reservations are required.

### BRUSH SWA:

1. Beginning with the first day of regular duck season through last day of regular duck season, waterfowl and small game hunters must check out at designated check station. Access from designated parking areas only.

### BRUSH PRAIRIE PONDS SWA:

1. Public access prohibited from 9 p.m.-3 a.m., except when authorized by night hunting permit.
2. All land users must check in and check out at the designated check station at Brush Memorial Park. Access is regulated through the check station, max. 4 hunters allowed in each area.
3. From the last day of regular goose season until opening of first waterfowl season, only wildlife observation is permitted with access limited to areas as posted. This is to protect nesting waterfowl and depends on water levels. Public access by foot only.
4. From opening of teal season through Nov. 30, only migratory bird hunting allowed and only on Sat., Sun., Wed., Columbus Day (observed), Veterans' Day (observed), and Thanksgiving Day.
5. From the September teal season through Dec. 1, reservations are available, but not required. See "Reservation Procedures" (top of page) for details. Max. 3 reservations per hunter annually. Reservations valid until 9 a.m., hunters may only hunt the area specified on the reservation or which they check into. Hunters may check in on first-come, first-served basis after a hunter with a reservation checks out. If no reservation exists for a hunt area, hunters may check in after midnight the morning before the hunt.
6. From Dec. 1 through the last day of regular goose season, only hunting is allowed. Reservations available to hunt on Dec. 1 (first day for small game and big game hunting). Reservations not available from Dec. 2-end of dark goose season. Hunters may check in at one of five hunting areas on a first-come, first-served basis, after midnight

the morning before the hunt. Hunters properly checked in to any of these areas may hunt anywhere on the property.

### **CENTENNIAL VALLEY SWA:**

1. During waterfowl season, small game and waterfowl hunting is only in designated zones.
2. Hunting with centerfire rifles prohibited.
3. During regular duck seasons, reservations are required for waterfowl and small game hunting. See "Reservation Procedures" (at left) for details. Hunters with reservations can only hunt the area specified on the reservation. No more than 4 hunters allowed per reservation. Mandatory check in and check out as posted at designated station.
4. Closed during regular waterfowl seasons except Sat., Sun., Mon., and legal holidays. Closed March 1-Aug. 31 except on designated trail for wildlife viewing and for hunters with spring turkey licenses.

### **ELLIOTT SWA:**

1. **HAMLIN TRACTS (N AND S):** Sept. 1-Nov. 30, waterfowl and migratory bird hunting only. Reservations available, see "Reservation Procedures" (at left) for details. Mandatory check station. See DOW's waterfowl brochure for more details.
2. **UNION TRACT:** Public use is prohibited except for waterfowl hunting. Reservations available, see "Reservation Procedures" (at left) for details. Mandatory check station. See DOW's waterfowl brochure for more details.

### **FRANK SWA:**

1. During regular duck season, all waterfowl and small game hunting is limited to Sat., Sun., Mon. and legal holidays.
2. A reservation is required. See "Reservation Procedures" (at left) for details. Max. 4 hunters allowed per reservation. Hunters must hunt only in areas specified on the reservation. Mandatory check in and check out as posted at designated check station.
3. Hunting prohibited west of County Road 13 and in the posted safety zone in the northeast corner of the property.

### **JACKSON LAKE SWA:**

1. Access only from designated parking areas.
2. Beginning with first day of regular duck season through the last day of regular duck season, all hunting is by reservation only. See "Reservation Procedures" (at left) for details. Hunters with reservations can only hunt area specified on reservation. Mandatory check in and check out as posted at designated check station.
3. Reservations regulated by areas. One area reserved for youth mentor hunting. Max. 2 mentors and at least 1 youth per reservation. Three reservations available for waterfowl hunting from vessels on lake.
4. Boat hunting prohibited beginning on first day of regular dark goose season. Hunters with boat reservations must call reservation line 2 days before scheduled hunt to confirm ice conditions. Only boat hunters with reservations are exempt from Nov. 1 boat closure. Boats prohibited on frozen surface of lake.
5. Check out at station at parking lot a half-mile S of CR CC and CR 4 by 2 p.m. Water-

## Land closures in deer season (opening weekend)

All recreational activities except deer hunting prohibited on the following lands during opening weekend of regular plains rifle deer season and on opening day and first weekend of late plains rifle deer season:

**STATE WILDLIFE AREAS:** Atwood, Bravo (and Scalva parcel), Brush, Centennial Valley, Cottonwood, Dune Ridge, Elliott, Jean K. Tool, Julesburg leases, Knudson, Messex, Overland Trail, Pony Express and Sedgwick Bar, Tamarack Ranch.

**STATE TRUST LANDS:** Atwood, Red Lion Ranch and Ford Bridge

fowl hunters with boat reservation exempt from check-out station.

6. Hunters and vessels must stay in designated hunt zone. Hunting prohibited within 150 yards of shore, other vessels. Vessels launched from Jackson Lake State Park must have state parks pass.
7. Waterfowl and small game hunting permitted only Sat., Sun., Wed., Columbus Day (observed), Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas, New Year's Day and Martin Luther King Day.
8. Deer hunting allowed in established seasons. Deer hunters do not need to check in or out. Deer hunting reservations required and are unlimited in number.

### **JEAN K. TOOL SWA:**

1. Beginning with the first day of regular duck season through last day of regular duck season, waterfowl and small game hunters must check out at designated check station.
2. Access from designated parking areas only.

### **LAKE DOROTHEY, WALKER AND WINDY GAP SWAs:**

1. Trapping prohibited.

### **MT. EVANS HIGHWAY:**

1. Hunting prohibited a half-mile on either side of road. For map, call Northeast Regional Office in Denver, (303) 291-7227.

### **OVERLAND TRAIL SWA:**

1. Hunting by reservation only. Max. 4 hunters per reservation. See "Reservation Procedures" (at left) for details. Hunters with reservations can only hunt area specified on reservation. Mandatory check in and check out at designated check station as posted.
2. Foot access only via designated parking area.
3. From Sept. 1-May 31, hunting permitted only on Sat., Sun., Wed., legal holidays and opening day of the late rifle deer season.
4. Beginning with first day of regular duck

season through last day of regular duck season, only hunting allowed. Waterfowl and small game hunters must check out at designated check station by 2 p.m.

5. Deer and fall turkey hunting allowed in established seasons. Deer and turkey hunters do not need to check in or out, but reservations required.

### **RED LION SWA:**

1. Beginning with first day of regular duck season through last day of regular duck season, waterfowl and small game hunters must check out at designated check station. Access from designated parking areas only.

### **TAMARACK RANCH SWA:**

1. Reservations are available but not required. See "Reservation Procedures" (at left) for details. Hunting open weekends and Columbus Day (observed), Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day and Presidents Day.
2. The first hunt date available for reservations is the Sat. after Oct. 24 and the last date available is the last Sun. of regular duck season. Weekdays, weekends and holidays outside the reservation period and any unreserved or open units are available for hunting without reservations and are regulated through check station. Hunters with reservations can only hunt area specified on reservation. Mandatory check in and check out as posted at designated station.
3. Hunters must park vehicles at parking area they are checked into and are restricted to that area until 9 a.m., at which time they may walk into and hunt adjacent areas.

### **TWENTY MILE/GRASSY CREEK STLs:**

1. Small game hunting on weekends and Labor Day by permit only.
2. Max. of 8 hunters allowed daily. Max. 4 hunters allowed per permit. Permits are free and may be applied for by contacting Steamboat Springs Service Center, Box 775777, Steamboat Springs, CO 80477 or by calling (970) 870-2197. Permit deadline July 1. Permits issued by drawing. Successful applicants notified by mail.

### **WELLINGTON SWA, WELLINGTON UNIT:**

1. Closed from first day of regular waterfowl season to first day of pheasant season except Sat., Sun., Mon. and Columbus Day (observed), Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas, New Year's Day and Martin Luther King Day.

### **WHITEHORSE SWA:**

1. Closed except for youth/mentor waterfowl hunting when authorized by area wildlife manager as participants in DOW youth hunter program.
2. Reservations required. See "Reservation Procedures" (at left) for details. Hunters with reservations can only hunt area specified on reservation except in areas where reservations are not required or are unreserved and unoccupied. Mandatory check in and check out as posted at designated check station.

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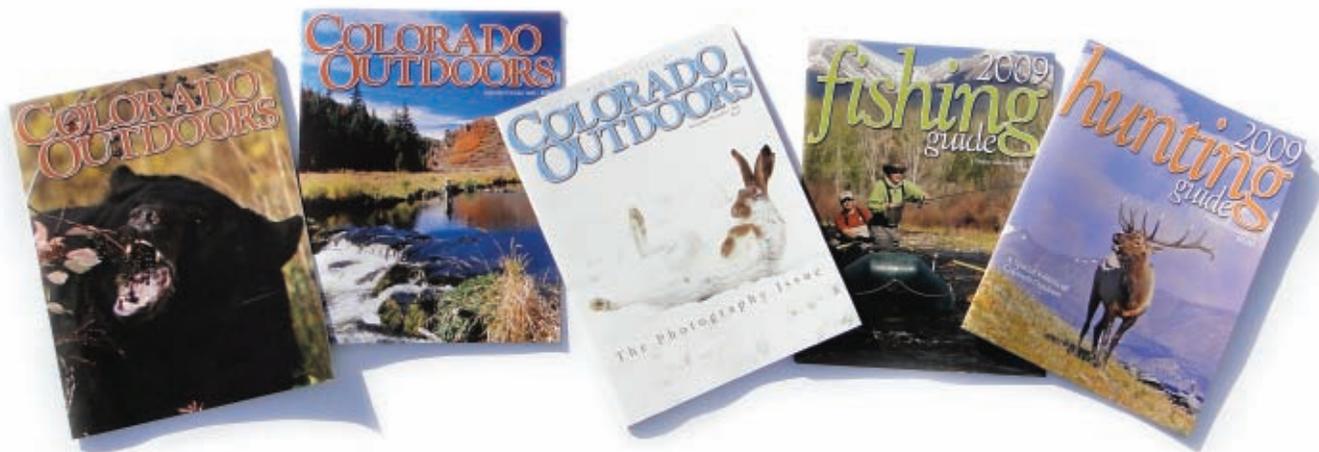
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